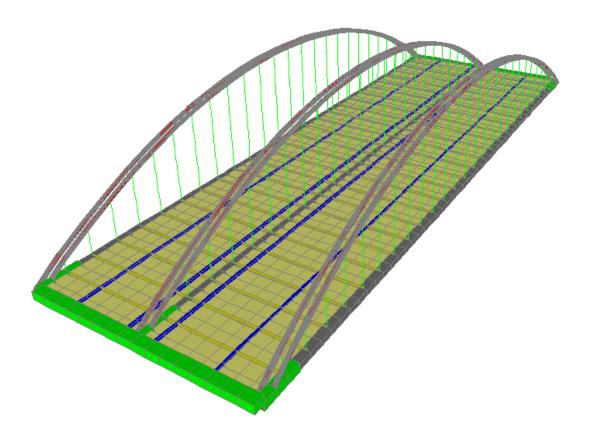
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SECTION 1: INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background

The positive design and construction experience of the tied arch system in Ravenna Viaduct encouraged Nebraska Department of Roads (NDOR) to use this system in another project with a longer span. Columbus Viaduct on US Hwy 30 in Platte County-Nebraska has two spans; arch span of 260 feet, and beam span of 96 ft; and a width of approximately 84 feet. Figure 1.1.1 shows the proposed tied arch system that consists of concrete filled steel tubes for the arch, post-tensioned concrete filled steel tubes for the tie, threaded rod hangers, and steel floor beams composite with post-tensioned concrete deck. This system was proven to be the most efficient system from structural and economical points of view. The report focuses on the analysis and design of the main components of the arch span.

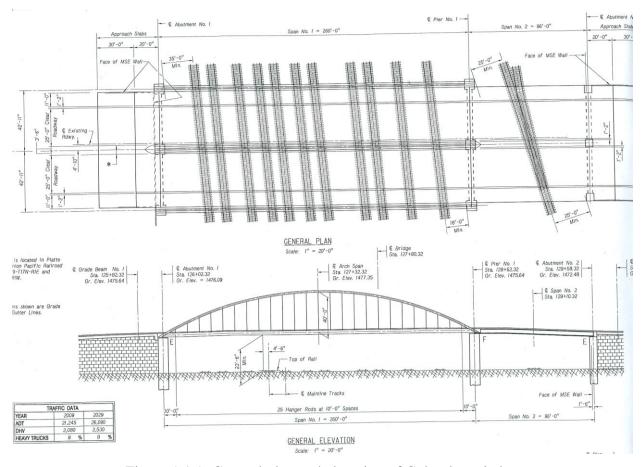


Figure 1.1.1: General plan and elevation of Columbus viaduct

The structural efficiency of this system is mainly due to: 1) the effects of confinement on the concrete capacity in compression members; 2) the use of post-tensioning to eliminate tensile stresses in the tie; 3) the significant reduction in bending moments through the use of top and bottom chords; 4) the composite action with a full width bridge deck to enhance the flexural capacity of the tie even without diaphragms. The economic efficiency of this system is mainly due to the optimal use of different materials (i.e. steel and concrete) and the prefabrication of the tied arch, which significantly saves the construction time and allows the replacement projects to be completed with minimal traffic disruption. Moreover, this system makes it possible to design a superstructure that provides the required overhead clearance for railroad lines. Also, the non-linear P-delta analysis of the tied arch system may indicate that cross braces are not necessary for lateral stability, which improves the aesthetics of the structure.

1.2 Objective

The immediate goal of this research is to provide technical support during the analysis, design, and detailing of the Columbus Viaduct Arch System. The results of the research will form the basis for standardizing the system for future use in applications where spans over 250 ft are required and vertical clearance restrictions exist.

1.3 Report Organization

This report is divided into four sections. Section one provides the background, objective, and report organization. Section two presents the models used for system analysis, section properties, loads, and analysis stages and results. Section three presents the design checks of the various system components including the arch, tie, hanger, cross beams, and connections as well as checks for lateral stability. Section four summarizes the analysis and design results and research conclusions

SECTION 2: SYSTEM ANALYSIS

2.1 Analysis Model

The structural analysis of the Columbus Viaduct is performed using the structural analysis software SAP2000 v.10.1.3. The viaduct is modeled as a 3-D structure using frame elements for ties, arches, cross beams, end beams, and rails; cable elements for hangers; tendon elements for post-tensioning strands; and shell elements for concrete deck. Figure 2.1 shows the plan and profile views of the model, its different components, and centerline dimensions.

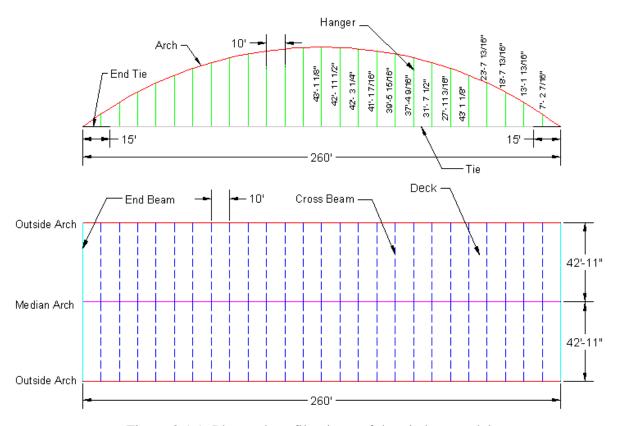


Figure 2.1.1: Plan and profile views of the viaduct model

2.2 Section Properties and Materials

Figure 2.2.1 shows the cross section of each element in the model. The geometric and mechanical properties of these elements are listed in Table 2.2.1. It should be noted that section properties are calculated for two different stages of construction: stage I: steel sections only, and stage II: steel sections filled with concrete. Appendix A shows in details the section properties used in developing the computer models.

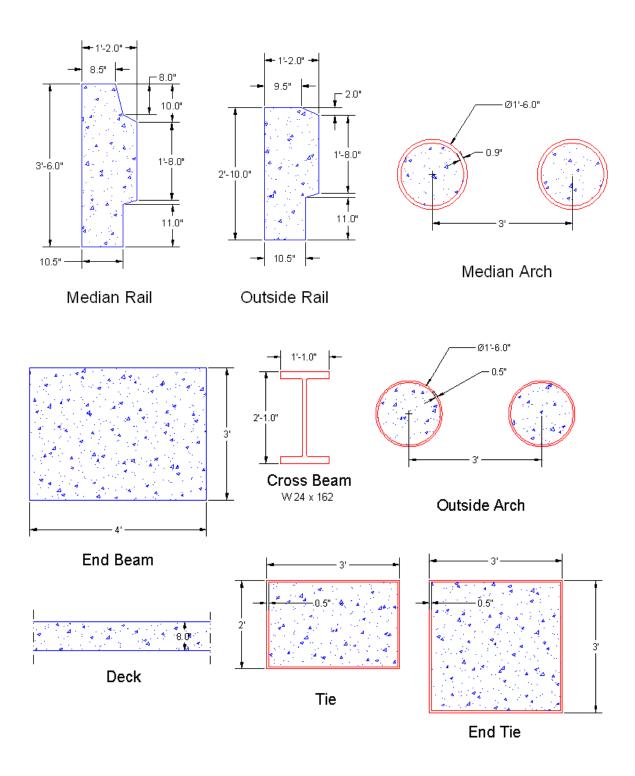


Figure 2.2.1: Cross section of different model elements

Table 2.2.1: Section properties of: a) median arch; b) outside arch; and c) other elements

a) Median Arch

Element	Dimensio	ons	Droportu	E _{Steel}	E _{concrete}	Equiv	valent
Ciement	Parameter	Value (in)	Property	29000	5098	Steel	Concrete
Arch (Schedule	Outer Diameter	18	A (in²)	101	408	172	980
80 steel pipe filled with 8 ksi	Spacing CL-to-CL	36	I _x (in⁴)	3,670	6,636	4,837	27,513
scc)	Thickness	0.938	l _γ (in⁴)	36,251	138,951	60,679	345,154
Tie (Grade 50W	Depth	24	A (in²)	59	805	201	1,141
steel box filled	Width	36	I _x (in⁴)	5,985	35,487	12,224	69,531
with 8 ksi SCC)	Thickness	0.5	l _γ (in⁴)	11,135	82,177	25,582	145,515
End Tie (Grade	Depth	36	A (in²)	71	1,225	286	1,629
50W steel box filled with 8 ksi	Width	36	I _x (in⁴)	14,916	125,052	36,900	209,897
scc)	Thickness	0.500	l _γ (in⁴)	14,916	125,052	36,900	209,897

b) Outside Arch

Element	Dimensio	ons	Droporty	E _{Steel}	E _{Concrete}	Equiv	<i>v</i> alent
Cielliell	Parameter	Value (in)	Property	29000	5098	Steel	Concrete
Arch (Extra heavy	Outer Diameter	18	A (in²)	55	454	135	767
steel pipe filled	Spacing CL-to-CL	36	I _x (in⁴)	2,106	8,200	3,548	20,181
with 8 ksi SCC)	Thickness	0.5	l _γ (in⁴)	19,919	155,283	47,218	268,588
Tie (Grade 50W steel box filled	Depth	24	A (in²)	59	805	201	1,141
	Width	36	I _x (in⁴)	5,985	35,487	12,224	69,531
with 8 ksi SCC)	Thickness	0.5	l _γ (in⁴)	11,135	82,177	25,582	145,515
End Tie (Grade	Depth	36	A (in²)	71	1,225	286	1,629
50W steel box filled with 8 ksi	Width	36	I _x (in⁴)	14,916	125,052	36,900	209,897
scc)	Thickness	0.50	l _γ (in ⁴)	14,916	125,052	36,900	209,897

c) Other Elements

Element	Material	A (in²)	I _s (in ⁴)	l _γ (in ⁴)
End Beam	4 ksi Concrete	1,728.0	186,624	331,776
Cross Beam	Structural Grade 50W weathering steel	47.7	5,170	443
Hanger	1¾ in diameter Grade 150 ksi steel rods	2.4	0	0
Median Rail	4 ksi Concrete	508.3	65,137	7,136
Outside Rail	4 ksi Concrete	431.3	38,930	6,195

2.3 Loads

Table 2.3.1 lists the own weight of different viaduct components used in the model analysis. In addition to the own weight, the following loads are considered:

- Post-tensioning of ties is calculated assuming 2 tendons of 19-0.6" strands in the outside arch and 2 tendons of 37-0.6" strands in the median arch. Deck is also longitudinally post-tensioned using 0.6" mono strands at 12" spacing. Jacking Stress force is assumed to be 210.6 ksi (0.78*270) and an anchor set of 0.25". Force after anchor set is 41 kip per strand.
- Vehicular live load is calculated in accordance to AASHTO LRFD Section 3.6.1.2, which includes the design truck shown in Figure 2.3.1 in addition to a lane load of 0.64 klf uniformly distributed over 10 ft width. Multiple presence factors are used based on the number of loaded lanes (maximum of 4 traffic lanes and 2 pedestrian lanes) according to AASHTO LRFD Section 3.6.1.1. Dynamic load allowance of 33% is used in accordance to AASHTO LRFD Section 3.6.2.
- Pedestrian live load is calculated in accordance to AASHTO LRFD Section 3.6.1.6, which includes a uniform load of 0.075 ksf over pedestrian lands with no multiple presence factor or dynamic load allowance.
- Fatigue load is calculated in accordance to AASHTO LRFD Section 3.6.1.4, which includes a fatigue truck that has a 30 ft fixed distance between the two 32 kips axles shown below. Load factor of 1.5 (0.75 x 2) is used for infinite life check. Dynamic load allowance of 15% is used in accordance to AASHTO LRFD Section 3.6.2.

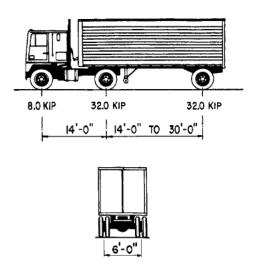


Figure 2.3.1: Characteristics of the design truck

Table 2.3.1: Own weight values of different viaduct components

Own Weight	Value	Unit
Median Arch (Steel Only)	0.342	kip/ft
Outside Arch (Steel Only)	0.187	kip/ft
Tie (Steel Only)	0.201	kip/ft
End Tie (Steel Only)	0.242	kip/ft
Median Arch Concrete	0.425	kip/ft
Outside Arch Concrete	0.473	kip/ft
Tie Concrete	0.839	kip/ft
End Tie Concrete	1.276	kip/ft
Cross Beam	0.162	kip/ft
Metal Deck	0.004	kip/ft²
Future Wearing Surface	0.020	kip/ft²
Pedestrian Wearing Surface	0.038	kip/ft²
Deck Slab	0.100	kip/ft²
Median Rail	0.530	kip/ft
Outside Rail	0.450	kip/ft
Pedestrian Fence	0.025	kip/ft

2.4 Analysis Stages and Results

Due to the proposed construction sequence of the Columbus viaduct, three analysis stages are performed as follows:

Stage I:

- Structure: Arch and tie (steel only) and cross beams.
- Loads: Own weight of arch, tie, cross beams, metal decking and filling concrete.

Stage II:

- Structure: Arch and tie (filled with concrete) and cross beams.
- Loads: Post-tensioning of ties and own weight of concrete deck.

Stage III:

- Structure: Arch and tie (filled with concrete), cross beams, and 7.5" concrete deck composite with tie beams and cross beams
- Loads: Post-tensioning of deck.

Stage IV:

- Structure: Arch and tie (filled with concrete), cross beams, and 7.5" concrete deck composite with tie and cross beams
- Loads: Railing, wearing surface, moving live load (truck + impact and lane load), pedestrian load, and fatigue load.

A summary of analysis results for each load case are listed in Table 2.4.1, and the analysis results for service and strength limit states are listed in Table 2.4.2. The six critical sections listed in these tables are defined as shown in Figure 2.4.1. Appendix B shows the detailed presentation of the model used in each stage along with the loads applied and the resulted deformation, bending moment, and axial force.

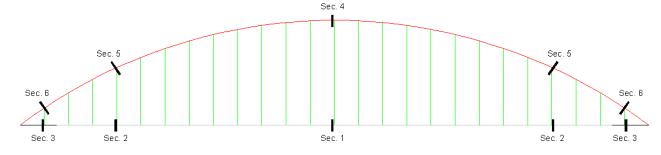


Figure 2.4.1: Location of the critical section

Table 2.4.1: Analysis results for different load cases

a) Outside Arch

	Section	Se	Sec. 1	Sec	Sec. 2	Sec	Sec. 3	Sec. 4	.4	Se	Sec. 5		Sec. 6		Hanger	Mid-Point	Support
Stage	Limit State	P (kip)	M (kip.in)	V (kip)	T (kip)	Deflectio n ∆ (in)	Reaction (kip)										
	Own Weight	280	1560	280	-1494	280	-1476	-280	1094	-311	-982	-336	-774	11.3	12.7	2.5	186
-	Filling Concrete	247	1135	247	-1150	247	-950	-247	845	-274	-746	-298	-580	9.7	10.1	2.0	174
=	Tie Post-Tensioing	-2613	3131	-2856	-5392	-2729	1484	43	1165	46	-2054	56	-438	3.7	-3.4	0.3	0
=	Deck Weight	825	5517	825	-5364	825	-5028	-825	2682	-920	-2342	-995	-1954	30.8	49.3	4.0	536
=	Deck Post-Tensioning	-306	-2935	-302	3098	-187	15545	-51	-1116	-55	1321	-63	2041	0.5	2.2	-1.9	0
	Railing	239	621	239	-655	239	-892	-257	440	-286	-326	-310	-482	9.2	15.8	8.0	197
2	Wearing Surface	167	510	167	-553	167	-593	-175	334	-195	-262	-211	-330	6.5	10.8	9.0	139
≥	Live Load + Impact	509	11373	509	-8638	209	-3830	-559	4246	-622	-3294	-673	-1329	23.5	35	4.3	452
	Pedestrian Load	89	310	89	-348	89	-230	-64	171	-71	-148	11-	-125	2.5	3.8	0.3	92
	TOTAL (Service)	-584	21,222	-823	-19,986	-581	4,030	-2,415	9,861	-2,688	-8,833	-2,907	-3,971	98	136	12.7	1,740
	TOTAL (Strength)	330	32,448	91	-29,168	333	-1,398	-3,372	14,606	-3,753	-12,645	-4,060	-6,174	136	193		2,464

a) Median Arch

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Stage	Limit State	P (kip)	M (kip.in)	V (kip)	T (kip)	n A (in)	K K										
-	Own Weight	165	1138	165	-1082	165	-1006	-165	474	-184	-420	-200	-338	5.4	8.1	1.8	17
-	Filling Concrete	257	1446	257	-1383	257	-1121	-257	624	-285	-558	-310	-466	8.5	10.7	2.5	ä
=	Tie Post-Tensioing	-1342	1751	-1467	-2992	-1401	672	22	479	24	-825	28	-133	1.1	-1.6	0.2	
=	Deck Weight	413	3007	413	-2900	413	-2660	-413	1113	-460	-950	-499	-831	13.2	25.1	2.2	2
≡	Deck Post-Tensioning	-307	-2732	-288	3487	-200	11302	-32	-771	-35	930	-40	1096	-0.4	1.6	-1.7	
	Railing	72	384	72	-421	72	-161	-63	155	-70	-133	-76	-101	2.2	3.8	0.3	en .
2	Wearing Surface	95	432	95	-470	95	-297	-92	189	-102	-155	-111	-151	e	5.6	0.4	u,
≥	Live Load + Impact	26	2837	26	-6170	26	-4668	-78	860	-87	-1660	-93	-531	4.1	4.3	1.4	2
	Pedestrian Load	110	433	110	-458	110	-451	-112	203	-125	-159	-136	-191	3.5	6.9	0.4	<u> </u>
	TOTAL (Service)	-440	969'8	-546	-12,389	-392	1,610	-1,190	3,326	-1,324	086'8-	-1,437	-1,646	41	59	9.7	7
	TOTAL (Strength)	-11	12,858	-117	-19,042	38	-3,615	-1,603	4,809	-1,784	-5,887	-1,936	-2,697	55	88		1,(

Table 2.4.2: Analysis results for service and strength limit states

a) Outside Arch

Support Reaction (kip) 1,739 2,463 1343 115 360 450 536 670 843 Mid-Point ∆ (in) 12.6 4.3 5.8 23 53 2.2 2.2 104 8.2 136 193 46 28 92 M (kip.in) -3,971 -6,175 -3642 -2392 -2881 2041 -2266 -312 P (kip) -2014 -4,058 -1270 -939 -155 -63 M (kip.in) -2160 -4396 -4981 1321 1321 -897 -3,753 P (kip) 1863 -731 -874 -143 M (kip.in) 14,605 9,861 2424 3847 4517 1182 -2,414 -1672 -1054 -129 -782 -51 -51 M (kip.in) -3033 -3544 -4801 -5544 -918 P (kip) -187 1559 117 581 334 M (kip.in) -10756 -17372 -10193 -2362 -2031 1559 823 629 983 117 91 M (kip.in) 8648 3806 P (kip) -1582 629 1559 -584 330 983 117 TOTAL (Strength I) Limit State TOTAL (Service I) ≥

a) Median Arch

Support	(kip)	291	364	268	335	0	0	217	349	54	922	1,048
Mid-Point	Dellection Δ (in)	4.4		2.4		-1.7		2.6			1.7	
Hanger	T (kip)	19	24	24	30	1.6	1.6	21	33	7	99	88
Sec. 6	M (kip.in)	-804	-1005	-964	-1172	1096	1096	-975	-1618	-291	-1,647	-2,699
Sec	P (kip)	-510	-638	-471	-596	-40	-40	-416	-662	-111	-1,437	-1,936
.55	M (kip.in)	-978	-1223	-1775	-2012	930	930	-2106	-3581	-945	-3,929	-5,886
Sec. 5	P (kip)	-469	-586	-436	-551	-35	-35	-384	-612	-103	-1,324	-1,784
. 4	M (kip.in)	1099	1374	1592	1870	-770	-770	1406	2337	1452	3,327	4,811
Sec. 4	P (kip)	-422	-528	-391	-494	-32	-32	-345	-549	-93	-1,190	-1,603
	M (kip.in)	-2127	-2659	-1987	-2652	11302	11302	-5575	-9603	-1822	1,613	-3,612
Sec. 3	P (kip)	422	528	686-	-886	-200	-200	374	594	93	-393	36
2.2	M (kip.in)	-2465	-3081	-5890	-6615	3487	3487	-7518	-12829	-3451	-12,386	-19,038
Sec. 2	P (kip)	422	528	-1054	-951	-288	-288	374	594	93	-546	-118
:1	M (kip.in)	2584	3230	4757	2508	-2732	-2732	4085	6851	5876	8,694	12,857
Sec. 1	P (kip)	422	528	-929	-826	-307	-307	374	594	93	-440	-12
Section	Limit State	Service I	Strength I	Fatigue	TOTAL (Service I)	TOTAL (Strength I)						
0,	Stage	-	-	=	=	=	.	2	2		TOTA	TOTA

SECTION 3: DESIGN CHECKS

3.1 Arch

The increase in the flexural capacity of a steel pipe when filled with concrete was estimated experimentally in an earlier research. Two 10 in. diameter 21 ft long specimens were purchased from Scoco Supply in Omaha, NE. One hollow specimen was tested as a 20 ft simply supported beam with point load at the midspan. The other specimen was tested exactly the same way after being filled with self-consolidating concrete that has a 30" spread and 28-day compressive strength of 7 ksi. To ensure that the second specimen was fully filled with concrete, concrete was pumped from bottom to top while the specimen was leaning at a steep angle. Both specimens were tested at the PKI Structures Lab using a single 110 kip hydraulic jack for loading and a LVDT at the midspan for measuring deflections as shown in Figure 3.1.1. The load-deflection curves of the two specimens were plotted as shown in Figure 3.1.2. The hollow specimen had an ultimate load of 39.8 kip, corresponding deflection of 6.83 in, and ultimate deflection of 10.7 in. The concrete filled specimen had an ultimate load of 55.3 kips and corresponding ultimate deflection of 14 in. By comparing load and deflection values of the two specimens, it can be concluded that filling a steel pipe with concrete increased its flexural capacity and ductility approximately 40% and 60% respectively. The measured flexural capacity of the hollow pipe (199 kip.ft) is very close to the theoretical flexure capacity of a steel pipe calculated using plastic section properties (189 kip.ft). On the other hand, the measured flexure capacity of the concretefilled pipe (277 kip.ft) is similarly close to the theoretical flexure capacity calculated for a circular concrete section uniformly reinforced along its perimeter with a steel area equal to that of the surrounding pipe.

Service design checks at the critical sections of the outside and median arches before being filled with concrete are listed in Appendix C. Figures 3.1.3 and 3.1.4 show the stress-strain diagram of the confined concrete for the outside and median arches and the corresponding calculations using the theory of confinement. The estimated confined concrete compressive strength is used to develop the interaction diagrams shown in Appendix D using the computer program PCA Column version 4.0. These diagrams were used to perform strength design checks at the critical

sections. It should be noted that all design checks are done on a single pipe, while the analysis results listed in Tables 2.4.1 and 2.4.2 are for the full section (i.e. two pipes)



Figure 3.1.1: Test setup for hollow and concrete-filled pipes

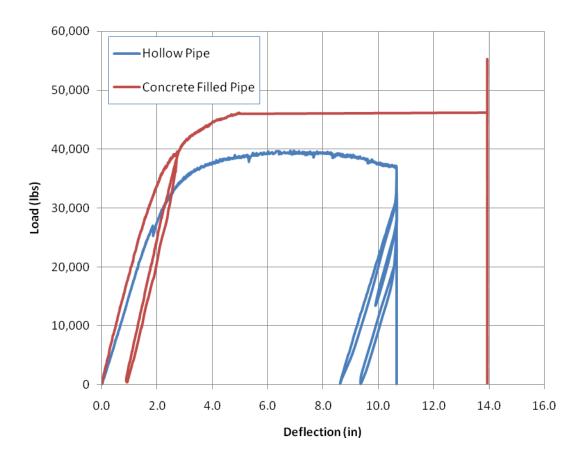
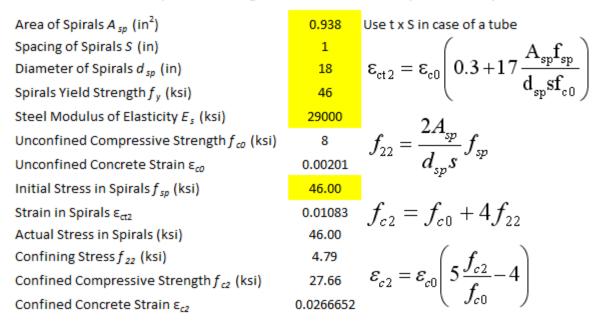


Figure 3.1.2: Load-deflection relationships for hollow and concrete-filled pipes

Compressive Strength of Confined Concrete (Median Arch)



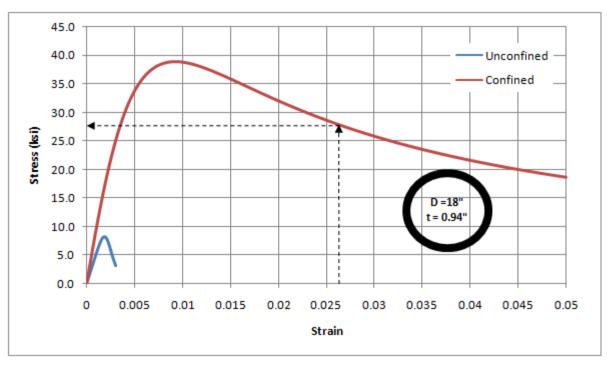
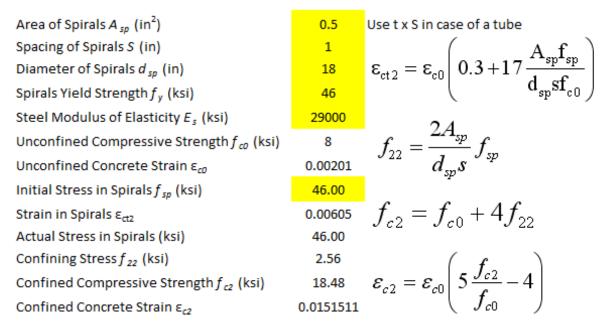


Figure 3.1.3: Stress-strain diagram of confined concrete (median arch)

Compressive Strength of Confined Concrete (Outside Arch)



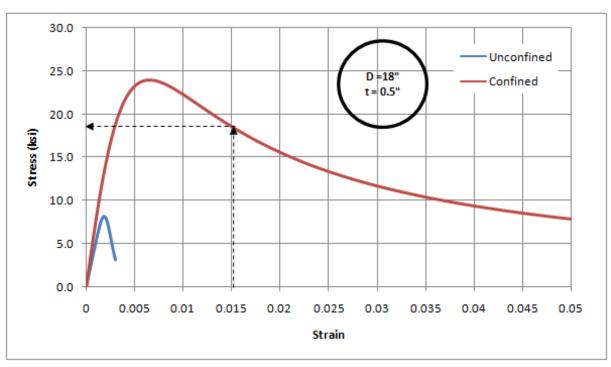


Figure 3.1.4: Stress-strain diagram of confined concrete (outside arch)

3.2 Tie

Due to the uniqueness of the tie design, an experimental investigation was carried out in an earlier study to estimate the flexural capacity of the post-tensioned concrete filled steel tube. A 40 ft long steel tube was fabricated at Capital Contractors in Lincoln, NE and shipped to PKI Structures Lab for testing. The tube is 24" x 24" and consists of four welded plates that are ½" thick. The top plate of the tube was left off to facilitate the installation of the post-tensioning hardware. End plates had two holes that were 6 ½" in diameter to fit post-tensioning anchorages. DSF post-tensioning hardware, which includes wedge plates, wedges, anchorage plates, duct couplers, ducts, and grouting accessories, that can accommodate two 19-0.6" strands were installed and properly fastened in the steel tube. The 4" diameter ducts were installed so that the center of the ducts is 4" from the bottom of the tube. Duct chairs were used to maintain 2" concrete cover below the duct and #4 bars were placed directly on top of the ducts at 3 ft spacing to prevent the upward movement of the ducts by buoyant forces when concrete is poured. In addition, 2" x 2" stiffeners were added with 1" clearance from each corner to help stiffening the plates and achieving the composite actions between the concrete and surrounding steel. The top plate was then welded to close the steel box. The top plate has two 4" diameter holes at each end for concrete pumping and twelve 1" diameter holes spaced at 3 ft for venting and quality assurance. A self-consolidating concrete (SCC) with 30" spread and specified 28-day strength of 7000 psi was pumped into the steel tube. Only 20 strands (10 per suck) were used and posttensioned at 202.5 ksi using mono-strand jack after the filling concrete strength has reached 4000 psi. After all strands were tensioned, "lift off" tests were performed to determine the true level of prestressing after initial losses. This was found to be averaged at 170.5 ksi, which means 16% initial losses. Following post-tensioning, the two ducts were grouted using a very simple grout consisting of Type I cement and water (w/c = 0.44). Toggle bolts and washers were used to block the 9 additional holes in the anchor plate (only 10 strands in a 19-strand plate) and 2" diameter pipe fitting were used to block the grout access holes.

The specimen was tested using two 300 kip hydraulic jacks spaced 12' from each other because of the fixed support locations in the lab floor. The span of the specimen from centerline to centerline was 39' 3" and the loading points were located at 13' 7.5" from each support as shown in Figure 3.2.1.



Figure 3.2.1: Tie specimen during loading

Figure 3.2.2 plots the load-deflection curve of the tested specimen. The ultimate load was found to be 445 kip, which corresponds to a moment of 3032 kip.ft, and the ultimate deflection at the mid-span was 4.5 in. The ultimate moment capacity of the specimen was calculated using strain compatibility was found to be 2979 kip.ft, which is very close to the measured value. Therefore, strain compatibility concept was used to determine the capacity of the outside and median ties for the Columbus Viaduct project.

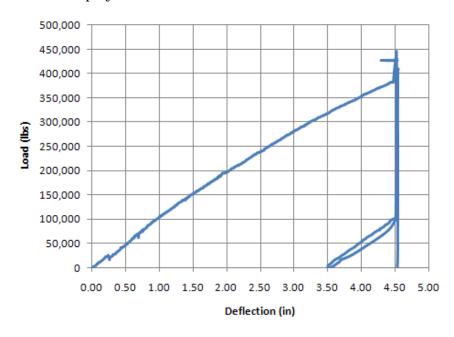


Figure 3.2.2: Load-deflection relationship of the tie specimen

Service design checks at the critical sections of the outside and median ties before being filled with concrete are listed in Appendix C. Table 3.2.1 summarizes the stress ratio at all the critical sections of the tie and arch during construction stage I. All the listed values are well below 1.0

Table 3.2.1: Stress ratio at critical sections for construction stage I

Section #	Stress	Ratio
Section #	Median Arch	Outside Arch
1	0.52	0.45
2	0.52	0.44
3	0.38	0.31
4	0.35	0.43
5	0.35	0.45
6	0.34	0.45

The interaction diagrams for four tie sections (mid-section in outside tie, end-section in outside tie, mid-section in median tie, end-section in median tie) were developed using strain compatibility. For each section, diagrams were developed for two construction stages: non-composite tie for construction stage II, and composite tie for construction stage III. Based on the results of an earlier experimental investigation, the effective deck width for composite sections was taken as the distance between the centerlines of the deck panels between ties. Appendix D presents the interaction diagrams developed using 19, 27, and 37 strands per tendon. Plotting the bending moment and axial force values obtained from Tables 2.4.1 and 2.4.2 on these interaction diagrams indicate that using 19 strands per tendon for the outside tie and 37 strands per tendon for the median tie is adequate.

3.3 Hangers

Hangers are designed as tension members made of 150 ksi high strength rods that have a minimum yield strength of 120 ksi. All the rods are 1 3 4" in diameter with a variable length. According to the analysis results shown in Tables 2.4.1 and 2.4.2, the hangers of the median arch are more critical than those of the outside arch. The maximum tension force for the service limit state is 128 kips, which results in a working stress of 53 ksi; and the maximum tension force for the strength limit state is 179 kips, which results in an ultimate stress of 75 ksi. These stresses are well below the allowable stresses (0.6 F_y , and ϕ F_y respectively). Based on the results of the testing performed earlier on one of the hangers and its connection to the arch at the PKI structural lab, the ultimate capacity of the rod is 385 kips as shown in Figure 3.3.1. This provides a capacity-to-demand ratio of 2.15.

The maximum tension force in the hanger rod due to the fatigue truck is 10 kips, which results in a fatigue stress of 4.2 ksi. This stress is well below the limiting fatigue stress (16/2 ksi for detail category B). The fatigue testing performed earlier on the hanger-arch connection has indicated that both the hanger rod and the connection can withstand two million cycles under a cyclic load from 65 kips – 85 kips, which is twice the load that the hanger rod is subjected to in this project.

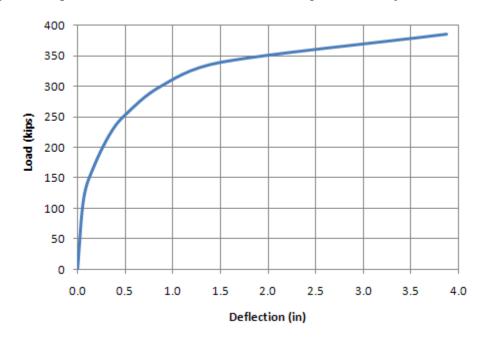


Figure 3.3.1: Load-deflection relationship of a 1 ¾ in. diameter hanger

3.4 Cross Beams

Cross beams are designed as 39' 11" simply supported beams that have 10' spacing and a cross section of W24x162. Figure 3.4.1 shows the different load cases and the corresponding bending moment, shear force, and mid-span deflection values. Table 3.4.1 shows the design check calculations for both the non-composite and composite sections.

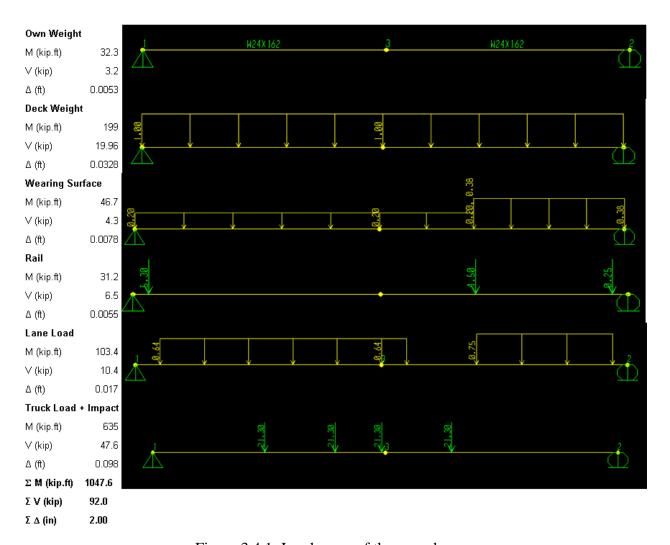


Figure 3.4.1: Load cases of the cross beams

Table 3.4.1: Stress calculations for cross beams under different loading conditions

Description	W24x162	Units		
Beam Area	47.7	in^2		
Beam Weight	0.162	kip/ft		
Beam Moment of Inertia	5,170.00	in^4		
Beam Height	25.00	in		
Top Flange Width	13	in		
Y_b	12.5	in		
Section Modulus	413.6	in^3		
Beam Span	39.92	ft		
Beam Spacing	10.00	ft		
Structural Deck Thickness	7.50	in		
Total Deck Thickness	8.00	in		
Haunch Thickness	1.0	in		
Deck Compressive Strength	4000	psi		
$M_{(non\text{-}composite)}$	2776	kip.in		
Bottom Stress on Non-Composite	6.71	ksi		
Modular Ratio	8.04	N/A		
Transformed Deck Width	14.92	in		
Transformed Deck Area	111.88	in^2		
$Y_{b \text{ (composite)}}$	24.59	in		
$I_{(composite)}$	15,646	in^4		
$S_{(composite)}$	636	in^3		
$M_{(composite)}$	12,082	kip.in		
Bottom Stress on Composite	18.99	ksi	Limit (k	(si)
Unfactored Total Stress	25.70	ksi	30	ok
Factored Total stress	34.82	ksi	50	ok
Fatigue Stress	8.98	ksi	12	ok

3.5 Arch-Tie Connection

The connection between the tie and arch of the median arch is considered the most critical connection in the structure. Thus, a detailed finite element (FE) model was developed using structural analysis program ANSYS 11.0 to determine the principle stresses at the connection location. Figure 3.5.1 shows the dimensions of the connection that has been considered for the analysis.

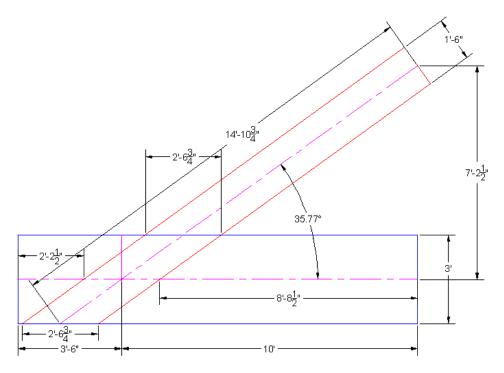


Figure 3.5.1: Dimensions of the arch-tie connection

Figure 3.5.2 shows the SHELL43 element used for modeling both the tie and the arc. SHELL 43 is well suited to model linear, warped, moderately-thick shell structures. The element has six degrees of freedom at each node: translations in the nodal x, y, and z directions and rotations about the nodal x, y, and z axes. The deformation shapes are linear in both in-plane directions. The complete 3D FE model of the joint is shown in Figure 3.5.3.

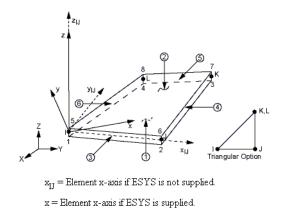


Figure 3.5.2: Shell element used for the analysis (SHELL43)

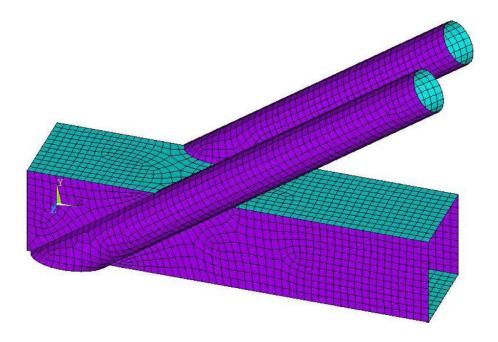


Figure 3.5.3: FE model of the connection

The loads applied to this connection were obtained from Table 2.4.1 and factored according to the 2007 AASHTO LRFD. These loads include dead load, post-tensioning force, super imposed dead load and live loads. Figures 3.5.4 and 3.5.5 show the principle stresses at the connection and welding locations respectively. Based on the presented stress contours, it can be concluded that the average principle stresses at the weld location is less than 20 ksi. Higher stress values occur at very few locations (i.e. the intersection of the pipe and box) due to stress concentrations. However, these stresses are still below the ultimate strength of the steel section and the weld used (i.e. Fy = 46 ksi)

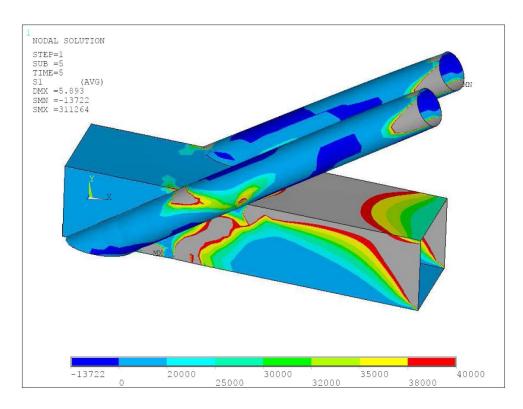


Figure 3.5.4: FE model for the Joint

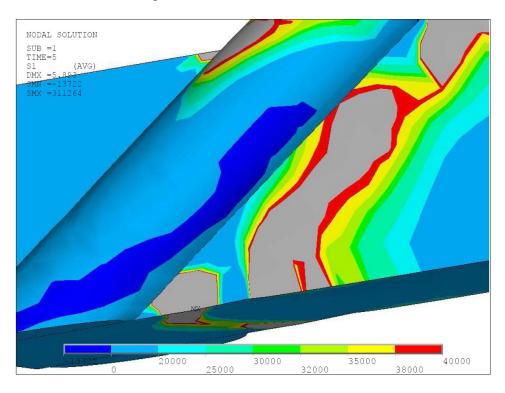


Figure 3.5.5: FE model for the Joint

3.6 Lateral Stability

Lateral stability analysis was performed to confirm the stability of the three arches of the Columbus viaduct in the transverse direction when subjected to wind loads. Non-linear static analysis (i.e. due to geometric nonlinearity) was applied to the three dimensional model developed earlier using SAP2000 version 10.1.3 to account for P-delta effects on the arch elements. Arches, ties, cross beams, and rails were modeled using frame element, hangers were modeled using cable elements, post-tensioning strands were modeled using tendon elements, and concrete deck was modeled using shell elements that have both bending and membrane capabilities. Wind load was calculated according to AASHTO LRFD Section 3.8.1.2, which is 50 psf in windward direction, and 25 psf in the leeward direction on the arch components. The calculated values should not be less than 300 plf in the plane of windward chord, and 150 plf in the plane of leeward chord. Figure 3.6.1 shows the forces applied to the model to represent the calculated wind load. Figure 3.6.2 shows the deformed shape of the structure when only wind load is applied. This deformed shape does not account for the P-delta effects of the axial force in the arch elements.

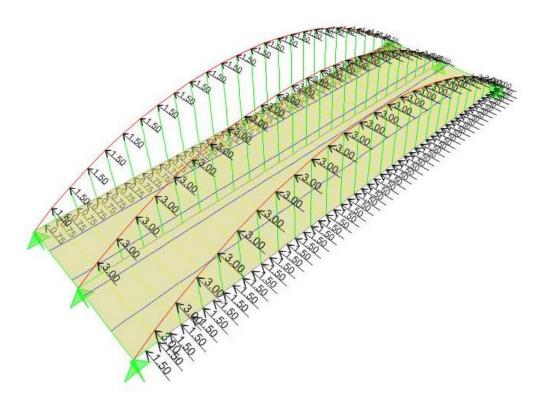


Figure 3.6.1: Wind load applied to the model for lateral stability analysis

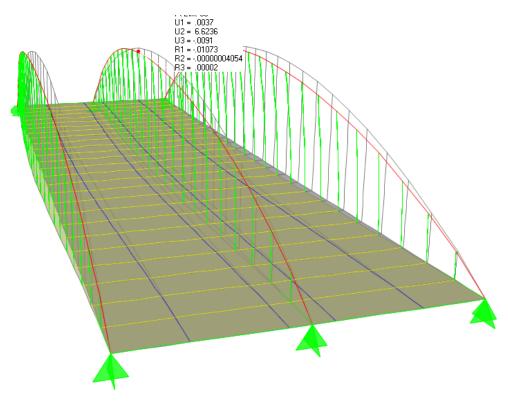


Figure 3.6.2: Deformed shape of the structure due to wind load only

To check the lateral stability of Columbus viaduct arches, wind load is applied while increasing the dead load gradually until lateral instability (i.e. buckling) occur. P-delta effects due to the compressive force in the arches will increase as the dead load increases. These effects are calculated in several iterations until the solution converge. Figure 3.6.3 shows the increase of the lateral deflection of the median and outside arches when dead load multiplier ranges from 0 to 4. In all these cases, the arches remain stable as the solution converges. Lateral instability occurred when a dead load multiplier of 5 is used. A converging solution could not be reached. A dead load multiplier of 4 confirms that the structure is very stable under the static design wind load with a factor of safety of 4. Figure 3.6.4 shows the deformed shape of the structure when wind load in applied in conjunction with four times the dead load.

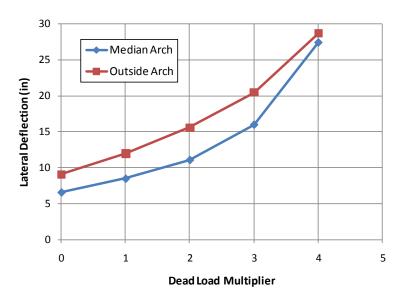


Figure 3.6.3 Lateral deflections calculated using nonlinear analysis with P-delta effects

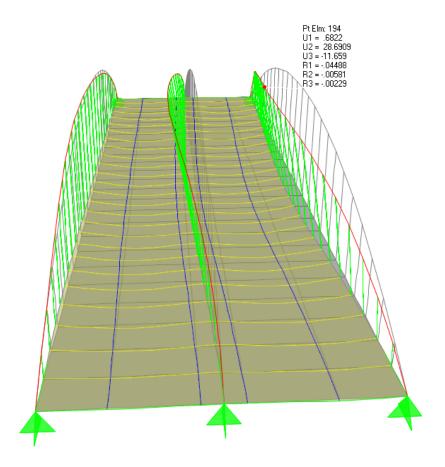


Figure 3.6.4 Lateral deflections due to wind load + 4 x dead load

SECTION 4: SUMMARY AND COLCLUSIONS

The tied arch system provides a unique solution to the several challenges associated with the construction of railroad overpasses, such as restricted vertical clearance, inadequate space for intermediate piers, and very limited traffic control during construction. The system was first applied to the construction of the Ravenna viaduct to provide a structural depth less than 35 in. while crossing a span of 174 ft without any intermediate piers. Additionally, most of the assembly and construction was done before the bridge was over the railroad, which kept worker time over the railroad and rail traffic disruption to a minimum.

In this project, the analysis and design of Columbus viaduct using the tied arch system was investigated. Although the system has the same components of that used in the Ravenna viaduct, it is considered significantly different due to the use of three parallel tied arches instead of two and spanning 260 ft instead of 174 ft. Three-dimensional models were developed for the structural analysis of the viaduct at different construction stages. The models consist of frame elements (i.e. tie, arch, cross beams, and end beams), cable elements (i.e. hangers), and shell elements (i.e. deck). Design loads were calculated according to the 2007 AASHTO LRFD specifications. Theory of confinement and strain compatibility were used to develop the interaction diagrams required to check the design of the tie and arch at the most critical sections. A finite element model was also developed to check the stresses at the arch-to-tie connection of the median arch. P-delta analysis was performed to check lateral stability of the outside and median arches due to design wind loads.

All these checks have indicated that the current design of the Columbus Viaduct developed by NDOR bridge engineers is adequate for the specified loads.

APPENDIXES

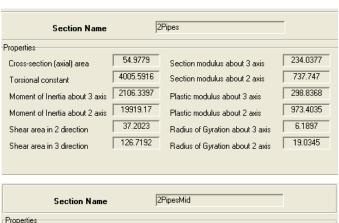
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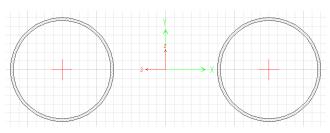
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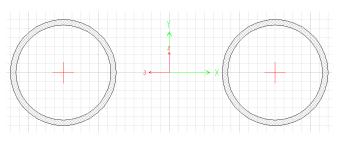
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Appendix D: Interaction Diagrams

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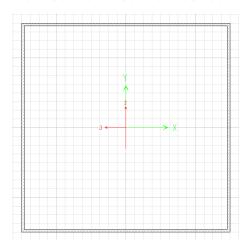




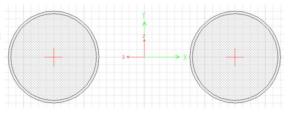
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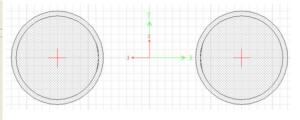
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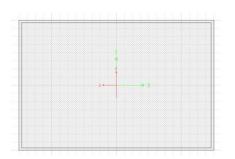
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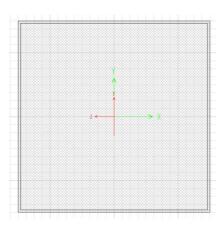
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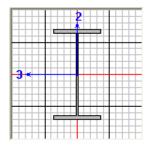
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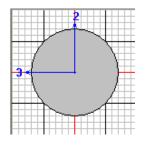
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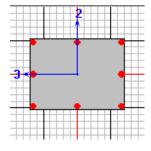
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Moment of Inertia about 2 axis	443.	Plastic modulus about 2 axis	105.
Shear area in 2 direction	17.625	Radius of Gyration about 3 axis	10.4108
Shear area in 3 direction	26.4333	Radius of Gyration about 2 axis	3.0475



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Torsional constant	0.9208	Section modulus about 2 axis	0.5262
Moment of Inertia about 3 axis	0.4604	Plastic modulus about 3 axis	0.8932
Moment of Inertia about 2 axis	0.4604	Plastic modulus about 2 axis	0.8932
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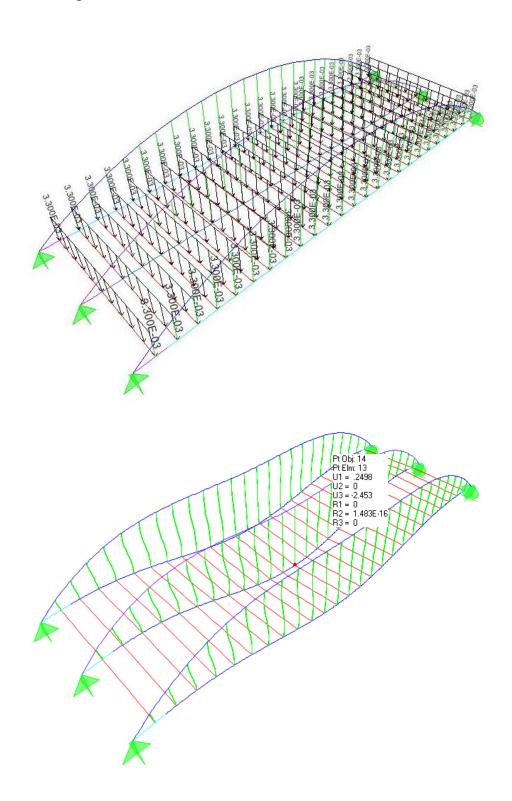


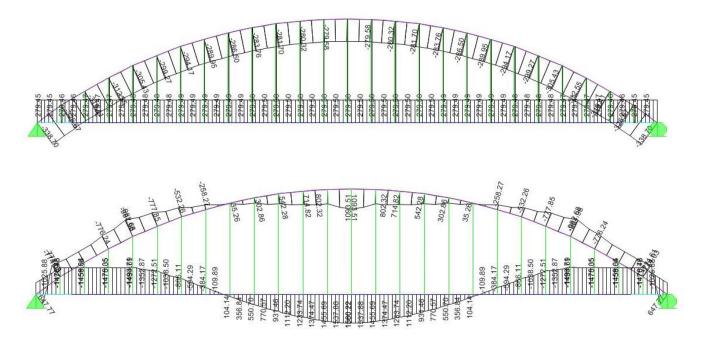
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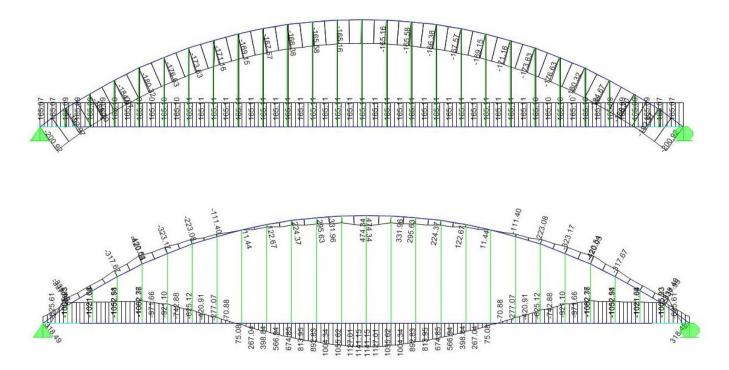


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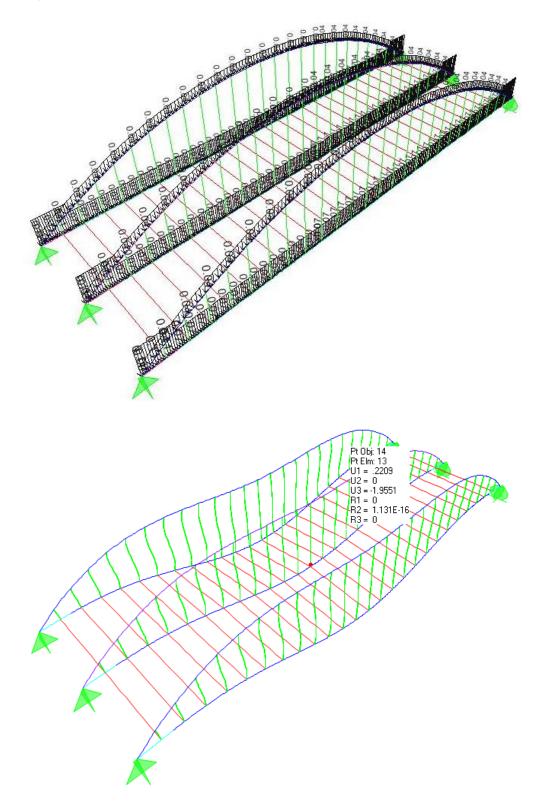
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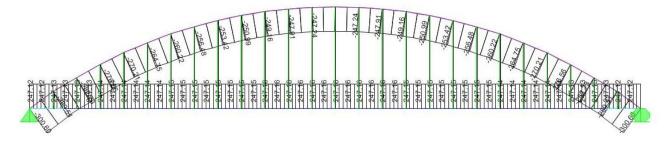


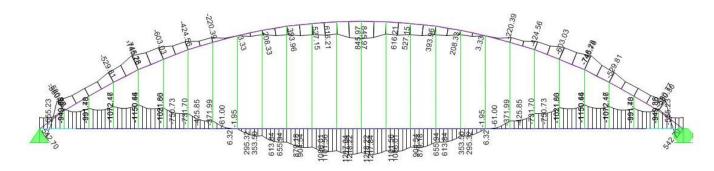


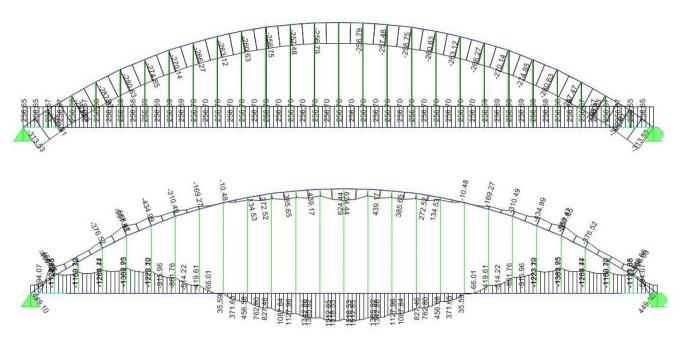


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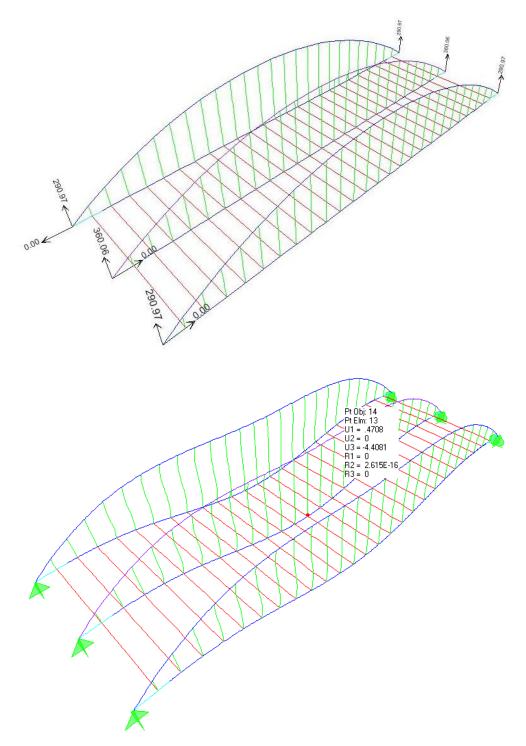


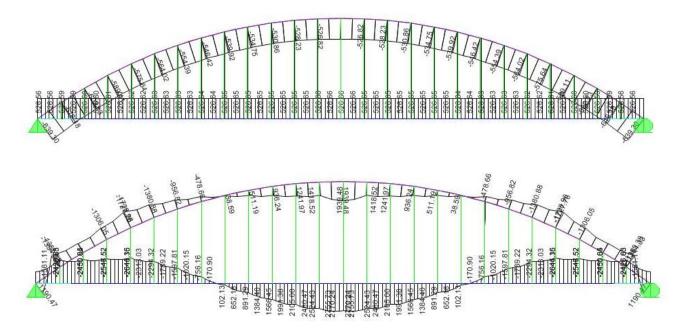


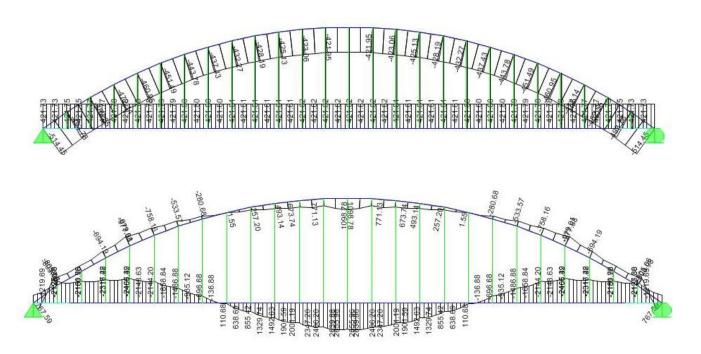




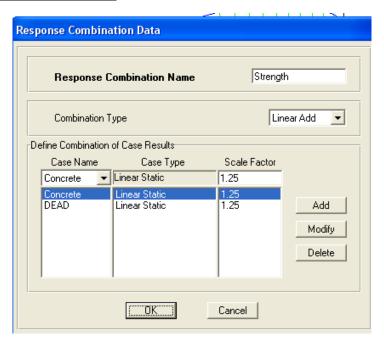
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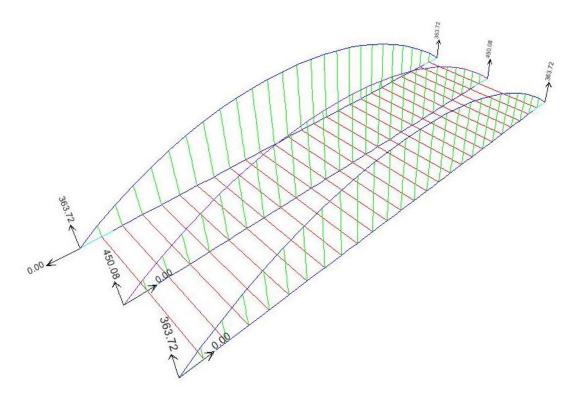


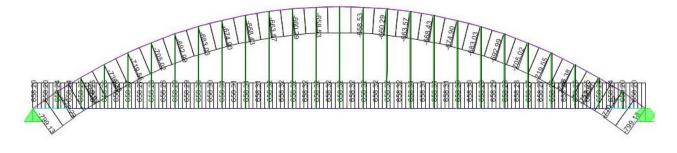


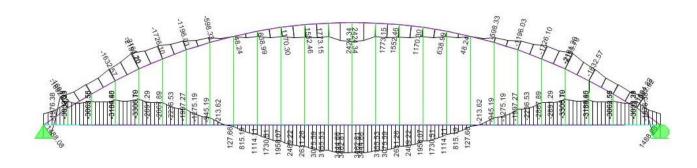


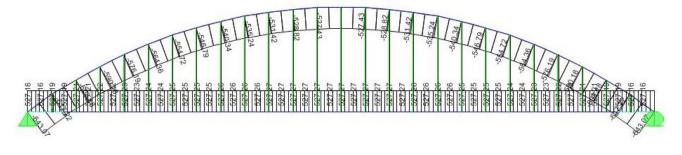
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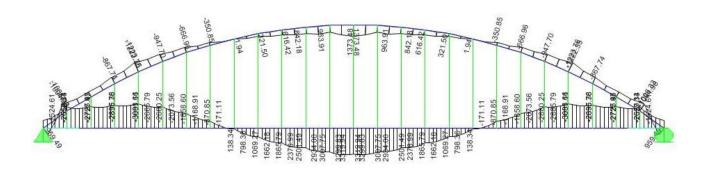




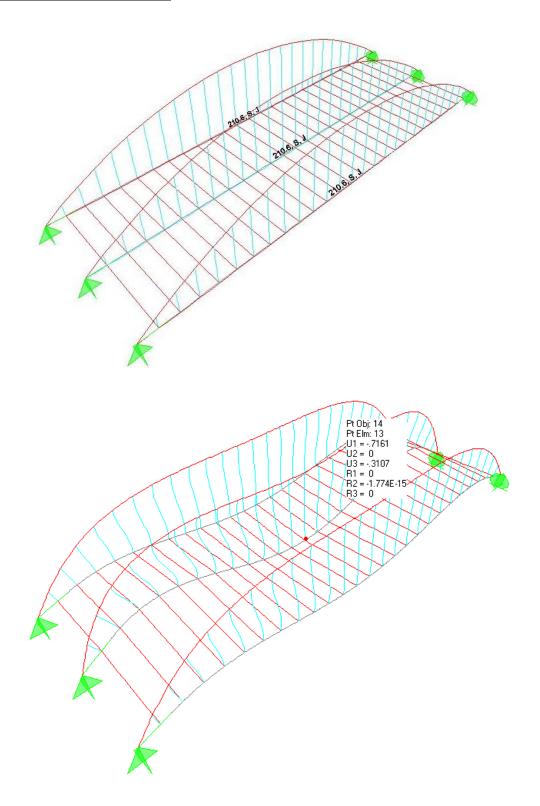


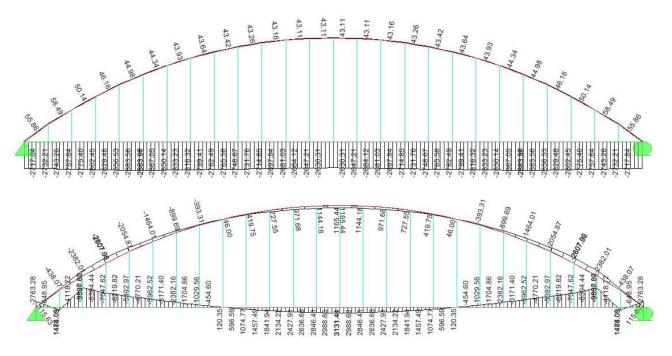


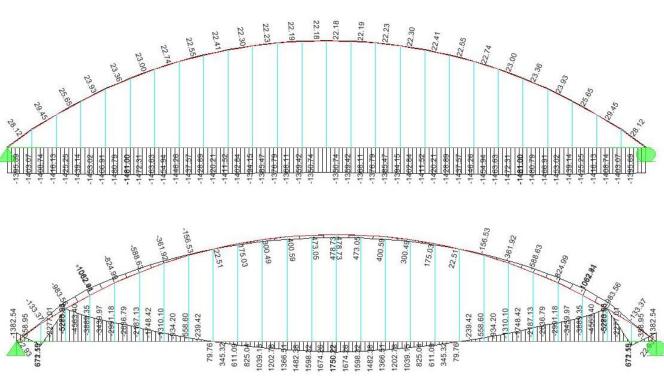




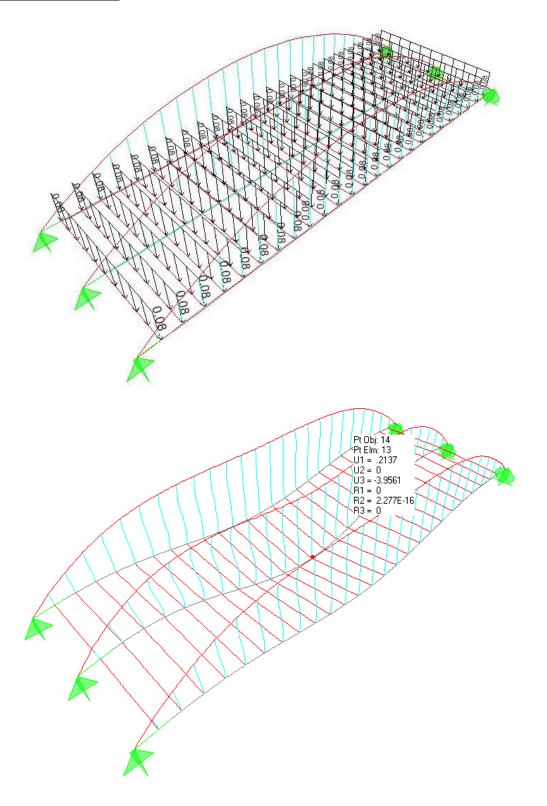
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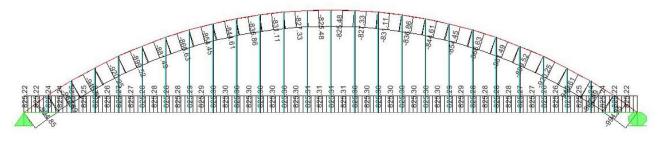


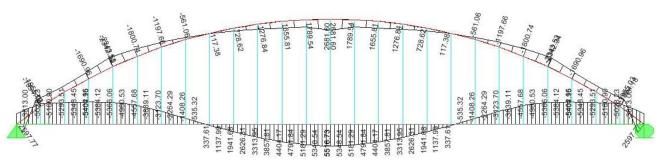


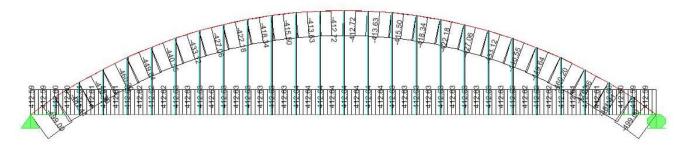


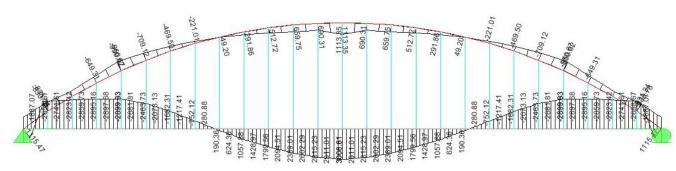
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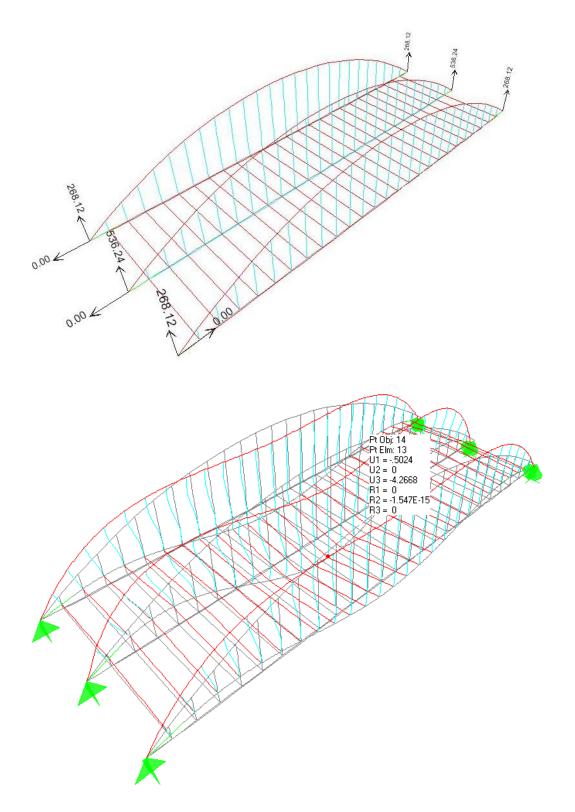


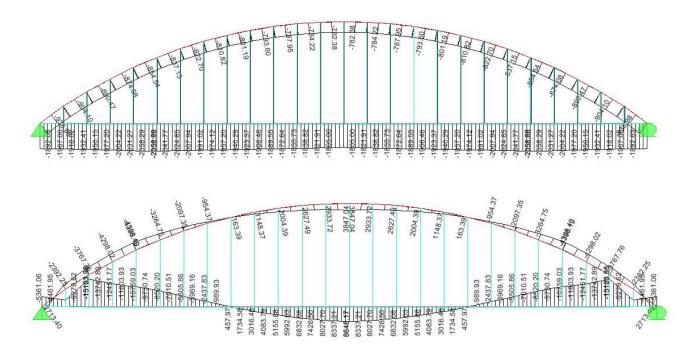


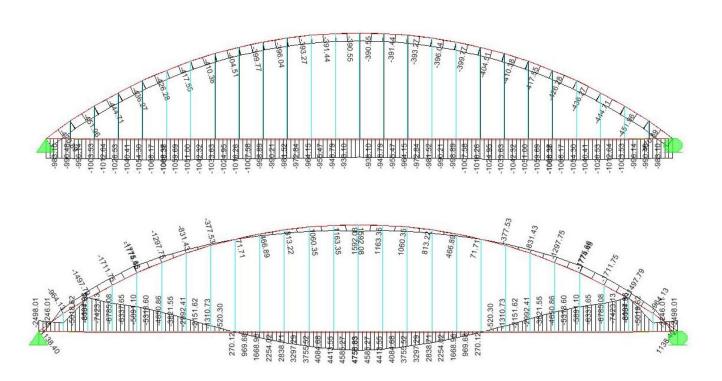




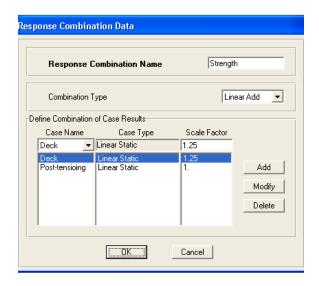
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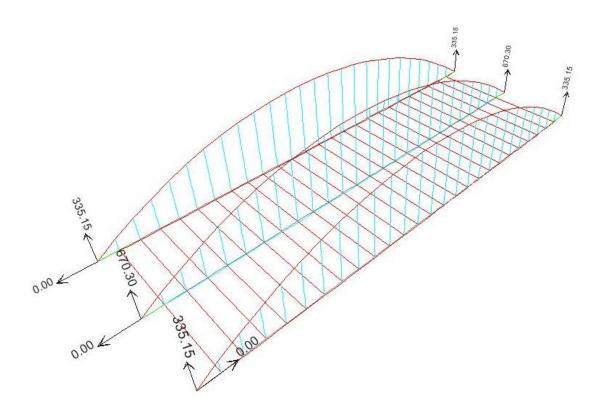


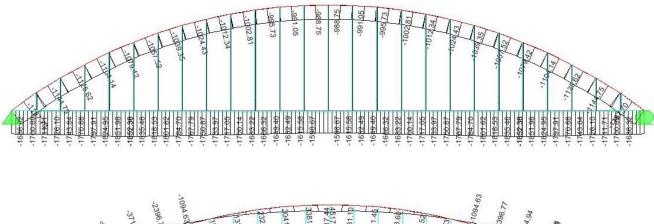


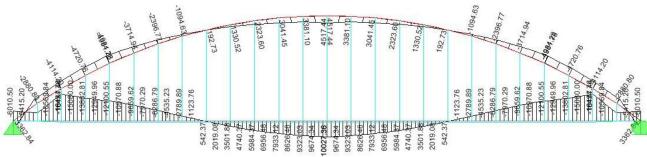


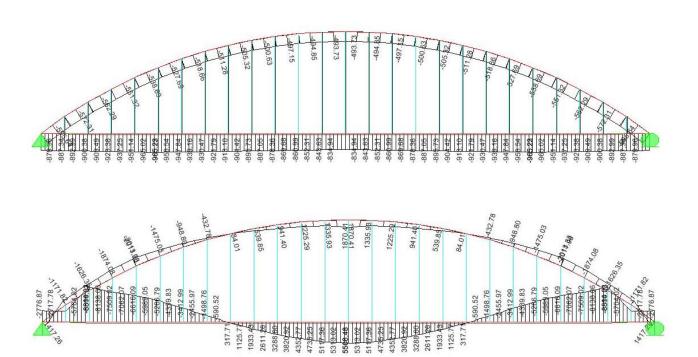
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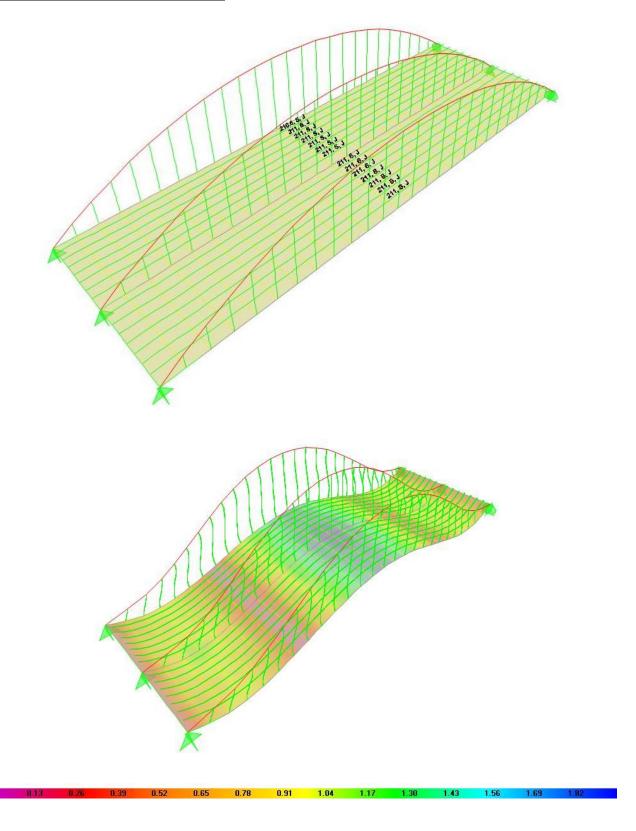


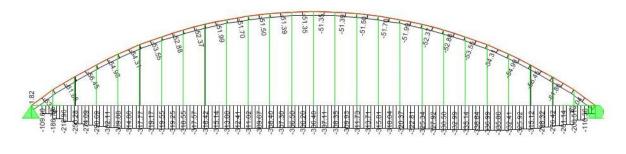


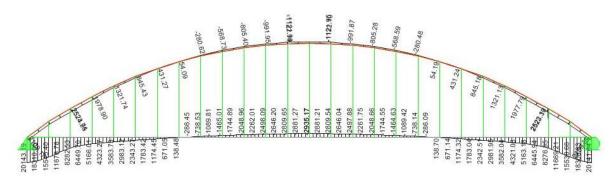




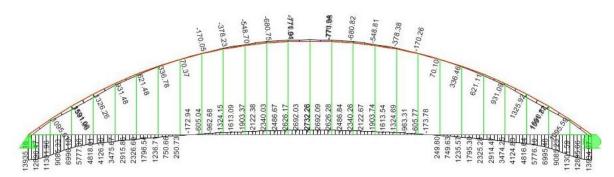
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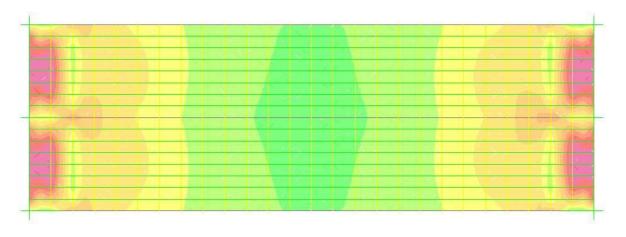






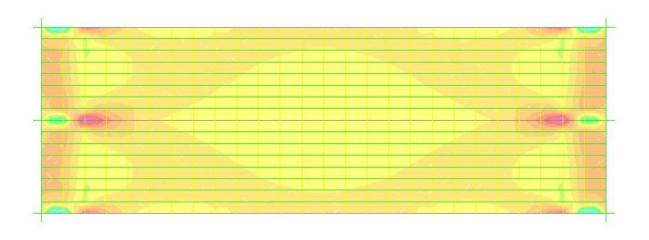


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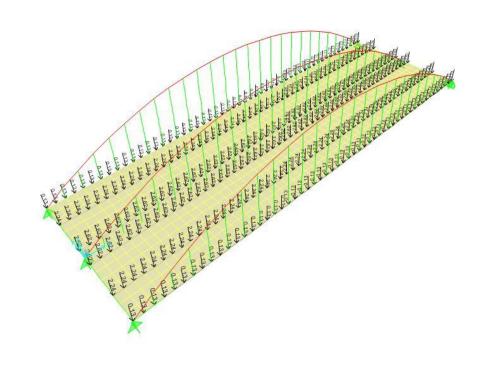
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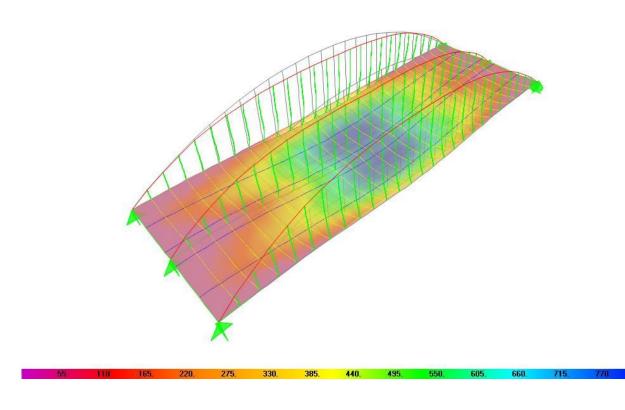
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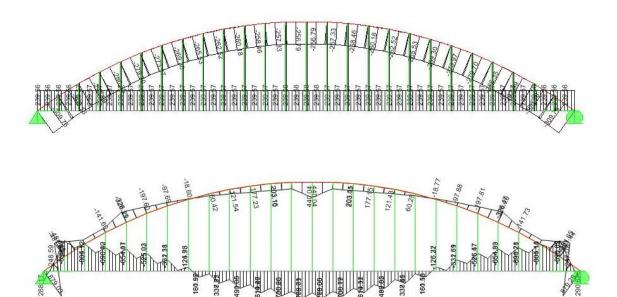


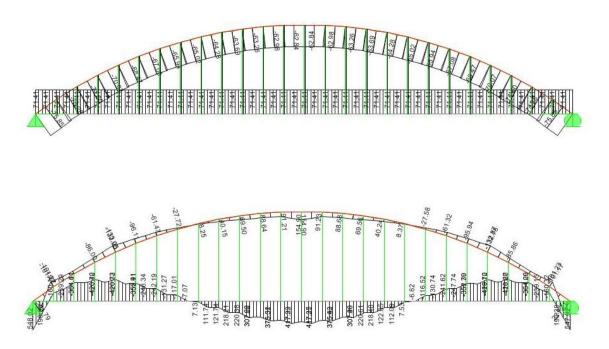
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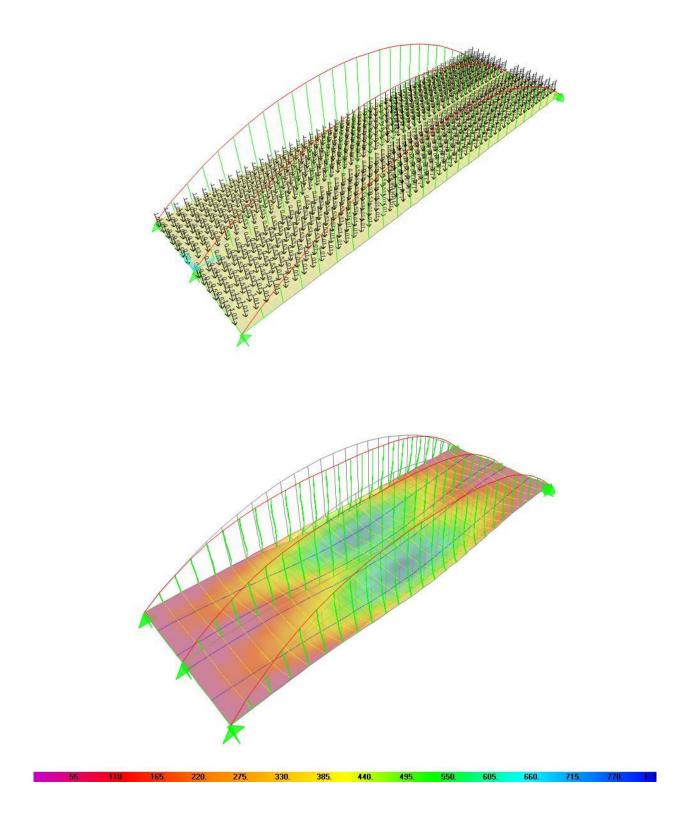


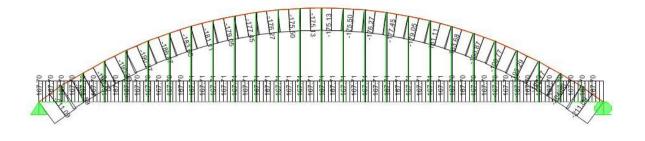


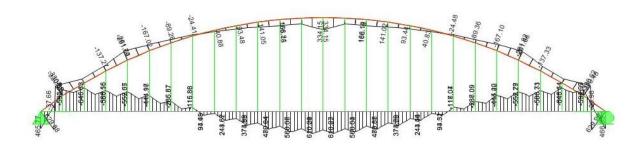


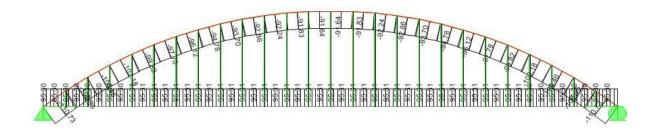


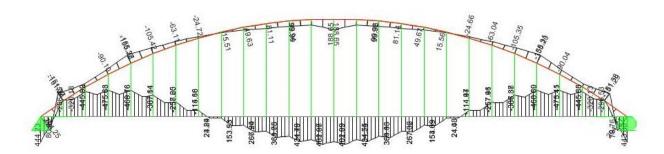
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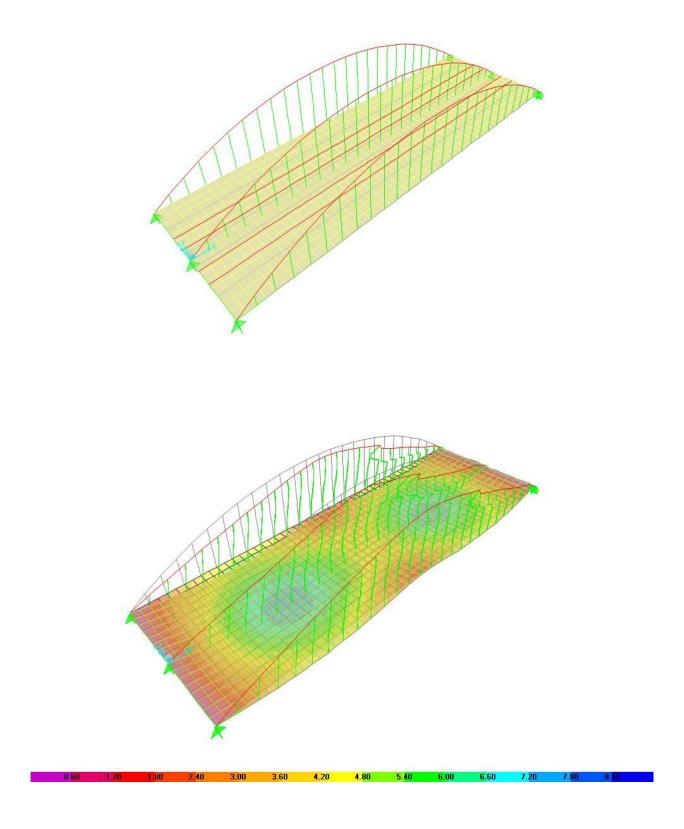


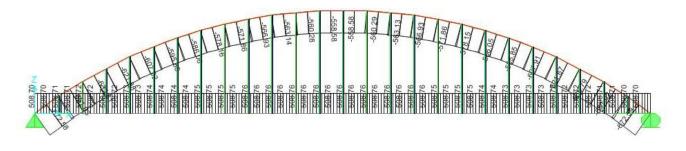


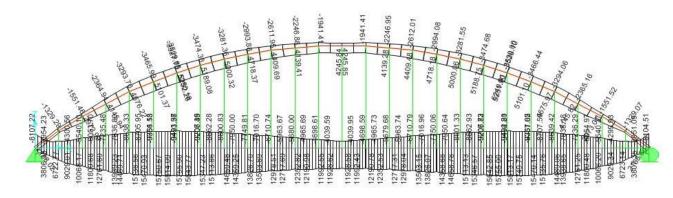


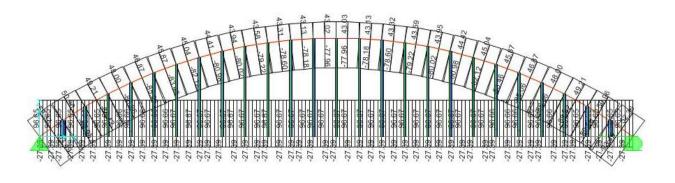


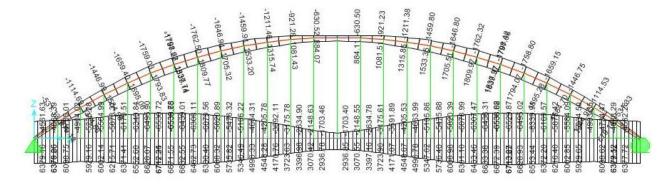
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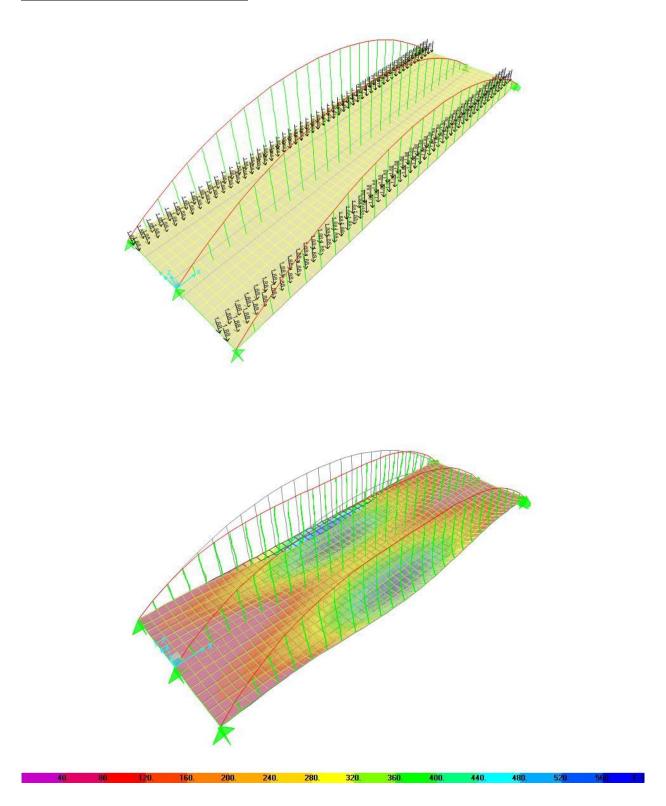


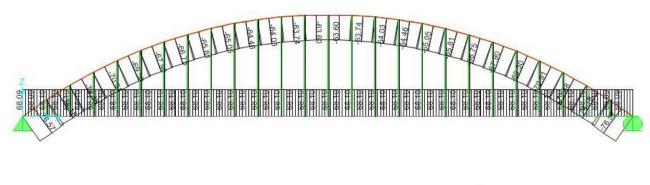


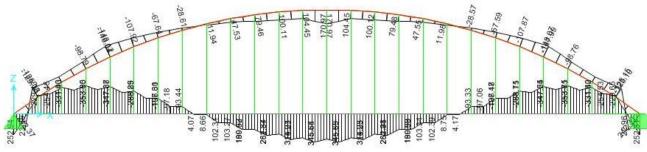


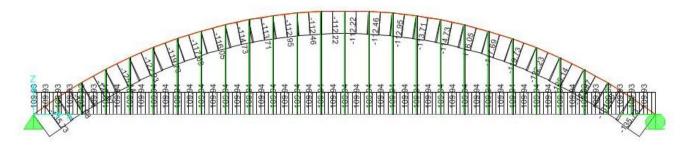


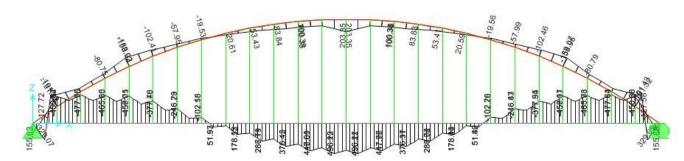
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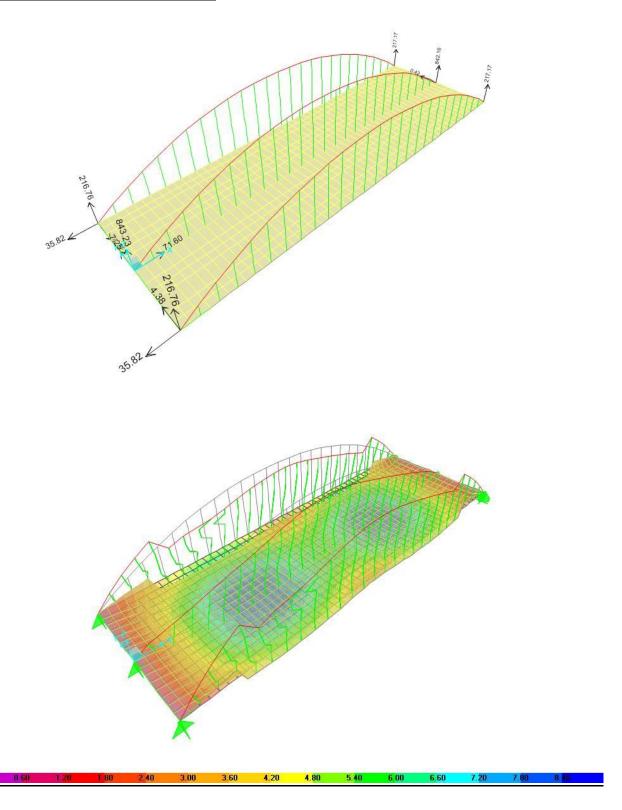


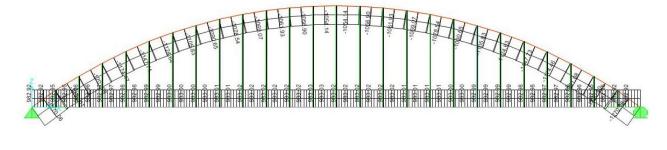


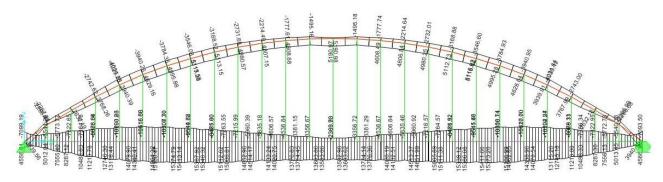


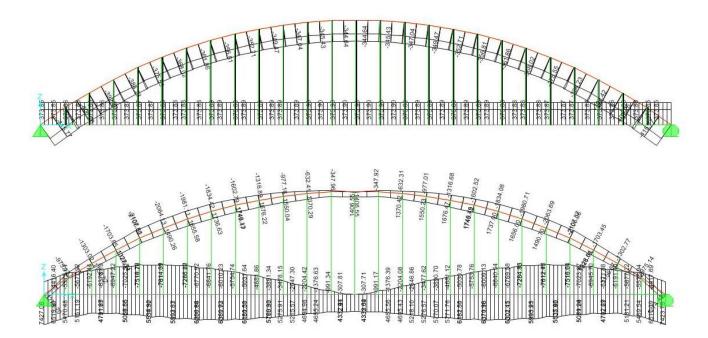


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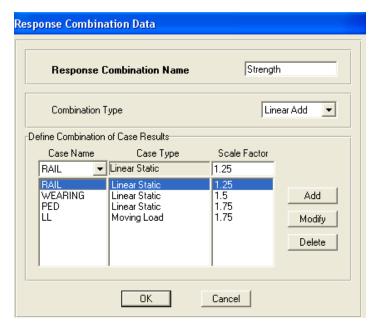


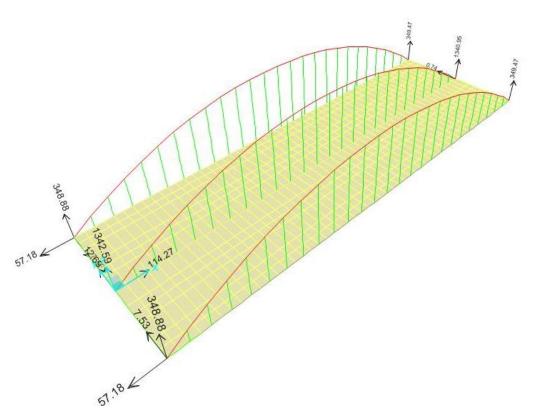


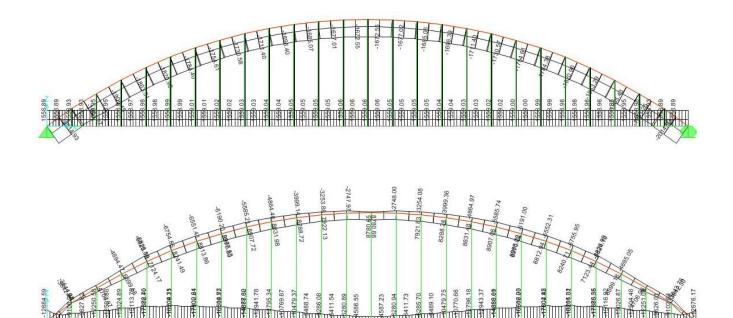


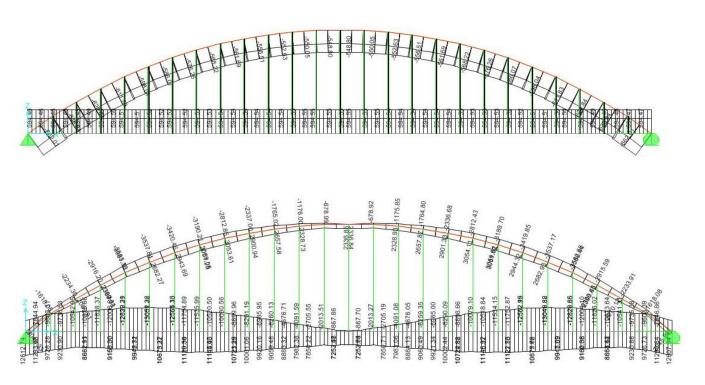


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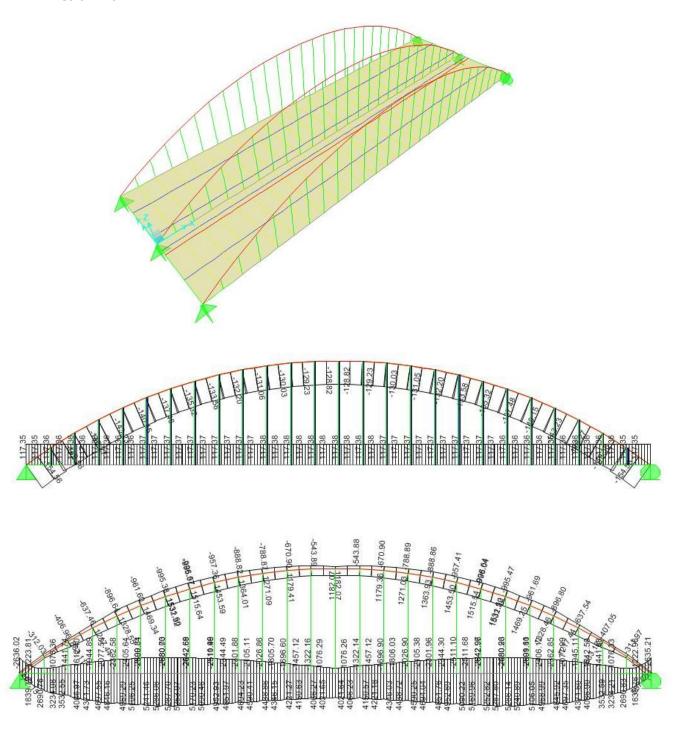


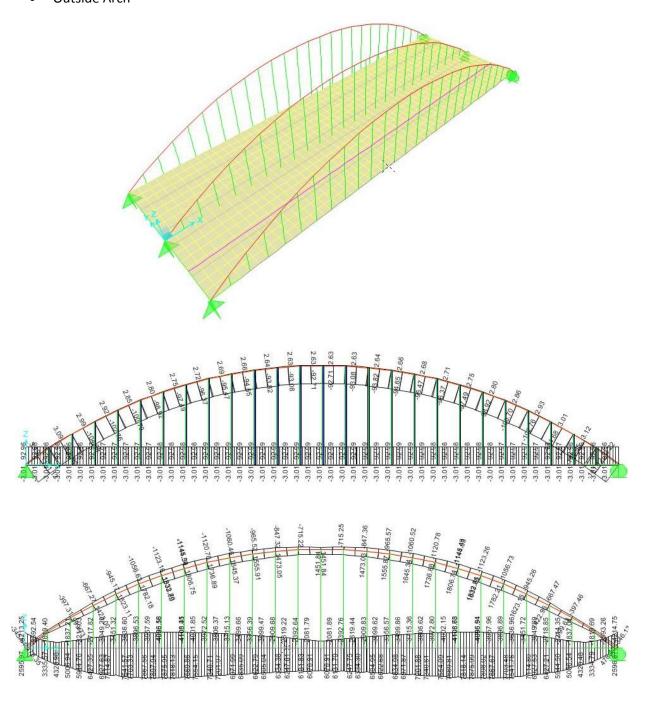




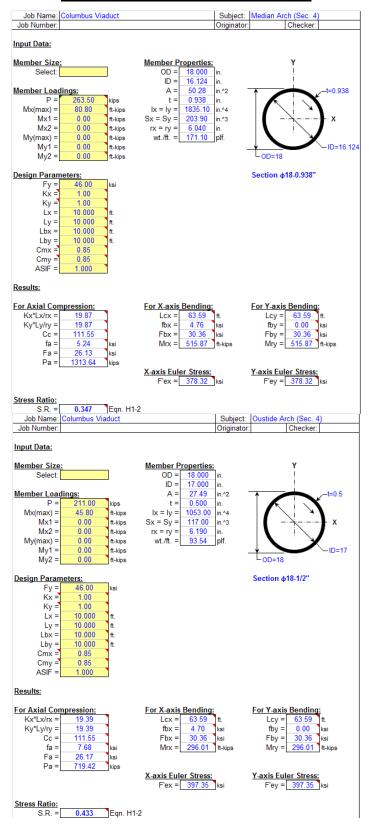
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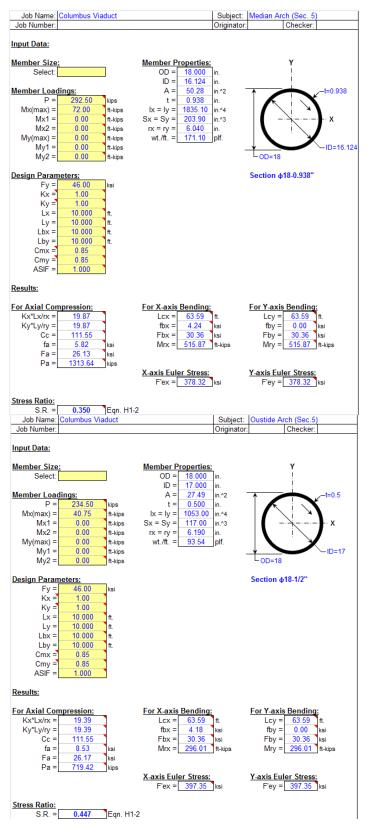




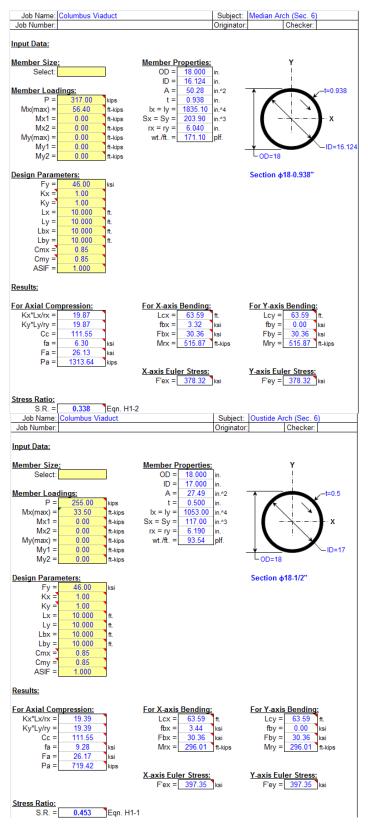
APPENDIX C: SERVICE CHECKS



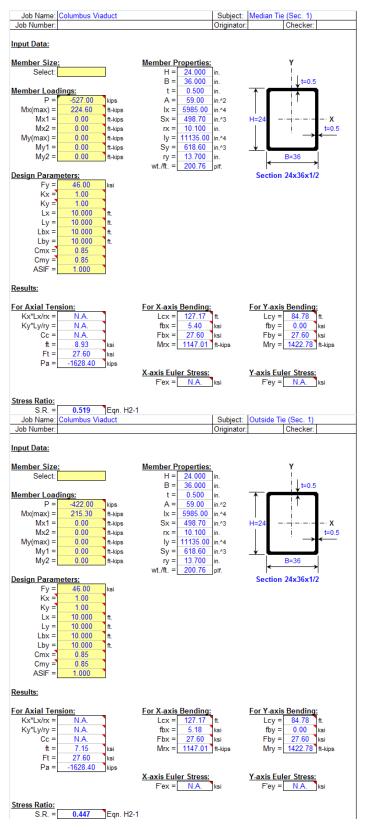
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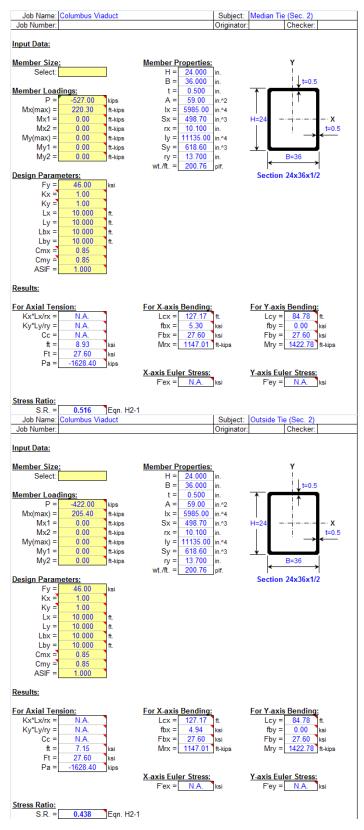
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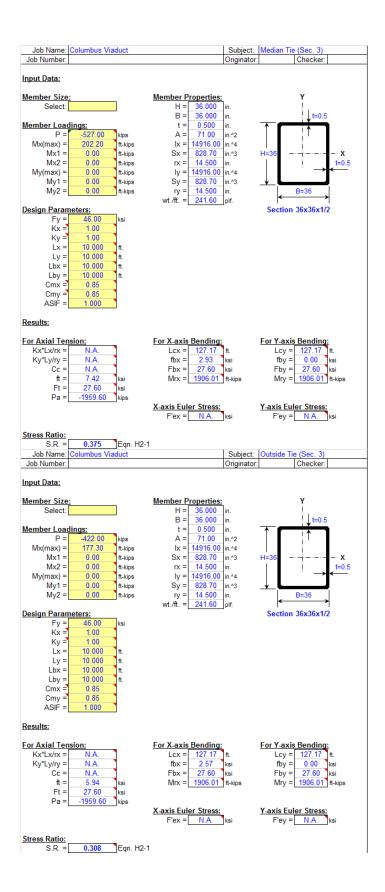
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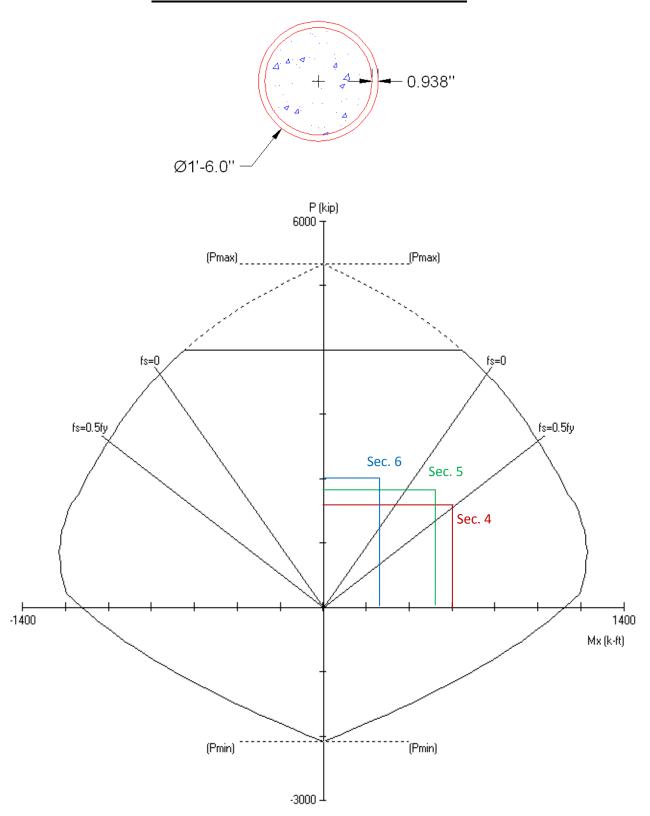


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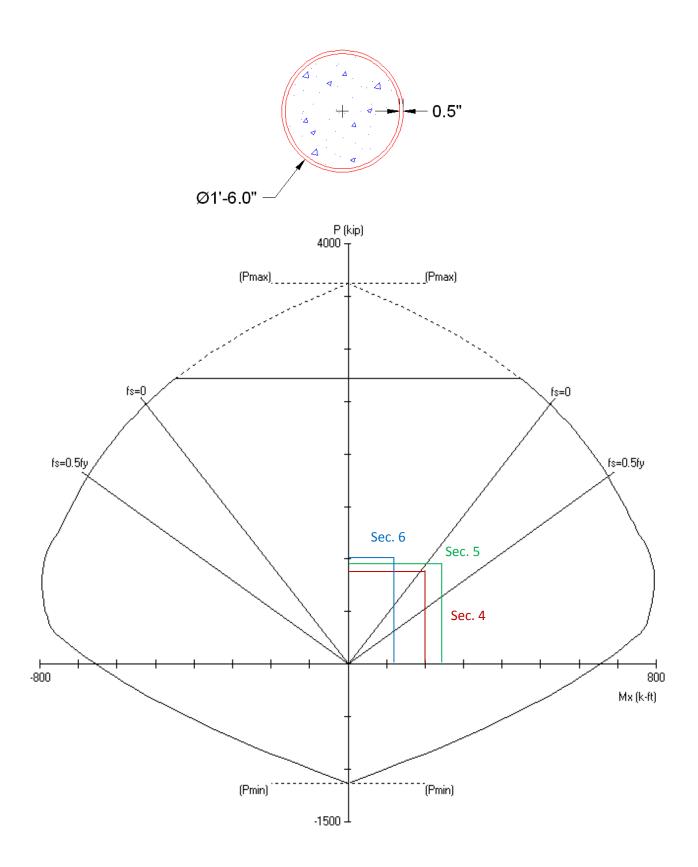


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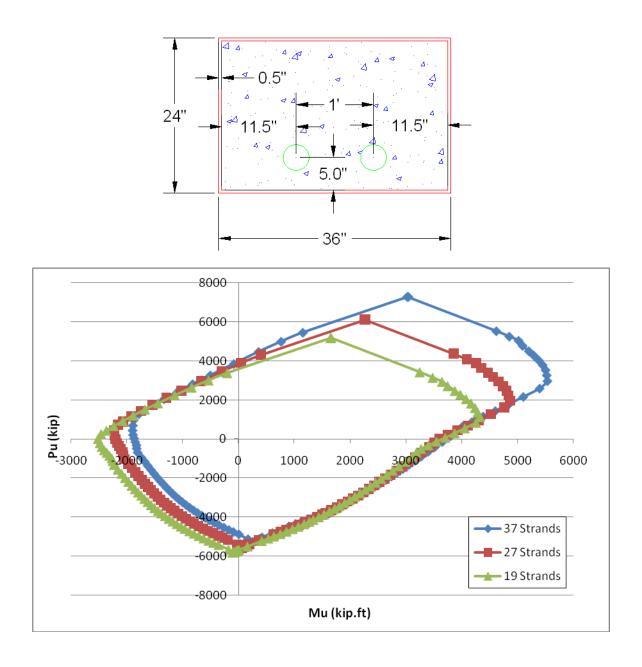
APPENDIX D: INTERACTION DIAGRAMS



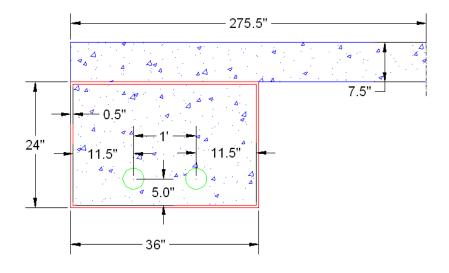
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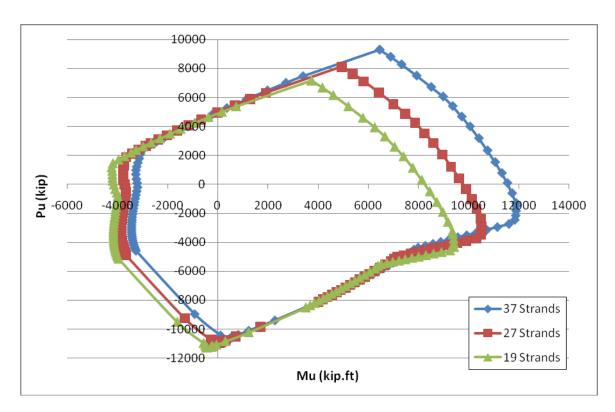


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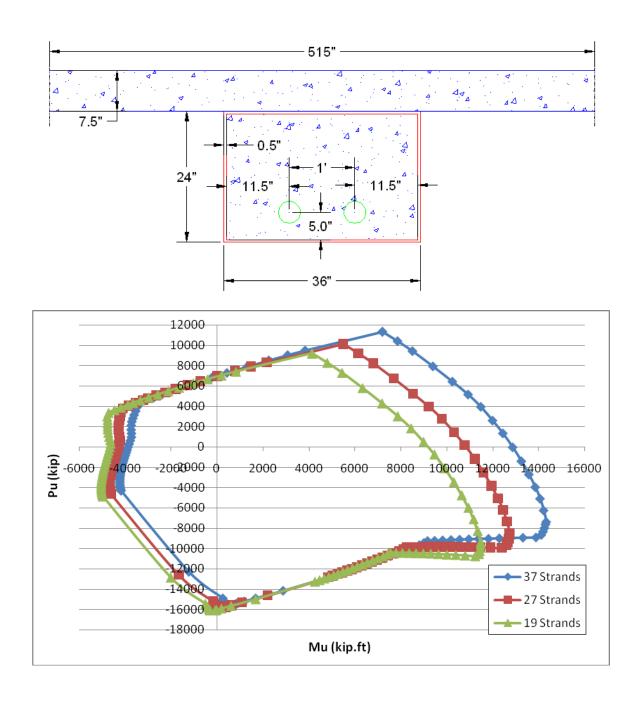


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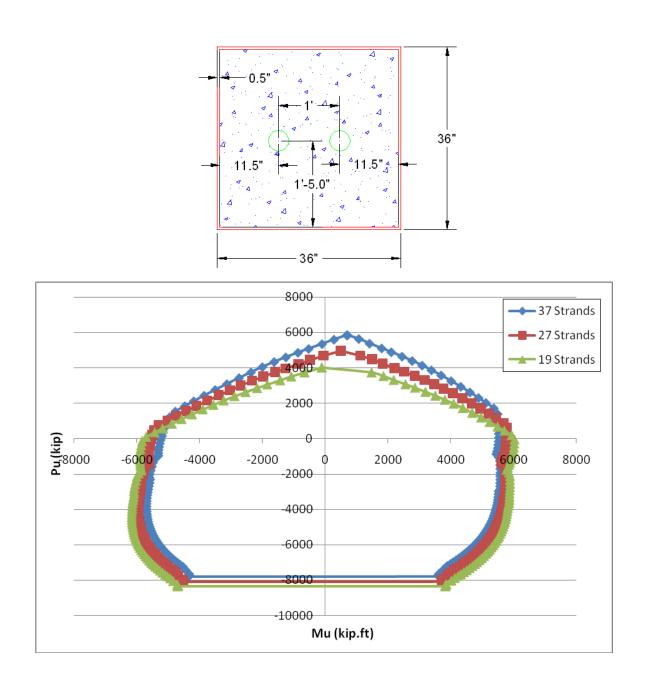




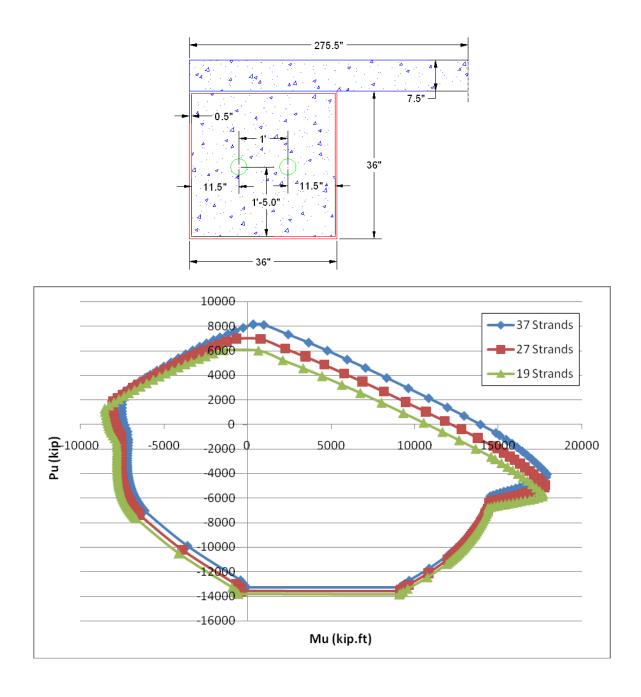
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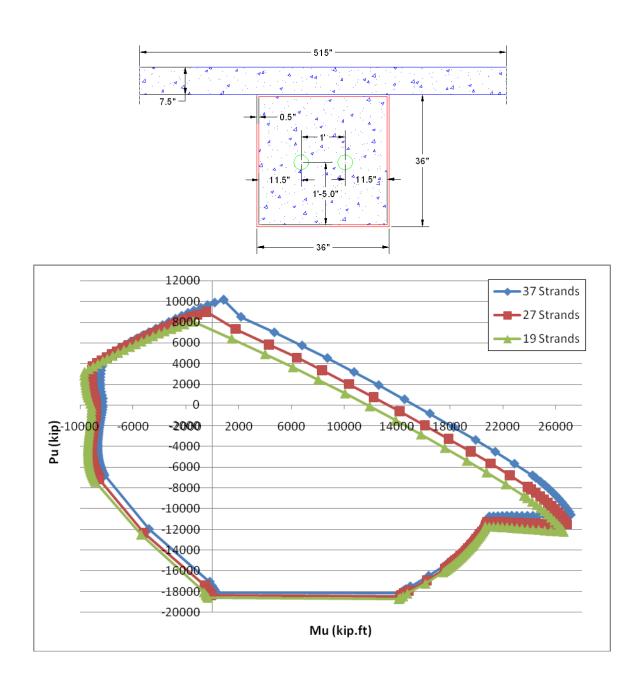
Interaction diagram for the median tie mid-section with deck



Interaction diagram for the tie end-section without deck



Interaction diagram for the outside tie end-section with deck



Interaction diagram for the median tie end-section with deck