

# Nonlinear Analysis of Reinforced Concrete Structures in Design and Structural Assessment

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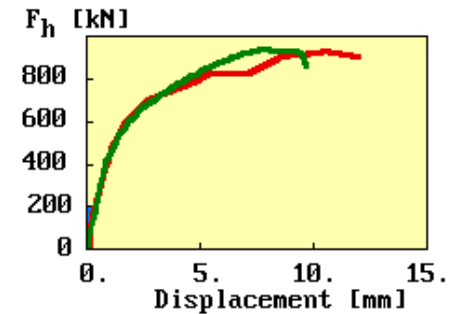
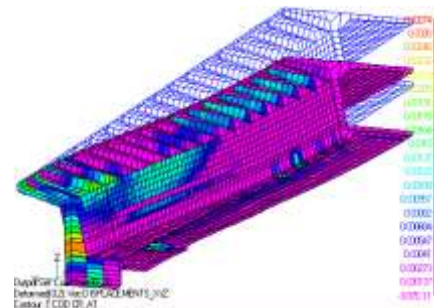
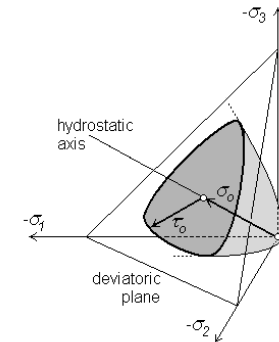
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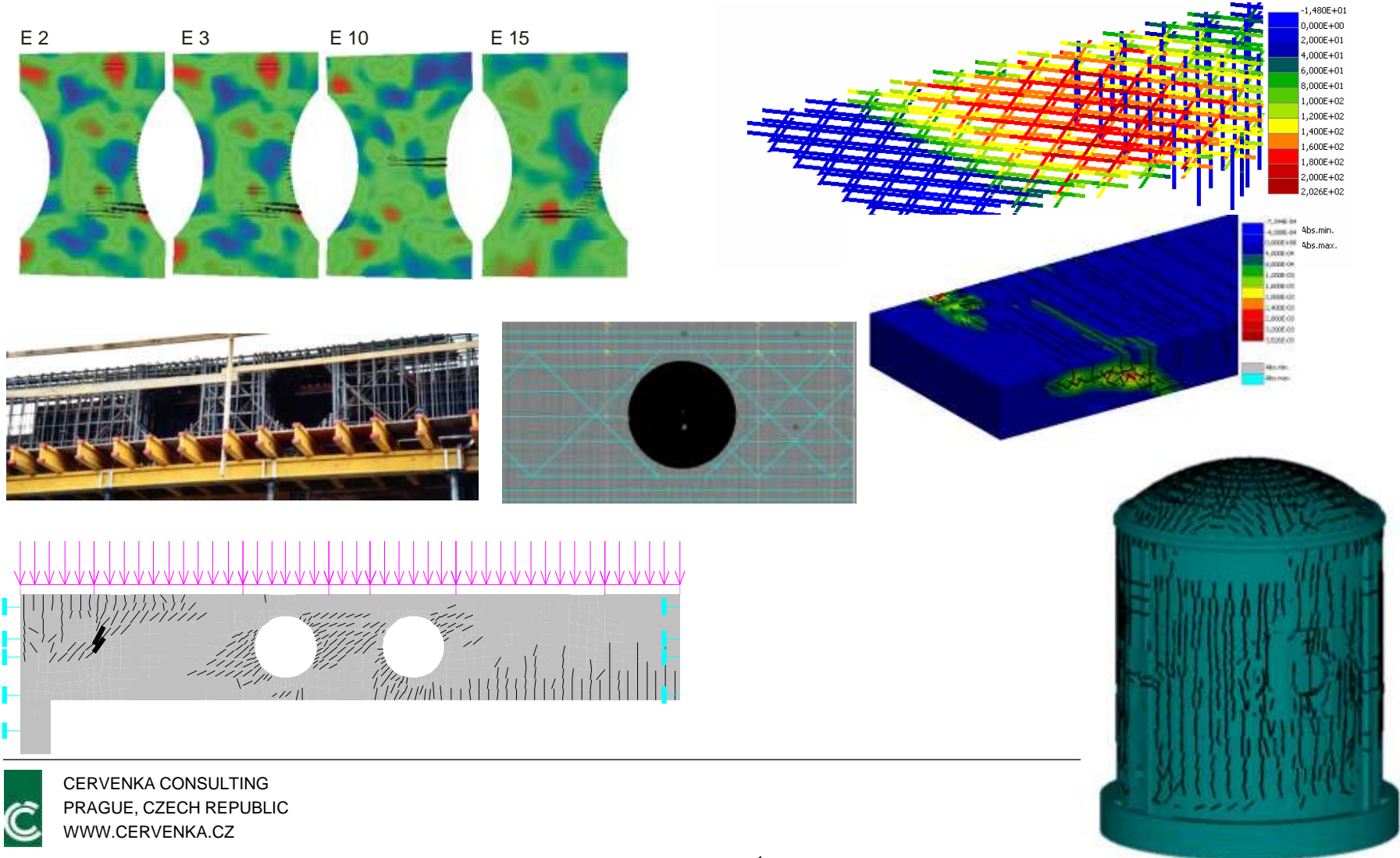


# Why nonlinear simulation of structures?

## Supports expert engineering knowledge



# Nonlinear simulation of reinforced concrete structures

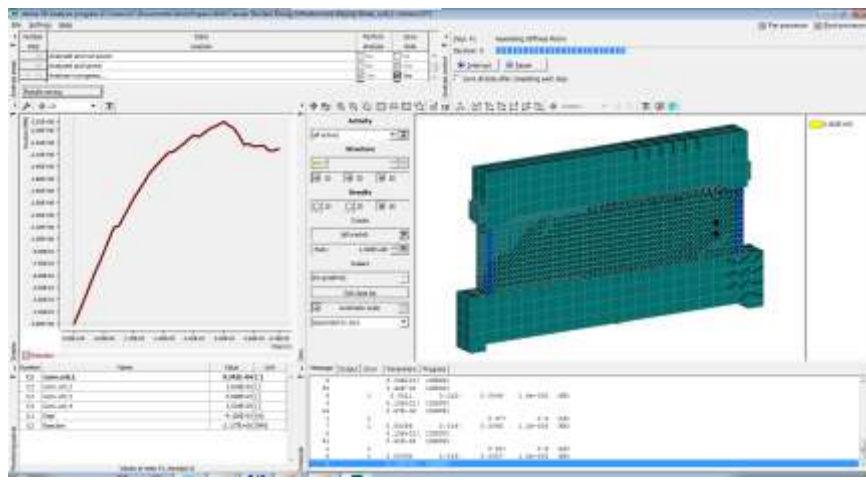
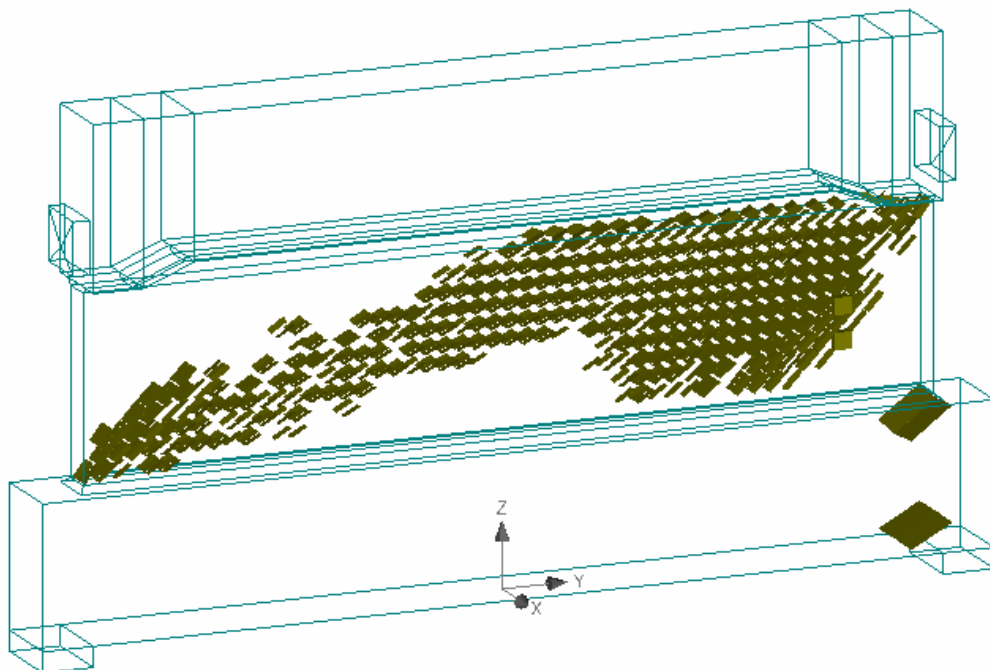
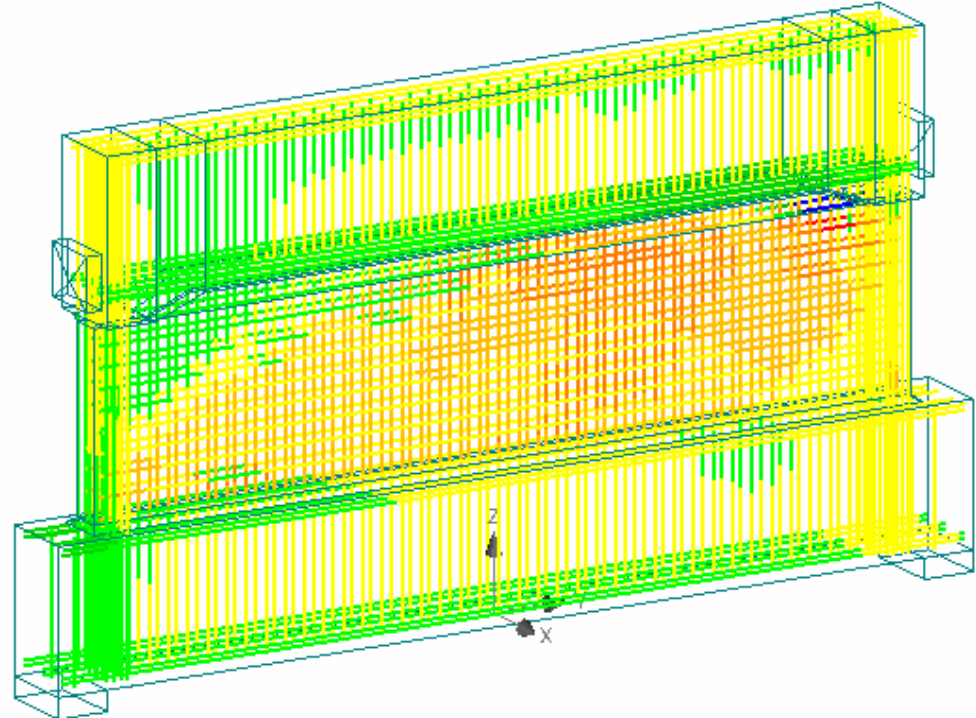


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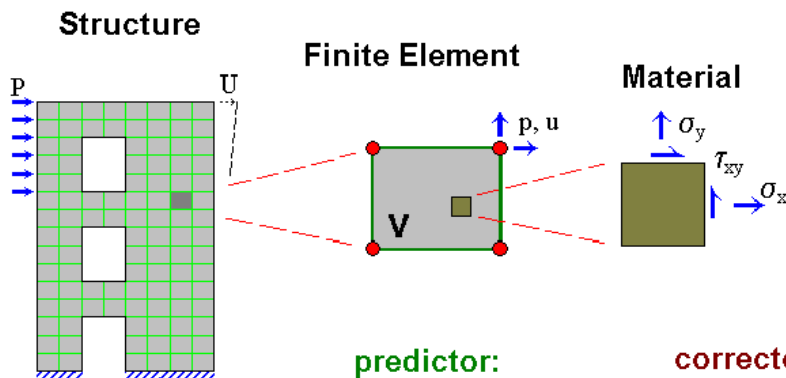
reinforcement modeling

realistic crack display

run-time visualization



# Nonlinear Finite Element Analysis



predictor:

$$\varepsilon = \mathbf{B} \mathbf{u}$$

$$\sigma = \mathbf{D} \varepsilon$$

$$\mathbf{k} = \int_V \mathbf{B}^T \mathbf{D} \mathbf{B} \, dv$$

corrector:

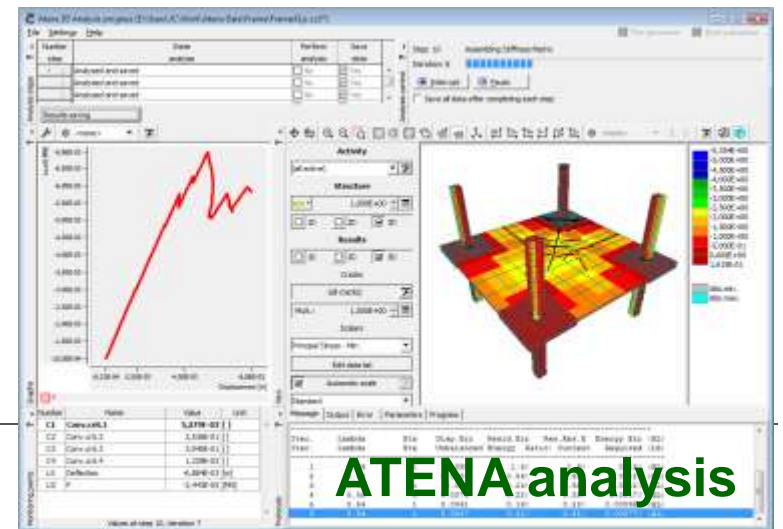
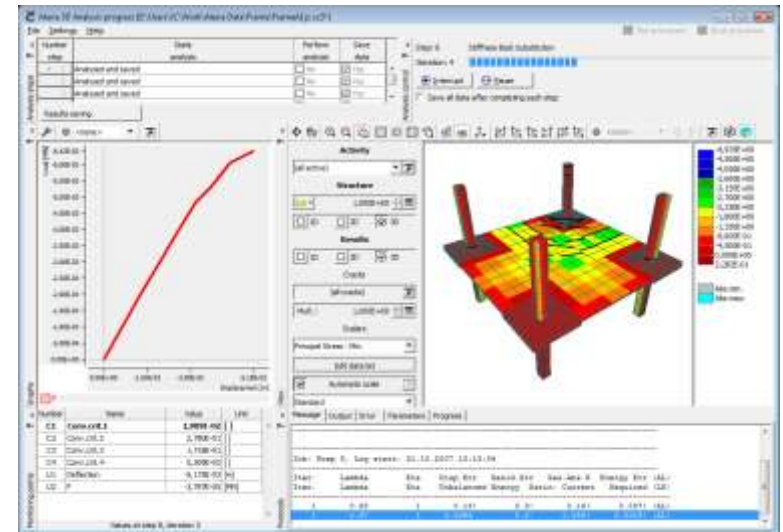
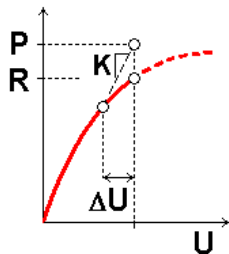
$$\sigma = \mathbf{F}(\sigma, \varepsilon)$$

$$\mathbf{r} = \int_V \mathbf{B}^T \sigma \, dv$$

Equilibrium:

$$\mathbf{K} \Delta \mathbf{U} = \mathbf{P} - \mathbf{R}$$

Non-linear Solution:



## Nonlinear constitutive models in ATENA

variety of nonlinear material models:

for concrete

plain

reinforced

pre-stressed

fibre reinforced

other quasi-brittle materials

masonry

rock

soil

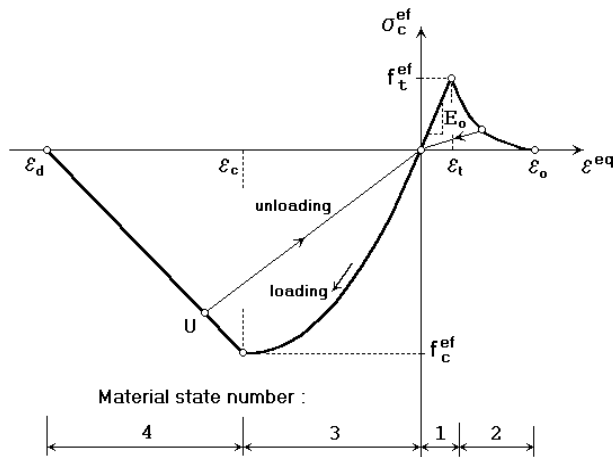
metals



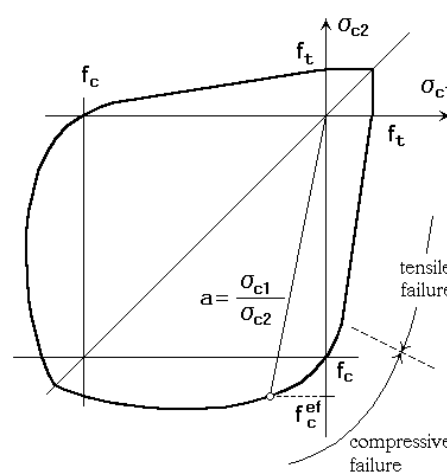
# Material Models for Concrete

Plasticity  
 Damage mechanics  
 Microplane models

Uniaxial law

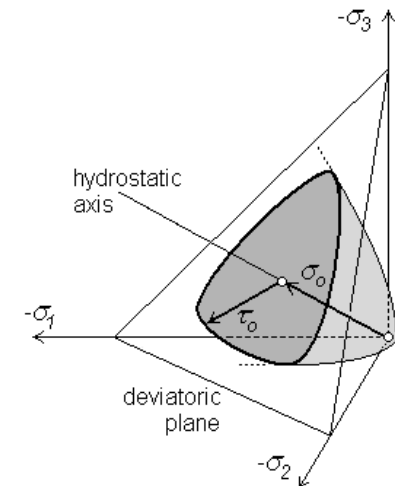


Bi-axial criterion



Kupfer 1969

3D failure surface



Menetrey Willam, ACI 1995

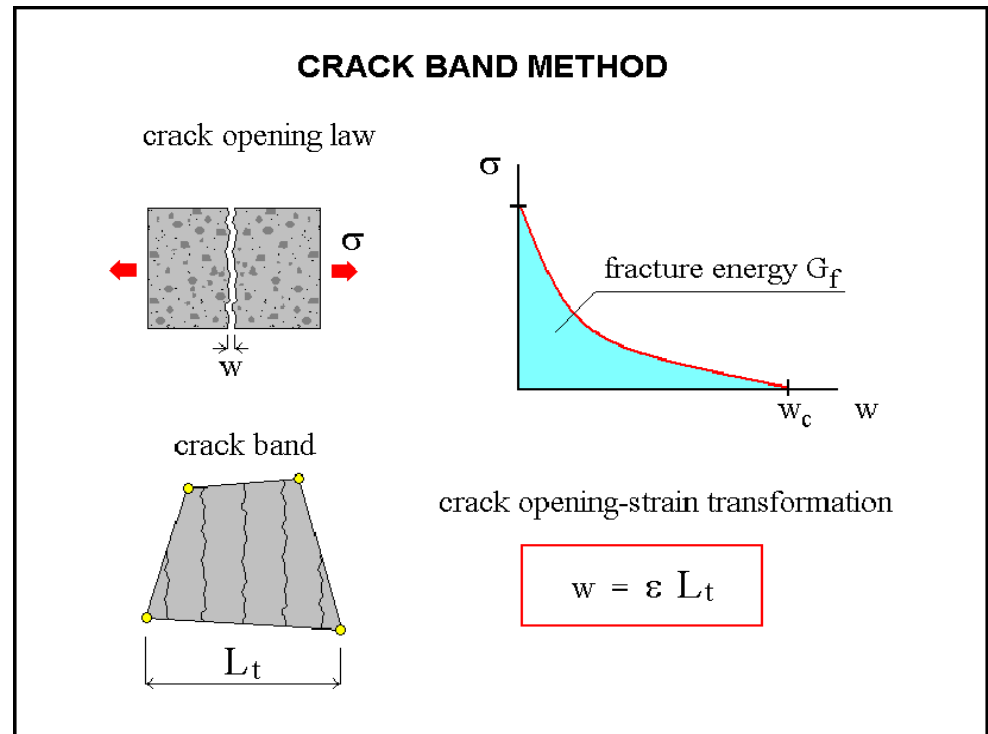


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Crack band method – correct energy dissipation during the fracturing process

concrete in tension

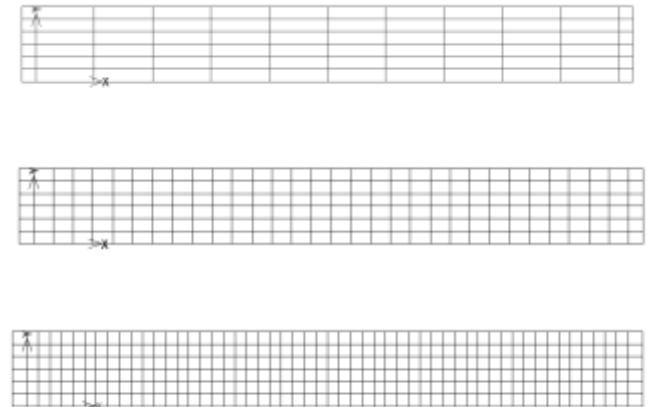
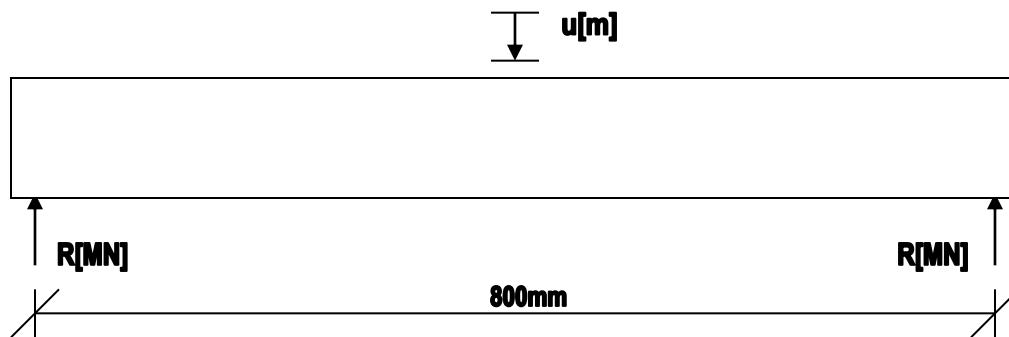
- tensile cracks
- post-peak behavior
- fracture energy
- crack band method



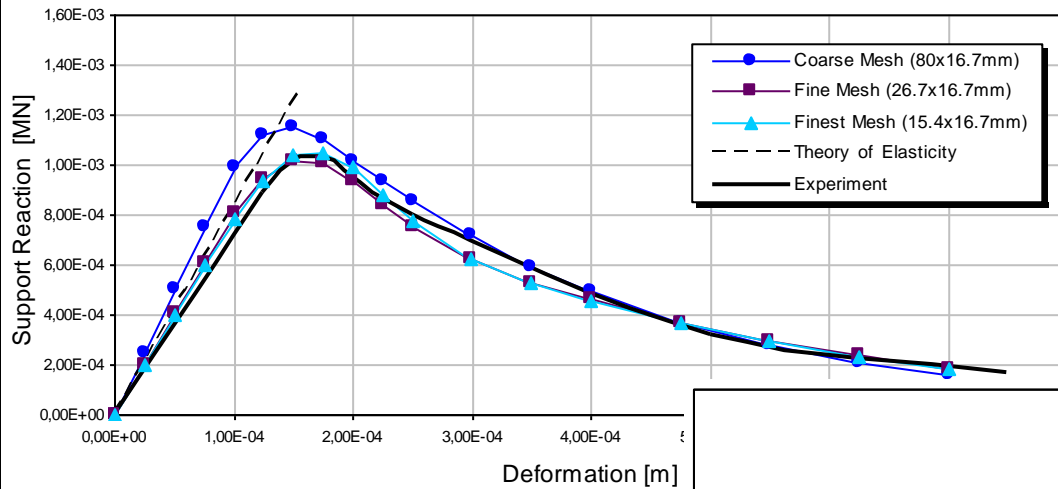
## Demonstration Examples – mesh objectivity

Importance of Fracture mechanics

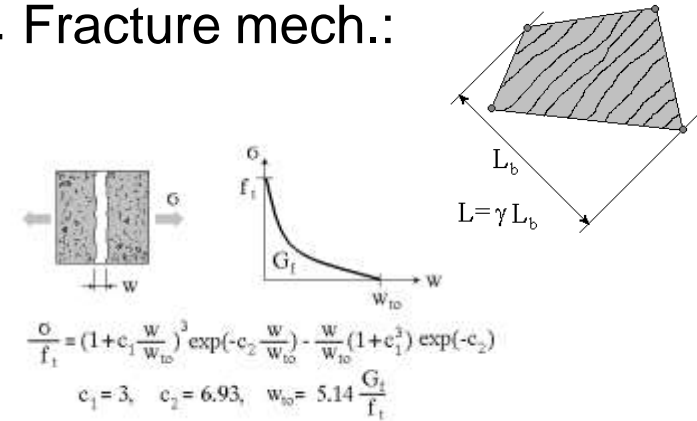
x Stress-strain laws



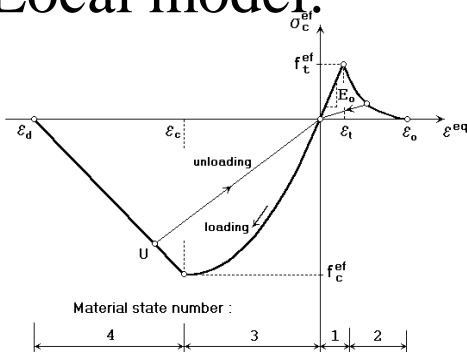
## Exponential Model



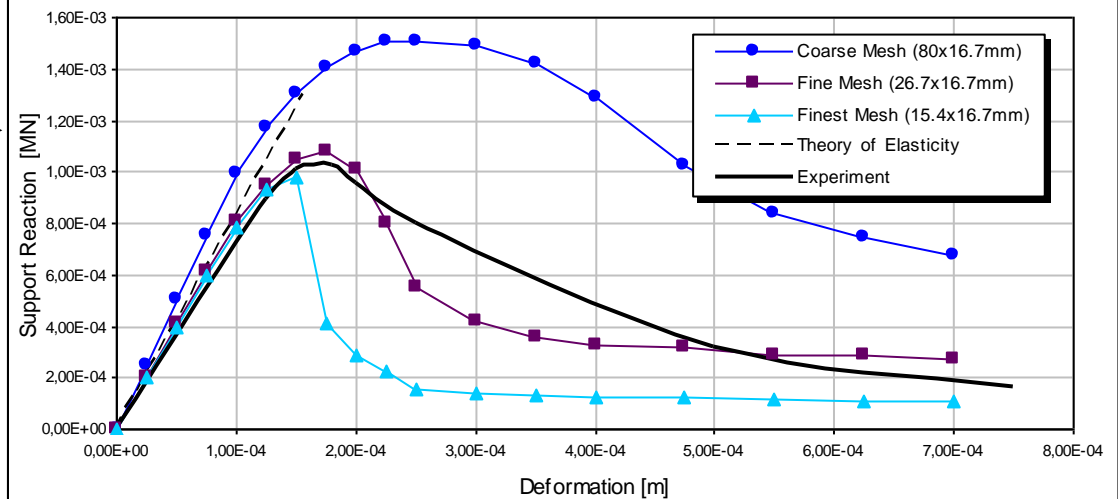
## Fracture mech.:



## Local model:



## Local Strain Model



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Numerical core - nonlinear material models

concrete in tension

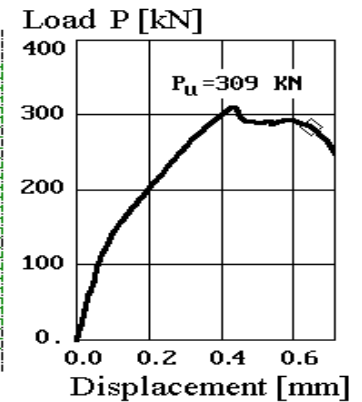
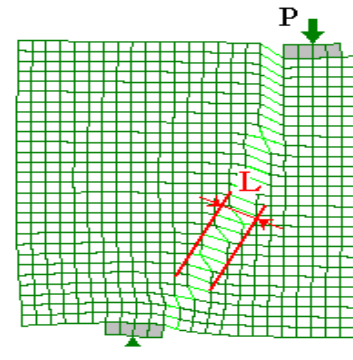
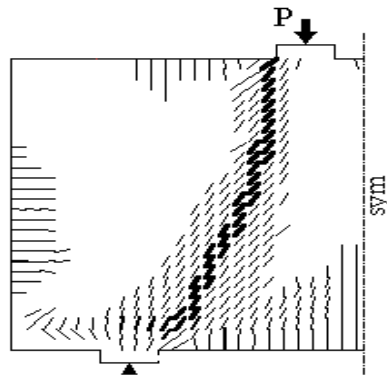
tensile cracks  
post-peak behavior

crack band method  
fracture energy

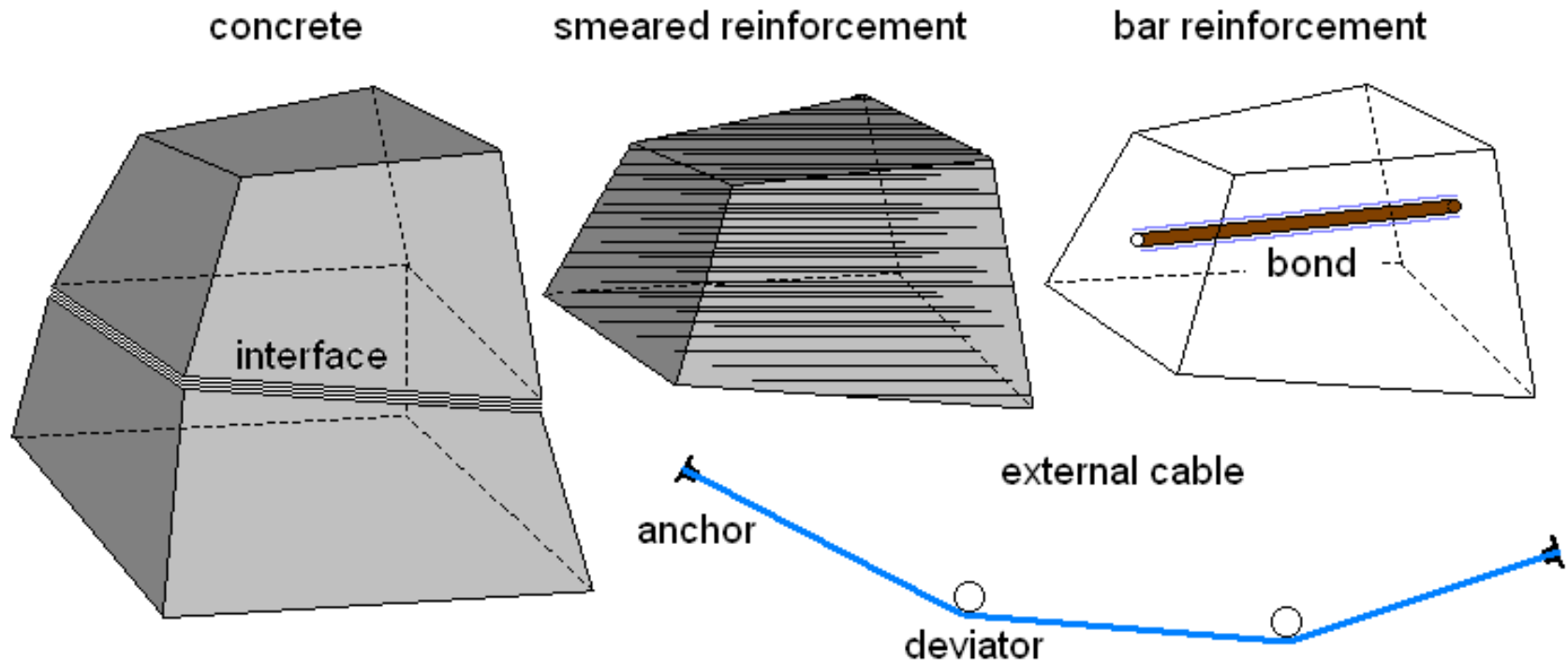
fixed or rotated cracks  
crack localization  
deterministic size-effect  
is captured

Crack band size:  $L$

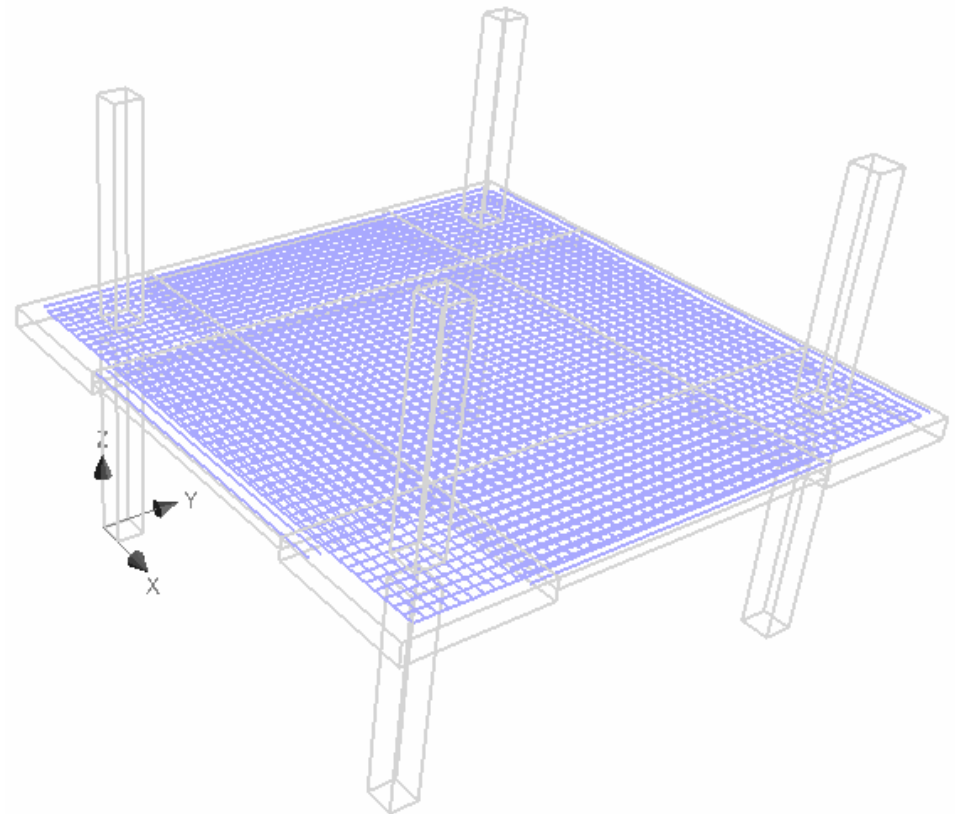
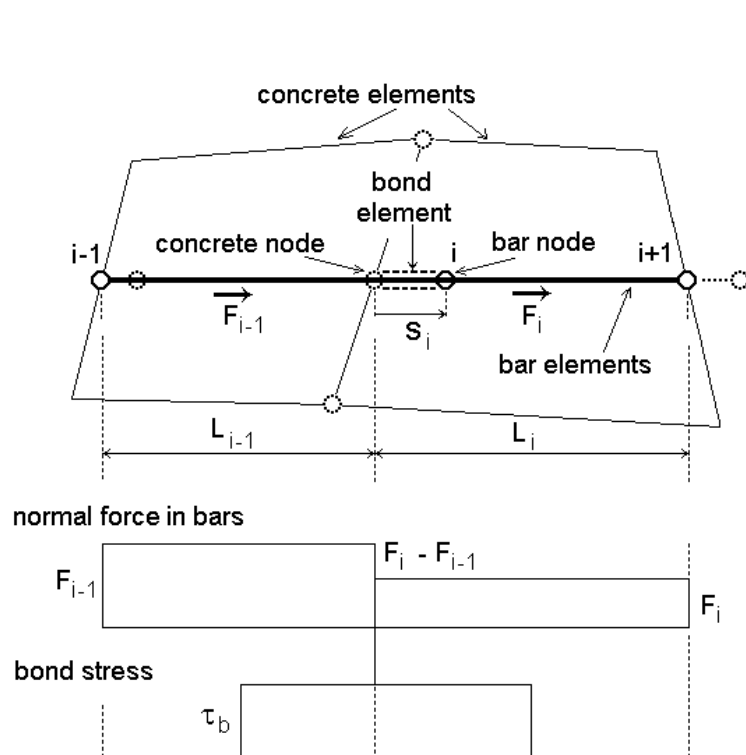
$$e = \frac{w}{L}$$



## Special elements for reinforced concrete analysis

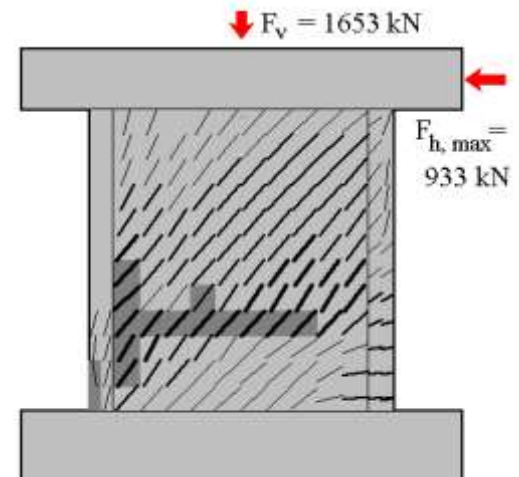


# Reinforcement bond model

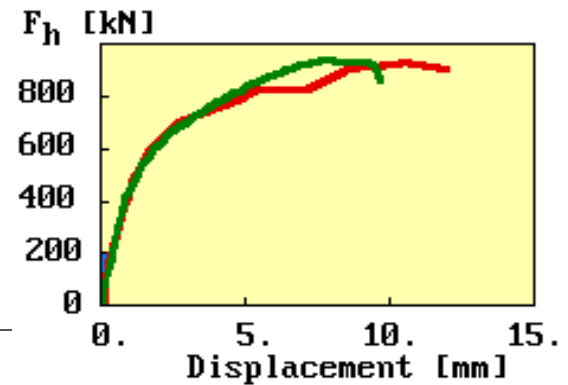


# VALIDATION: Simulation of laboratory experiments

Reality



Simulation



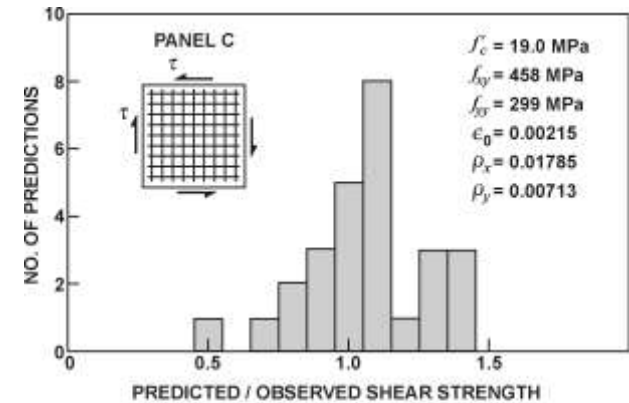
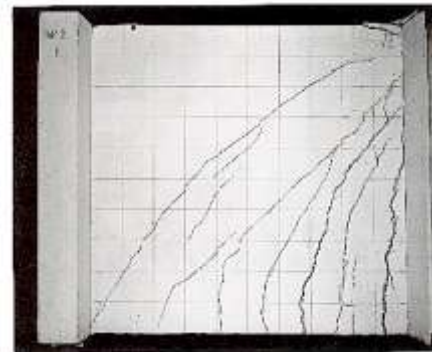
# Validation and Reliability Blind Predictions

Toronto Panel (Collins, Melhorn) 1986 competition results (Panel C).

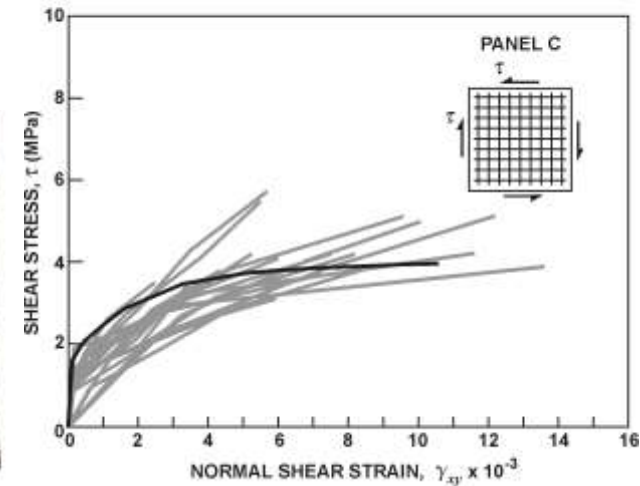
a) Variations in predicted shear strength

b) Variations in predicted load-deformation response

winner **Vladimir Cervenka**



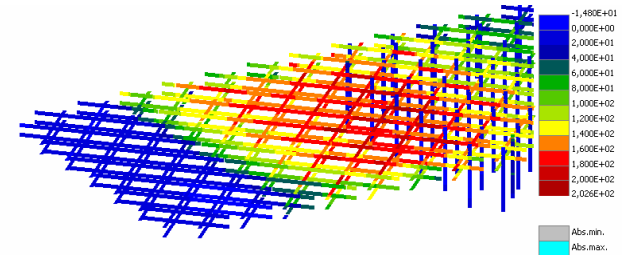
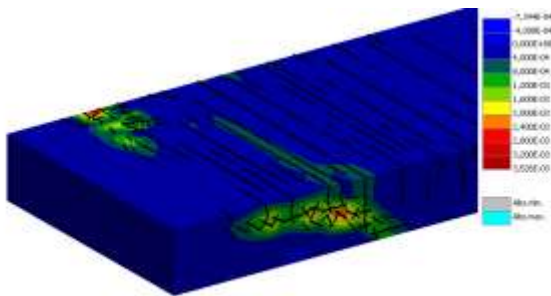
(a)



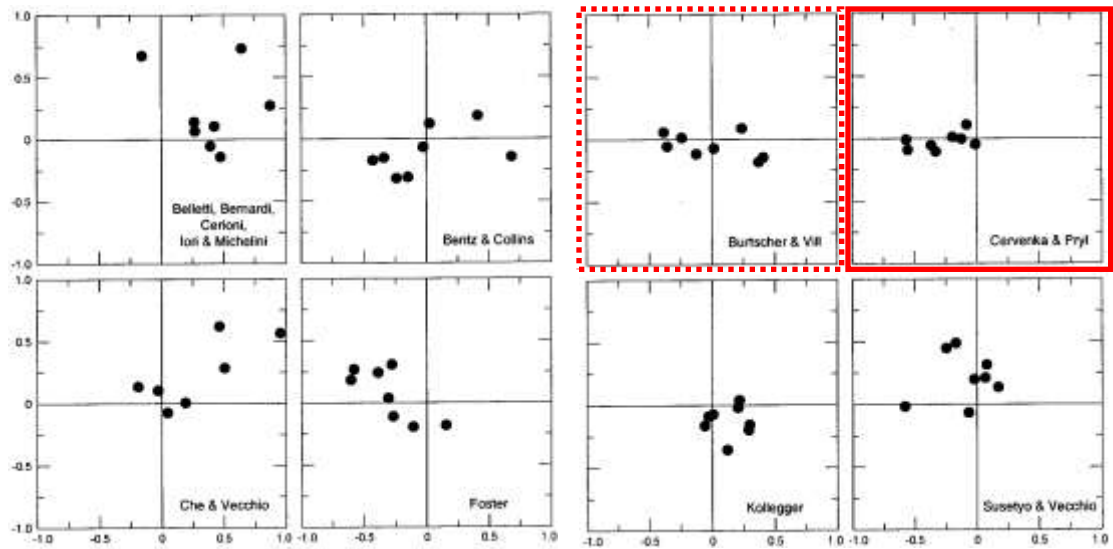
(b)



# Validation: Round Robin Competition, Marti 2005



**ATENA predictions**



## Validation: Field Test – Örnsköldsvik, Sweden



# Validation: Field Test Örnsköldsvik, Sweden Final failure

Step 40,  
Cracks: in elements, <5.000E-03; ...), opening: <-4.092E-04;4.226E-02>[m], Sigma\_n: <-1.912E+01;2.009E+00>[MPa], Sigma\_T : <

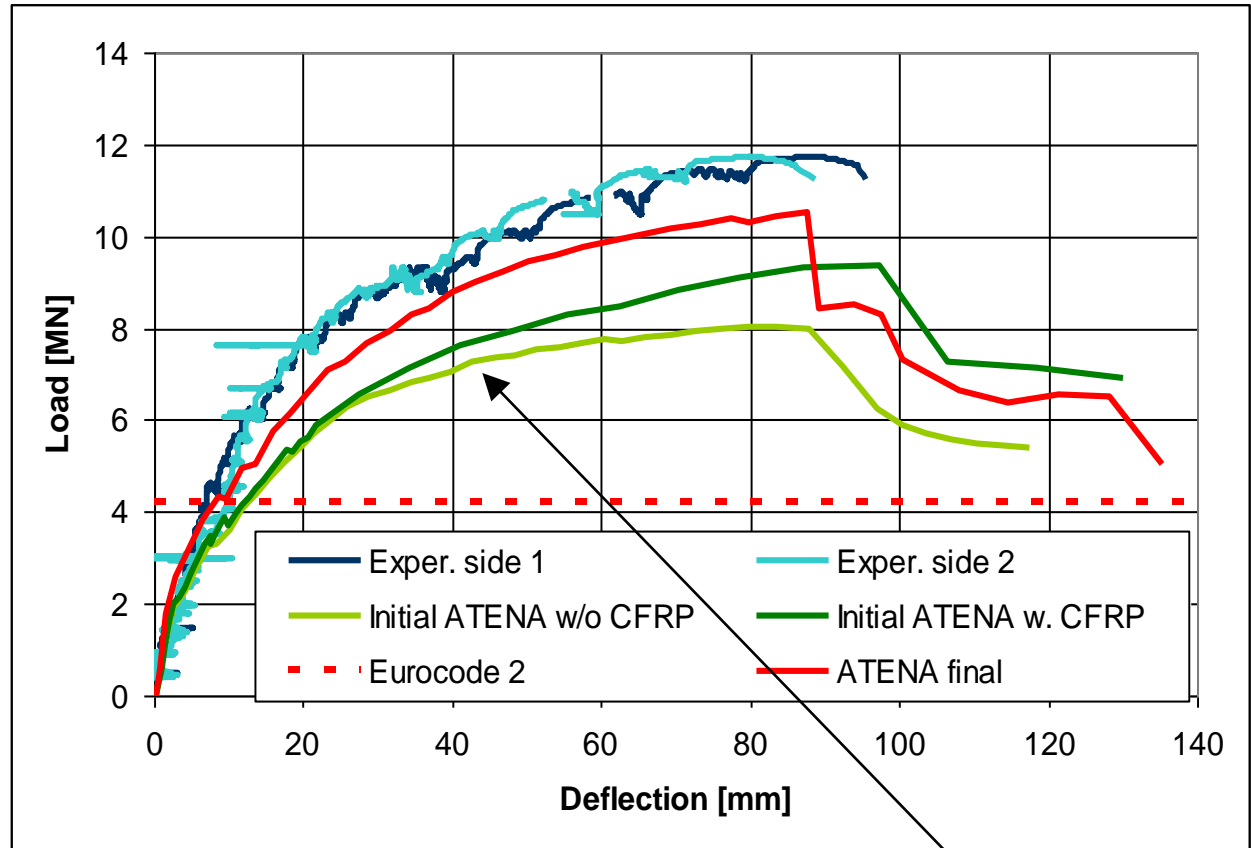


**ATENA analysis**



**Field test**

Analysis with stirrups

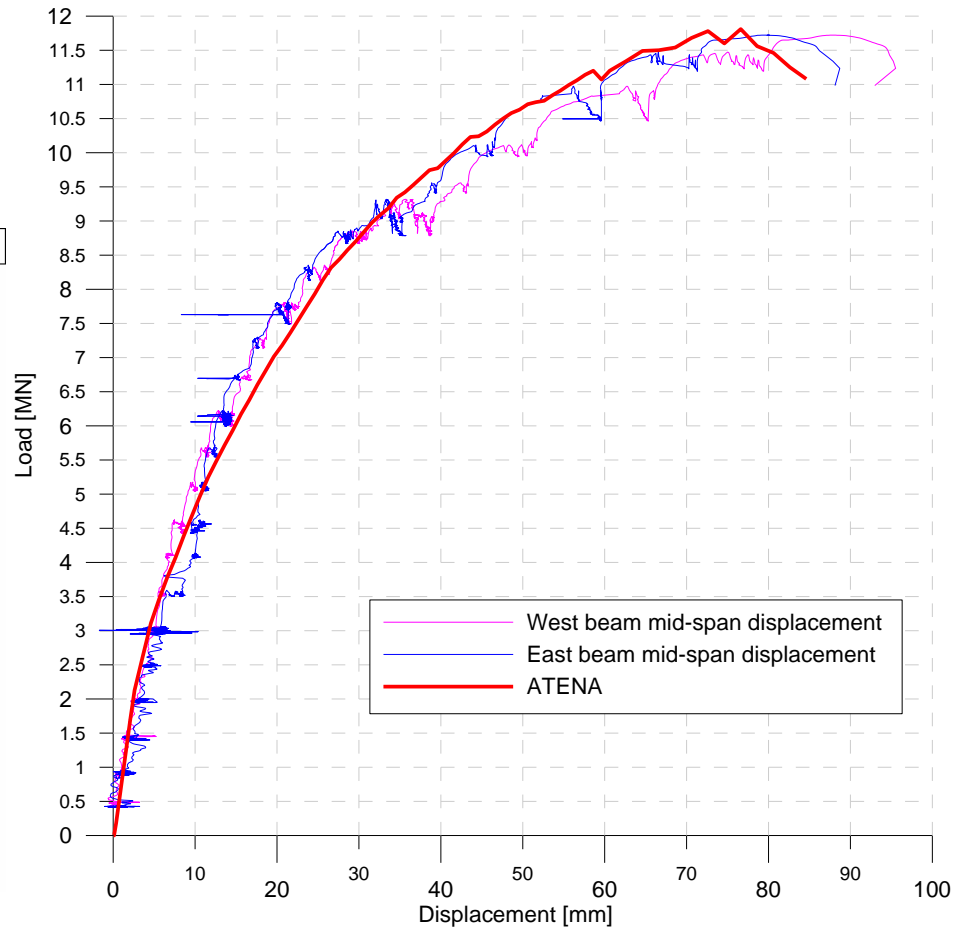
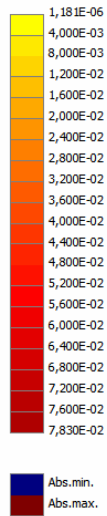
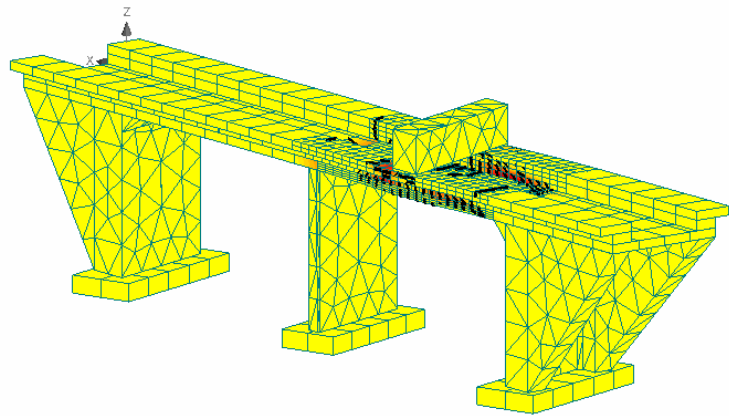


Stirrups not modelled in the initial analyses

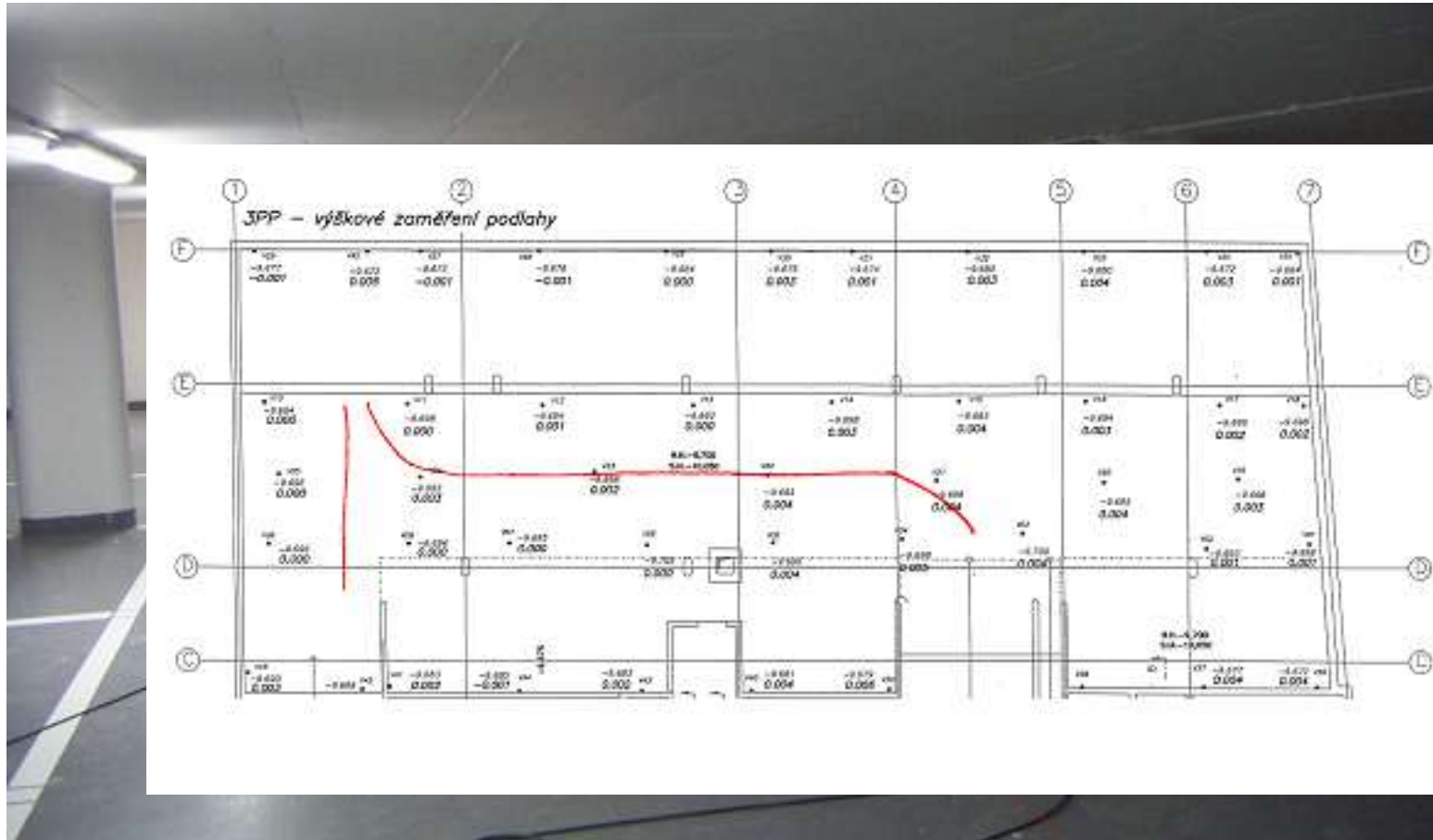
## 3D analysis by LTU

Scalars:iso-areas, in nodes, Principal Strain, Max., G. <0,000E+00;7,830E-02> [-]  
 Cracks:elements, width multiplier: 1,0E+00, Filter: <7,000E-04; ...>, First

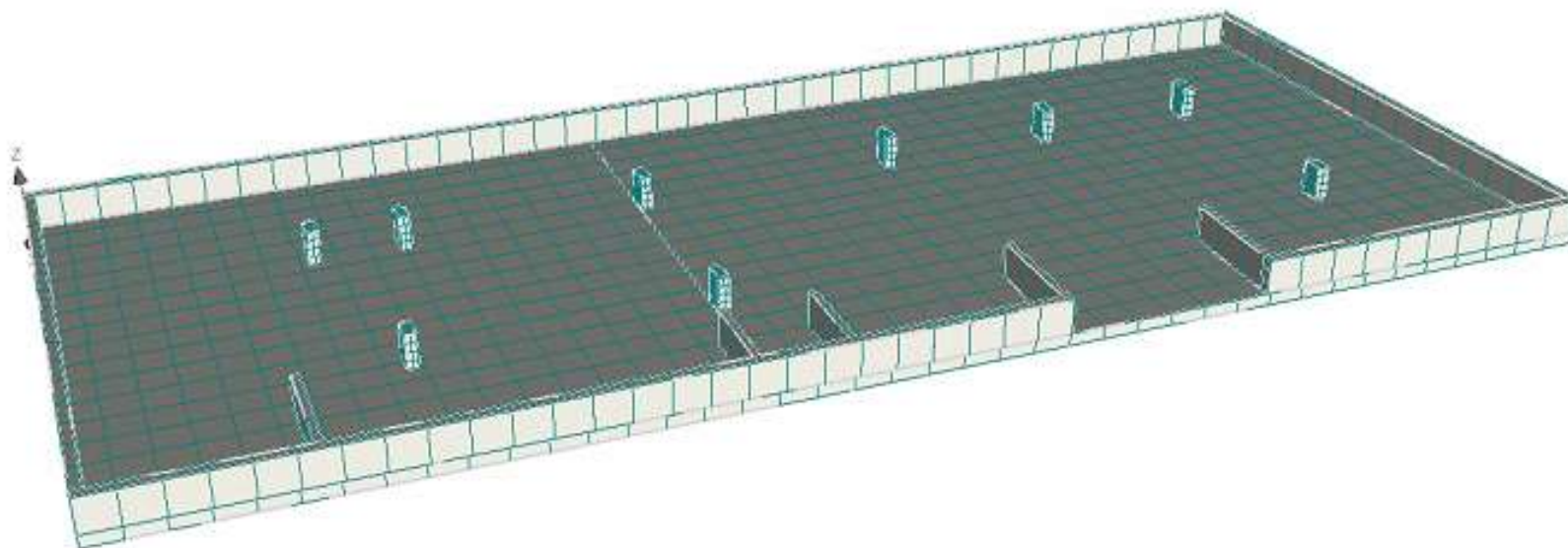
G.O<0,000E+00;1,799E-02> [m], SN<-3,298E+01;-3,298E+01> [MPa], ST<9,941E-04;9,941E-04> [MPa]

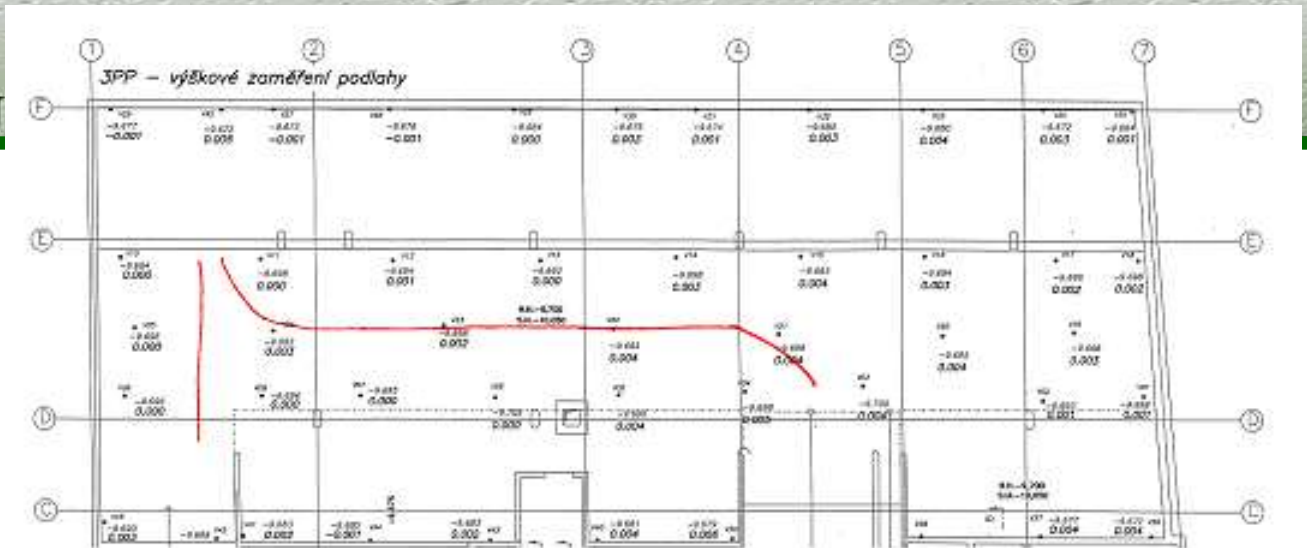


# Foundation slab – cracks due to underground water pressure forensic investigation



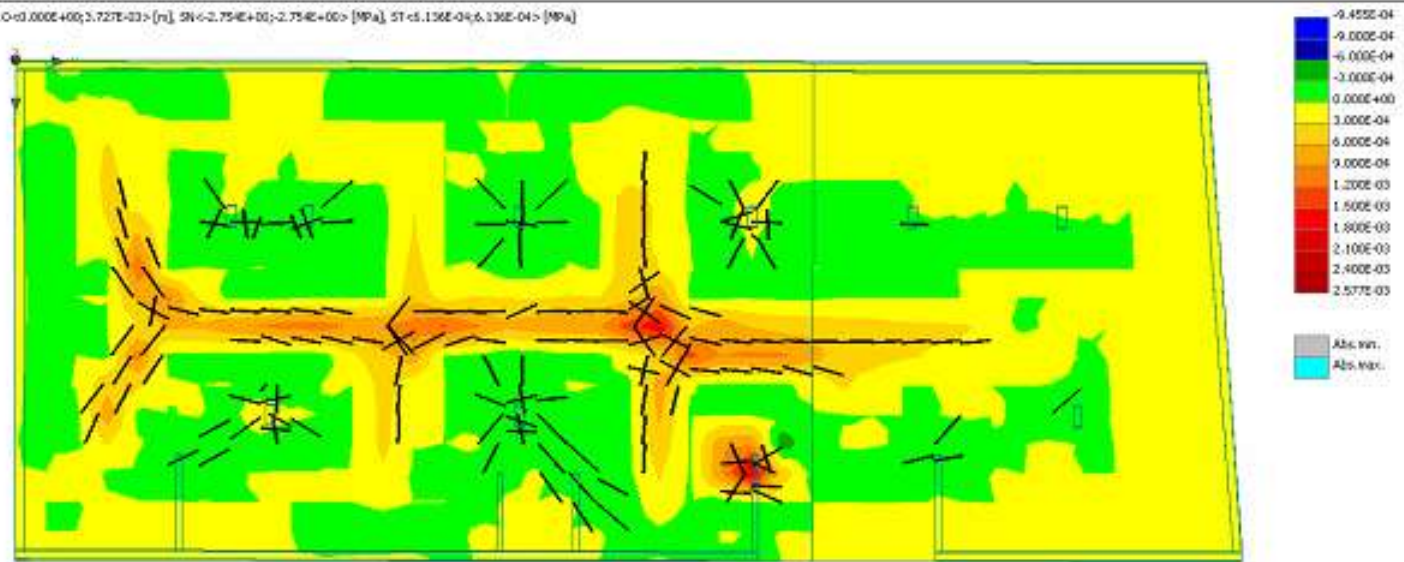
## ATENA numerical simulation





## Foundation slab Measured cracks

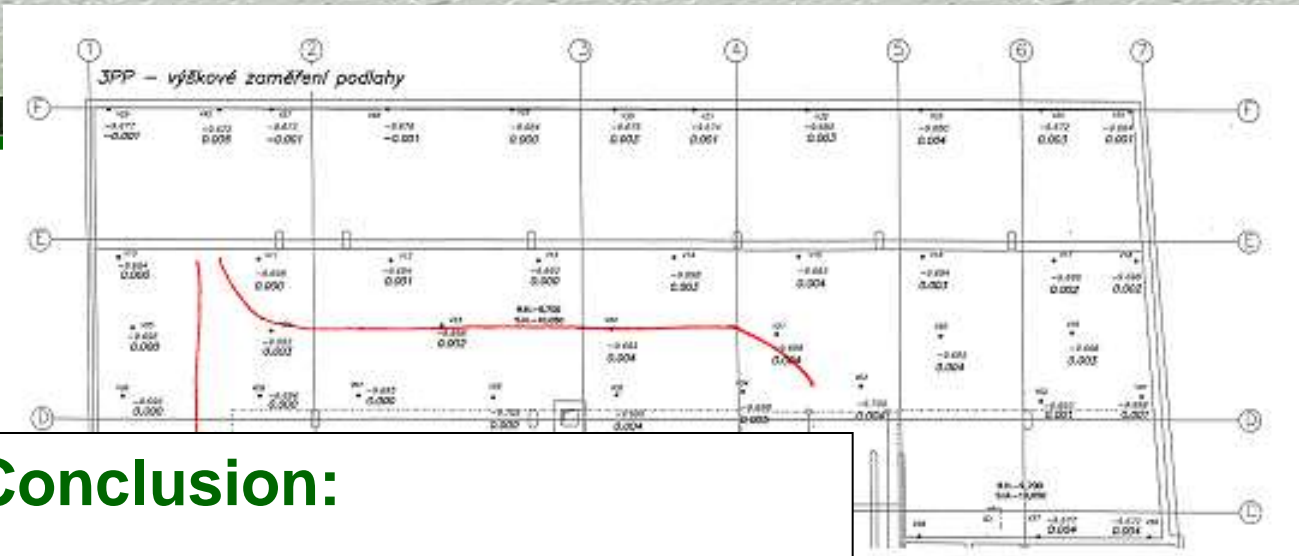
Scalar: zto-areas, in nodes, Crack Width, Crd1, G, <-9.455E-04;2.577E-03> [m]  
 Cracks: elements, width multiplier: 1.0E+00, FRa: <3.000E-04> ..., First, Second, Third  
 G, O <0.000E+00;2.727E-03> [m], SN <-2.754E+00;2.754E+00> [MPa], ST <5.136E-04;6.136E-04> [MPa]



## FE analysis

## Results due to water pressure





Foundation slab  
Measured cracks

**Conclusion:**

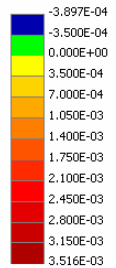
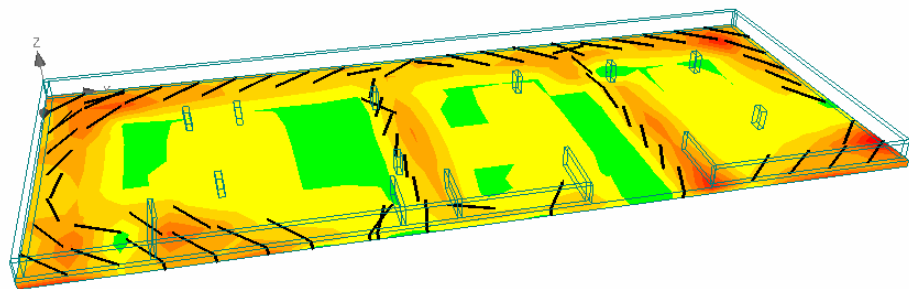
**Cracks not due to shrinkage  
but due to water pressure**

Scalars: elem  
Cracks: elem  
G, O < 0.0

FE analysis

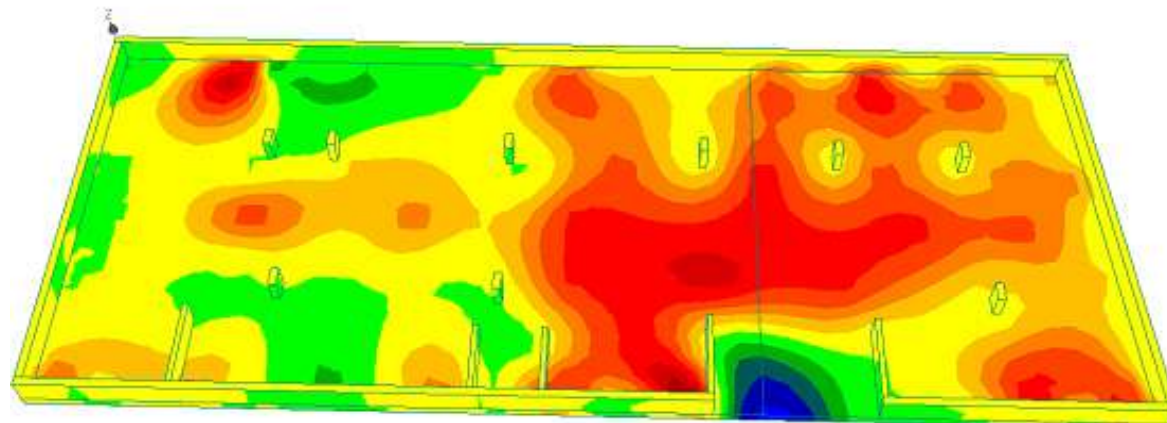
Results due  
to shrinkage

Constant shrinkage  
based on EC2

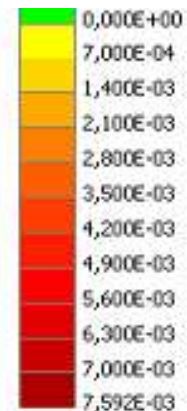
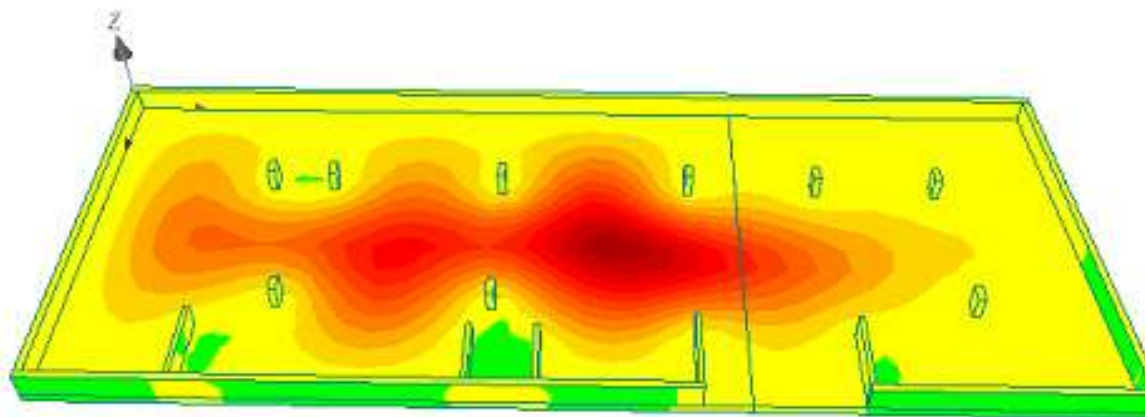


Abs.min.  
Abs.max.

## Measured deflections



## Analyzed deflections



Abs.min.  
Abs.max.



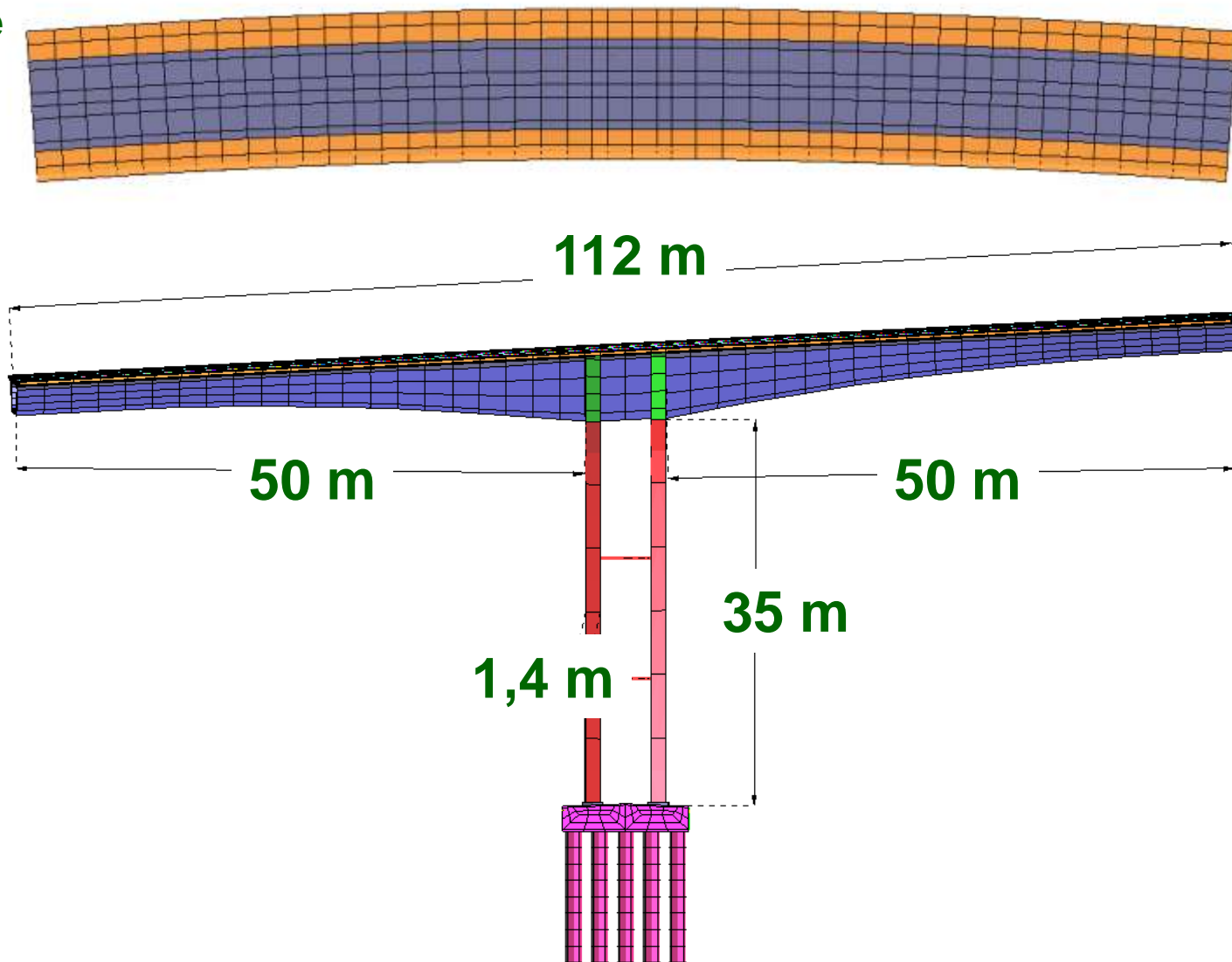
**Construction 514, bridge crossing river Berounky  
near Prague, Czech Rep., design Novák & Partner, Ing. M. Šístek**

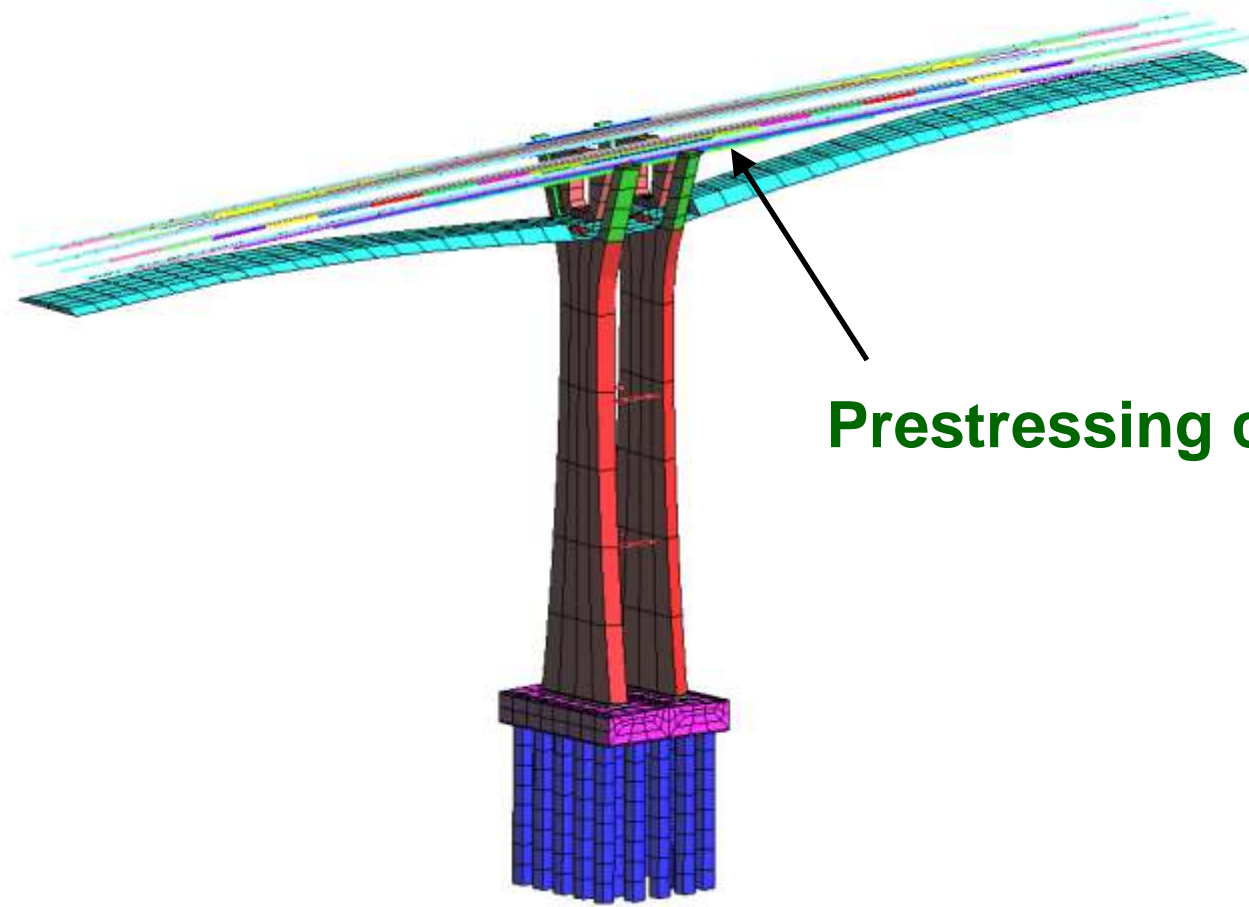
**Global verification  
of safety during  
construction stages**



Double console  
Pier n. 39

R = 750 m

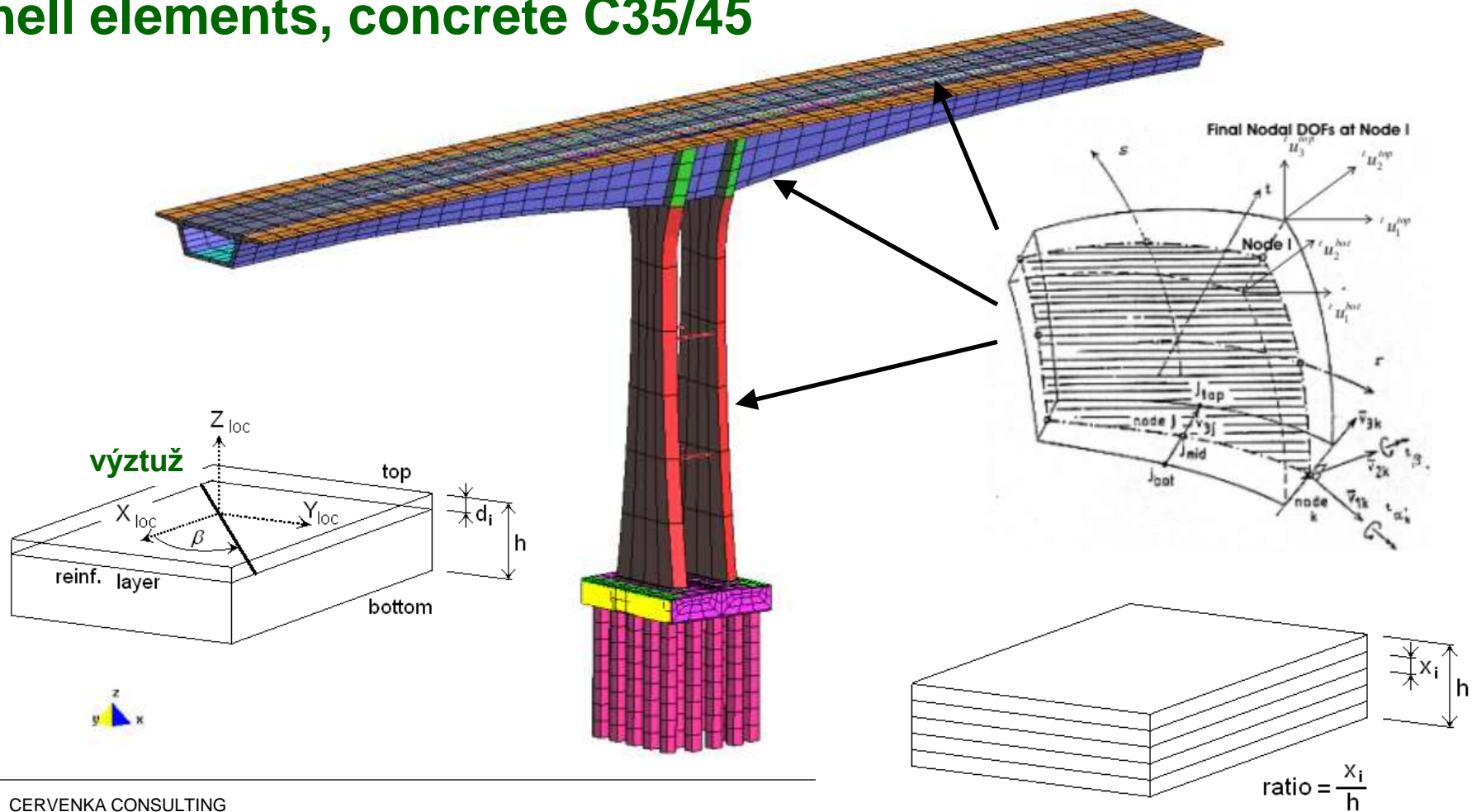




**Prestressing cables**



# Special continuum 3D layered shell elements, concrete C35/45



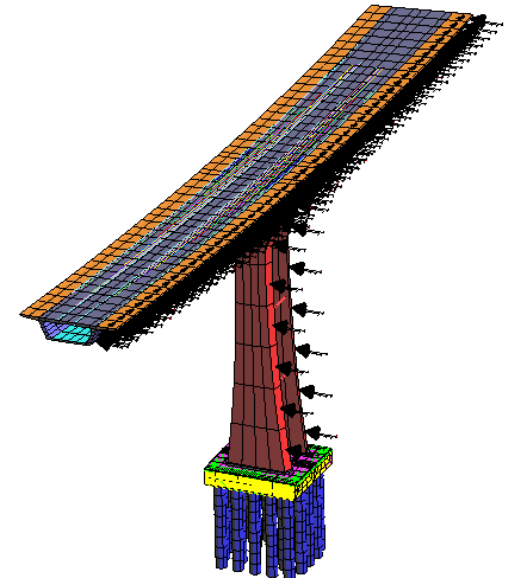
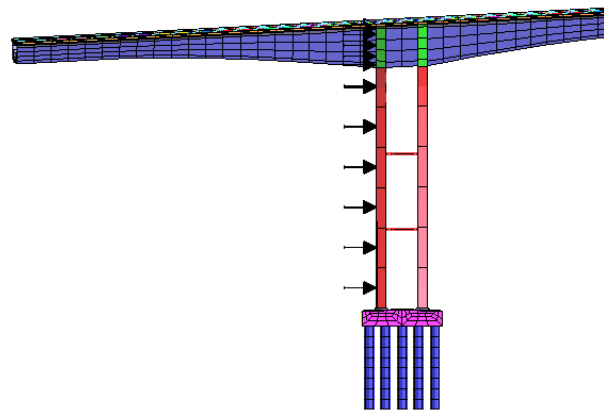
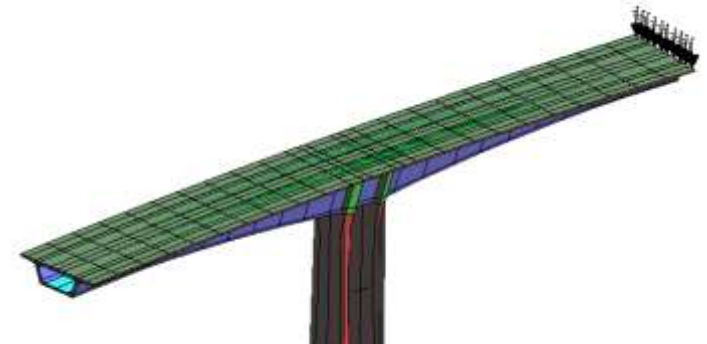
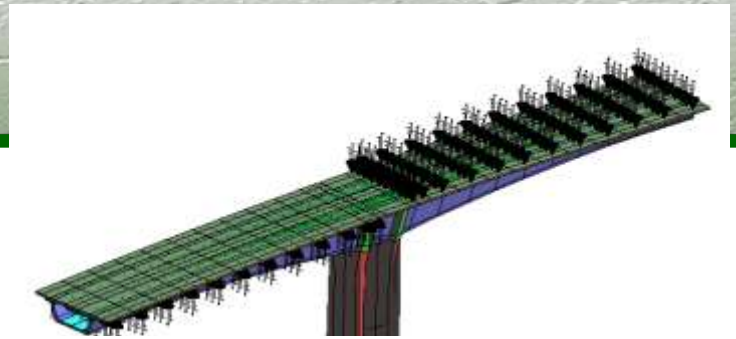
## Loading Cases

ZS16 vertical wind pressures

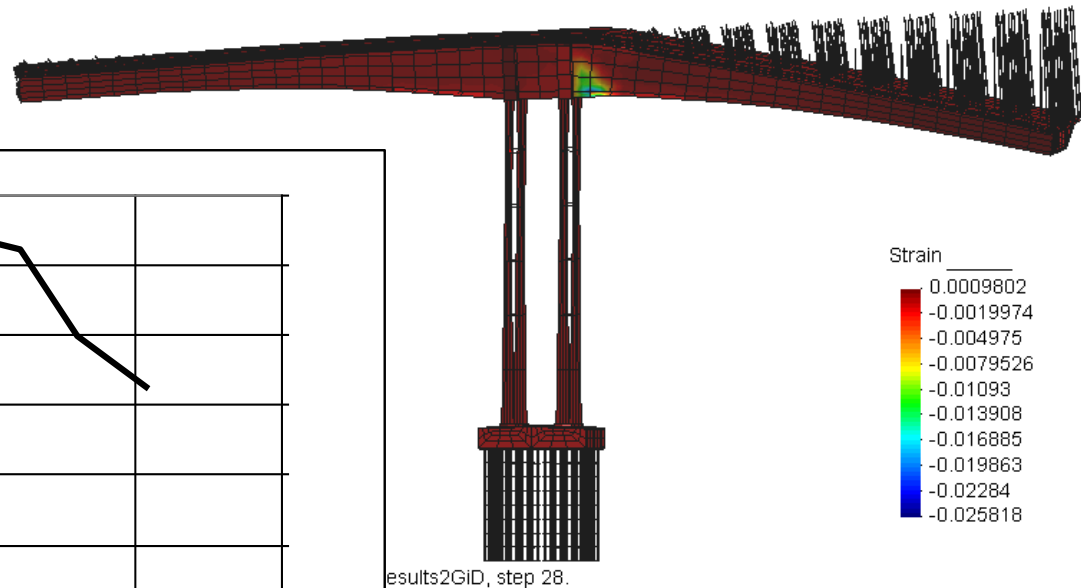
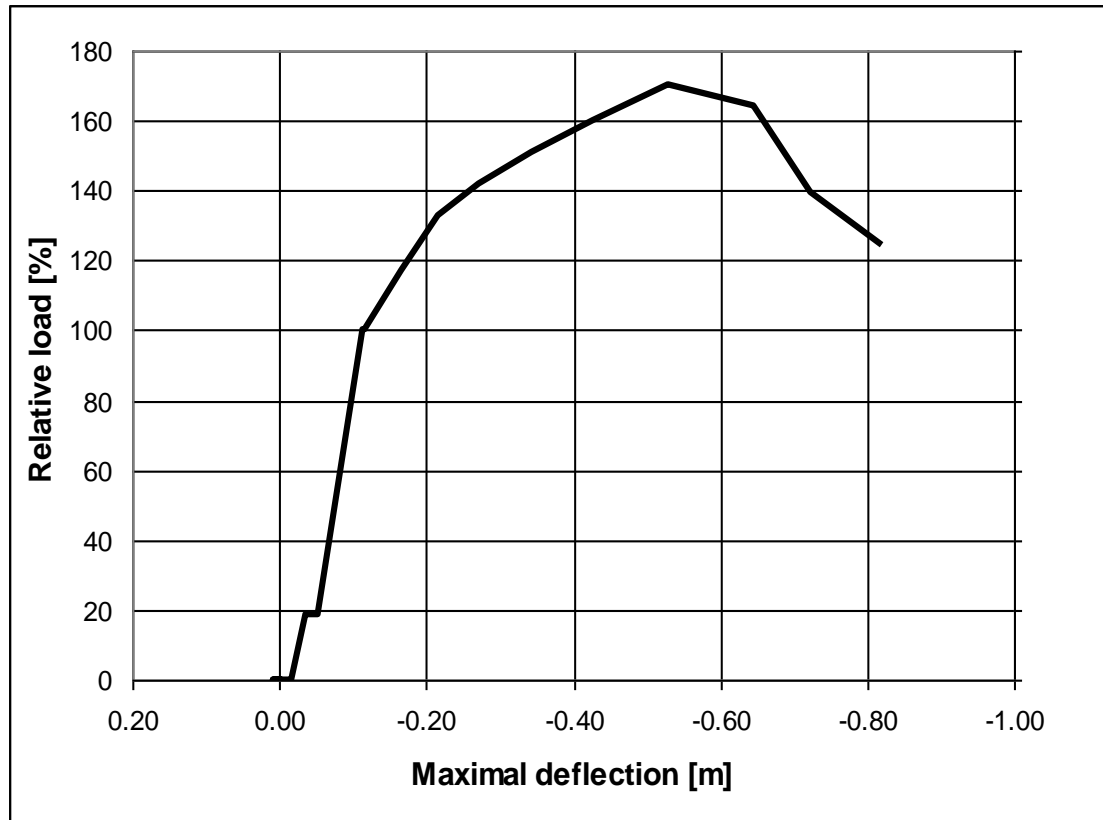
ZS17 concreting vehicle

ZS18 longitudinal wind

ZS19 cross-wind



# Structural capacity





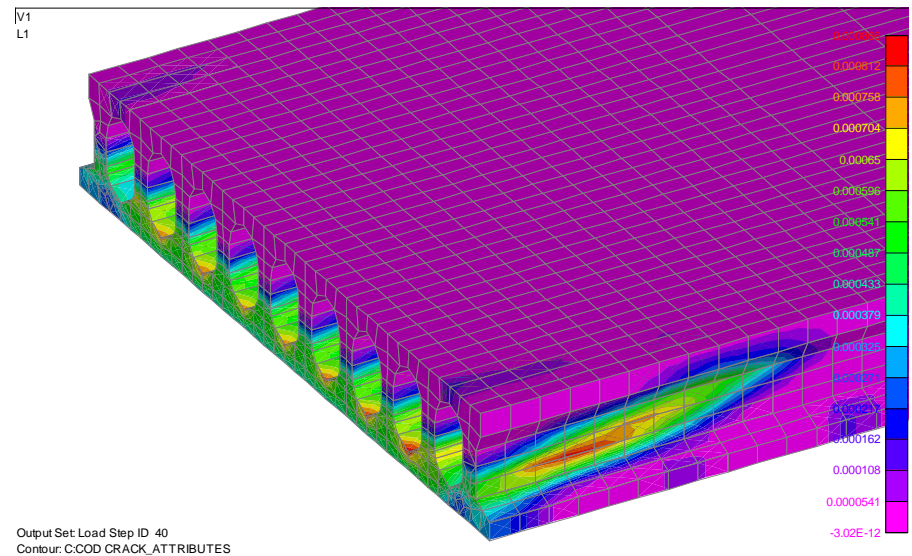
## Optimization of precast structures

precast prestressed hollow core slabs without shear reinforcement

shear failure test in laboratory ...



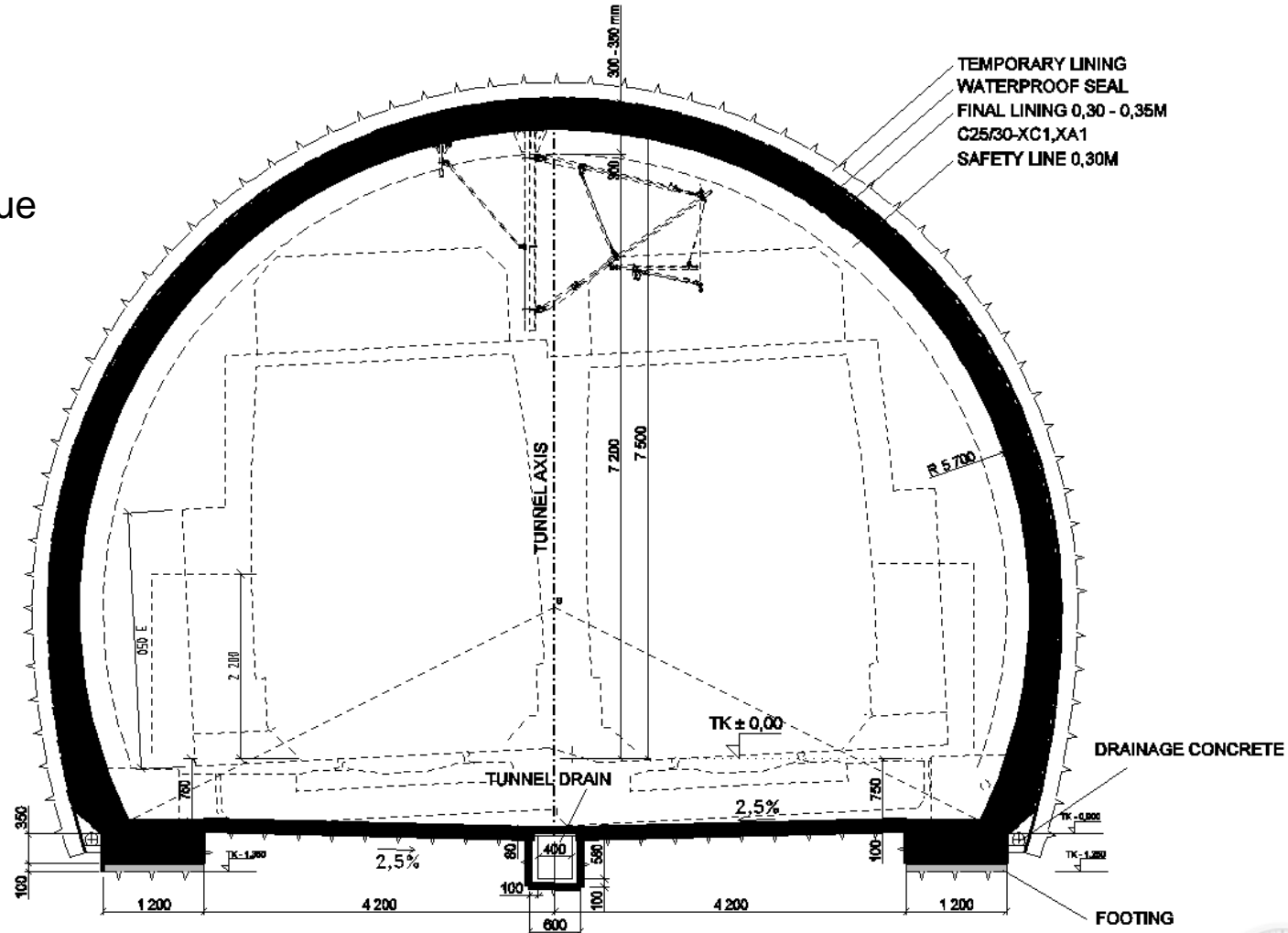
and in nonlinear computer simulation  
(crack widths)



## ATENA applications

plain concrete lining  
railway tunnel in Prague

typical cross section  
outer diameter 6 m



## New Railway Connection in Prague



## New Railway Connection in Prague – tunnels under the Vítkov Hill



## Nonlinear analysis of the tunnel profile

finite element model

5000 elements

1 m longitudinal section

plane stress state

supported by nonlinear springs

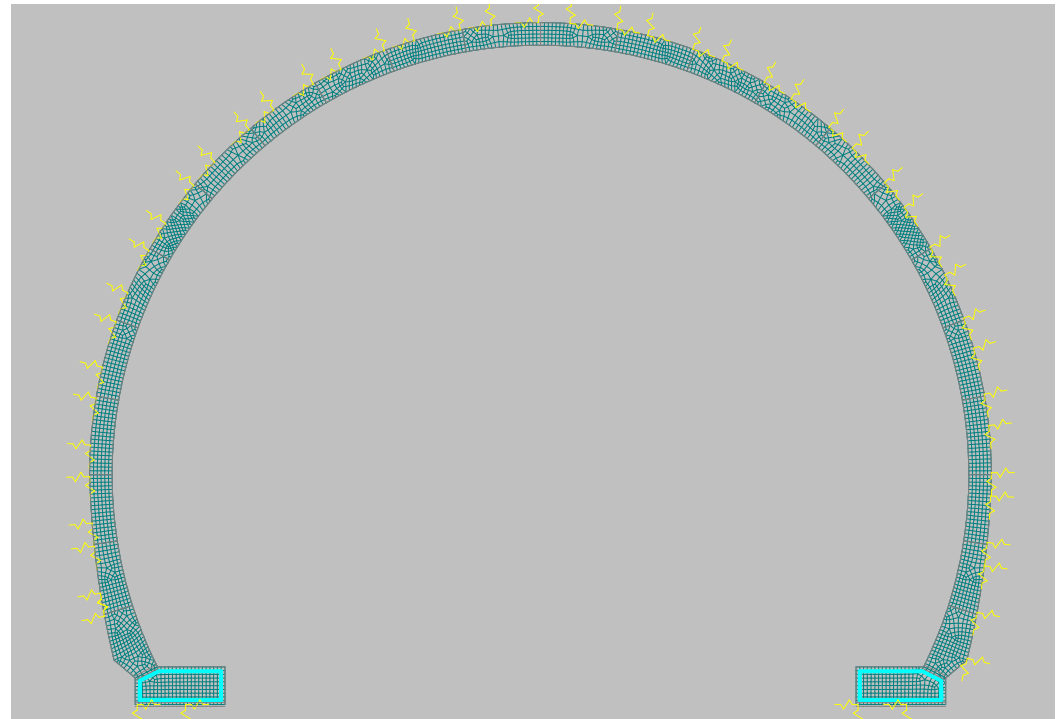
reflect soil properties

variants:

various upper vault thickness

plain or reinforced

with or without bottom vault



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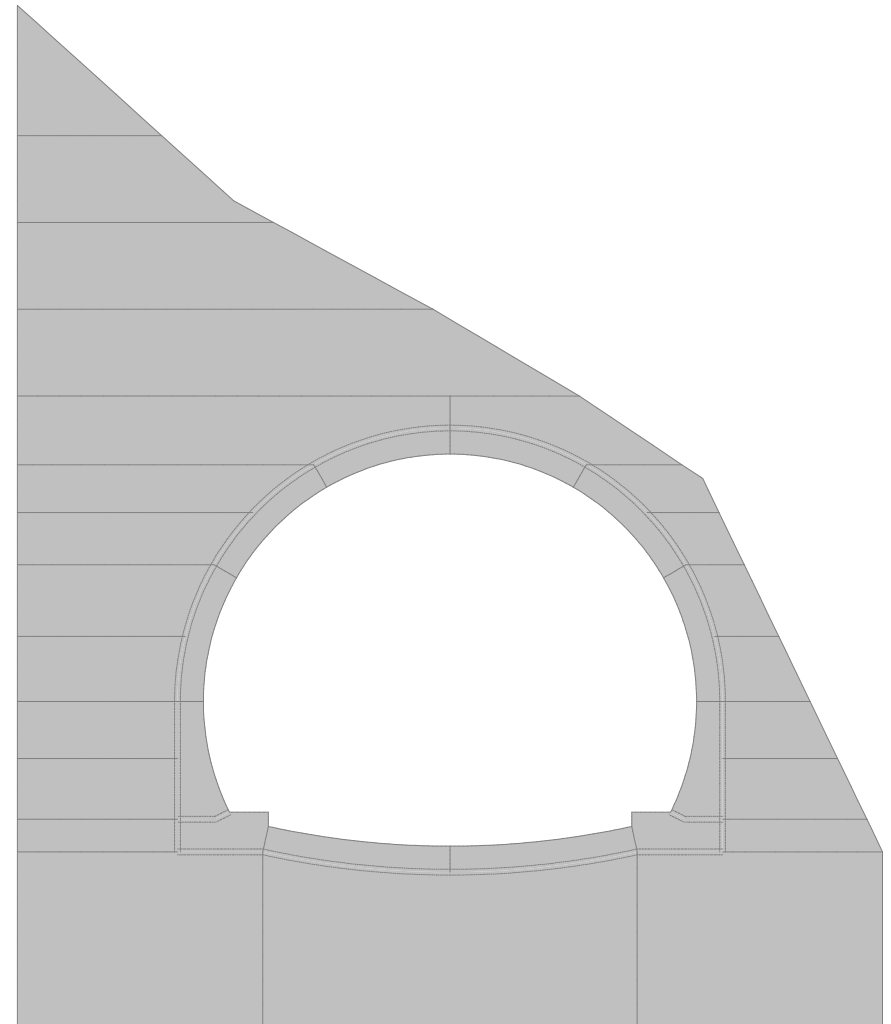
Drucker-Prager ground

variants:

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Step 26, NSf-UZL - nevytuzene osteni 300, MSU, zima, liniove pruzne ulozeni  
Scalars:iso-areas, Basic material, in nodes, Principal Stress, Max., <-5.027E-01;9.964E-01>[MPa]

## Results from NLA

Iso-areas of  
**principal stress**  
**maximal (tensile)**

unreinforced

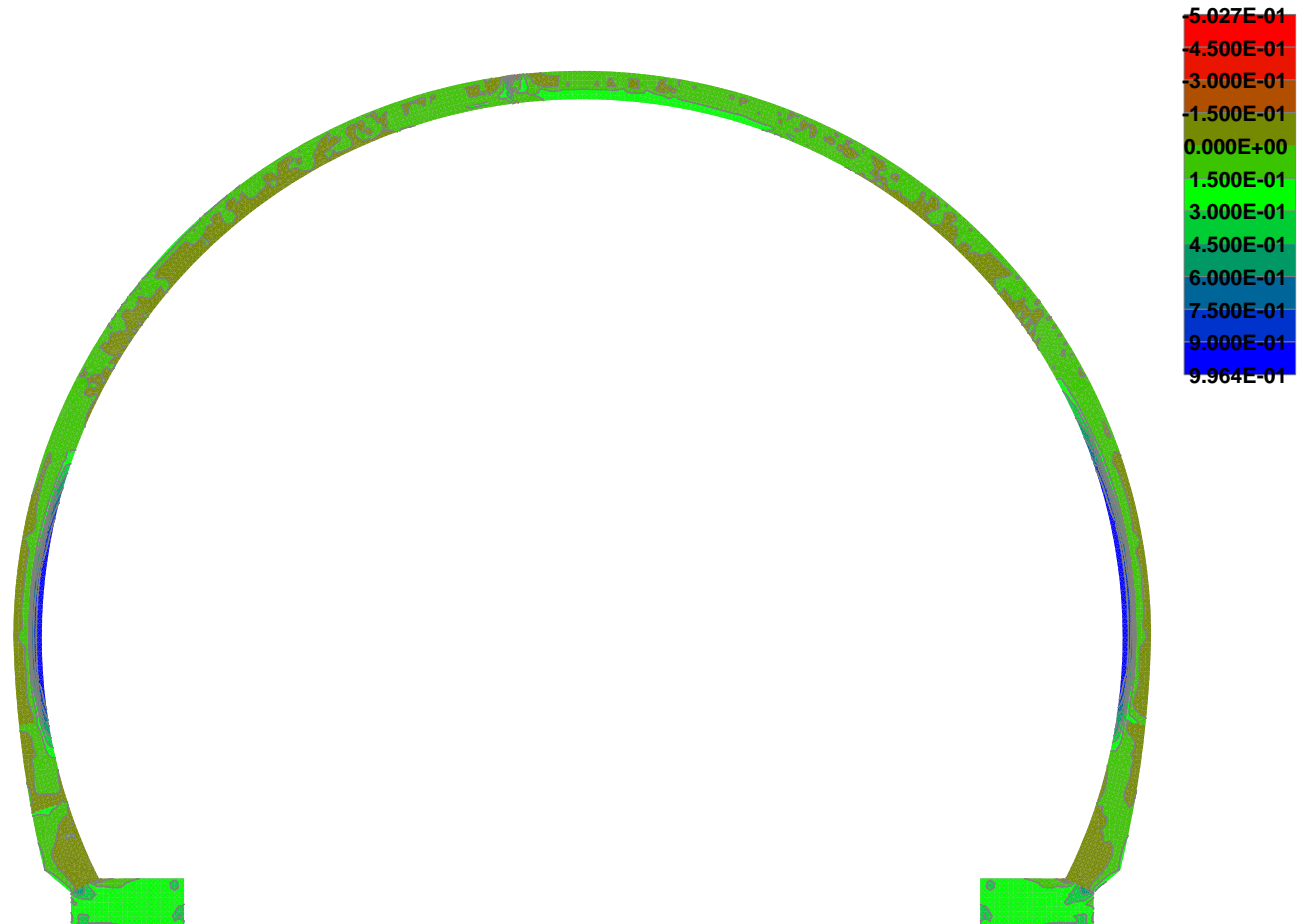
ultimate limit state

dead load

creep

shrinkage

temperature in winter

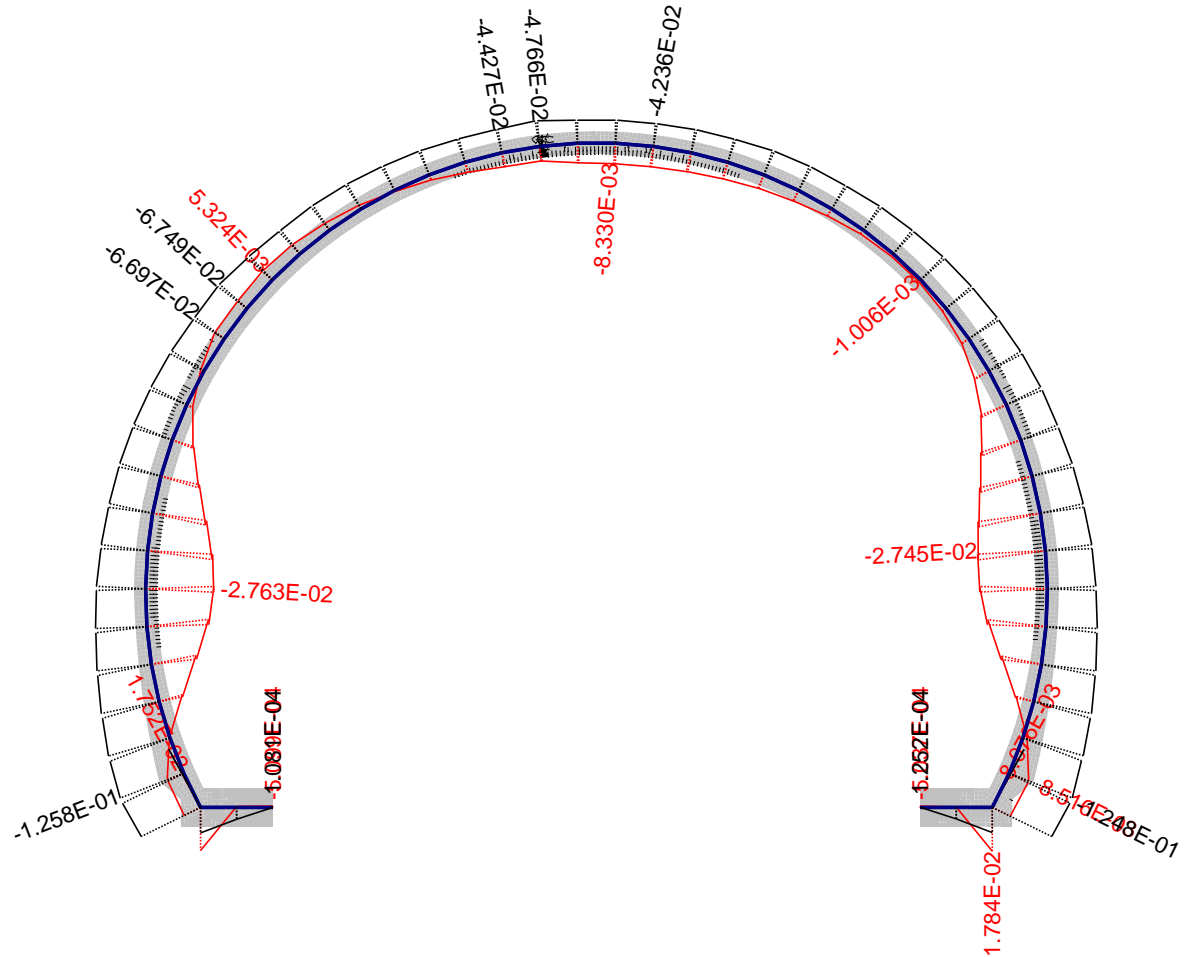


Step 26, NSf-UZL - nevytuzene osteni 300, MSP, zima, linirove pruzne ulozeni  
 Cracks: in elements, opening: <-1.544E-04;1.592E-03>[m], Sigma\_n: <-1.237E+00;9.998E-01>[MPa], Sigma\_T : <1.017E-16;5.182

## Results from NLA

normal forces  
 bending moments

unreinforced  
 ultimate limit state  
 dead load  
 creep  
 shrinkage  
 temperature in winter

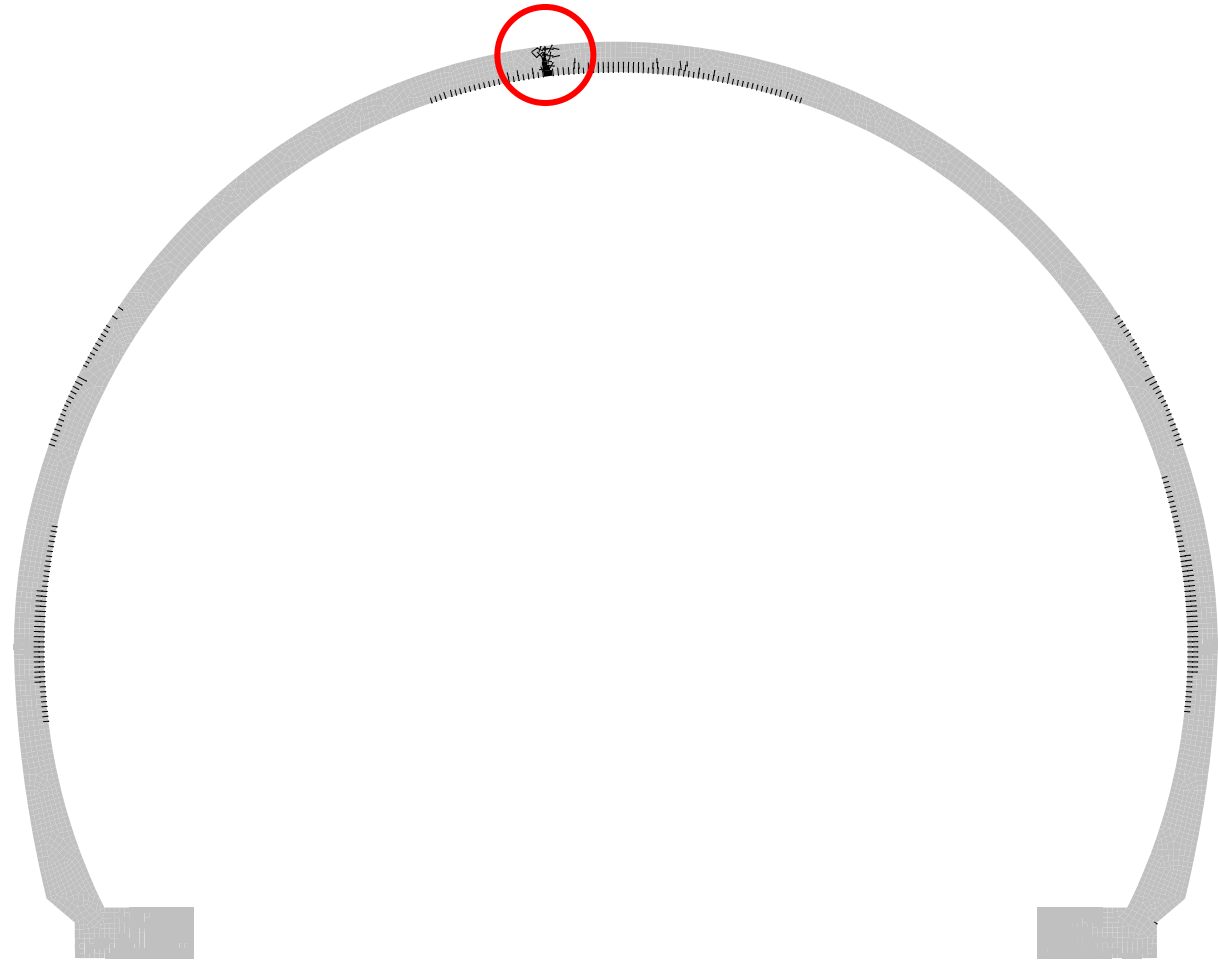




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## Results from NLA

### Crack pattern



unreinforced

ultimate limit state

dead load

creep

shrinkage

temperature in winter

## Results from NLA

### Main crack

### description of crack width

max. 1.6 mm

unreinforced

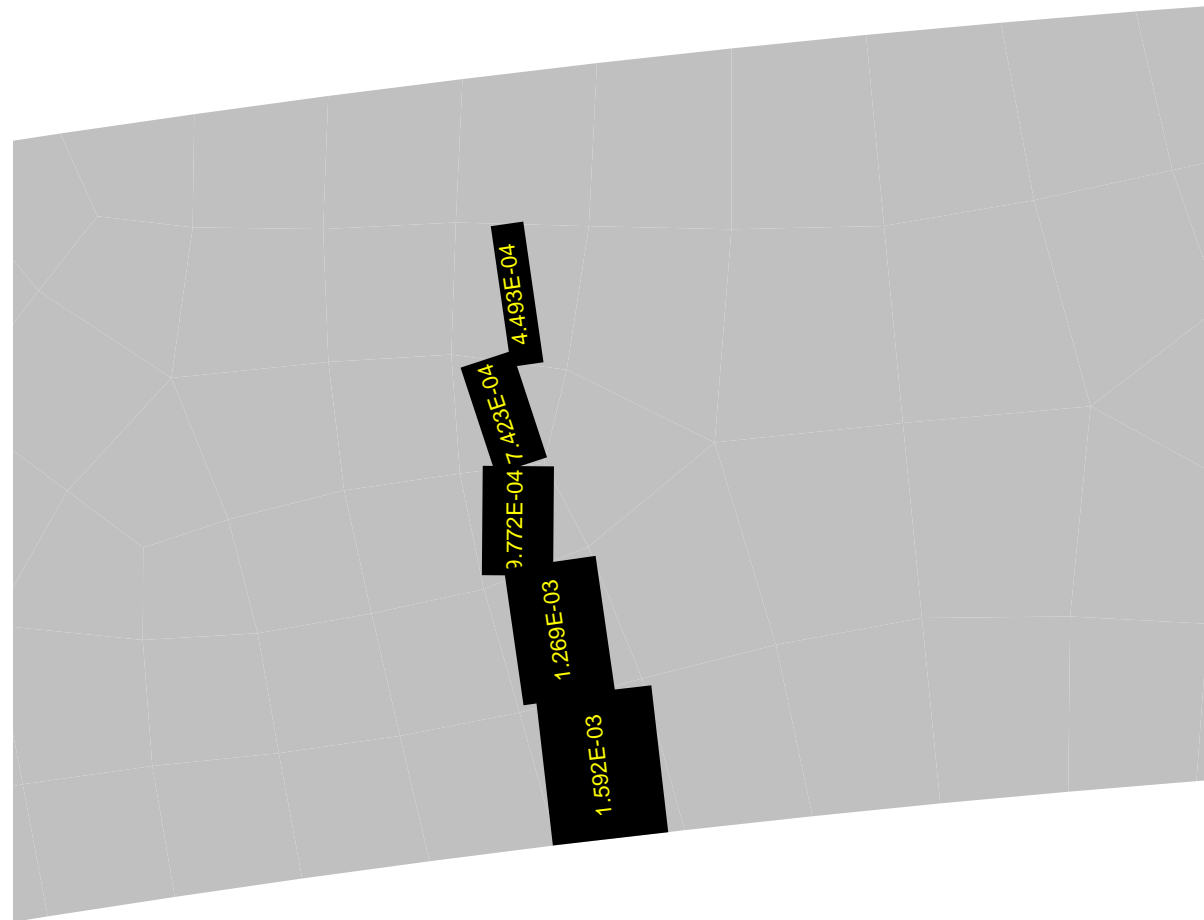
### ultimate limit state

dead load

creep

shrinkage

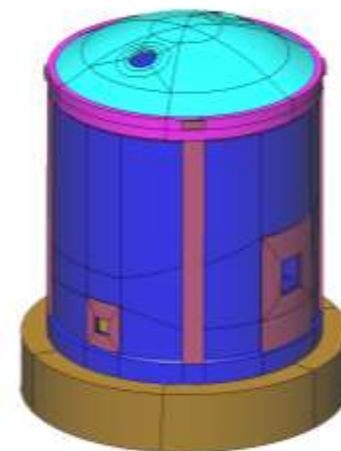
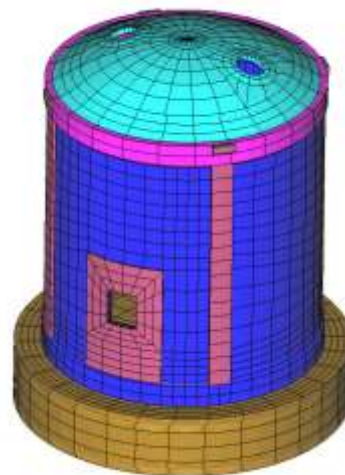
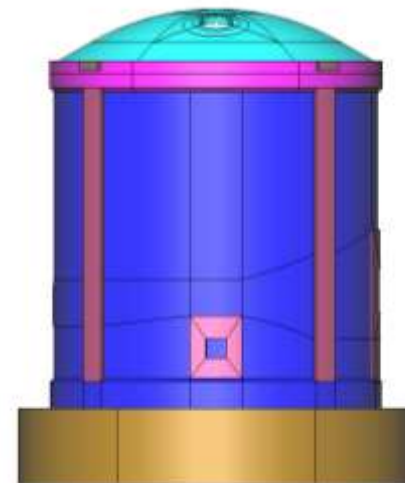
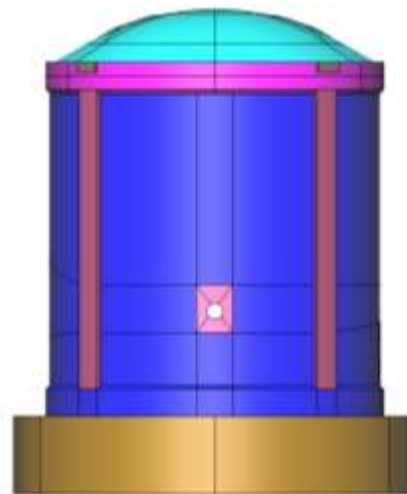
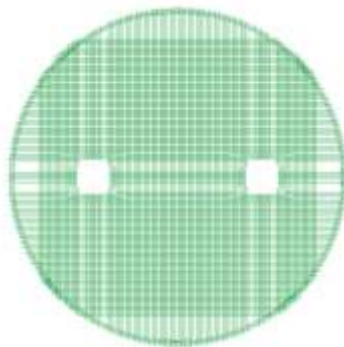
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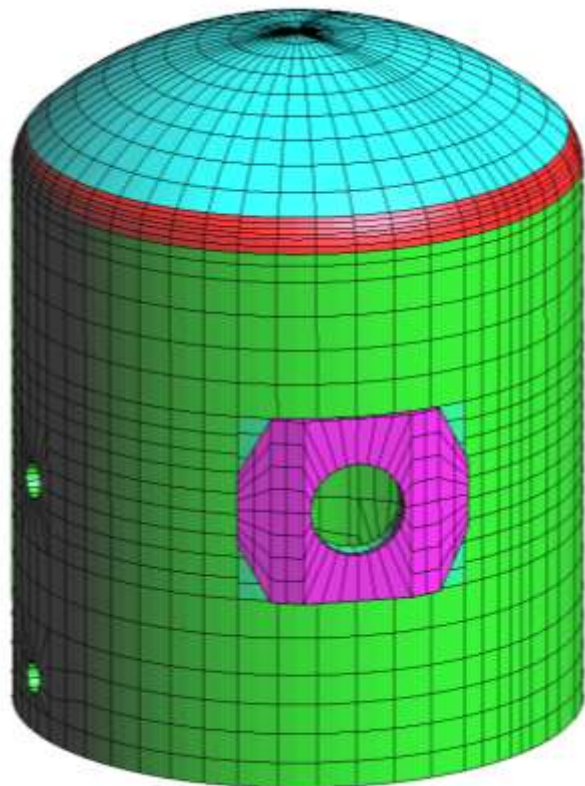
## BARC, India, Containment Pressure Test Model 1:4



3D model



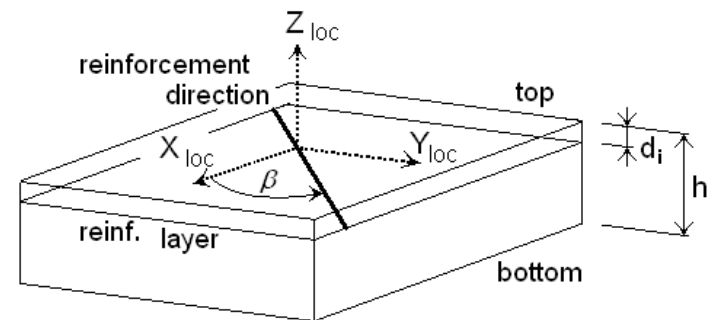
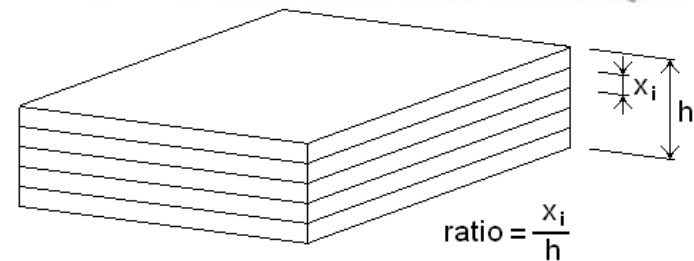
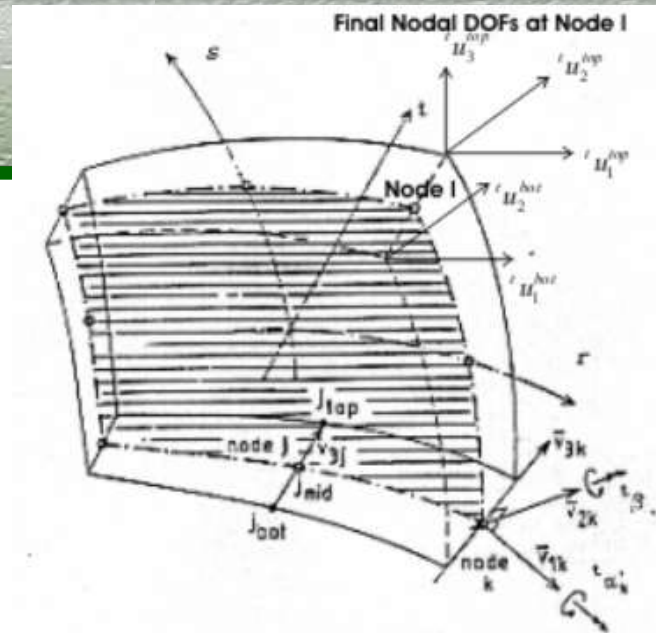
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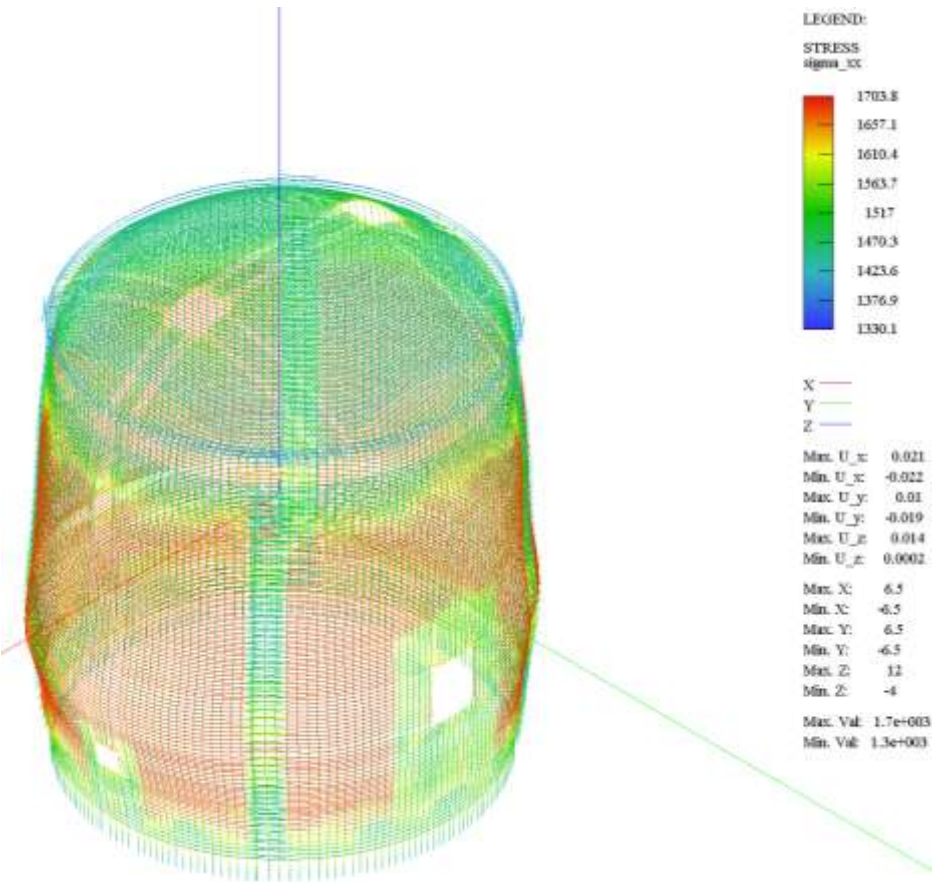
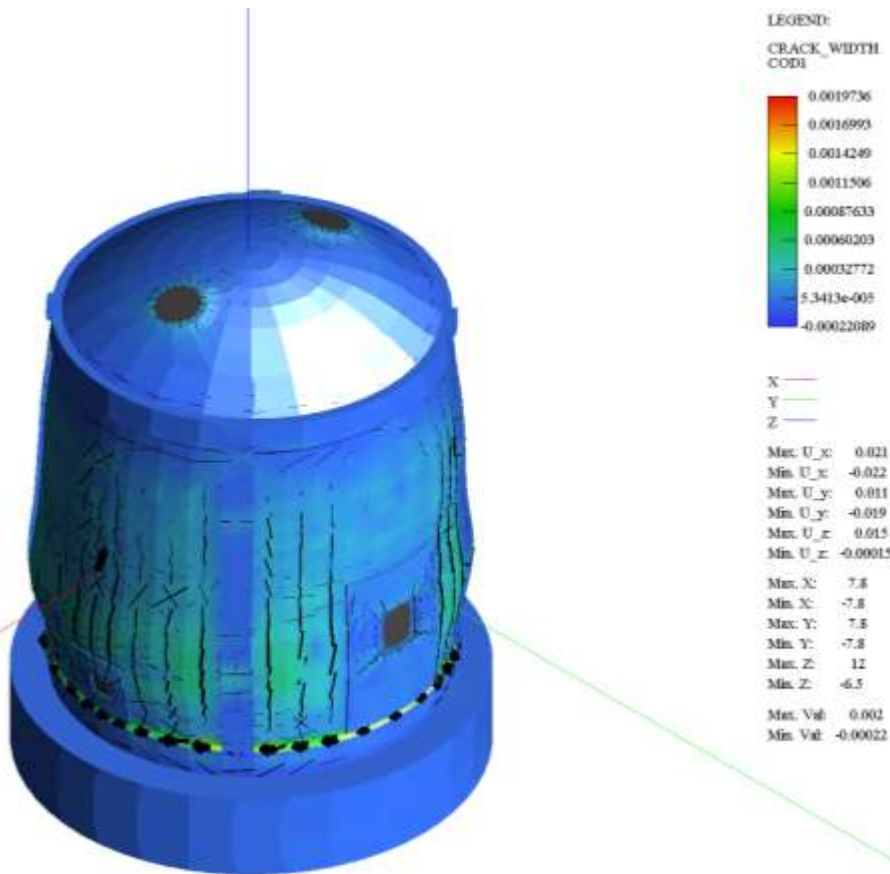
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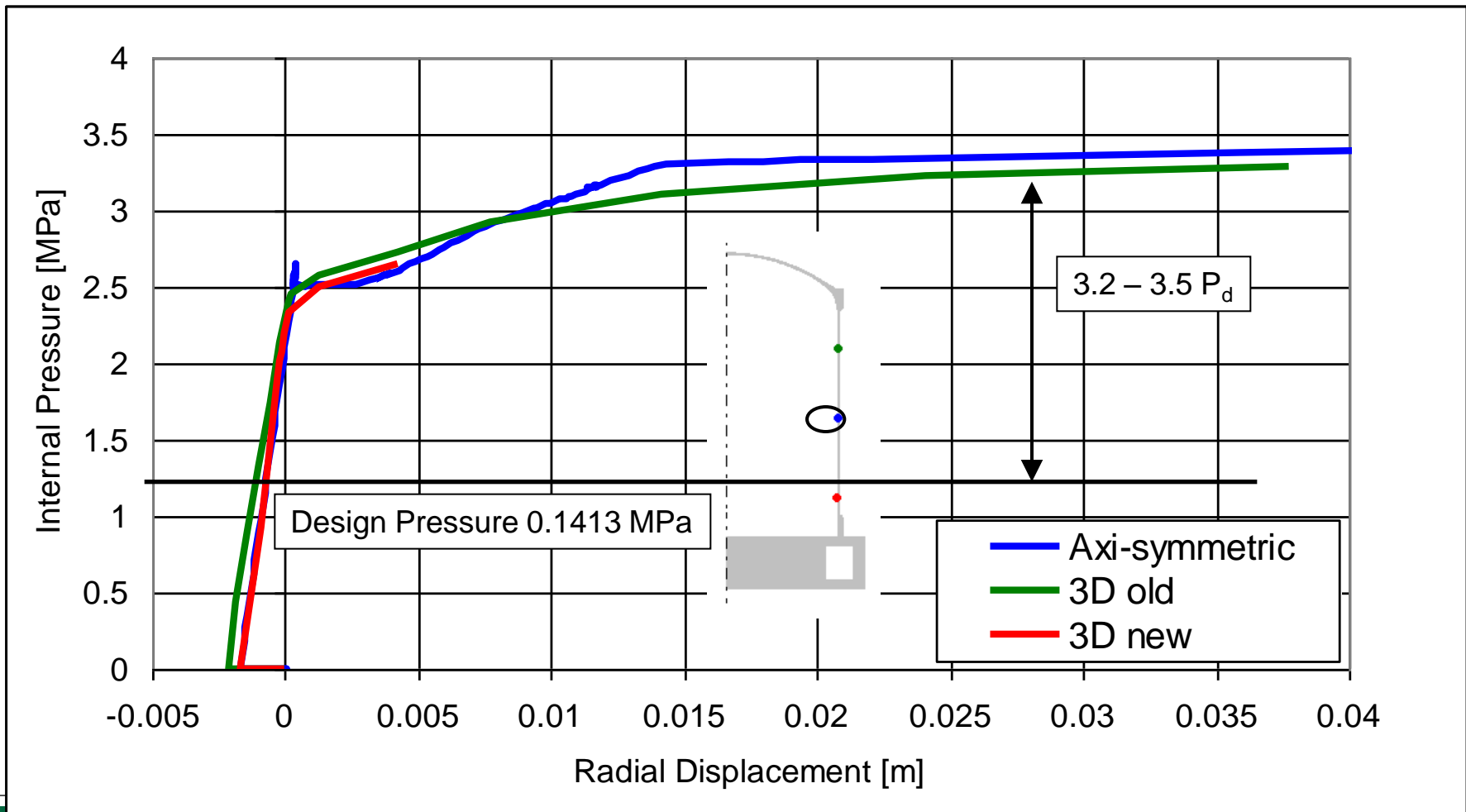
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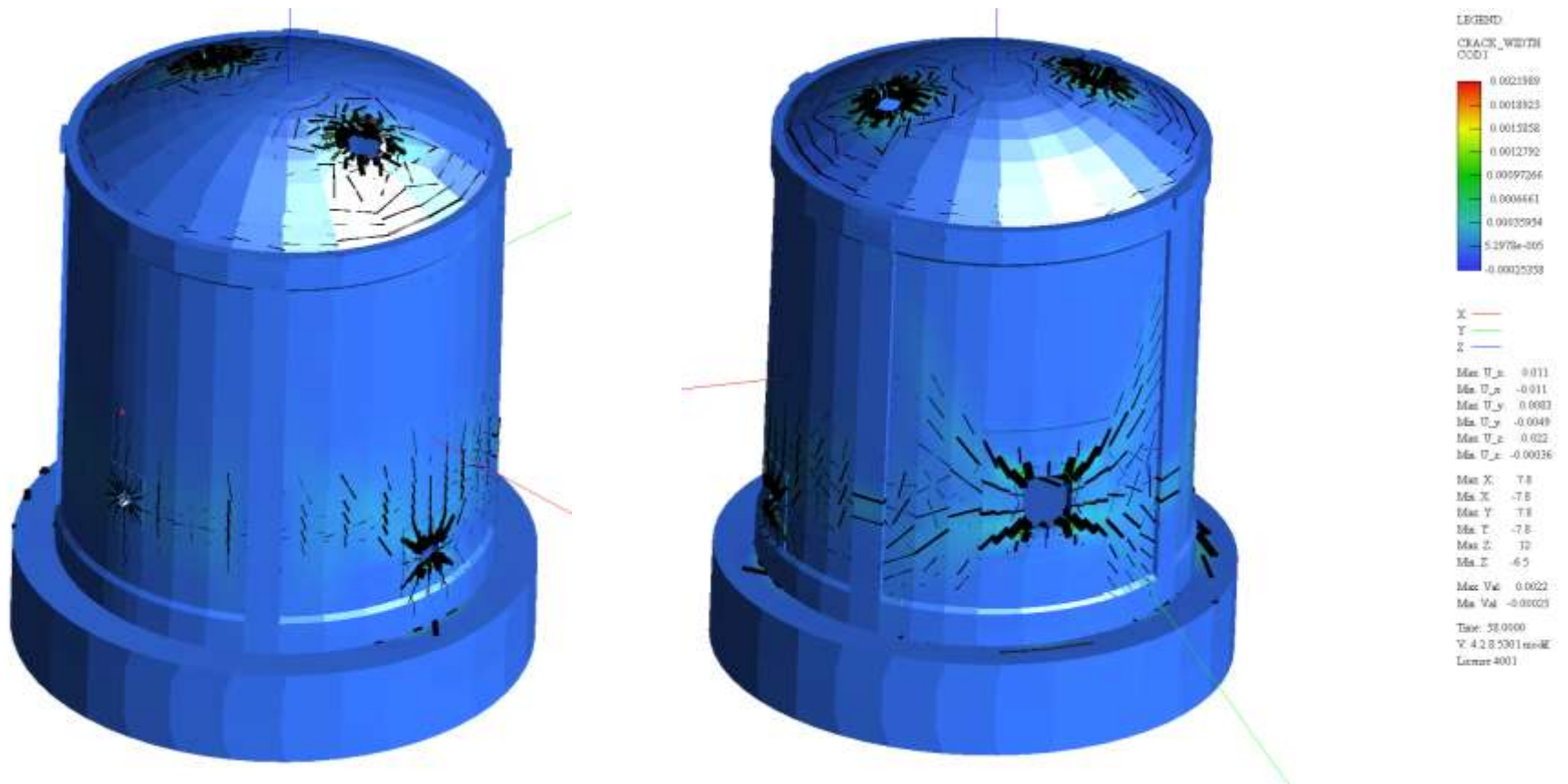
## 3D Analysis – 3.00 design pressure, $P = 0.4239 \text{ MPa}$



## 2D - 3D Analysis – Comparison



New 3D Model based on BARCOM 2009 workshop – corrected cover of openings





## **Safety formats for non-linear analysis - 4 methods**

### **Example:**

- **bending**
- **shear - deep beam**
- **bridge pier – geometric nonlin.**
- **railway tunnel**

### **Comparative study of different safety formats**

# Safety Formats for Nonlinear Analysis

$$E_d < \frac{R_x}{\gamma_R}$$

$R_x$  - is the structural resistance obtained by nonlinear analysis

$g_R$  - is the global safety factor of the structural resistance

$E_d$  - is the factorized load effect as in the case of partial safety factor method

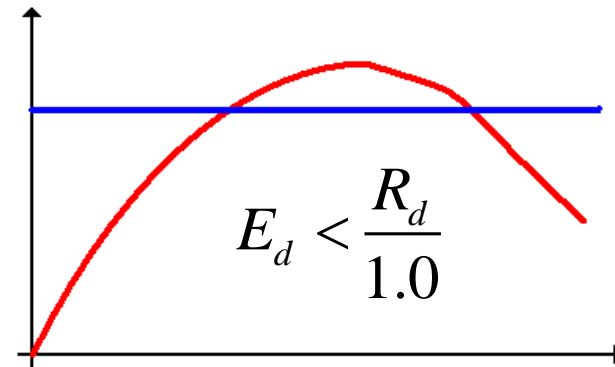
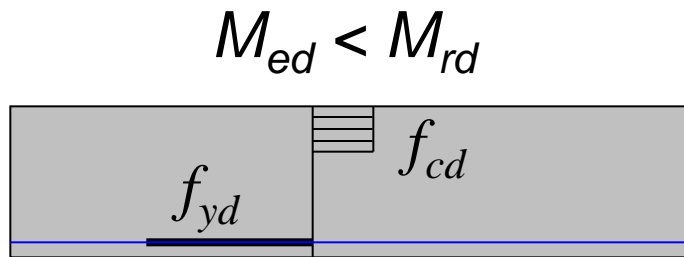
# Safety Format (1), PSF Method

Action

Resistance

## Partial safety factors

$$E_d(\gamma_{G,i}) \leq R_d(\gamma_{d,j})$$



Use design value of material parameter to calculate  $R_d$ :

$$\text{design val.} = \frac{\text{characteristic val.}}{\text{partial safety factor}}$$

$$f_{cd} = \frac{f_{ck}}{\gamma_c} = \frac{30}{1.5} = 20 \text{ MPa}$$

## Safety Format (2), EN1992-2

Global safety factor

$$E_d(\gamma_{G,i}) \leq R_m / \gamma_R$$

All failure modes:  $\gamma_R = 1.27$

Adjusted “mean” values of material parameters:

$$f_{cm} = 0.85 f_{ck} \quad f_{ym} = 1.1 f_{yk}$$

↑  
1.1 x 1.15/1.5

## Safety Format (3), ECOV Estimate of Coefficient of Variation

Coefficient of variation, assuming lognormal distribution of resistance

Global resistance factor

we need  
2 analyses

$$R_k = R_m \exp(-1.65 V_R)$$

$$R_d = R_m \exp(-\alpha_R \beta V_R)$$

$$V_R = \frac{1}{1.65} \ln \left( \frac{R_m}{R_k} \right)$$

$$\gamma_R^m = \exp(\alpha_R \beta V_R)$$

$$\beta = 4.7$$

$$\alpha_R = 0.8$$

Reliability index

Resistance sensitivity

## Safety Format (4), Probabilistic Analysis

### Probability of failure:

$$(1) \quad P(E > R)$$

$$(2) \quad Z = E - R$$

$$P(Z < 0) \sim 10^{-6}$$

### Reliability index:

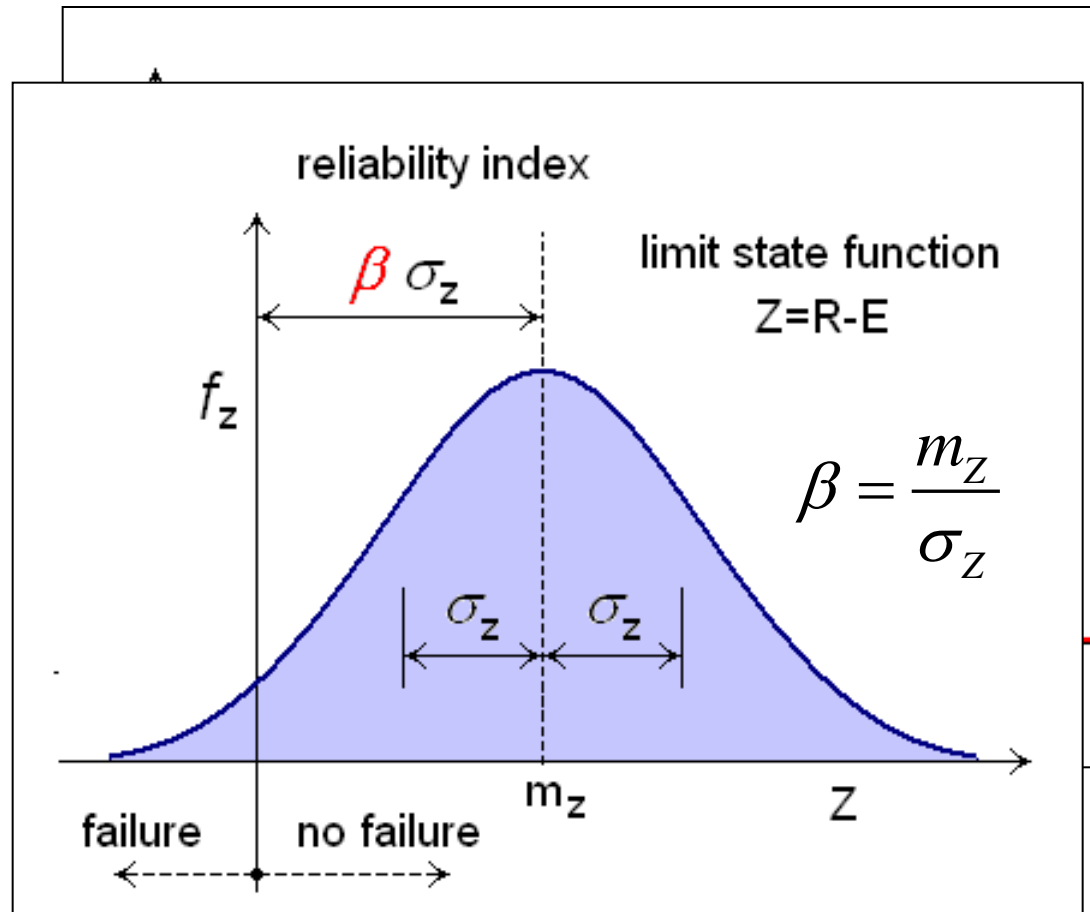
$$\beta(Z) \sim 4.7$$

EN 1990: Basis of structural design, 2002

# Safety and Reliability Factors

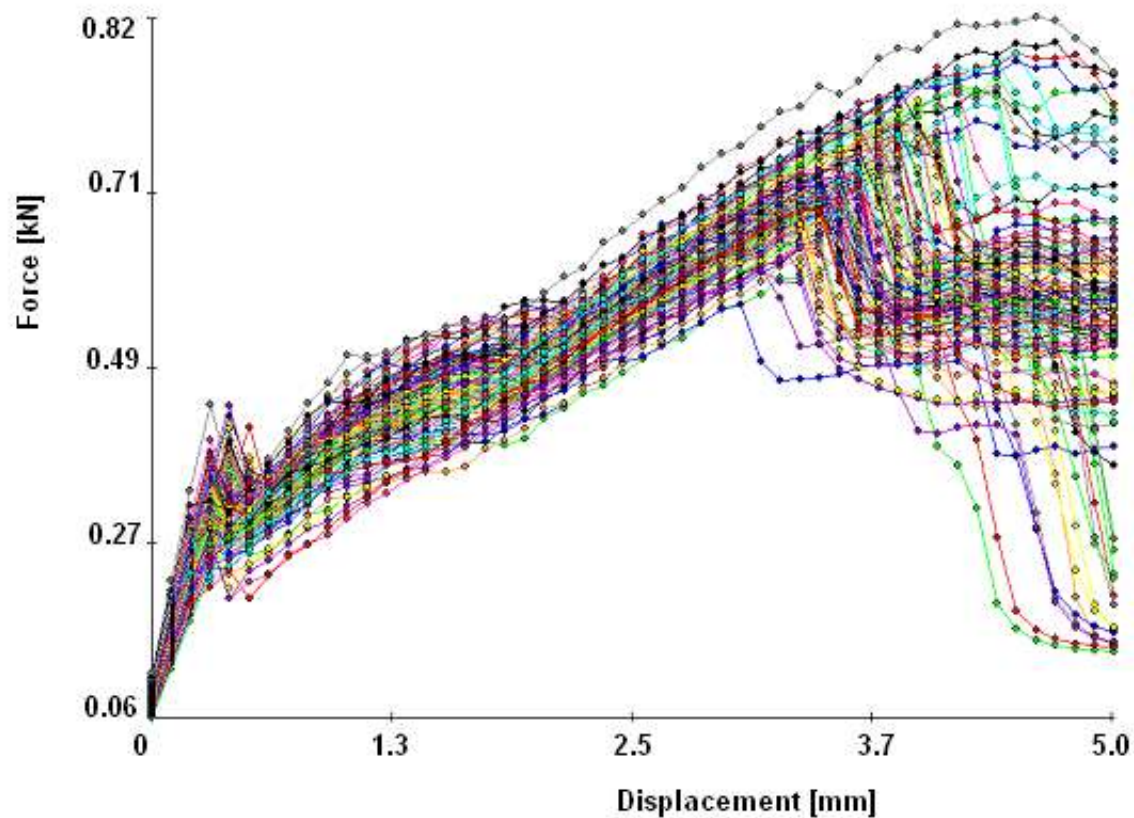
**Safety factors  
scatter – not considered**

**Probabilistic approach  
scatter - considered**



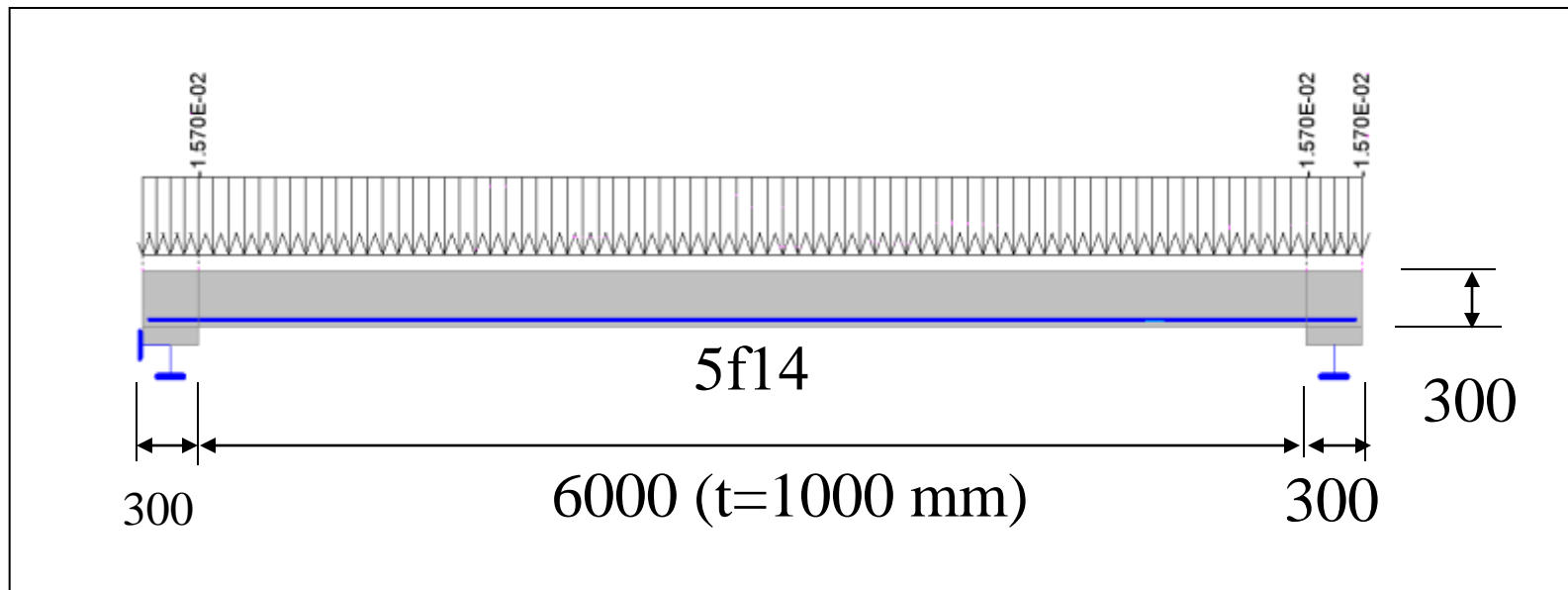
# Results – probabilistic, SARA+ATENA

120 samples





# Bending Beam



$$M_{Ed} = 77.9 \text{ kNm} < M_{Rd} = 93 \text{ kNm}$$

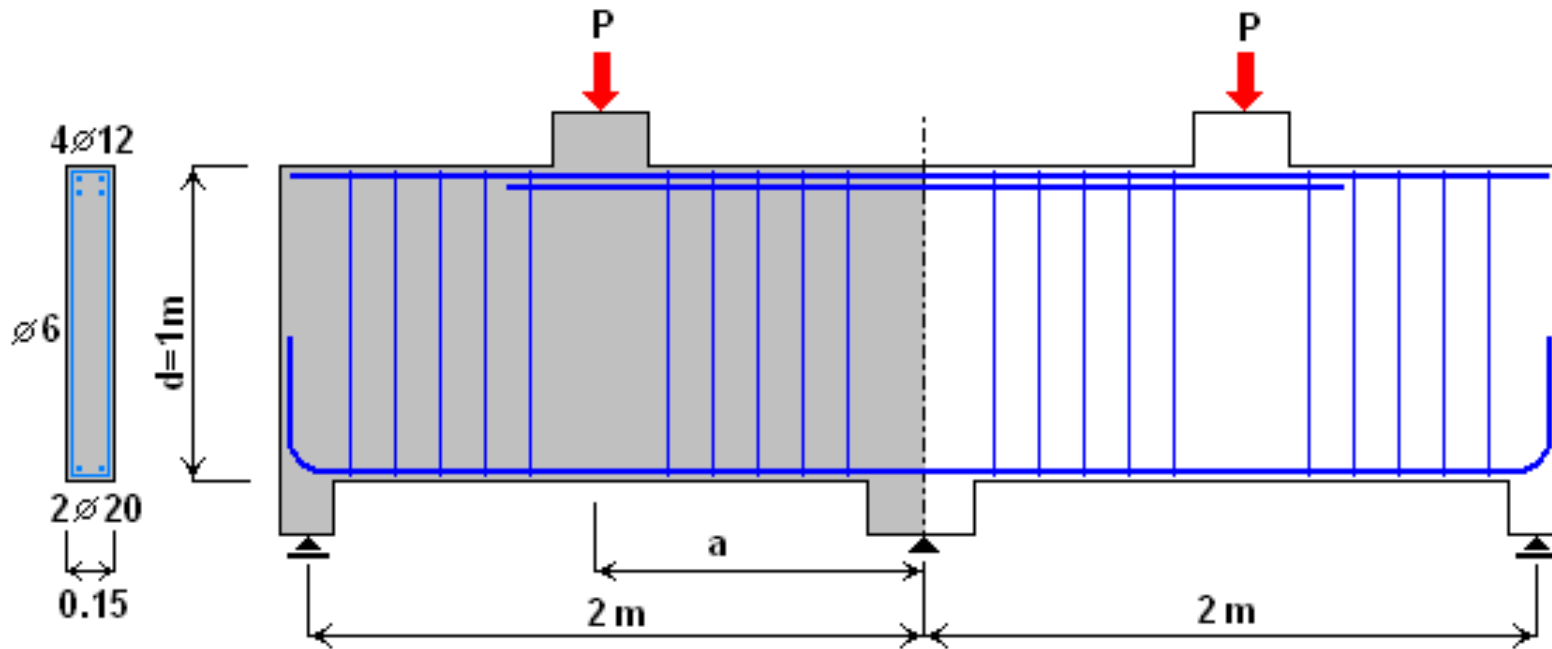
## Example: Deep beam



**Tested by:**  
**Nonlinear, probabilistic analysis by:**

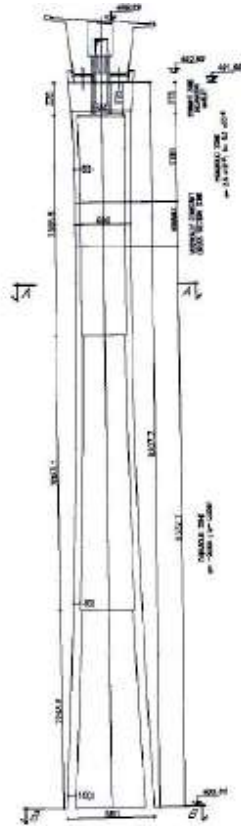
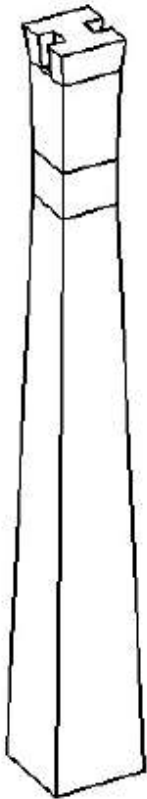
**Melvin Asin, Delft University, 1999**  
**ATENA, 2006**

# Deep beam

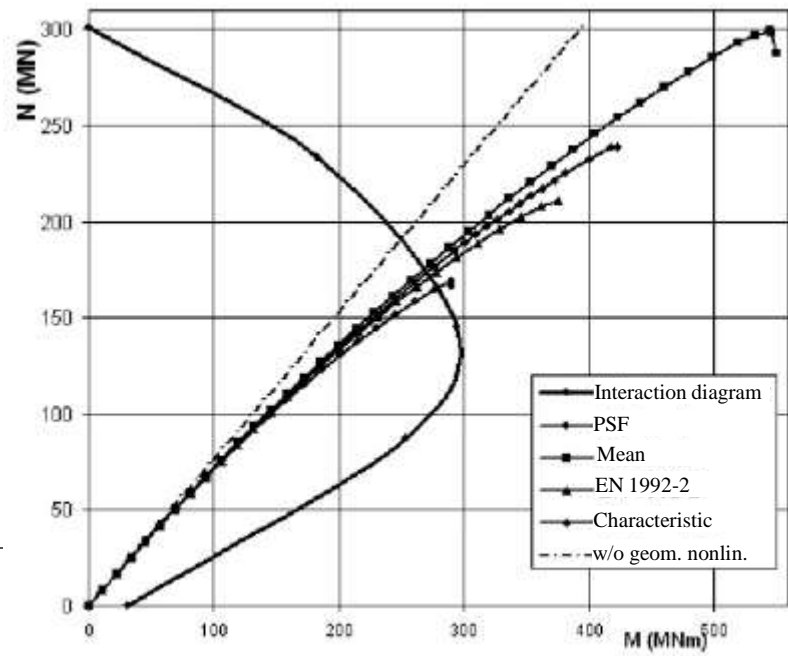
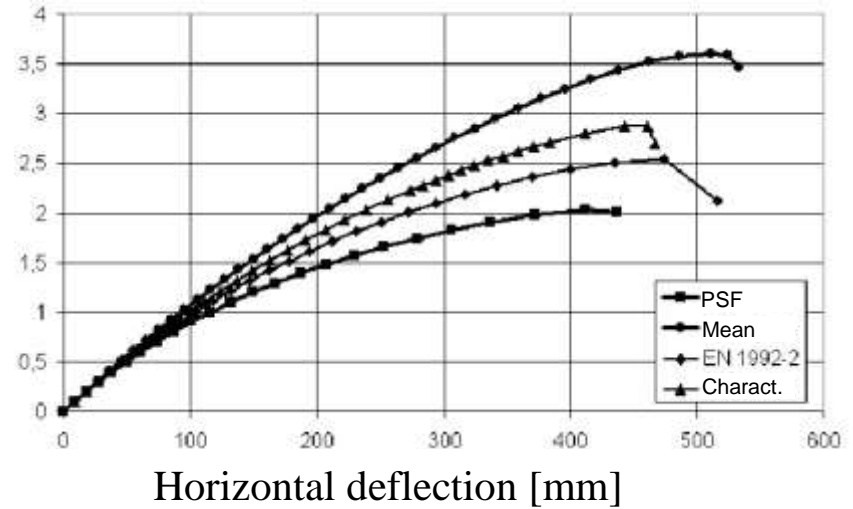


Asin: BM1/2/3  $a/d=1$  C30/37 S500

# Reinforced Concrete Bridge Pier



Load factor



# Safety Formats Comparison

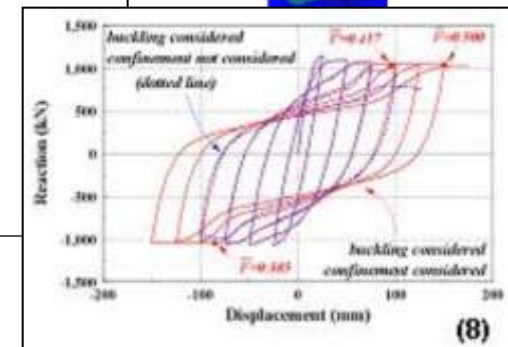
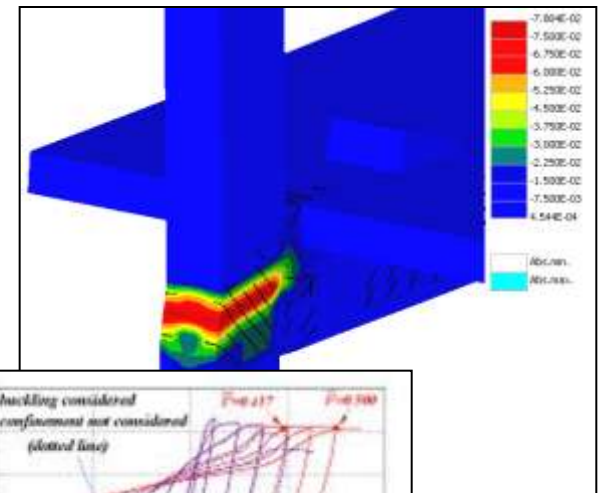
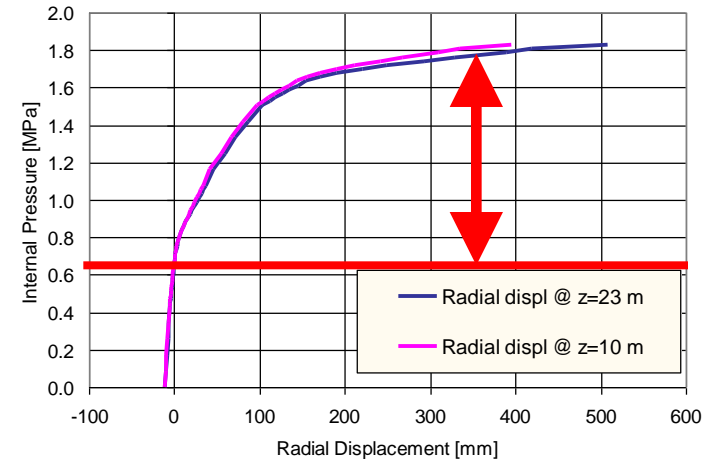
	PSF	ECOV	EN 1992-2	Probabilis- tic
Example 1 Bending $R_d / R_d^{PSF}$	1.0	1.0	0.95	0.96
Example 2 shear beam $R_d / R_d^{PSF}$	1.0	1.02	0.98	0.98
Example 3 bridge pier $R_d / R_d^{PSF}$	1.0	1.06	0.98	1.02
Example 4 bridge frame $R_d / R_d^{PSF}$	1.0	0.97	0.93	1.01

# Types of Nonlinear Analysis

**Ultimate Limit State – max load (ULS)**

**Service Limit State – deflection crack width**

**Seismic Assessment (SA)**  
 pushover  
 accelerogram



# Types of Nonlinear Analysis

## Structural details

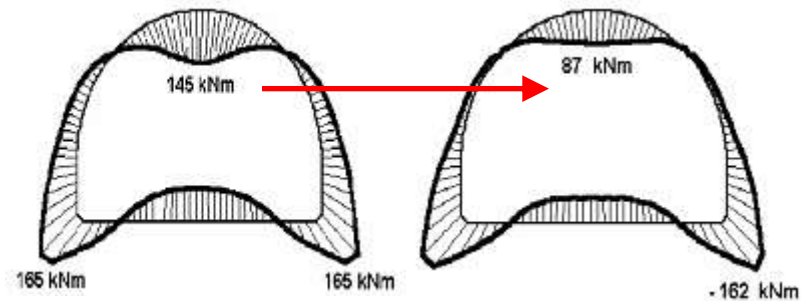
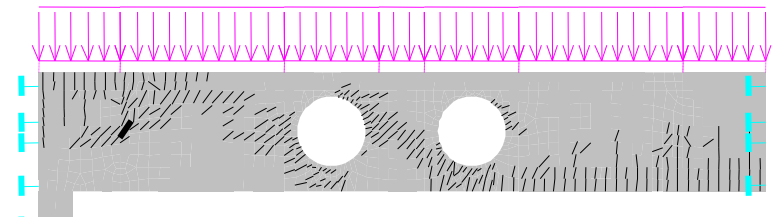
reinforcement detailing  
special details

problems with  
boundary conditions

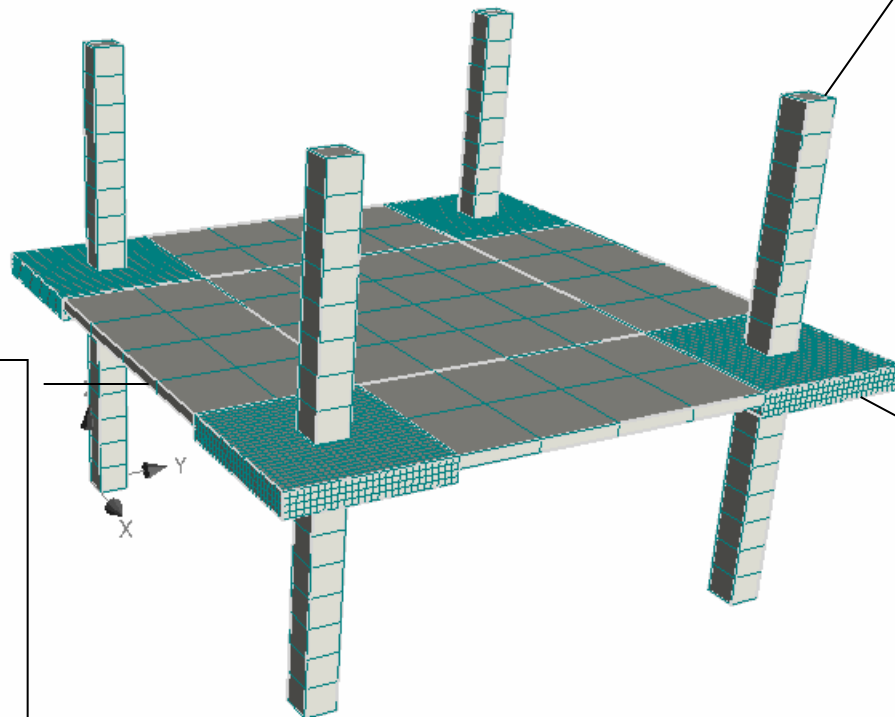
## Overall structural behaviour

redistribution due to cracking  
ULS, SLS, SA

bending OK  
shear or other local effects  
not modelled??



# Modelling Issues for nonlinear analyses of RC



**Bending failure expected**

**Use shell elements**

**Columns bending failure expected**

**Use beam elements with fibres**

**Shear + bending failure**

**Use solid elements**



## Conclusions

**Simulation by nonlinear analysis is used as a standard tool in design practice or for the evaluation of existing structures**

- Removes inconsistency in standard design process between linear analysis and non-linear cross-section check
- Provides insight into the structural behavior
- Helps to discover critical locations and failure modes
- May discover additional load-carrying capacity
- Ideal tool for checking reinforcement detailing in complicated D-regions

### State of art:

- “Complexity” -> old myth from the 20<sup>th</sup> century
- Available in many commercial finite element codes
- Computationally more demanding than linear analysis
- Supplement standard design based on linear analysis and section design

**Thank you for your attention**

