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με Συντονιστή (Ερευνητικό Υπεύθυνο) τον Γεώργιο Μπουκοβάλα Καθηγητή ΕΜΠ, και με Επιστημονικό Υπεύθυνο της Δράσης Δ8 τον Χάρη Γαντέ, Καθηγητή ΕΜΠ.

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αφορά στην εφαρμογή και συγκριτική αξιολόγηση της προτεινόμενης νέας μεθοδολογίας σχεδιασμού σε χαλύβδινη γέφυρα, ενώ το αντικείμενο του εν λόγω παραδοτέου περιγράφεται στην εγκεκριμένη ερευνητική πρόταση ως ακολούθως:

*"Ο σκοπός της Ερευνητικής Ομάδας είναι να διερευνήσει τη δυνατότητα εφαρμογής της προτεινόμενης μεθοδολογίας σχεδιασμού και τα προτερήματα έναντι συμβατικών μεθόδων σχεδιασμού για την περίπτωση μιας καλωδιωτής γέφυρας, με χαλύβδινους πυλώνες και σύμμικτο κατάστρωμα. Αυτός ο τύπος γέφυρας, αν και είναι λιγότερο διαδεδομένος στην Ελλάδα, μπορεί να αποτελέσει μία τεχνικά και οικονομικά καλύτερη λύση σε περιπτώσεις γεφυρών μεσαίων-μεγάλων ανοιγμάτων ανάμεσα στα μεσόβαθρα (π.χ. μεγαλύτερα από 80m). Παράλληλα, παρουσιάζει συγκεκριμένες ιδιαιτερότητες σε σχέση με τις γέφυρες από σκυρόδεμα των Δράσεων 6 και 7, λόγω των διαφορετικών υλικών κατασκευής αλλά και λόγω της πιο εύκαμπτης απόκρισης, η οποία μπορεί να οδηγήσει σε: (α) λιγότερο αυστηρά κριτήρια επιτελεστικότητας βάσει των επιτρεπόμενων μετακινήσεων της θεμελίωσης, αλλά επίσης (β) αυξανόμενο κίνδυνο συντονισμού του φορέα της ανωδομής κατά τη λειτουργία του ρευστοποιημένου εδάφους ως «φυσικού» συστήματος σεισμικής μόνωσης.*

*Οι κύριες δραστηριότητες που θα πρέπει να πραγματοποιηθούν για την ολοκλήρωση αυτής της Δράσης είναι οι ακόλουθες:*

**(α)** Αρχικώς, θα πρέπει να εκτιμηθούν οι επιτρεπόμενες μετακινήσεις στη θεμελίωση (καθιζήσεις και στροφές) για διάφορους τύπους καλωδιωτών γεφυρών, και συγκεκριμένα για τύπο «άρπας» (harp) και ακτινωτό (fan), με μονόπλευρο ή αμφίπλευρους πυλώνες, καθώς και για ανηρτημένες γέφυρες με κύριο καλώδιο μεταξύ των κορυφών των πυλώνων και κατακόρυφους αναρτήρες. Θα ληφθούν υπόψη τα επιτρεπόμενα επίπεδα βλάβης και

λειτουργικότητας (π.χ. όχληση στην οδήγηση, επισκευάσιμες βλάβες, μή επισκευάσιμες βλάβες) καθώς και το αναμενόμενο επίπεδο σεισμικότητας (π.χ. σεισμική διέγερση με 90, 450 ή 900 χρόνια περίοδο επαναφοράς) και θα καθοριστούν μετά από μία συλλογική αξιολόγηση των παρακάτω:

- μία εκτεταμένη βιβλιογραφική έρευνας των συναφών κανονιστικών διατάξεων και οδηγιών (π.χ. Ευρωκώδικας 2 – Μέρος 2, Ευρωκώδικας 8 – Μέρος 2, Ευρωκώδικας 7, MCEER & FHA – κεφάλαιο 11.4),
- παραδείγματα απόκρισης από ήδη κατασκευασμένες γέφυρες κατά τη διάρκεια πρόσφατων σεισμών, και
- παραμετρικές αναλύσεις διαφόρων δομικών στοιχείων της γέφυρας (π.χ. μεσόβαθρα, καλώδια, κατάστρωμα) υπό στατικές και ανακυκλιζόμενες δυναμικές φορτίσεις.

**(β)** Στη συνέχεια, τα βάθρα μιας τυπικής καλωδιωτής γέφυρας, τύπου «άρπας» ή ακτινωτού, με μεσαίο άνοιγμα 80-120m μεταξύ των πυλώνων, θα σχεδιαστούν με βάση την συμβατική μεθοδολογία θεμελίωσης, με χρήση ομάδας πασσάλων και καθολική βελτίωση του εδάφους στην περιοχή της θεμελίωσης. Πρόθεσή μας είναι να επιλέξουμε μία υπαρκτή γέφυρα ή μία μελετημένη γέφυρα σε στάδιο οριστικής μελέτης σε περιοχή ποταμού, όπου οι συνθήκες του υπεδάφους είναι καθορισμένες από πλήρεις γεωτεχνικές μελέτες, ενώ προβλέπεται εκτεταμένη ρευστοποίηση κάτω από ένα ή περισσότερα βάθρα της γέφυρας.

**(γ)** Τέλος, η διαστασιολόγηση της γέφυρας σε στατικούς και σεισμικούς συνδυασμούς φορτίσεων θα επαναληφθεί για τη νέα μεθοδολογία της «φυσικής» σεισμικής μόνωσης, εφαρμόζοντας επιφανειακή θεμελίωση και μερική βελτίωση του ρευστοποιήσιμου εδάφους με δημιουργία επιφανειακής μόνον κρούσας, σε συνδυασμό με τις επιτρεπόμενες μετακινήσεις στη θεμελίωσης που θα καθοριστούν στο βήμα (α) που περιγράφηκε παραπάνω. Τα πλεονεκτήματα αλλά και οι περιορισμοί της νέας μεθοδολογίας θα συγκριθούν με τα αντίστοιχα της συμβατικής λύσης και θα αξιολογηθούν με βάση τόσο τεχνικών όσο και οικονομικών κριτηρίων.

Η παρούσα Ερευνητική Έκθεση - παραδοτέο, αφορά στις Επιμέρους Εργασίες (β) και (γ) ανωτέρω, ενώ η Επιμέρους Εργασία (α) περιγράφεται στην Ερευνητική Έκθεση - Παραδοτέο (Π8α).

Επισημαίνεται ότι, κατά τα πρώτα βήματα αυτής της διερεύνησης, διαπιστώθηκε ότι οι τάσεις εδάφους λόγω μονίμων φορτίων στις θέσεις των βάθρων κοινών καλωδιωτών ή κρεμαστών γεφυρών ήταν μεγαλύτερες από τα όρια που θεωρήθηκαν ως αποδεκτά για την προτεινόμενη καινοτόμο λύση, για βάθρα που θεμελιώνονται σε ρευστοποιήσιμα εδάφη. Γι' αυτό αποφασίστηκε να μελετηθεί η περίπτωση μιας τοξωτής μεταλλικής γέφυρας με ανηρτημένο σύμμικτο κατάστρωμα, που είναι μία συνήθης λύση γέφυρας με καλώδια για μικρότερα ανοίγματα και επομένως οδηγεί σε μικρότερες τάσεις εδάφους λόγω μονίμων φορτίων. Πέραν τούτου, ο εν λόγω τύπος γέφυρας διατηρεί πολλά από τα χαρακτηριστικά των καλωδιωτών γεφυρών (π.χ. μεγαλύτερη ανοχή σε μετακινήσεις της θεμελίωσης) και έτσι ικανοποιεί πλήρως τις απαιτήσεις του ερευνητικού προγράμματος.

## **ΜΕΘΟΔΟΛΟΓΙΑ ΚΑΙ ΑΠΟΤΕΛΕΣΜΑΤΑ**

Όπως προαναφέρθηκε, μελετάται μία οδική τοξωτή μεταλλική γέφυρα με ανηρτημένο σύμμικτο κατάστρωμα δύο αμφιέριστων τμημάτων. Η γέφυρα θεωρείται πως θεμελιώνεται επιφανειακά σε έδαφος ρευστοποιήσιμο σε μεγάλο βάθος. Το γεωτεχνικό προφίλ του εδάφους έχει επιλεγεί από μία υπαρκτή γέφυρα στην περιοχή του ποταμού Στρυμώνα, όπου οι συνθήκες του υπεδάφους είναι καθορισμένες από πλήρεις γεωτεχνικές μελέτες, ενώ προβλέπεται εκτεταμένη ρευστοποίηση κάτω από το μεσόβαθρα της γέφυρας.

Η γέφυρα αποτελείται από δύο αμφιέριστα ανοίγματα θεωρητικού μήκους 42.00m το καθένα, τα οποία συνδέονται μεταξύ τους με πλάκα συνέχειας. Το θεωρητικό πλάτος του

καταστρώματος ισούται με 14.70m. Το κατάστρωμα της γέφυρας είναι σύμμικτο και το κάθε άνοιγμα αποτελείται από δύο κύριες δοκούς και δεκαεφτά διαδοκίδες. Κάθε κύρια δοκός αναρτάται από ένα τόξο με τη χρήση αναρτήρων ενώ τα δύο τόξα του κάθε ανοίγματος συνδέονται μεταξύ τους με εγκάρσιους και διαγώνιους συνδέσμους δυσκαμψίας. Το ύψος των τόξων είναι ίσο με 10.00m. Οι δοκοί, οι διαδοκίδες, τα τόξα και οι σύνδεσμοι δυσκαμψίας έχουν κατασκευαστεί από δομικό χάλυβα. Το μεσόβαθρο αποτελείται από τη δοκό έδρασης και τρεις στύλους κυκλικής συμπαγούς διατομής από οπλισμένο σκυρόδεμα μορφώνοντας έτσι ένα πλαίσιο στην εγκάρσια έννοια της γέφυρας, έχει δε ύψος 10m συμπεριλαμβανομένης της δοκού έδρασης. Τα ακρόβαθρα θεωρούνται πολύ δύσκαμπτα σε σχέση με τη γέφυρα και γι' αυτό λαμβάνονται υπόψη ως ακλόνητα.

Αρχικώς μελετάται η συμβατική λύση θεμελίωσης, σύμφωνα με την οποία το μεσόβαθρο θεμελιώνεται σε μία ομάδα πασσάλων που συνδέονται με τους στύλους του μεσοβάθρου μέσω δύσκαμπτου κεφαλοδέσμου. Το έδαφος γύρω και ανάμεσα από τους πασσάλους θεωρείται ότι βελτιώνεται με χαλικοπασσάλους. Μορφώνεται προσομοίωμα της γέφυρας που περιλαμβάνει την ανωδομή, το μεσόβαθρο, τον κεφαλόδεσμο και τους πασσάλους, ενώ η αλληλεπίδραση εδάφους – κατασκευής λαμβάνεται υπόψη με οριζόντια και κατακόρυφα ελατήρια. Ο σχεδιασμός της γέφυρας πραγματοποιείται σε Οριακή Κατάσταση Αστοχίας (ΟΚΑ) καθώς και σε Οριακή Κατάσταση Λειτουργικότητας (ΟΚΛ), εφαρμόζοντας τους συνδυασμούς φορτίσεων σύμφωνα με τους ισχύοντες κανονισμούς (Ευρωκώδικες) και γίνεται έλεγχος επάρκειας όλων των στοιχείων της γέφυρας (μεταλλικά στοιχεία, πλάκα ανωδομής από οπλισμένο σκυρόδεμα, στύλοι μεσοβάθρου, πάσσαλοι και κεφαλόδεσμος από οπλισμένο σκυρόδεμα, εφέδρανα, αρμοί).

Στη συνέχεια μελετάται η καινοτόμος λύση θεμελίωσης και επαναλαμβάνεται η ανάλυση της γέφυρας σε ΟΚΑ και σε ΟΚΛ. Η καινοτόμος λύση θεμελίωσης έχει στόχο την εκμετάλλευση της «φυσικής σεισμικής μόνωσης» που προκαλείται από το φαινόμενο της ρευστοποίησης. Σε αυτήν την περίπτωση η θεμελίωση της γέφυρας είναι επιφανειακή, ενώ πραγματοποιείται μερική βελτίωση του ρευστοποιήσιμου εδάφους με χαλικοπασσάλους, δημιουργώντας έτσι μία επιφανειακή κρούστα. Μορφώνεται και πάλι προσομοίωμα της γέφυρας που περιλαμβάνει την ανωδομή και το μεσόβαθρο, ενώ το θεμέλιο του μεσοβάθρου καθώς και η αλληλεπίδραση εδάφους – κατασκευής λαμβάνονται υπόψη με μεταφορικά και στροφικά ελατήρια. Θεωρούνται στατικά και σεισμικά ελατήρια για τα στατικά και σεισμικά φορτία, αντίστοιχα. Επίσης, στη δυναμική ανάλυση ενεργοποιούνται αποσβεστήρες που έχουν εφαρμοστεί στη βάση του θεμελίου.

Για την καινοτόμο λύση θεωρούνται δύο Σεισμικά Σενάρια που καθορίζονται στη γεωτεχνική μελέτη. Στο πρώτο Σεισμικό Σενάριο, λαμβάνεται υπόψη ένας σεισμός με περίοδο επαναφοράς  $T_{ret} = 225$  χρόνια, ο οποίος δεν προκαλεί ρευστοποίηση, ενώ στο δεύτερο Σεισμικό Σενάριο ο σεισμός έχει περίοδο επαναφοράς  $T_{ret} = 1000$  χρόνια και προκαλεί ρευστοποίηση. Τα δυναμικά ελατήρια και οι αποσβεστήρες στη βάση του μεσοβάθρου έχουν διαφορετικές τιμές για τα δύο Σεισμικά Σενάρια, με αυτά του Σεναρίου 1, σύμφωνα με το οποίο δεν πραγματοποιείται ρευστοποίηση, να έχουν μεγαλύτερες τιμές. Παράλληλα, το πρώτο Σεισμικό Σενάριο οδηγεί σε μεγαλύτερη φασματική επιτάχυνση, εφόσον το δεύτερο Σεισμικό Σενάριο εκμεταλλεύεται τη «φυσική σεισμική μόνωση» κατά τη διάρκεια της ρευστοποίησης. Ωστόσο, το δεύτερο Σεισμικό Σενάριο προϋποθέτει την εξέλιξη μεγάλων παροδικών οριζόντιων μετακινήσεων στη βάση του μεσοβάθρου κατά τη διάρκεια του σεισμού και υποδηλώνει την ανάπτυξη σημαντικών παραμενουσών καθιζήσεων και στροφών μετά το σεισμικό γεγονός, καταναγκασμοί που συμπεριλαμβάνονται στους στατικούς συνδυασμούς. Σκοπός του σχεδιασμού είναι η στατική επάρκεια της γέφυρας με την επιφανειακή θεμελίωση και για τα δύο Σεισμικά Σενάρια. Και σε αυτή τη λύση ο σχεδιασμός της γέφυρας πραγματοποιείται σε ΟΚΑ και ΟΚΛ, εφαρμόζοντας τους συνδυασμούς φορτίσεων σύμφωνα με τους ισχύοντες κανονισμούς (Ευρωκώδικες) και γίνεται έλεγχος επάρκειας όλων των στοιχείων της γέφυρας (μεταλλικά στοιχεία, στύλοι μεσοβάθρου από οπλισμένο σκυρόδεμα, εφέδρανα, αρμοί).

Από τις αναλύσεις προέκυψε πως για την καινοτόμο λύση πράγματι η ρευστοποίηση λειτουργεί ως σεισμική μόνωση για την ανωδομή της γέφυρας, με αποτέλεσμα οι σεισμικοί συνδυασμοί του δεύτερου Σεισμικού Σεναρίου να οδηγούν σε σχετικά χαμηλές καταπονήσεις και να μην

είναι κρίσιμοι για τη διαστασιολόγηση, παρά το γεγονός ότι λαμβάνονται υπόψη σε αυτούς τους συνδυασμούς ταυτόχρονες σημαντικές παροδικές οριζόντιες μετακινήσεις στη βάση του μεσοβάθρου. Το τίμημα όμως που πρέπει να καταβληθεί στα πλαίσια αυτής της λύσης είναι ότι κρίσιμοι πλέον γίνονται οι στατικοί συνδυασμοί που αφορούν την κατάσταση λειτουργίας της γέφυρας μετά το σεισμό που προκαλεί ρευστοποίηση και συμπεριλαμβάνουν τις μόνιμες καθιζήσεις και στροφές που οφείλονται στη ρευστοποίηση. Το αποτέλεσμα είναι τα μεταλλικά στοιχεία της ανωδομής να έχουν για την περίπτωση αυτή ελαφρώς μεγαλύτερους συντελεστές εκμετάλλευσης από αυτούς που προκύπτουν από την ανάλυση της συμβατικής λύσης, χωρίς πάντως να απαιτείται αύξηση της διατομής τους, με εξαίρεση τους διαγώνιους συνδέσμους δυσκαμψίας μεταξύ των τόξων, τα εφέδρανα και τους αρμούς.

Παράλληλα, για το μεσόβαθρο, η ευμενής δράση της ρευστοποίησης ως φυσικής σεισμικής μόνωσης και η ευκαμψία της θεμελίωσης σε σχέση με τη βαθιά θεμελίωση των πασσάλων, δεν προκαλεί διαφορά στη διατομή των στύλων ή και στον οπλισμό τους σε σχέση με την συμβατική λύση, καθ' ό,τι δυσμενέστερο για το μεσόβαθρο αποδεικνύεται το Σεισμικό Σενάριο 1 που οδηγεί σε μεγαλύτερο σεισμό, ενώ ο απαιτούμενος οπλισμός για το Σεισμικό Σενάριο 1 είναι παρόμοιος με αυτόν που προκύπτει από τη συμβατική λύση. Έτσι, αν και το κόστος της αισθητά απλούστερης καινοτόμου λύσης θεμελίωσης του μεσοβάθρου ανέρχεται σε περίπου 36% του αντίστοιχου κόστους της συμβατικής λύσης, το συνολικό οικονομικό όφελος της καινοτόμου λύσης σε σύγκριση με τη συμβατική για ολόκληρη την εξεταζόμενη γέφυρα ανέρχεται σε 9%÷13%. Το ποσοστό αυτό θα είναι υψηλότερο σε γέφυρες πολλών ανοιγμάτων, με μεγαλύτερο αριθμό μεσοβάθρων, όπου εκτιμάται ότι θα προσεγγίζει το 20%, ανάλογα βέβαια και με το πλήθος των μεσοβάθρων.

Επισημαίνεται επίσης ότι ο ακριβής υπολογισμός των παροδικών μετακινήσεων του εδάφους κατά τη διάρκεια του σεισμού, αλλά και των μόνιμων καθιζήσεων και στροφών μετά από ένα σεισμό που προκαλεί ρευστοποίηση, κρίνεται πολύ σημαντικός, καθ' ό,τι τα μεγέθη αυτά είναι κρίσιμα στο σχεδιασμό της γέφυρας με την καινοτόμο λύσης θεμελίωσης. Με δεδομένη τη δυσκολία αξιόπιστου υπολογισμού αυτών των μεγεθών, αυτό είναι ένα θέμα που πρέπει να επιλυθεί, προκειμένου να διευκολυνθεί η διάδοση εφαρμογής αυτής της λύσης. Εναλλακτικά αλλά και συμπληρωματικά, είναι αυτονόητο ότι η καινοτόμος λύση θεμελίωσης προσφέρεται περισσότερο για στατικά συστήματα ανωδομής τα οποία είναι λιγότερο ευαίσθητα σε καθιζήσεις και στροφές της θεμελίωσης.

Συμπληρωματικά των παραπάνω τονίζεται ότι για τη συγκεκριμένη γέφυρα τα στοιχεία της ανωδομής που απαιτούν αύξηση λόγω των στατικών συνδυασμών δράσεων μετά τη ρευστοποίηση (διαγώνιοι σύνδεσμοι δυσκαμψίας μεταξύ των τόξων, εφέδρανα και αρμοί) είναι δευτερεύοντα και εύκολα αντικατασταστάσιμα. Είναι συνεπώς δυνατόν να υιοθετηθεί στον σχεδιασμό η στρατηγική διατήρησης αυτών των στοιχείων στα αρχικά τους μεγέθη, αφαίρεσή τους (εφόσον απαιτηθεί) μετά από ενδεχόμενο σεισμικό γεγονός που θα έχει προκαλέσει ρευστοποίηση, με αποτέλεσμα την ανάταξη των υπόλοιπων δομικών στοιχείων της ανωδομής της κατά τα άλλα ισοστατικής γέφυρας, και αντικατάστασή τους. Τότε, για τον έλεγχο της ανωδομής, δεν θα χρειάζεται να ληφθούν υπόψη στους στατικούς συνδυασμούς μετά τη ρευστοποίηση οι παραμένουσες βυθίσεις και στροφές, δεδομένου ότι αφετηρία θα είναι ένας απαραμόρφωτος φορέας, με εξαίρεση μόνον τα ίδια βάρη. Κύριο πλεονέκτημα αυτής της θεώρησης δεν είναι τόσο η – έτσι και αλλιώς αμελητέα - οικονομία του αρχικού σχεδιασμού, όσο η υποβάθμιση της σημασίας της πρόβλεψης των οφειλόμενων σε ρευστοποίηση παραμενουσών βυθίσεων και στροφών.

Επισημαίνεται όμως ότι, σε κάθε περίπτωση, η καινοτόμος λύση προσφέρει το επιπλέον πλεονέκτημα μιας ασφαλιστικής δικλείδας έναντι ατυχηματικών πολύ υψηλών σεισμικών δράσεων που θα μπορούσαν να εκδηλωθούν, μεγαλύτερων ακόμη και των δράσεων που χρησιμοποιούνται στο Σεισμικό Σενάριο 2, δεδομένου ότι τότε θα συμβεί ρευστοποίηση και θα ενεργοποιηθεί η προστασία της γέφυρας μέσω της αναπτυσσόμενης φυσικής σεισμικής μόνωσης. Αυτονόητο είναι ότι η συμβατική λύση δεν προσφέρει τέτοια προστασία και θα κινδυνεύει από πολύ σοβαρές βλάβες και ενδεχόμενη κατάρρευση σε τέτοιες περιπτώσεις.

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# Chapter 1

## INTRODUCTION

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This Technical Report constitutes part of Deliverable 8 of the Research Project entitled:

### **THALIS-NTUA (MIS 380043)**

#### **Innovative Design of Bridge Piers on Liquefiable Soils with the use of Natural Seismic Isolation**

performed under the general coordination of Professor George Bouckovalas (Principal Investigator) and Professor Charis Gantes (Scientific Responsible for WP8).

Namely, it presents the actions taken and the associated results of Work Package WP8, entitled:

*"Application to large span, cable-stayed bridges"*

The Scope of **Work Package WP8**, has been described in the approved Research Proposal as follows:

*"The aim of this WP is to explore the feasibility of the proposed new design methodology, and the resulting advantages over conventional design methods, in the case of a cable-stayed bridge, with steel piers and composite deck system. This bridge type, although less common in Greece, may provide a technically and economically optimum solution for cases of medium-large spans between the piers (e.g. larger than 80 m). In parallel, it presents specific peculiarities as compared to the RC bridges of WP 6 and WP 7, due to the different construction materials, as well as due to the more flexible response which may lead to: (a) less strict performance criteria with regard to the allowable foundation movements, but also (b) increased risk of structure-to-excitation resonance when part of the liquefied ground will act as a "natural" base isolation system.*

*The main work tasks required to achieve the aim of this WP are the following:*

**(a)** *Initially, the allowable foundation movements (settlements and rotations) will have to be established for different types of cable-stayed bridges, namely "harp" and "fan" types, with one or two pylons, as well as cable suspended bridges with a main suspension cable between the pylon tops and vertical hangers. The relevant criteria will take into account the permissible damage and serviceability levels (e.g. driving discomfort, repairable damage, non-repairable damage), as well as the anticipated seismicity level (e.g. seismic excitation with 90, 450 or 900 years return period), and will be established after a joint evaluation of:*

- *an extensive literature survey of relevant codes and guidelines (e.g. Eurocode 2-Part 2, Eurocode 8-Part 2, Eurocode 7, MCEER & FHA-chapter 11.4),*

- *examples of actual bridge performance during recent earthquakes, and*
- *parametric analyses of various bridge components (e.g. pylons, cables, deck) under static and cyclic dynamic loading.*

**(b)** *Next, the pylons of a typical "harp" or "fan" type cable-stayed bridge, with a midspan of 80-120m, will be designed using the conventional foundation approach, i.e. pile groups with ground improvement between and around the piles. It is our intention to select an actual (existing or in the design stage) river bridge site, where the subsoil conditions are well established by geotechnical surveys, while extensive liquefaction is expected underneath one or more of the bridge piers.*

**(c)** *Finally, the static and seismic design of this bridge will be repeated with the new methodology of "natural" seismic isolation (i.e. shallow foundation and partial improvement, of the top part only of the liquefiable soil), in connection with the allowable foundation movements which were established in work task (a) above. The comparative advantages and limitations of the new design methodology, relative to the conventional ones, will be consequently evaluated on the basis of technical, as well as cost criteria.*

The present Research Report -Deliverable (D8b) refers to work tasks (b) and (c) above, while the work task (a) is described in a separate Research Report - Deliverable (D8a).

It should be clarified in advance that, during the initial phases of this investigation it was established that the soil stresses due to permanent loads developing under the piers of common cable-stayed and cable suspended bridges exceeded the values which are considered as acceptable for the proposed innovative solution of piers seated on liquefiable soil. It was therefore decided to address in this WP the case of an arch steel bridge with suspended deck, which is a solution adopted for smaller spans and therefore leads to smaller soil stresses under permanent loads. Furthermore, this bridge type maintains a number of basic characteristics of cable suspended bridges (i.e. the capacity to sustain relatively large foundation displacements) and consequently satisfies all relevant project requirements.

The work described herein constitutes the study of the arch steel bridge with conventional pile foundation. It has been performed with the contribution of the following members of our **Research Team**, from the Institute of Steel Structures, School of Civil Engineering, National Technical University of Athens:

- **Charis J. Gantes**, Professor, School of Civil Engineering, NTUA
- **Isabella Vassilopoulou**, Civil Engineer, Ph.D.

# Chapter 2

## APPLIED CODES

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The codes that are used for the design of the bridge are the following:

- Eurocode 0: Basis of structural design;
- Eurocode 1-1.4: Actions on structures – General actions, Wind actions;
- Eurocode 1-1.5: Actions on structures – General actions, Thermal actions;
- Eurocode 1-2: Actions on structures – Traffic loads on bridges;
- Eurocode 2-1.1: Design of concrete structures – General rules and rules for buildings;
- Eurocode 2-2: Design of concrete structures – Concrete Bridges – Design and detailing rules;
- Eurocode 3-1: Design of steel structures – General rules and rules for buildings;
- Eurocode 3-1.8: Design of steel structures – Design of joints;
- Eurocode 3-2: Design of steel structures – Steel Bridges;
- Eurocode 4-1.1: Design of composite steel and concrete structures – General rules and rules for buildings;
- Eurocode 4-2: Design of composite steel and concrete structures – General rules and rules for bridges;
- Eurocode 8-1: Design of structures for earthquake resistance – General rules, seismic actions and rules for buildings;
- Eurocode 8-2: Design of structures for earthquake resistance – Bridges;
- DIN 4141-14: Structural bearings, laminated elastomeric bearings – design and construction;
- EN1337-1: Structural bearings – General design rules;
- EN1337-3: Structural bearings – Elastomeric bearings;
- DIN 4014: Bored Cast-in-place Piles - Formation, Design and Bearing Capacity.

## **PART I: CONVENTIONAL SOLUTION**

# Chapter 3

## BRIDGE DESCRIPTION

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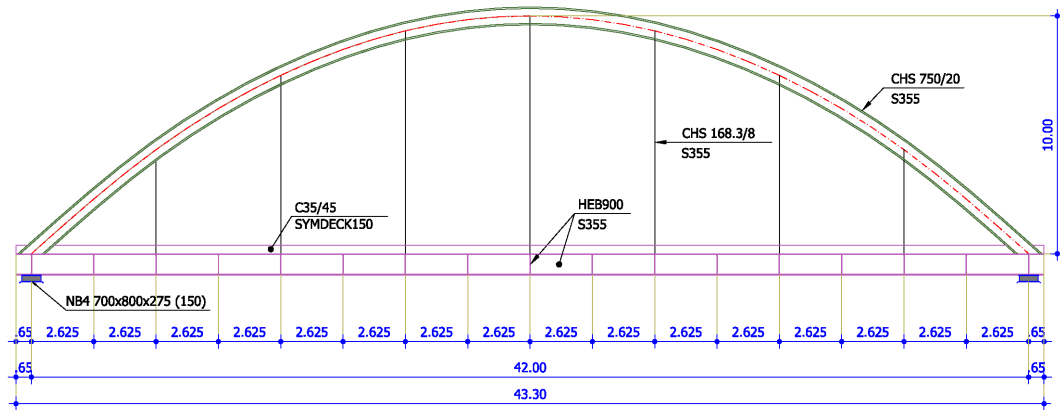
### 3.1 Geometry and cross sections

The bridge under investigation is situated over a riverbank and it is a steel arch road bridge with two simply supported spans, with total length 87.60m. The total width of the deck is equal to 15.00m, while at the supports it becomes 15.55m. The steel members of each span include two (2) main beams, seventeen (17) transverse beams, two (2) arches connected with transverse and diagonal bracing members. Each main beam is suspended by each arch with seven (7) hangers. The distance of the transverse steel beams is 2.625m. A composite deck is formed using trapezoidal profiles of type SYMDECK 150 and a concrete slab. The total thickness of the composite slab is 35cm. The concrete slab is connected with the transverse and main beams through steel shear connectors in order to ensure composite action. The characteristics of the bridge's steel members are listed in Table 3.1. The elevation view of a single span is illustrated in Figure 3.1, the arrangement in plan view of the main and transverse beams is shown in Figure 3.2, the plane view of the bridge in Figure 3.3 and the section of the bridge at mid span in Figure 3.4.

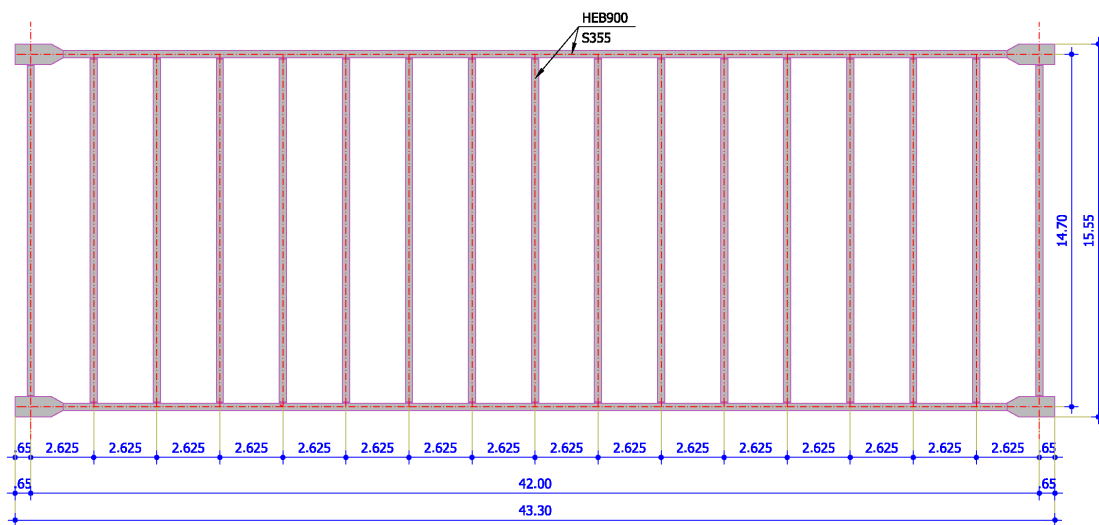
**Table 3.1:** Characteristics of the bridge's steel members

**Πίνακας 3.1:** Χαρακτηριστικά των μεταλλικών στοιχείων της γέφυρας

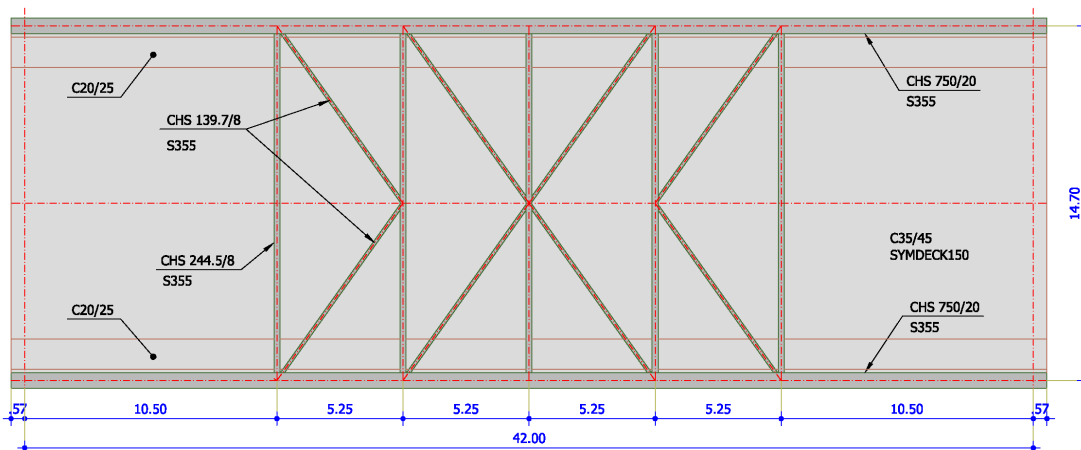
Type	Total number	Cross section	Length of each member	Theoretical span/rise
Main beams	4	HEB900	43.30m	42.00m
Transverse beams	34	HEB900	14.30m	14.70m
Arches	4	CHS750/20	47.70m	42.00m / 10.00m
Transverse bracing members	10	CHS244.5/8	13.95m	14.70m
Diagonal bracing members	16	CHS139.7/8	8.45m	9.13m
Hangers	28	CHS168.3/8	3.90m – 9.625m	4.375m – 10.00m



**Figure 3.1:** Elevation view of a single span  
**Σχήμα 3.1:** Όψη εντός ανοίγματος γέφυρας

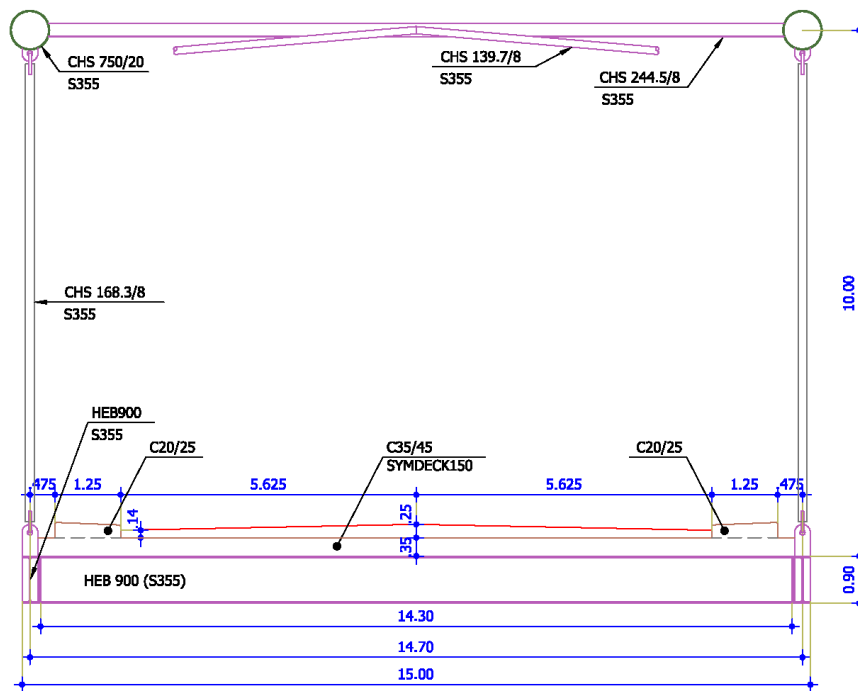


**Figure 3.2:** Arrangement in plan view of the deck's beams of a single span  
**Σχήμα 3.2:** Διάταξη δοκών καταστρώματος εντός ανοίγματος γέφυρας



**Figure 3.3:** Plan view of a single span  
**Σχήμα 3.3:** Κάτοψη εντός ανοίγματος γέφυρας

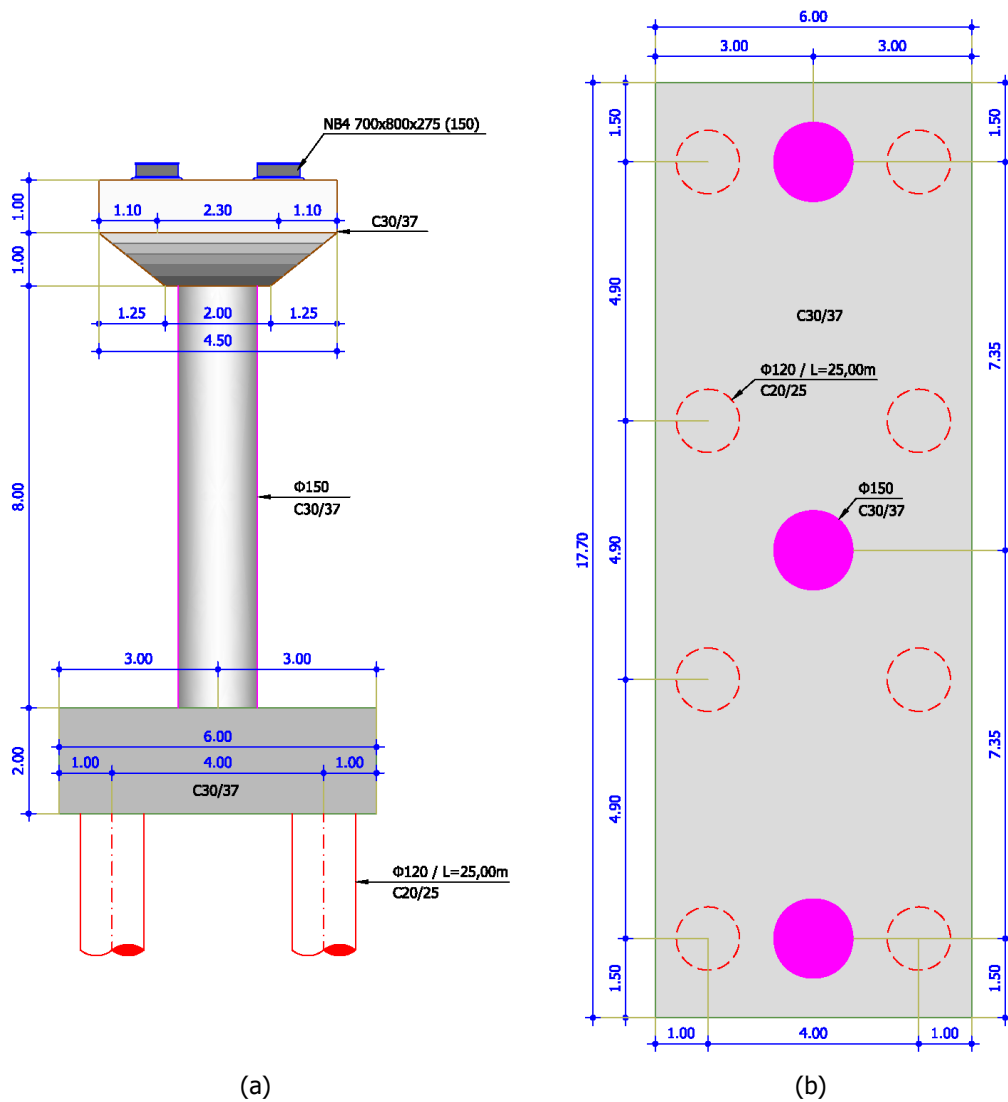




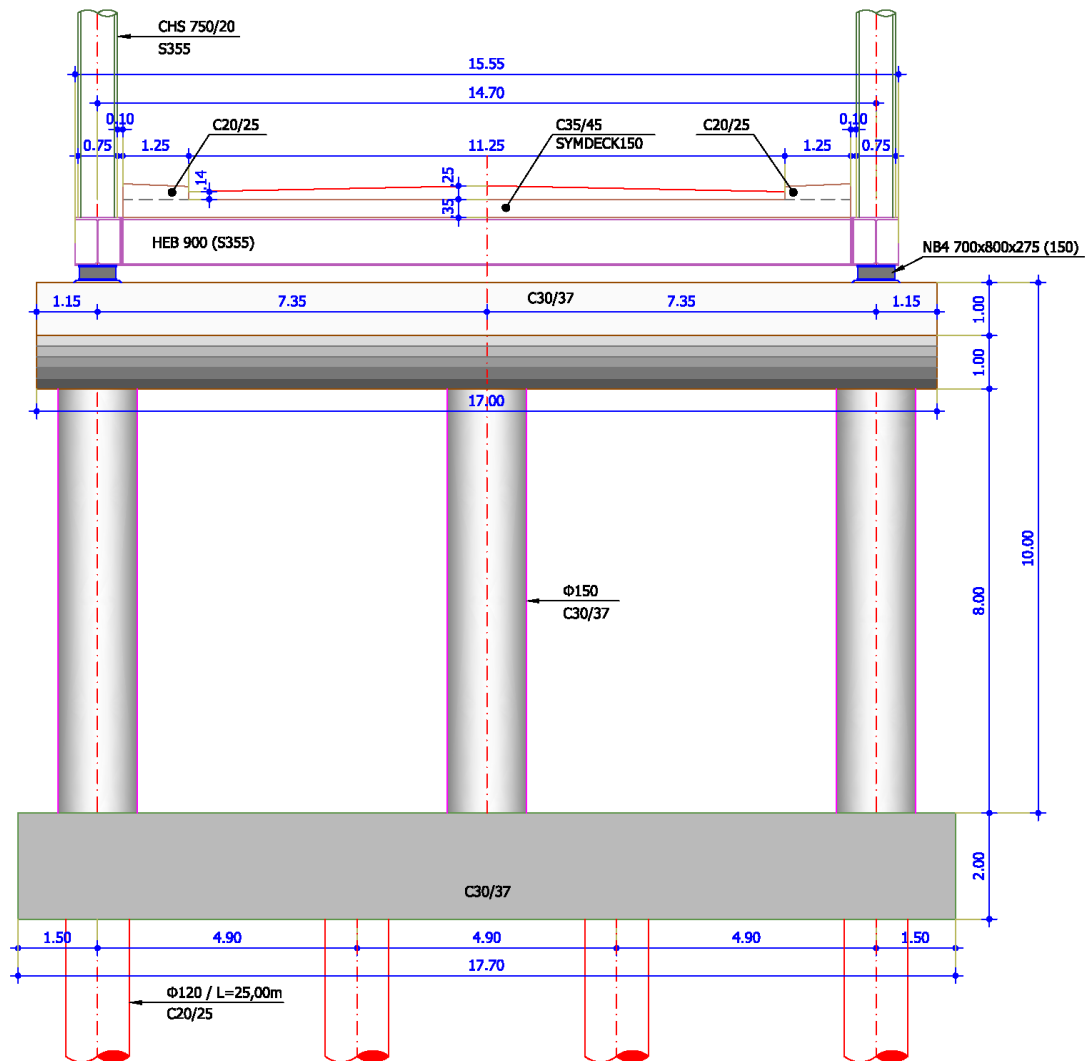
**Figure 3.4:** Section of the bridge at midspan

**Σχήμα 3.4:** Εγκάρσια τομή γέφυρας στο μέσον του ανοίγματος

The pier consists of three circular reinforced concrete columns, 8.00m tall, having a circular cross section of 1.50m diameter. The distance between the three columns is equal to 7.35m. They are connected at the top with a 17.00m long concrete beam, having the cross – section of Figure 3.5a. The pier's foundation consists of eight piles  $\Phi 120$  and  $L=25.00$ m, arranged in a grid of orthogonal distances  $X \times Y = 4.00\text{m} \times 4.90\text{m}$ . The pilecap's dimensions are  $17.70\text{m} \times 6.00\text{m}$  and its thickness is 2.00m (Figure 3.5b). The section of the bridge at the pier is given in Figure 3.6. The elevation view of the bridge is illustrated in Figure 3.7.

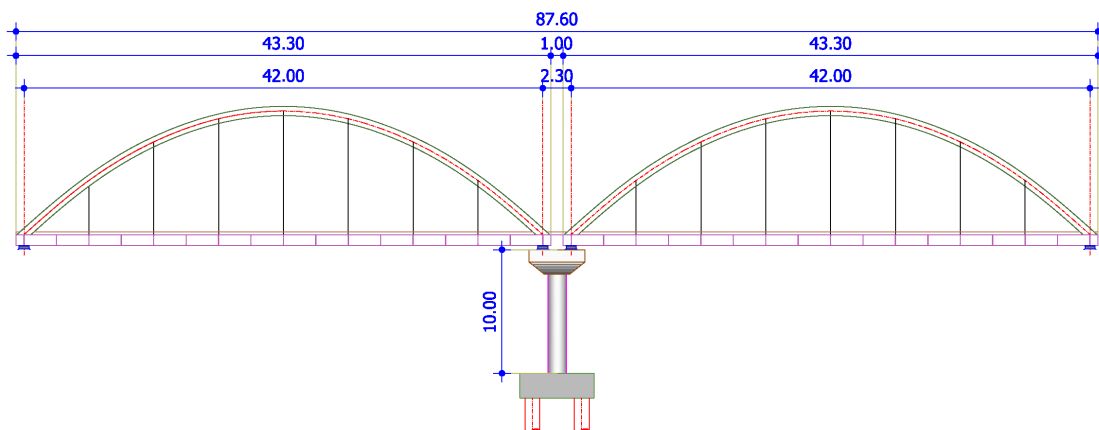


**Figure 3.5:** (a) Geometry of the pier in longitudinal section, (b) Geometry of the pier's pilecap  
**Σχήμα 3.5:** (a) Γεωμετρία μεσοβάθρου στη διαμήκη έννοια, (b) Γεωμετρία κεφαλοδέσμου μεσοβάθρου



**Figure 3.6:** Section of the bridge at the pier

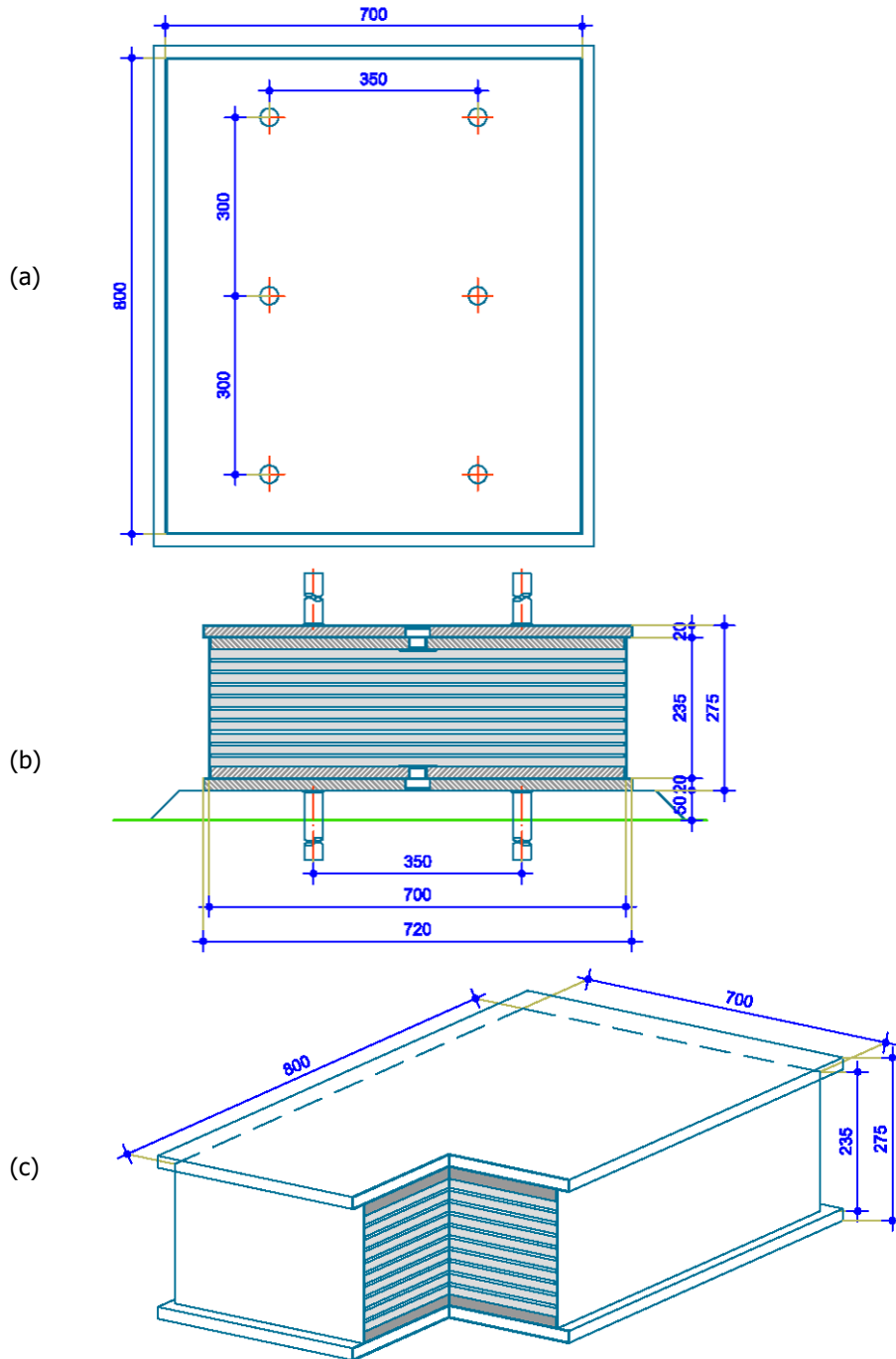
**Σχήμα 3.6:** Εγκάρσια τομή γέφυρας στη θέση μεσοβάθρου



**Figure 3.7:** Elevation view of the bridge

**Σχήμα 3.7:** Όψη γέφυρας

The connection of the deck and the pier and the abutments is realized with anchored elastomeric bearings type NB4 700x800x275 (150). The bearings consist of ten (10) layers of elastomer, with thickness  $t_e=0.015\text{m}$ . The total thickness of the elastomer is  $t=0.150\text{m}$ . Details of the bearings are shown in Figure 3.8.



**Figure 3.8:** Details of the elastomeric bearings: (a) plan view, (b) vertical section, (c) perspective view

**Σχήμα 3.8:** Λεπτομέρειες ελαστομερικών εφεδράνων: (α) κάτοψη (β) κατακόρυφη τομή (γ) προοπτικό

### 3.2 Materials

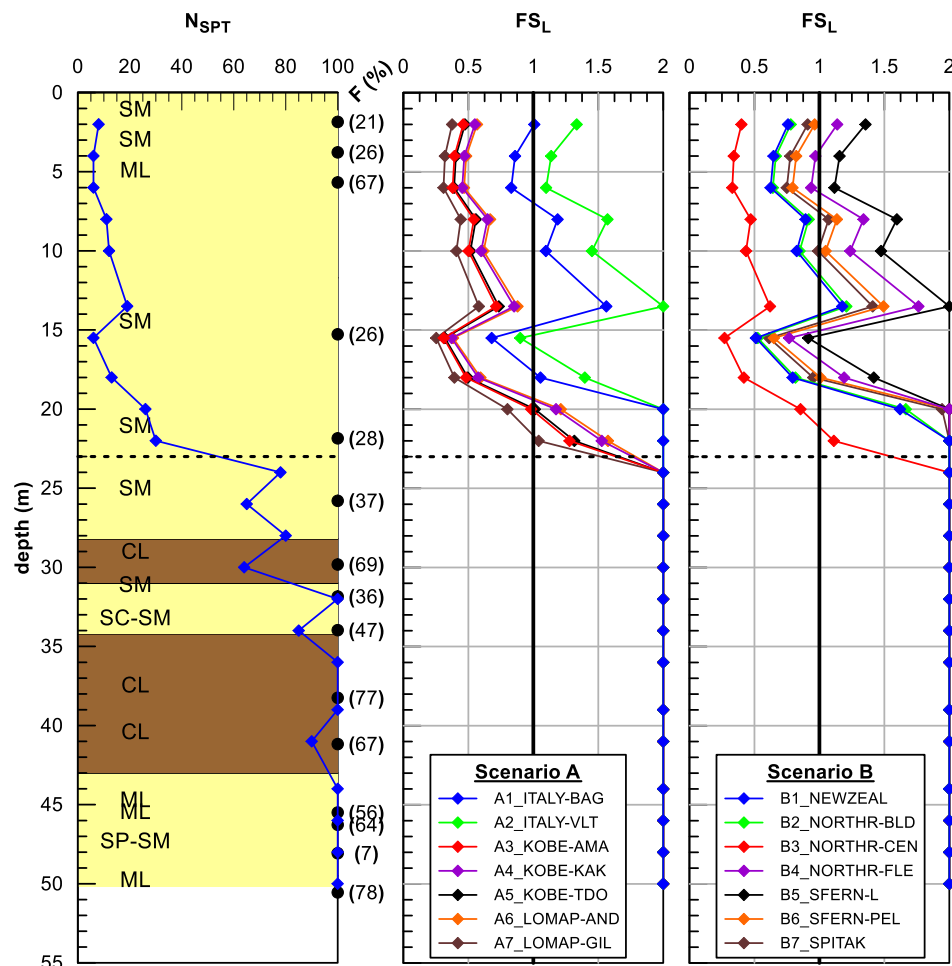
All steel members are made of S355 structural steel. For the composite deck reinforced concrete C35/45 is used, for the sidewalks C20/25, for the pilecap, the columns and the beam of the pier C30/37, and for the piles C20/25. The reinforcement steel is B500C.

### 3.3 Soil profile

The selected site is located within the riverbed of Strymonas river in Serres, Greece, and has been the subject of geotechnical investigation due to the foundation of the middle pier of "Strymonas river" bridge of "Egnatia Odos" Highway. The soil profile at the site has been created from river deposits and consists of loose liquefiable silty sands and soft clays, while the ground water table is located on the ground surface, a fact that is further enhancing the liquefaction susceptibility. More specifically, the following soil layers were identified:

- Layer 1 (0-28m): Silty sand (SM) and locally non-plastic silt (ML)
- Layer 2 (28-31m): Low plasticity clay (CL)
- Layer 3 (31-34m): Silty sand (SM) and locally low plasticity clayey sand (SM-SC)
- Layer 4 (34-43m): Low plasticity clay (CL)
- Layer 5 (43-50m): Non-plastic silt (ML) and locally well graded silty sand (SW-SM).

In more detail, the soil profile that will be used for the numerical analyses is plotted in Figure 3.9, along with the factor of safety against liquefaction (from Appendix C of Deliverable D4: Elastic Response Spectra for Liquefiable soils).



**Figure 3.9:** Examined soil profile and factor of safety against liquefaction with depth

**Σχήμα 3.9:** Εδαφικό προφίλ και έλεγχος ρευστοποίησης

The Young Modulus of the soil's layers is given in Table 3.2, as well as the constant of the horizontal springs for a single pile, which is equal to  $K_h = E/D$ , where  $D$  is the pile's diameter

(for  $D > 1.0\text{m}$ , it is taken equal to  $1.00\text{m}$ ). These constants have to be reduced according to the methodology described in DIN4014. In Table 3.3, instead, the vertical springs for pile's diameter  $D=1.20\text{m}$  are provided with depth. These have to be reduced due to group of piles according to Poulos and Davis (1974), with a reduction factor calculated according to Table 3.4, where pile's stiffness coefficient  $K$  can be taken equal to 2000.

**Table 3.2:** Young Modulus  $E$  of the soil's layers and horizontal springs for pile's diameter  $D=1.20\text{m}$

**Πίνακας 3.2:** Μέτρο ελαστικότητας  $E$  του εδάφους και οριζόντια ελατήρια για πάσσαλο διαμέτρου  $D=1.20\text{m}$

Depth (m)	$E$ (MPa)	$K_h$ (MN/m <sup>3</sup> )
0 – 24	20	20
24 – 28	25	25
28 – 31	30	30
31 – 34	30	30
34 – 43	55	55
43 - 50	38	38

**Table 3.3:** Vertical spring's constant for pile's diameter  $D=1.20\text{m}$

**Πίνακας 3.3:** Κατακόρυφα ελατήρια για πάσσαλο διαμέτρου  $D=1.20\text{m}$

$L$ (m)	$K_v$ (MN/m) for $D=120\text{m}$
15	132
20	160
25	191
30	224
35	271

**Table 3.4:** Reduction factor  $R_s$  for the vertical springs of a group of piles

**Πίνακας 3.4:** Μειωτικός συντελεστής  $R_s$  για τα κατακόρυφα ελατήρια ομάδας πασσάλων αιχμής

		Number of piles in the group															
Length / Diameter	Distance / Diameter	4				9				16				25			
(L/B)	(e/B)	Pile's Stiffness K															
		10	100	1000	∞	10	100	1000	∞	10	100	1000	∞	10	100	1000	∞
10	2	1.52	1.14	1.00	2.02	1.31	1.31	1.00	1.00	2.39	1.49	1.00	1.00	2.70	1.63	1.00	1.00
	5	1.15	1.08	1.00	1.23	1.23	1.12	1.02	1.00	1.30	1.14	1.02	1.00	1.33	1.15	1.03	1.00
	10	1.02	1.01	1.00	1.04	1.04	1.02	1.00	1.00	1.04	1.02	1.00	1.00	1.03	1.02	1.00	1.00
25	2	1.88	1.62	1.05	1.00	2.84	2.57	1.16	1.00	3.70	3.28	1.33	1.00	4.48	4.13	1.50	1.00
	5	1.36	1.36	1.08	1.00	1.67	1.70	1.16	1.00	1.94	2.00	1.23	1.00	2.15	2.23	1.28	1.00
	10	1.14	1.15	1.04	1.00	1.23	1.26	1.06	1.00	1.30	1.33	1.07	1.00	1.33	1.38	1.08	1.00
100	2	2.54	2.26	1.81	1.00	4.40	3.95	3.04	1.00	6.24	5.89	4.61	1.00	8.18	7.93	6.40	1.00
	5	1.85	1.84	1.67	1.00	2.71	2.77	2.52	1.00	3.54	3.74	3.47	1.00	4.33	4.68	4.45	1.00
	10	1.44	1.49	1.46	1.00	1.84	1.99	1.98	1.00	2.21	2.48	2.53	1.00	2.53	2.98	3.10	1.00

# Chapter 4

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## SEISMIC CONDITIONS

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### 4.1 Seismic response spectra

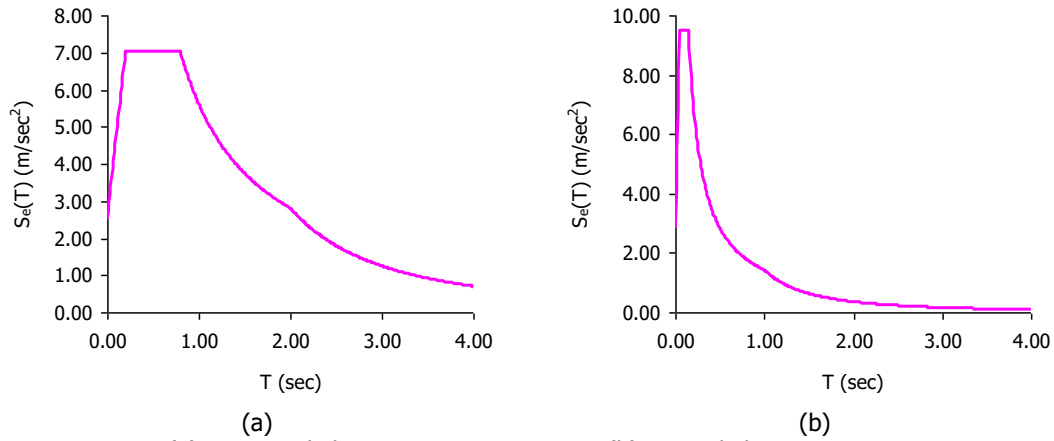
In order to define seismic actions the design spectrum of Eurocode 8 is taken into consideration, for soil type D, soil factor  $S=0.80$  and peak ground acceleration  $PGA_b=0.32g$ , accounting for the Seismic Scenario 2, with the following characteristics:

- return period  $T_{ret} = 1000$  years
- earthquake magnitude  $M_w = 7.0$
- peak ground acceleration at outcropping bedrock  $PGA_b = 0.32g$

Additionally, the following parameters are considered:

- Behavior factor  $q_h=1.50, q_v=1.00$
- Damping ratio  $\zeta=3\%$
- Damping correction factor  $n = \sqrt{\frac{10}{5+3}} = 1.118$
- Peak ground acceleration  $PGA_{b,h}=0.32g, PGA_{b,v}=0.90 \times 0.32g=0.288g$
- Periods for horizontal component  $(T_B=0.20s, T_C=0.80s, T_D=2.00s, S=0.80)$
- Periods for vertical component  $(T_B=0.05s, T_C=0.15s, T_D=1.00s)$

The horizontal elastic response spectrum is illustrated in Figure 4.1a, while Figure 4.1b shows the vertical one.



**Figure 4.1:** (a) Horizontal elastic response spectrum, (b) Vertical elastic response spectrum

**Σχήμα 4.1:** (a) Οριζόντιο ελαστικό φάσμα απόκρισης, (b) Κατακόρυφο ελαστικό φάσμα απόκρισης

## 4.2 Modal response spectrum analysis

A modal analysis is performed to calculate the natural frequencies and vibration modes of the bridge. The inertial effects of the design seismic action are evaluated by taking into account the presence of the masses associated with all gravity loads appearing in the following combination of actions:

$$\sum_{j \geq 1} G_{kj} + \sum_{i \geq 1} \psi_E \cdot Q_{ki} \text{ where } \psi_E = 0.20 \text{ for road traffic loads.}$$

It is ensured that the sum of the effective modal masses for the modes taken into account is at least 90% of the total mass of the structure. The total mass does not include the piles' mass. The maximum displacements, internal loads and stresses are superimposed according to CQC (Complete Quadratic Combination) method.



# Chapter 5

## ANALYSIS OF THE BRIDGE

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### 5.1 Model of the bridge

The main and transverse beams, the horizontal bracing members of the arches and the arches are modeled with beam elements. Moment releases are applied at the ends of the transverse beams. The hangers and the diagonal bracing members of the arches are modeled with truss elements. The concrete slab is simulated using shell elements with a thickness of 25cm, accounting for the mean value of the slab's thickness. The bearings at the abutments and the pier are modeled with equivalent elastic springs, with different stiffness for static and seismic combinations. Thus, for the horizontal springs the stiffness of the bearings for static load combinations is:

$$K_{h,st} = \frac{G_g \times A}{t} = \frac{900\text{kN/m}^2 \times 0.7\text{m} \times 0.8\text{m}}{0.150\text{m}} = 3360\text{kN/m} \quad (5.1)$$

while for displacements under seismic load combinations the stiffness of the horizontal springs is given as:

$$K_{h,se} = \frac{1.25 \times G_g \times A}{t} = 1.25 \times 3360\text{kN/m} = 4200\text{kN/m} \quad (5.2)$$

and for the calculation of the internal forces under seismic load combinations, the corresponding stiffness of the horizontal springs is:

$$K_{h,se,In} = \frac{1.20 \times 1.25 \times G_g \times A}{t} = 1.20 \times 4200\text{kN/m} = 5040\text{kN/m} \quad (5.3)$$

with  $G_g=900\text{kN/m}^2$  the conventional shear modulus,  $A$  the overall plan area of the bearing and  $t$  the total thickness of the elastomer layers. The vertical springs have a stiffness constant equal to:

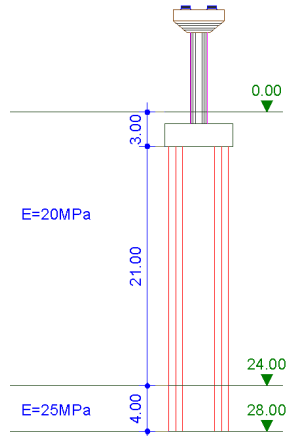
$$\begin{aligned} K_v &= \frac{A}{\sum t_i \times \left( \frac{1}{5 \times G \times S^2} + \frac{1}{E_b} \right)} = \\ &= \frac{0.70\text{m} \times 0.80\text{m}}{0.150\text{m} \times \left( \frac{1}{5 \times 1.25 \times 900\text{kN/m}^2 \times 12.44^2} + \frac{1}{2000000\text{kN/m}^2} \right)} = 2.26 \times 10^6\text{kN/m} \end{aligned} \quad (5.4)$$

where S is the shape factor of the elastomeric bearing equal to:

$$S = \frac{A}{L \times t_e} = \frac{0.70\text{m} \times 0.80\text{m}}{2 \times (0.70\text{m} + 0.80\text{m}) \times 0.015\text{m}} = 12.44 \quad (5.5)$$

with L the perimeter of the bearing and  $t_e$  the effective thickness of an individual elastomer layer and the bulk modulus is taken equal to  $E_b=2000\text{MPa}$ .

The soil-structure interaction is taken into account with equivalent springs acting on the piles. More specifically, the calculated spring constant of a single pile is based on the values of Table 3.2, as also shown in Figure 5.1.



**Figure 5.1:** Young modulus E of soil with respect to the piles' length

**Σχήμα 5.1:** Μέτρο ελαστικότητας εδάφους E σε σχέση με το μήκος πασσάλων

The values of the springs' stiffness are:

$$k_s = E_s / D \rightarrow k_s = 20000 \text{ kN/m}^3 \text{ for the upper 21.00m of the pile} \quad (5.6)$$

$$k_s = E_s / D \rightarrow k_s = 25000 \text{ kN/m}^3 \text{ for the remaining 4.00m of the pile} \quad (5.7)$$

where D is the pile diameter (considered equal to 1.00m if the pile diameter is larger than 1.00m).

The elastic length of the pile L is:

$$L = \left( \frac{EI}{k_s D} \right)^{0.25} = \left( \frac{30 \cdot 10^6 \cdot \pi \cdot 1.20^4 / 64}{20000 \cdot 1.20} \right)^{0.25} \Rightarrow L = 3.36\text{m} \quad (5.8)$$

Thus,  $l/L = 25.00 / 3.36 = 7.44 > 4.00$  (where l is the pile's length that corresponds to the E taken into account).

For the reduction factors of the springs, the distances of the piles are taken into account ( $a_L$  in the direction of the force and  $a_Q$  perpendicular to the force) and the factors  $\alpha_L$  and  $\alpha_{QZ}$  are calculated according to DIN4014. In the longitudinal direction the reduced values of the springs are (Figure 5.2):

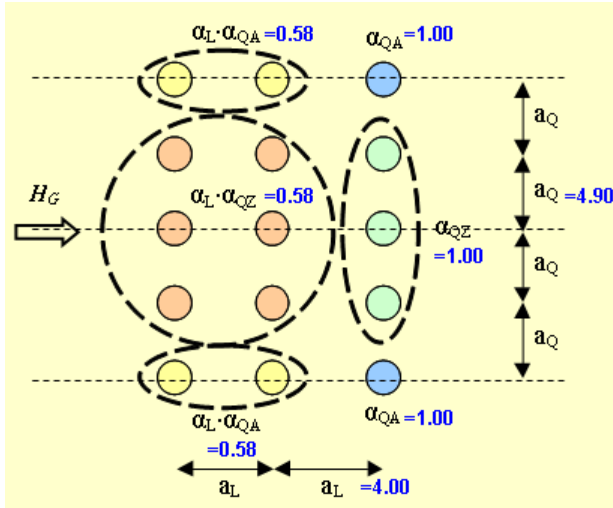
$$k_{si} = (\bar{\alpha}_{QZ} \cdot \bar{\alpha}_L)^{1.33} \cdot k_s = (0.67 \times 1.00)^{1.33} \times 20000 \text{ kN/m}^3 = \\ = (0.58 \times 20000) \text{ kN/m}^3 \text{ for the upper 21.00m} \quad (5.9)$$

$$k_{si} = (\bar{\alpha}_{QZ} * \bar{\alpha}_L)^{1.33} \cdot k_s = (0.67 \times 1.00)^{1.33} \times 25000 \text{ kN/m}^3 = (0.58 \times 20000) \text{ kN/m}^3 \text{ for the remaining 3.00m} \quad (5.10)$$

In the transverse direction the reduced values of the springs are (Figure 5.3):

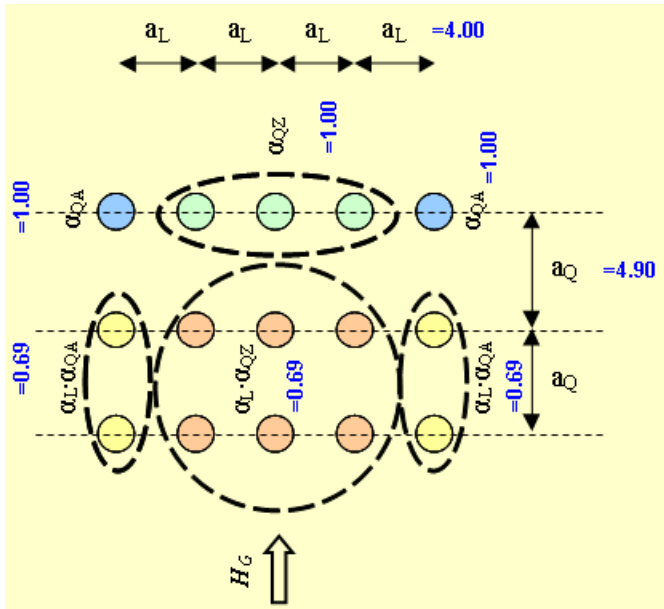
$$k_{si} = (\bar{\alpha}_{QZ} * \bar{\alpha}_L)^{1.33} \cdot k_s = (0.76 \times 1.00)^{1.33} \times 20000 \text{ kN/m}^3 = (0.69 \times 20000) \text{ kN/m}^3 \text{ for the upper 21.00m} \quad (5.11)$$

$$k_{si} = (\bar{\alpha}_{QZ} * \bar{\alpha}_L)^{1.33} \cdot k_s = (0.76 \times 1.00)^{1.33} \times 25000 \text{ kN/m}^3 = (0.69 \times 25000) \text{ kN/m}^3 \text{ for the remaining 3.00m} \quad (5.12)$$



**Figure 5.2:** Reduced factors for pile's horizontal springs in the longitudinal direction

**Σχήμα 5.2:** Μειωτικοί συντελεστές οριζόντιων ελατηρίων πασσάλων, κατά τη διαμήκη έννοια



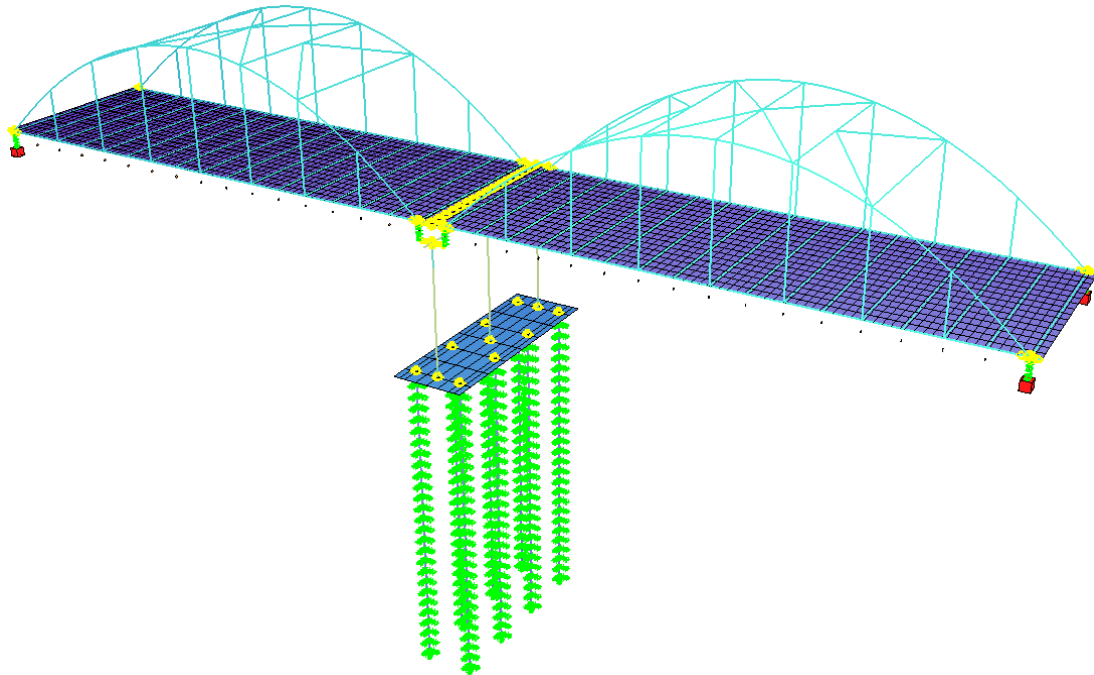
**Figure 5.3:** Reduced factors for pile's horizontal springs in the transverse direction

**Σχήμα 5.3:** Μειωτικοί συντελεστές οριζόντιων ελατηρίων πασσάλων, κατά την εγκάρσια έννοια

Regarding the vertical springs of the piles, the constant for a pile of  $L=24.00\text{m}$  is given in Table 3.3 and it is equal to  $k_v=191\text{MN/m}$ , while the reduction factor  $R_s$  according to Table 3.4 is equal to 1.15, considering  $L/B=20$ ,  $e/B=4.08$  and  $K=2000$ . Thus, the vertical spring's constant for the piles of diameter 1.20m are:

$$k_v = 191000 \text{ kN/m} / 1.15 = 166000 \text{ kN/m} \quad (5.13)$$

The numerical model of the bridge is shown in Figure 5.4. The finite element analysis software that is used is Sofistik.



**Figure 5.4:** Model of the bridge

**Σχήμα 5.4:** Προσομοίωμα γέφυρας

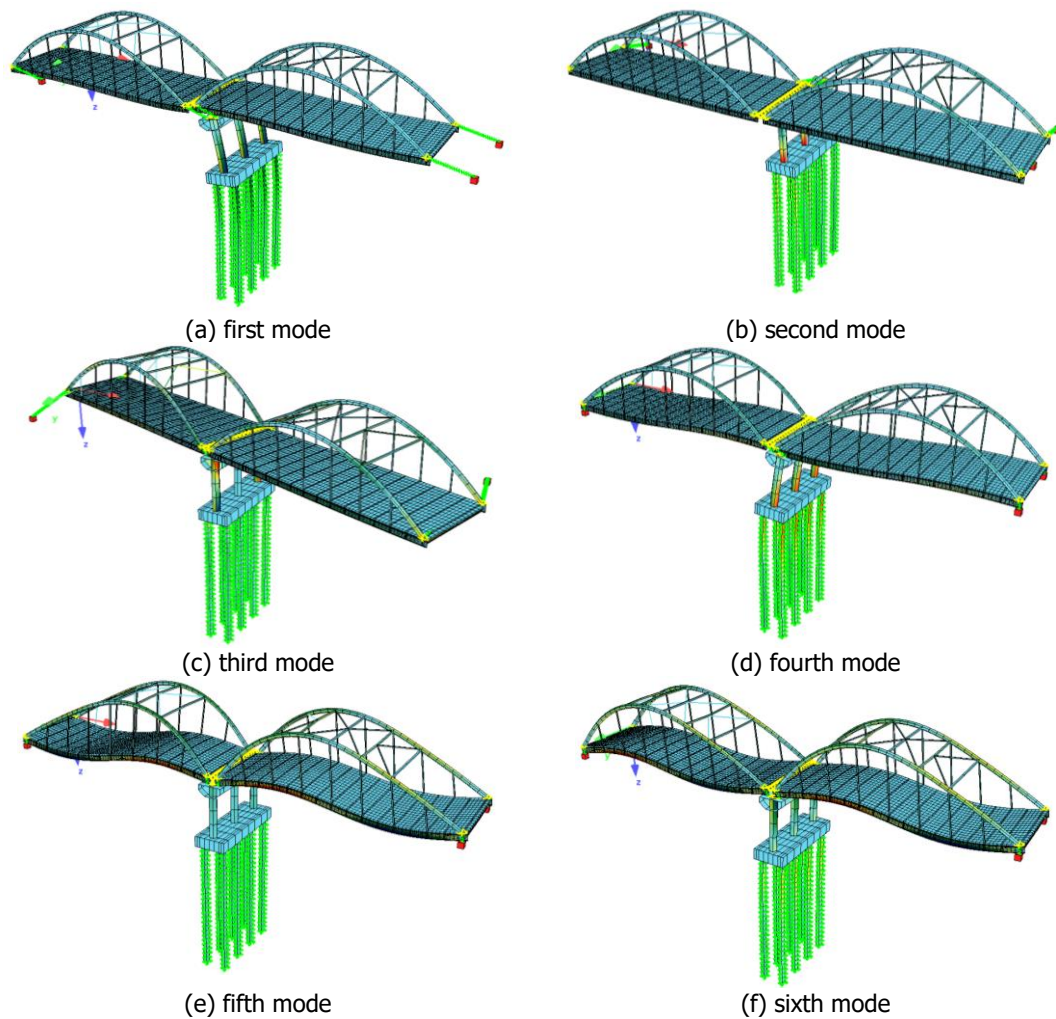
## 5.2 Vibration modes and natural frequencies

The natural frequencies and periods of the first six vibration modes are listed in Table 5.1, while Figure 5.5 shows the corresponding modal shapes.

**Table 5.1:** Eigenfrequencies and eigenperiods of the bridge

**Πίνακας 5.1:** Ιδιοσυχνότητες και ιδιοπερίοδοι της γέφυρας

Mode number	Eigenfrequency (rad/sec)	Eigenfrequency (Hz)	Period (sec)
1	3.733	0.594	1.683
2	4.000	0.637	1.571
3	5.069	0.807	1.239
4	11.265	1.793	0.558
5	13.317	2.119	0.472
6	13.877	2.209	0.453



**Figure 5.5:** Eigenmodes of the bridge  
**Σχήμα 5.5:** Ιδιομορφές γέφυρας

### 5.3 Load Cases

The load cases considered are the following:

**LC 1:** Self weight

**LC 2:** Superimposed

Pavement and future layer:  $g = 0.20\text{m} \times 24\text{kN/m}^3 + 0.50\text{kN/m}^2 = 5.30\text{kN/m}^2$

Each sidewalk with parapets:  $g = (0.33\text{m}^2 \times 25\text{kN/m}^3 + 0.95\text{kN/m}) / 1.25\text{m} = 7.36\text{kN/m}^2$

Earth weight on the pilecap:  $g = 0.50\text{m} \times 20\text{ kN/m}^3 = 10\text{kN/m}^2$ .

**LC 3:** Shrinkage and creep

An equivalent uniform decrease of temperature is used to simulate the shrinkage of the concrete slab, equal to  $-13^\circ$ .

**LC 4:** Braking load

The total braking load is:

$$Q_{ik}=0.6a_{Ql}(2Q_{ik})+0.10a_{Ql} q_{ik} w_1 L=0.6\times 0.9\times 2\times 300+0.10\times 1.0\times 9\times 3\times 87.60=560.52\text{kN}$$

$$\text{It is: } 180\times a_{Ql}\leq Q_{ik}\leq 900 \Rightarrow 180\times 0.9\leq Q_{ik}\leq 900 \Rightarrow 162\leq Q_{ik}\leq 900.$$

The distributed uniform horizontal load over the bridge's deck is:

$$Q_{ik}/(14.70\text{m} \times 87.60\text{m})=0.43 \text{ kN/m}^2$$

**LC 5-6:** Uniform difference of temperature for check of elastomeric bearings and expansion joints.

For the check of bearings and expansion joints the uniform difference of temperature is calculated as:

$$\Delta T_{N,con}-20^\circ\text{C}=-41^\circ\text{C}, \Delta T_{N,exp}+20^\circ\text{C}=59^\circ\text{C}.$$

As in LC 15 and 16, the temperature variations are applied on the steel members of the superstructure and the slab of the deck.

**LC 7:** Wind action y

Considering a wind velocity  $V_b=30\text{m/sec}$ , a uniform load is applied at the members of the bridge towards +y (depending on their exposed dimension):

Piers:  $0.0238\text{kN/m}$

Deck:  $0.415\text{kN/m}^2$

Hangers:  $0.11\text{-}0.13\text{kN/m}$

Arches:  $0.56\text{kN/m}$

Diagonal bracing members:  $0.09\text{kN/m}$

**LC 8:** Wind action x

Similarly, considering a wind velocity  $V_b=30\text{m/sec}$ , a uniform load is applied at the members of the bridge towards +x:

Piers:  $0.0323\text{kN/m}$

Deck:  $0.104\text{kN/m}^2$

Hangers:  $0.11\text{-}0.13\text{kN/m}$

Arches:  $0.56\text{kN/m}$

Diagonal bracing members:  $0.07\text{kN/m}$

Horizontal bracing members:  $0.19\text{kN/m}$

**LC 9:** Wind action z

Considering a wind velocity  $V_b=30\text{m/sec}$ , a uniform load is applied at the members of the bridge towards +z:

Half Deck:  $1.01\text{kN/m}^2$

Arches: 0.56kN/m

Diagonal bracing members: 0.11kN/m

Horizontal bracing members: 0.19kN/m

**LC 10, 11, 12:** Settlement of 1cm at the pier and 1cm at the abutments.

**LC 15-16:** Uniform difference of temperature on deck.

Considering an initial temperature  $T_0=+10^{\circ}\text{C}$ , a minimum shade air temperature  $T_{\min}=-15^{\circ}\text{C}$  and a maximum one  $T_{\max}=+45^{\circ}\text{C}$ , the uniform temperature components are determined by EC1. Part.1-5 for a composite bridge (Type 2) and are equal to  $T_{e,\min}=-11^{\circ}\text{C}$  and  $T_{e,\max}=+49^{\circ}\text{C}$ . Thus:

$$\Delta T_{N,\text{con}}=T_0-T_{e,\min}=-21^{\circ}\text{C}, \Delta T_{N,\text{exp}}=T_{e,\max}-T_0=+39^{\circ}\text{C}.$$

The temperature variations are applied on the steel members of the superstructure and the slab of the deck.

**LC 20-99:** Tandem System of Traffic Load Model 1

The carriageway width is 11.25m, thus, three lanes are considered with width 3.00m and a tandem system is applied at varied positions of the bridge, as:

Lane 1:  $0.9 \times 150\text{kN}=135\text{kN}/\text{wheel}$  (four wheels)

Lane 2:  $0.9 \times 100\text{kN}=90\text{kN}/\text{wheel}$  (four wheels)

Lane 3:  $0.9 \times 50\text{kN}=45\text{kN}/\text{wheel}$  (four wheels)

**LC 101-103:** UDL System of Traffic Load Model 1

A distributed load is applied on the deck equal to  $2.5\text{kN}/\text{m}^2$

**LC 121-123, 141-143:** UDL System of Traffic Load Model 1

At Lane 1 an additional distributed load is applied, equal to  $6.5\text{kN}/\text{m}^2$ .

**LC 201-260:** Tandem System of Traffic Load Model 2

A single axle load is applied at different positions of the bridge with value:  $0.9 \times 200\text{kN}=180\text{kN}/\text{wheel}$  (two wheels)

**LC 320-399:** Tandem System of Traffic Load Model 1 with cracked deck concrete

**LC 401-403:** UDL System of Traffic Load Model 1 with cracked deck concrete

**LC 421-423, 441-443:** UDL System of Traffic Load Model 1 with cracked deck concrete

**LC 501-560:** Tandem System of Traffic Load Model 2 with cracked deck concrete

**LC600:** Uniform road traffic loads

This load case is used for the seismic combinations, taking into account Load Model 1. The loads considered for this LC are listed in Table 5.2. A uniform load is applied to the shell elements equal to  $4.67\text{kN}/\text{m}^2$ .

**Table 5.2:** Live Load of the road bridge**Πίνακας 5.2:** Κινητό φορτίο οδογέφυρας

	Load	Width	Length	Sum of Loads
TS	Lane 1: $0.9 \times 600\text{kN} = 540\text{kN}$ Lane 2: $0.9 \times 400\text{kN} = 360\text{kN}$ Lane 3: $0.9 \times 200\text{kN} = 180\text{kN}$			1080.00kN
UDL	$9.00\text{kN/m}^2$	3.00m	87.60m	2365.20kN
UDL	$2.50\text{kN/m}^2$	14.70m-3.00m	87.60m	2562.30kN
Total Load				6007.50kN
Distributed Load		14.70m	87.60m	<b>4.67kN/m<sup>2</sup></b>

**LC2010:** Earthquake x-x**LC2011:** Earthquake y-y**LC2012:** Earthquake z-z

#### 5.4 Load Combinations at Ultimate Limit State (ULS)

The load combination at ULS is described as:

$$\sum_{j \geq 1} \gamma_{Gj} \cdot G_{kj} + \gamma_{Q1} \cdot Q_{k1} + \sum_{i \geq 2} \gamma_{Qi} \cdot \psi_{0i} \cdot Q_{ki} \quad (5.14)$$

where the partial factors  $\gamma_G$  and  $\gamma_Q$  are listed in Table 5.3, while factor  $\psi_0$  can be found in Table 5.4:

**Table 5.3:** Partial factors for actions in ULS**Πίνακας 5.3:** Επιμέρους συντελεστές για δράσεις σε ΟΚΑ

Action	Contribution	Factor	Persistent / Transient	Accidental
Permanent actions	unfavourable	$\gamma_{Gsup}$	1.35	1.00
	favourable	$\gamma_{Ginf}$	1.00	1.00
Traffic loads	unfavourable	$\gamma_Q$	1.35	1.00
	favourable	$\gamma_Q$	0.00	0.00
Settlements	unfavourable	$\gamma_{Gset}$	1.20	0.00
	favourable	$\gamma_{Gset}$	0.00	0.00
Other variable actions	unfavourable	$\gamma_Q$	1.50	1.00
	favourable	$\gamma_Q$	0.00	0.00
Accidental actions	unfavourable	$\gamma_A$	---	1.00

The following ULS load combinations are considered:

**LC 1100 and 1200:** This combination includes the following load cases:

LC1	Self weight
+LC2	Superimposed
+LC3	Shrinkage
+LC4	Braking load
+LC7 or LC8	Wind action $\pm x$ or $\pm y$
+LC9	Wind action $\pm z$



+LC10, 11, 12	Settlements at the pier and the abutments (only for the design of superstructure)
+LC15, 16	Thermal loads
+LC20-99	Tandem System (LM1)
+LC101-103	UDL 2.5kN/m <sup>2</sup> (LM1)
+LC121-123 or 141-143	UDL 6.50kN/m <sup>2</sup> (LM1)

**LC 1300:** This combination includes the following load cases:

LC1	Self weight
+LC2	Superimposed
+LC3	Shrinkage
+LC4	Braking load
+LC7 or LC8	Wind action $\pm x$ or $\pm y$
+LC9	Wind action $\pm z$
+LC10, 11, 12	Settlements at the pier and the abutments (only for the design of superstructure)
+LC15, 16	Thermal loads
+LC201-260	Traffic load (LM2)

### 5.5 Load Combinations at Serviceability Limit State (SLS)

The load combinations at the SLS are:

$$\text{Characteristic combination: } \sum_{j \geq 1} G_{kj} + Q_{k1} + \sum_{i \geq 1} \psi_{0i} \cdot Q_{ki} \quad (5.15)$$

$$\text{Frequent combination: } \sum_{j \geq 1} G_{kj} + \psi_{1,1} \cdot Q_{k1} + \sum_{i \geq 1} \psi_{2i} \cdot Q_{ki} \quad (5.16)$$

where the  $\psi$  factors for road bridges are given in Table 5.4:

**Table 5.4:** Factors  $\psi$  for road bridges

**Πίνακας 5.4:** Συντελεστές  $\psi$  για οδογέφυρες

Actions	Symbol		$\psi_0$	$\psi_1$	$\psi_2$
Traffic load	Gr1 (LM1)	TS	0.75	0.75	0.00
		UDL	0.40	0.40	0.00
	Gr2 (LM2)		0.00	0.75	0.00
Thermal actions			0.60	0.60	0.50
Horizontal forces			0.00	0.00	0.00
Wind forces			1.00	0.00	0.00
Settlements			1.00	1.00	1.00

The SLS load combinations are:

**LC 1600:** Characteristic Load Combination

For this combination the tensile strength in the concrete reinforcement should not exceed  $0.80f_{yk}$ , otherwise the reinforcement is increased. Additionally, the compressive stress in the concrete slab should be less or equal to  $0.60f_{ck}$ .

LC1	Self weight
+LC2	Superimposed
+LC3	Shrinkage
+LC4	Braking load
+LC7 or LC8	Wind action $\pm x$ or $\pm y$
+LC9	Wind action $\pm z$
+LC15, 16	Thermal loads
+LC20-99	Tandem System (LM1)
+LC101-103	UDL $2.5\text{kN/m}^2$ (LM1)
+LC121-123 or 141-143	UDL $6.50\text{kN/m}^2$ (LM1)

**LC 1700:** Characteristic Load Combination

For this combination the tensile strength in the reinforcement should not exceed  $0.80f_{yk}$ , otherwise the reinforcement is increased. Additionally, the compressive stress in the slab concrete should be less or equal to  $0.60f_{ck}$ .

LC1	Self weight
+LC2	Superimposed
+LC3	Shrinkage
+LC4	Braking load
+LC7 or LC8	Wind action $\pm x$ or $\pm y$
+LC9	Wind action $\pm z$
+LC15, 16	Thermal loads
+LC201-260	Traffic load (LM2)

**LC 1800:** Frequent Load Combination (Calculation of deformations taking into account cracked deck concrete)

LC1	Self weight
+LC2	Superimposed
+LC3	Shrinkage
+LC15, 16	Thermal loads

+LC320-399	Tandem System (LM1)
+LC401-403	UDL 2.5kN/m <sup>2</sup> (LM1)
+LC421-423 or 441-443	UDL 6.50kN/m <sup>2</sup> (LM1)

## 5.6 Seismic Load Combinations

The seismic load combination is described as:

$$\sum_{j \geq 1} G_{kj} + \sum_{i \geq 1} \psi_{Ei} \cdot Q_{ki} + E \quad (5.17)$$

where Q are the variable loads, including traffic and thermal loads, while E represents the following earthquake combinations:

$$E_{Edx} + 0.30 E_{Edy} + 0.30 E_{Edz}$$

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$$0.30 E_{Edx} + 0.30 E_{Edy} + E_{Edz}$$

The  $\psi_E$  factors for the variable loads are listed in Table 5.5:

**Table 5.5:** Factors  $\psi_E$  for seismic load combinations

**Πίνακας 5.5:** Συντελεστές  $\psi_E$  για σεισμικούς συνδυασμούς

Actions	Symbol	$\psi_E$
Traffic load	Gr1 (LM1) TS	0.20
	UDL	0.20
	Gr2 (LM2)	0.00
Thermal actions		0.50
Horizontal forces		0.00
Wind forces		0.00

The load cases included in the seismic load combinations are:

**LC 4000:** This combination concerns the pier's columns and the superstructure. It includes the following load cases:

LC1	Self weight
+LC2	Superimposed
+LC3	Shrinkage
+LC600	Uniform traffic load
+LC15, 16	Thermal loads
+LC2010 ( $\pm 1.0$ or $\pm 0.3$ )/1.50	Earthquake X
+LC2011 ( $\pm 1.0$ or $\pm 0.3$ )/1.50	Earthquake Y
+LC2012 ( $\pm 1.0$ or $\pm 0.3$ )	Earthquake Z

**LC 4100:** This combination concerns the pier's piles and pilecap. It includes the following load cases:

LC1	Self weight
+LC2	Superimposed
+LC3	Shrinkage
+LC600	Uniform traffic load
+LC15, 16	Thermal loads
+LC2010 ( $\pm 1.0$ or $\pm 0.3$ )	Earthquake X
+LC2011 ( $\pm 1.0$ or $\pm 0.3$ )	Earthquake Y
+LC2012 ( $\pm 1.0$ or $\pm 0.3$ )	Earthquake Z

# Chapter 6

## DESIGN OF CONCRETE MEMBERS

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### 6.1 Evaluation of the results

The results of the concrete components of the bridge are summarizing in Table 6.1.

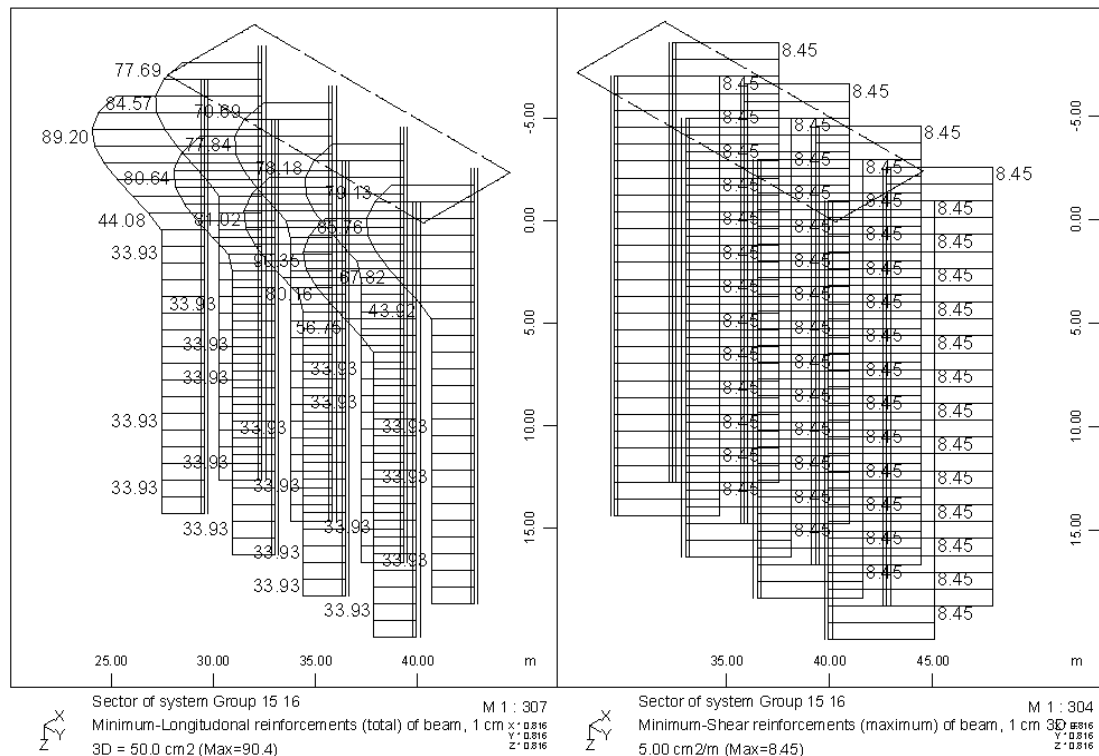
**Table 6.1:** Analyses' results/requirements for concrete members

**Πίνακας 6.1:** Αποτελέσματα/απαιτήσεις αναλύσεων για στοιχεία από οπλισμένο σκυρόδεμα

Members	Results / Requirement	Conventional Solution
Piles	Longitudinal Reinforcement	90.4cm <sup>2</sup>
	Stirrups	8.45cm <sup>2</sup>
	Max compressive force	4574kN (static)
		5085kN (seismic)
Pilecap	Longitudinal Reinforcement	49.70cm <sup>2</sup>
	Transverse Reinforcement	33.6cm <sup>2</sup>
Pier	Longitudinal Reinforcement	186.70cm <sup>2</sup>
	Stirrups	16.60cm <sup>2</sup>
	Max compressive force	9673kN
Deck slab	Longitudinal Reinforcement	47.9cm <sup>2</sup>
	Transverse Reinforcement	33.6cm <sup>2</sup>

### 6.2 Reinforcement of the piles

The required reinforcement of the piles is equal to 90.4cm<sup>2</sup> (Figure 6.1). A minimum percentage of 1% is considered and 25Φ25 (122.75cm<sup>2</sup>) are used for the piles.



**Figure 6.1:** Required reinforcement of the piles

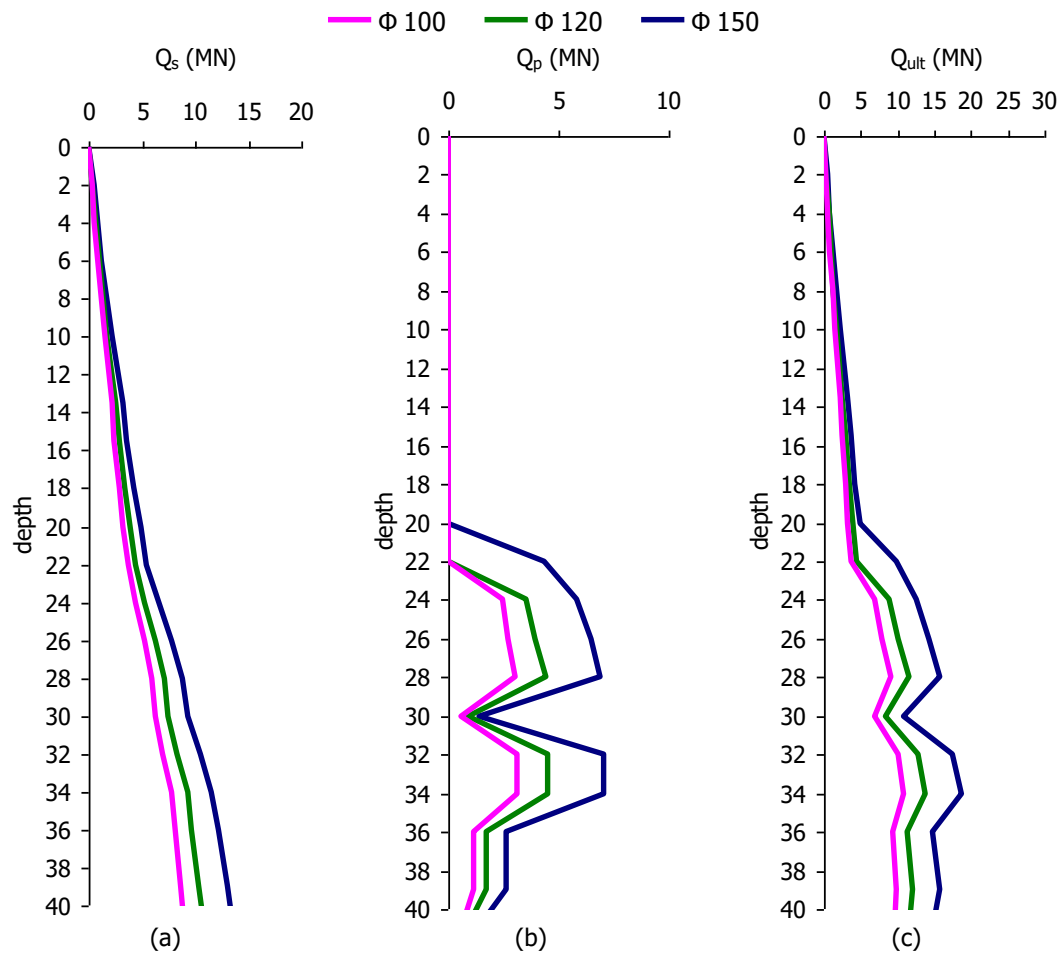
**Σχήμα 6.1:** Απαιτούμενος οπλισμός πασσάλων

### 6.3 Bearing capacity of the piles

Given the soil profile of Figure 3.9, the bearing capacity of the piles is calculated according to the Appendix C of Deliverable D4: Elastic Response Spectra for Liquefiable soils, for three pile diameters,  $\Phi 100$ ,  $\Phi 120$  and  $\Phi 150$  (Figure 6.2). For the calculation of the piles' bearing capacity, safety factors 2.00 and 1.30 are taken into account, referring to the static combinations and seismic ones, respectively. Thus, the bearing capacity of a pile with a diameter 1.20m and length 25.00m is  $9.50\text{MN} / 2.00 = 4.75\text{MN}$  for static loads and  $9.50\text{MN} / 1.30 = 7.30\text{MN}$  for seismic loads. The maximum values of the load at the top of the pier's piles are:

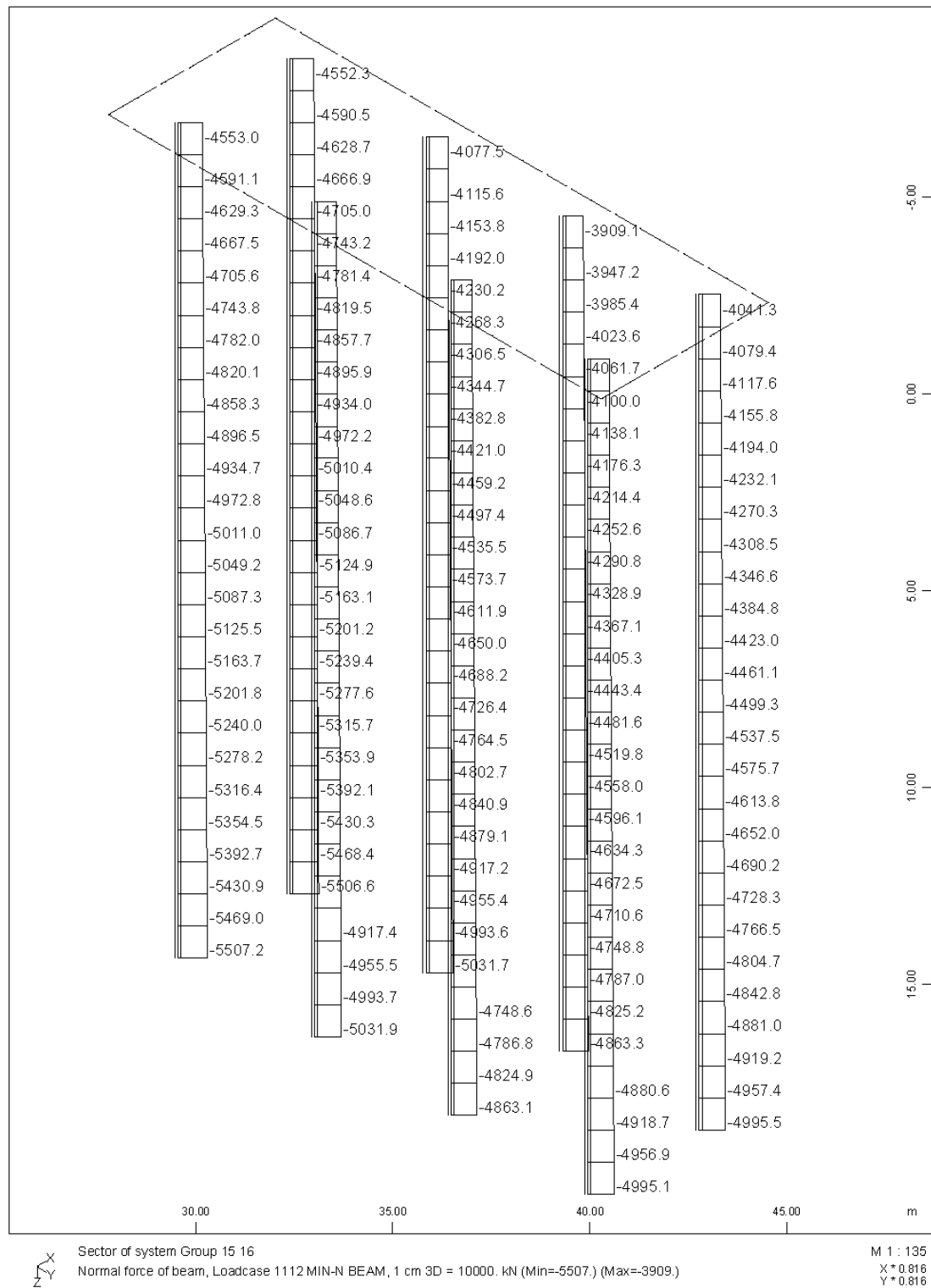
Static combinations:  $\min N = 4553 \text{ kN (LC 1100)} < 4750\text{kN (Figure 6.3)}$  ✓

Seismic combinations:  $\min N = 5092 \text{ kN (LC 4100)} < 7300\text{kN (Figure 6.4)}$  ✓



**Figure 6.2:** (a) Friction (b) Tip (c) Ultimate bearing capacities of piles

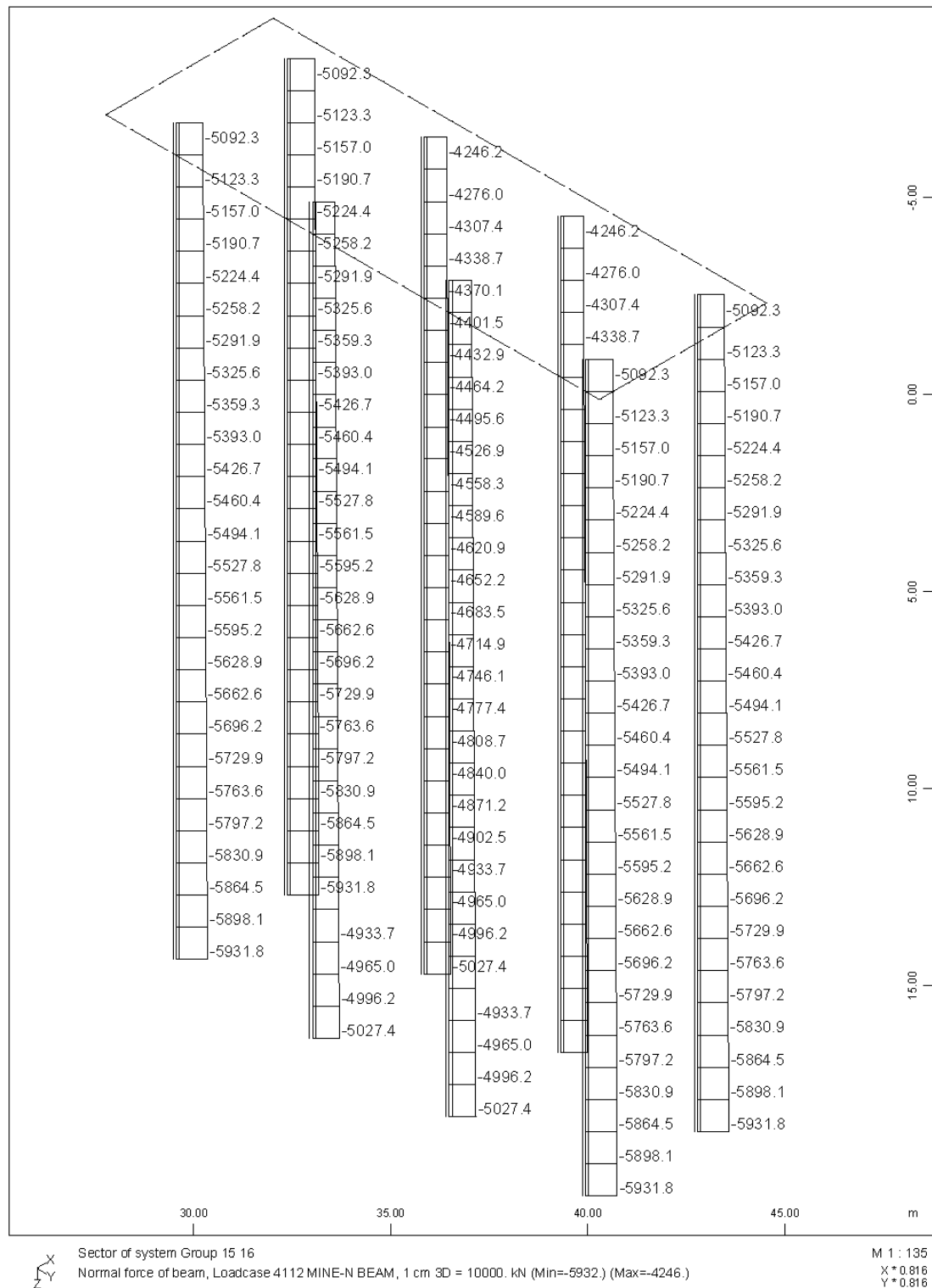
**Σχήμα 6.2:** Φέρουσα ικανότητα πασσάλων (a) Οριακό φορτίο τριβής (b) Οριακό φορτίο αιχμής (c) Επιτρεπόμενο οριακό φορτίο πασσάλων



**Figure 6.3:** Maximum axial force at the piles for static load combinations

**Σχήμα 6.3:** Μέγιστο αξονικό φορτίο στους πασσάλους για στατικούς συνδυασμούς φορτίσεων





**Figure 6.4:** Maximum axial force at the piles for seismic load combinations

**Σχήμα 6.4:** Μέγιστο αξονικό φορτίο στους πασσάλους για σεισμικούς συνδυασμούς φορτίσεων

#### 6.4 Piles' Confinement

The maximum compressive load of the piles is  $N_c=5092\text{kN}$ .

Since the normalized axial force  $n_k$  exceeds the limit of 0.08, as:

$$n_k = \frac{N_c}{f_{ck} A_c} = 5092 / (20000 \times 3.14 \times 1.20^2/4) = 0.23 > 0.08$$

confinement should be provided. The minimum amount of confining reinforcement for a spiral is:

$$\omega_{\min} = 1.40 \cdot \frac{A_c}{A_{cc}} \cdot \lambda \cdot n_k \geq 0.18 = 1.40 \times 1.20^2 / 1.04^2 \times 0.37 \times 0.23 = 0.16 < 0.18 \rightarrow \omega = 0.18$$

The quantity of the confining reinforcement is defined by the mechanical reinforcement ratio which is:

$$\min \rho_w = \omega_{\min} \frac{f_{cd}}{f_{yd}} \Rightarrow \min \rho_w = 0.18 \times \frac{\frac{20 \times 10^3}{1.5}}{\frac{500 \times 10^3}{1.15}} \Rightarrow \min \rho_w = 0.00552$$

A spiral  $\Phi 14/10$  is used accounting for a volumetric ratio equal to:

$$\rho_w = \frac{4A_{sp}}{D_{sp}S_L} = 4 \times 1.54 \text{ cm}^2 / (104 \text{ cm} \times 10 \text{ cm}) \Rightarrow \rho_w = 0.006 > \min \rho_w$$

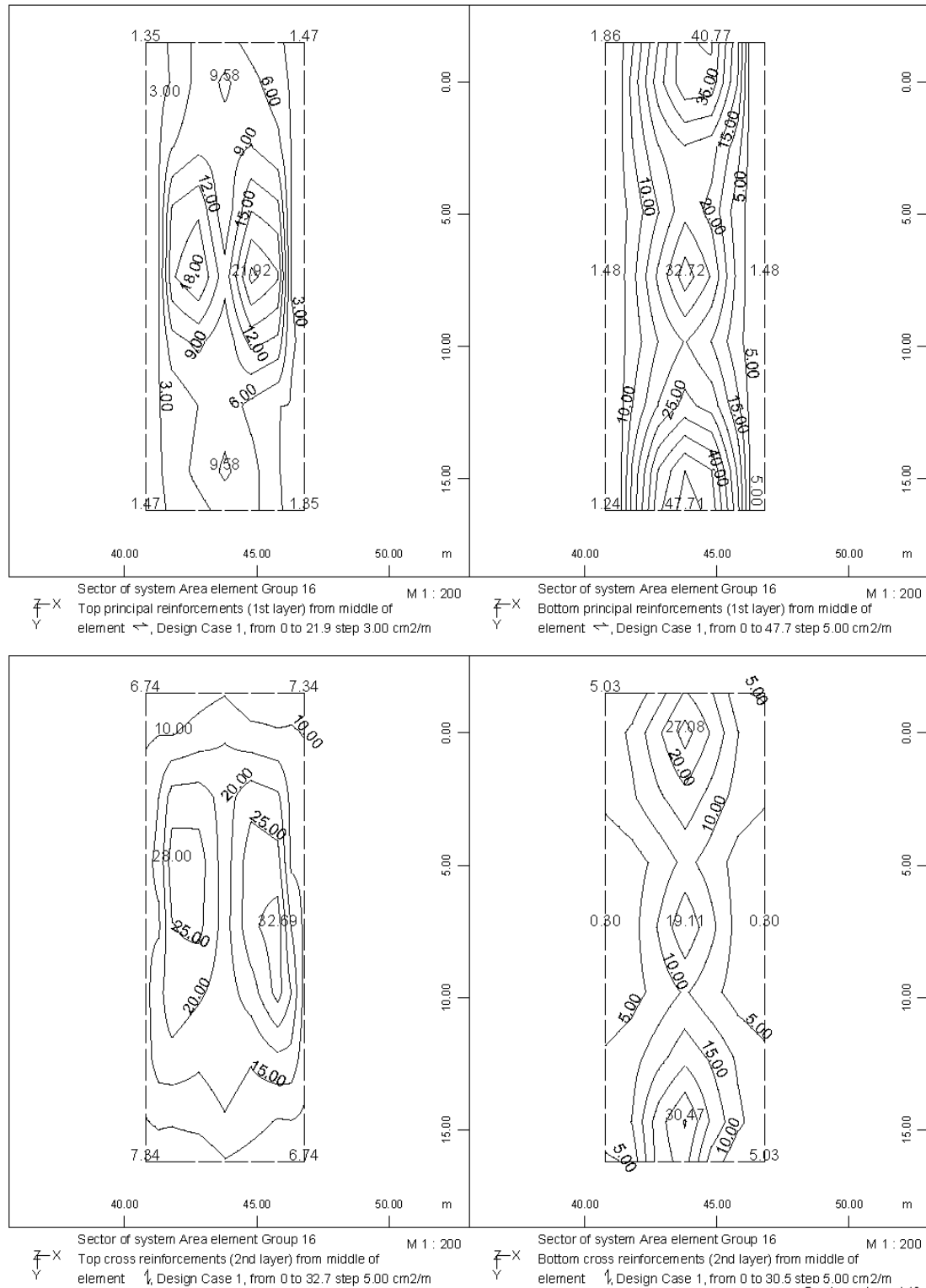
The spacing of the spiral satisfies the limits of:

$$S_L = 10 \text{ cm} < 6d_{bL} = 6 \times 2.2 \text{ cm} = 13.2 \text{ cm} \text{ where } d_{bL} \text{ is the longitudinal bar diameter and}$$

$$S_L = 10 \text{ cm} < D_{cc}/5 = 104 \text{ cm}/5 = 20.8 \text{ cm} \text{ where } D_{cc} \text{ is the diameter of the confined concrete core.}$$

## 6.5 Reinforcement of pilecap

The required reinforcement of the pilecap is illustrated in Figure 6.5, where the principal direction is parallel to x-axis, while the cross one is parallel to y-axis. A reinforcement grid of  $\Phi 22/10$  is used for the upper and lower reinforcement of the pilecap.

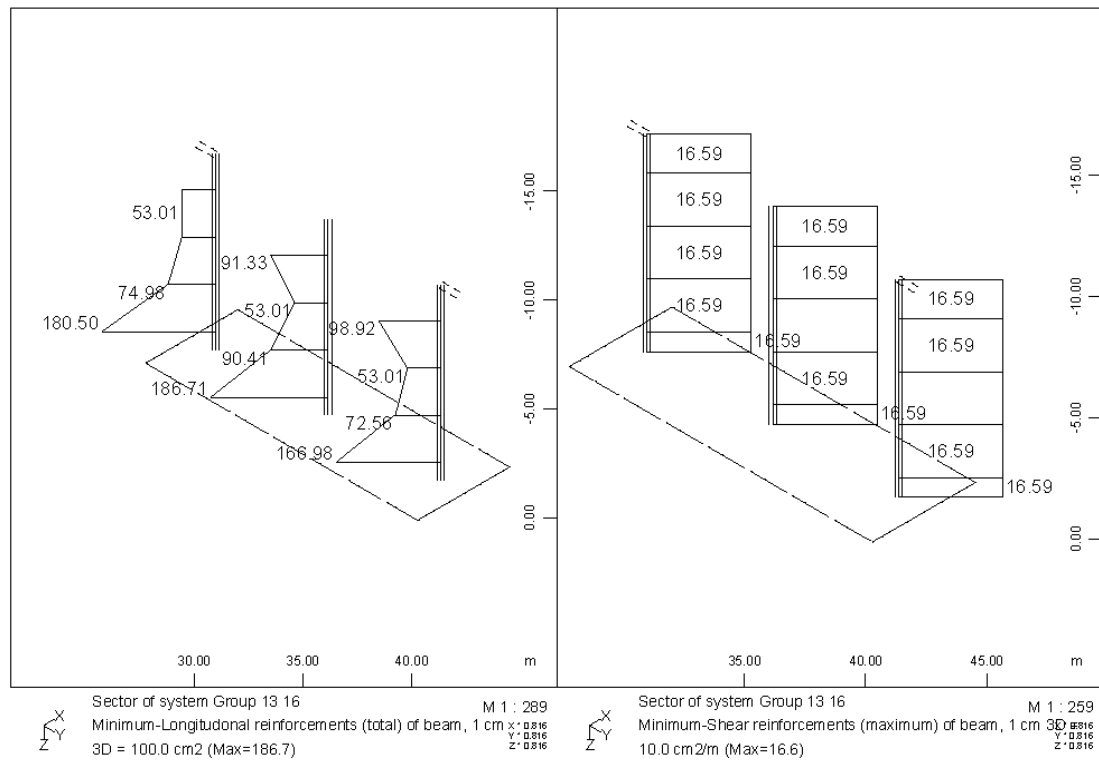


**Figure 6.5:** Required reinforcement of the pilecap

**Σχήμα 6.5:** Απαιτούμενος οπλισμός κεφαλοδέσμου πασσάλων

## 6.6 Reinforcement of the pier

The required reinforcement of the pier's columns is equal to 186.7cm<sup>2</sup> (Figure 6.6). A minimum percentage of 1% is considered and 45Φ25 (220.95cm<sup>2</sup>) are used for the columns of the pier.

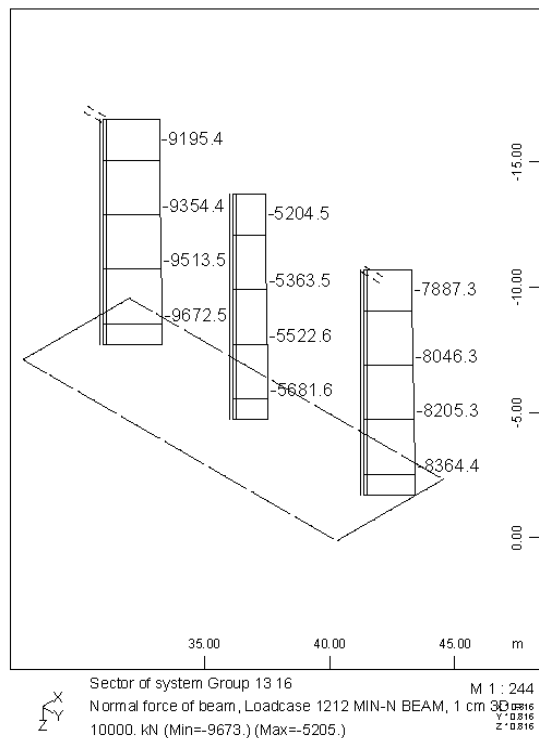


**Figure 6.6:** Required reinforcement of the pier

**Σχήμα 6.6:** Απαιτούμενος οπλισμός στύλων μεσοβάθρου

## 6.7 Pier's Confinement

The maximum compressive load of the piers is for Load Combination 1200 and it is equal to  $N_c=9673\text{kN}$  (Figure 6.7).



**Figure 6.7:** Maximum axial force at the pier

**Σχήμα 6.7:** Μέγιστο αξονικό φορτίο στους στύλους μεσοβάθρου

Since the normalized axial force  $n_k$  exceeds the limit of 0.08, as:

$$n_k = \frac{N_c}{f_{ck} A_c} = 9673 / (30000 \times 3.14 \times 1.50^2/4) = 0.18 > 0.08$$

confinement should be provided. The minimum amount of confining reinforcement for a spiral is:

$$\omega_{\min} = 1.40 \cdot \frac{A_c}{A_{cc}} \cdot \lambda \cdot n_k \geq 0.18 = 1.40 \times 1.50^2 / 1.34^2 \times 0.37 \times 0.18 = 0.12 < 0.18 \rightarrow \omega = 0.18$$

The mechanical reinforcement ratio is:

$$\min \rho_w = \omega_{\min} \frac{f_{cd}}{f_{yd}} \Rightarrow \min \rho_w = 0.18 \times \frac{\frac{30 \times 10^3}{1.5}}{\frac{500 \times 10^3}{1.15}} \Rightarrow \min \rho_w = 0.008$$

Stirrups 2Φ16/15 are used with a volumetric ratio:

$$\rho_w = \frac{4A_{sp}}{D_{sp}S_L} = 2 \times 4 \times 2.00\text{cm}^2 / (134\text{cm} \times 15\text{cm}) \Rightarrow \rho_w = 0.008 = \min \rho_w$$

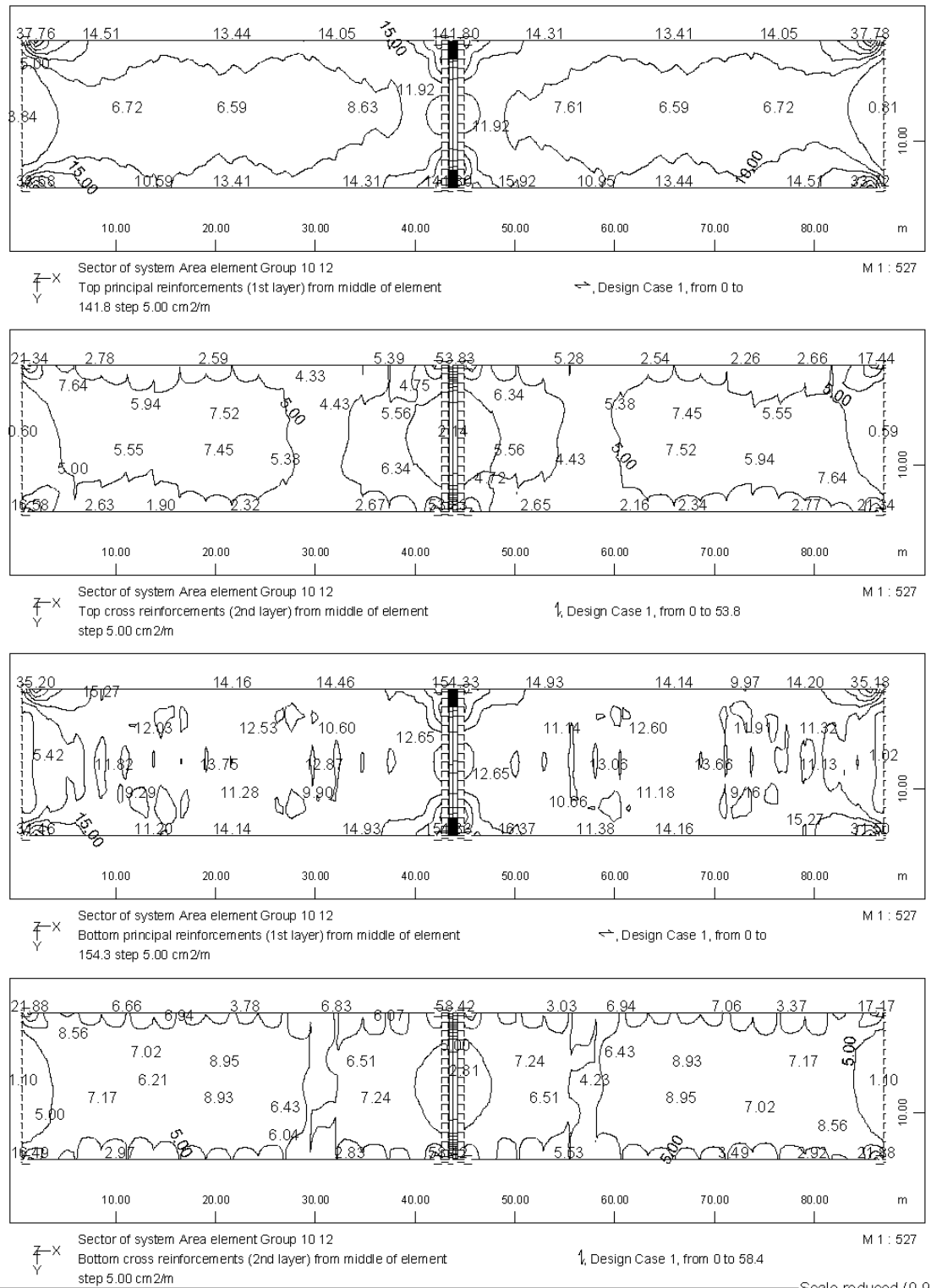
The spacing of the stirrups satisfies the limits of:

$$S_L = 15\text{cm} = 6d_{bL} = 6 \times 2.5\text{cm} = 15\text{cm} \text{ where } d_{bL} \text{ is the longitudinal bar diameter and}$$

$$S_L = 15\text{cm} < D_{cc}/5 = 134\text{cm}/5 = 26.8\text{cm} \text{ where } D_{cc} \text{ is the diameter of the confined concrete core.}$$

## 6.8 Reinforcement of deck slab

The required reinforcement of the deck slab is shown in Figure 6.8, where the principal direction is parallel to x-axis, while the cross one is parallel to y-axis. In the longitudinal direction Φ14/10 is used for the upper and lower reinforcement, while in the transverse direction Φ12/10 is chosen.



**Figure 6.8:** Required reinforcement of the concrete deck slab

**Σχήμα 6.8:** Απαιτούμενος οπλισμός πλάκας καταστρώματος

# Chapter 7

## DESIGN OF STEEL MEMBERS

### 7.1 Evaluation of the results

The maximum internal forces for the steel members are listed in Table 7.1.

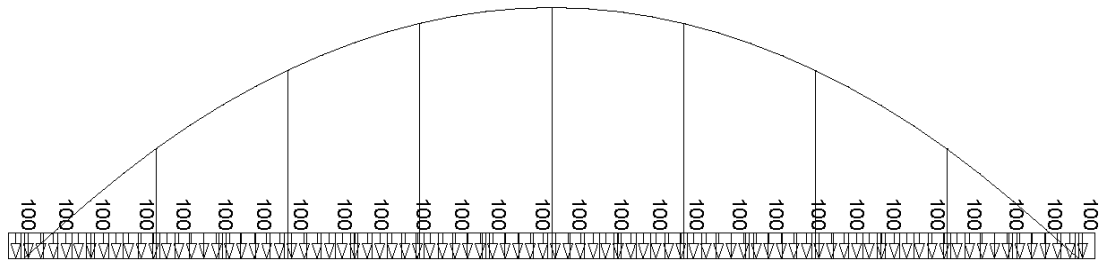
**Table 7.1:** Analyses' results for the steel members

**Πίνακας 7.1:** Αποτελέσματα αναλύσεων για τα μεταλλικά στοιχεία

Members	Results	Conventional Solution	Max. Exploitation Factor (EF)
Arches	minN (LC1100)	-6242kN	0.82
	maxM <sub>y</sub> (LC1100)	1033kNm	
	maxM <sub>z</sub> (LC4100)	971.4kNm	
Transverse bracing	maxN (LC4100)	202.1kN	0.46
	minN (LC1100)	-125.9kN	
	maxM <sub>y</sub> (LC4100)	31.8kNm	
	maxM <sub>z</sub> (LC4100)	13.3kNm	
Diagonal bracing	minN (LC4000)	-137.2kN	0.99
Hangers	maxN (LC1100)	1211kN	0.85
Transverse beams	maxN (LC1100)	3327kN	0.94
	minN (LC4100)	-1651kN	
	maxM <sub>y</sub> (LC1100)	2032kNm	
	maxM <sub>z</sub> (LC1100)	111.4kNm	
Main beams	maxN (LC1100)	5239kN	0.52
	minN (LC4100)	-1481kN	
	maxM <sub>y</sub> (LC1100)	2057kNm	
	maxM <sub>z</sub> (LC1100)	121.1kNm	

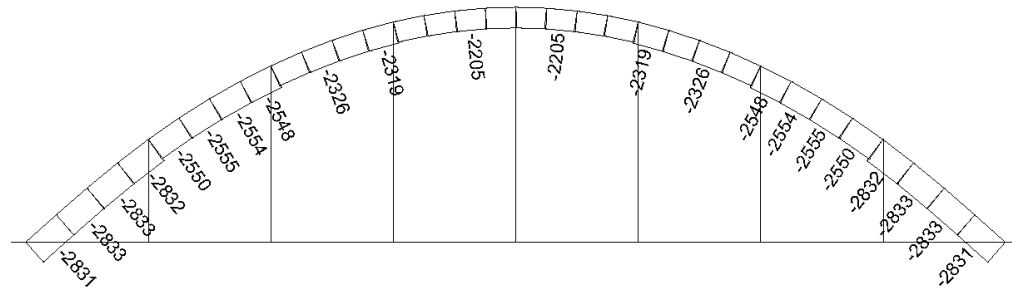
### 7.2 Arches

For the design of the arches, first a buckling analysis is conducted with a model that includes one main beam, one arch and the hangers (Figure 7.1). The supports at the ends of the main beam are considered as pinned. For a distributed vertical load equal to 100kN, applied at the main beam, the normal force of the arch is presented in Figure 7.2. The mean value of the normal force along the arch is  $N=2516\text{kN}$ . The first buckling mode of the arch is the in plane one and it is shown in Figure 7.3. The second one, illustrated in Figure 7.4, concerns the out of plane buckling. For the first mode the buckling factor is equal to 14.34, while for the second one is 24.25. Thus the critical force of force  $N_{cr}$  in the arch for in plane buckling is  $N_{cr,y}=14.34 \times 2516\text{kN}=36073\text{kN}$ , while for out of plane buckling  $N_{cr,z}=24.25 \times 2516\text{kN} = 61013\text{kN}$ .



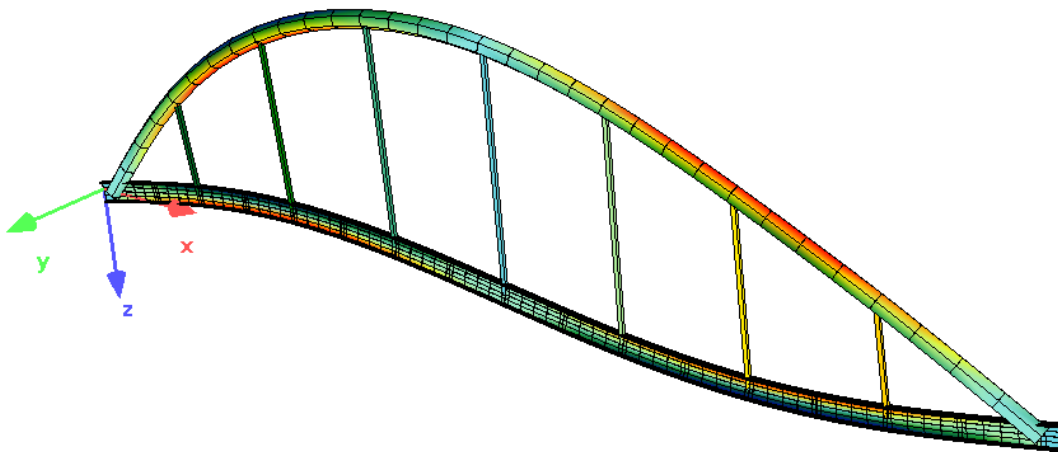
**Figure 7.1:** Model and load for buckling analysis of the arch

**Σχήμα 7.1:** Προσομοίωμα και φορτίο για ανάλυση λυγισμού τόξου



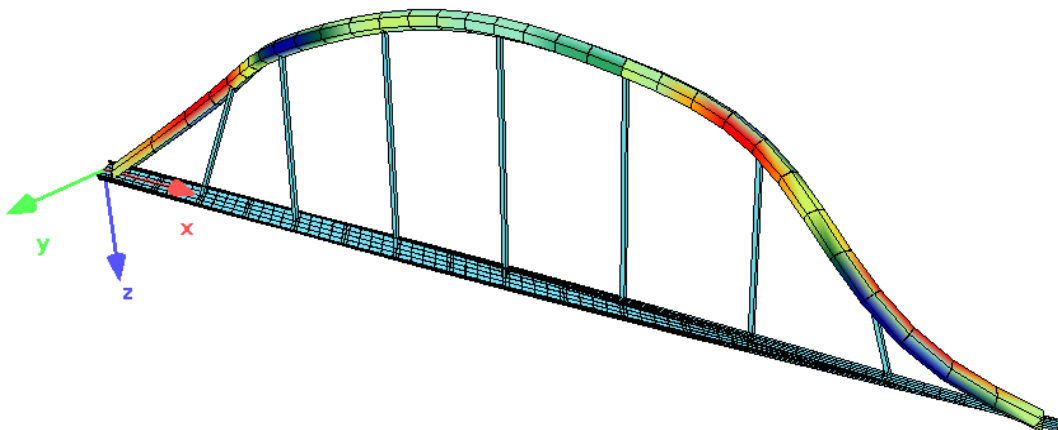
**Figure 7.2:** Normal force of the arch due to distributed vertical load applied at the main beam

**Σχήμα 7.2:** Αξονική δύναμη τόξου λόγω κατανεμημένου κατακόρυφου φορτίου στην κύρια δοκό



**Figure 7.3:** The first buckling mode of the arch

**Σχήμα 7.3:** Η πρώτη μορφή λυγισμού τόξου



**Figure 7.4:** The second buckling mode of the arch

**Σχήμα 7.4:** Η δεύτερη μορφή λυγισμού τόξου

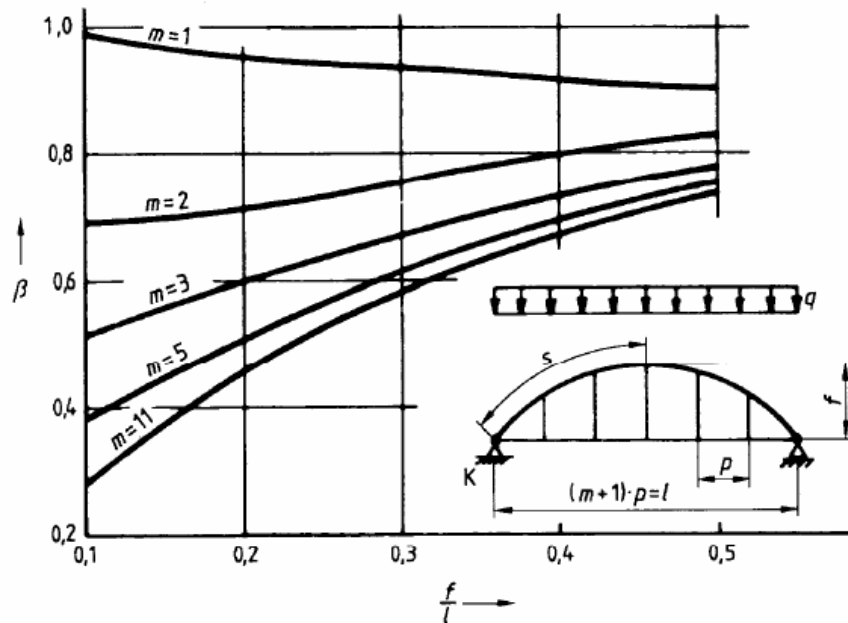


Alternatively, according to Annex D, §D.3 of EC3, Part.2, the buckling length factor  $\beta$  can be estimated by Figure 7.5. Thus, for  $f=10.00\text{m}$ ,  $l=42.00$ ,  $f/l=0.24$  and  $m=7$ , factor  $\beta$  is equal to 0.55 and the critical force of force  $N_{cr}$  in the arch for in plane buckling is expressed as:

$$N_{cr} = \left( \frac{\pi}{\beta s} \right)^2 EI = \left( \frac{\pi}{0.55 \cdot 23.85\text{m}} \right)^2 \cdot 210.000.000\text{kN/m}^2 \cdot 0.00306\text{m}^4 = 36859\text{kN}$$

where  $s=23.85\text{m}$  is the half length of the arch and  $EI$  is the in plane flexural stiffness of the arch, with:

$$I = \frac{\pi \cdot [(0.75\text{m})^4 - (0.71\text{m})^4]}{64} = 0.00306\text{m}^4$$



**Figure 7.5:** Buckling length factor  $\beta$  of arches with a tension tie and hangers

**Σχήμα 7.5:** Συντελεστής λυγισμού  $\beta$  τόξου με ελκυστήρα και αναρτήρες

The critical force estimated by this procedure approaches the results of the buckling analysis. Thus, for the check of the arches the critical force in the arches will be considered equal to  $N_{cr}=36073\text{kN}$ . The non-dimensional slenderness is calculated as:

$$\bar{\lambda} = \sqrt{\frac{Af_y}{N_{cr}}} = \sqrt{\frac{458.67\text{cm}^2 \cdot 35.5\text{kN/cm}^2}{36073\text{kN}}} = 0.67$$

The reduction factor  $\chi$  for buckling curve c (cold formed hollow sections) is equal to  $\chi=0.742$  and the design buckling resistance of the arches is:

$$N_{b,Rd} = \frac{\chi Af_y}{\gamma_{M1}} = \frac{0.74 \cdot 458.67\text{cm}^2 \cdot 35.5\text{kN/cm}^2}{1.1} = 10953.87\text{kN}$$

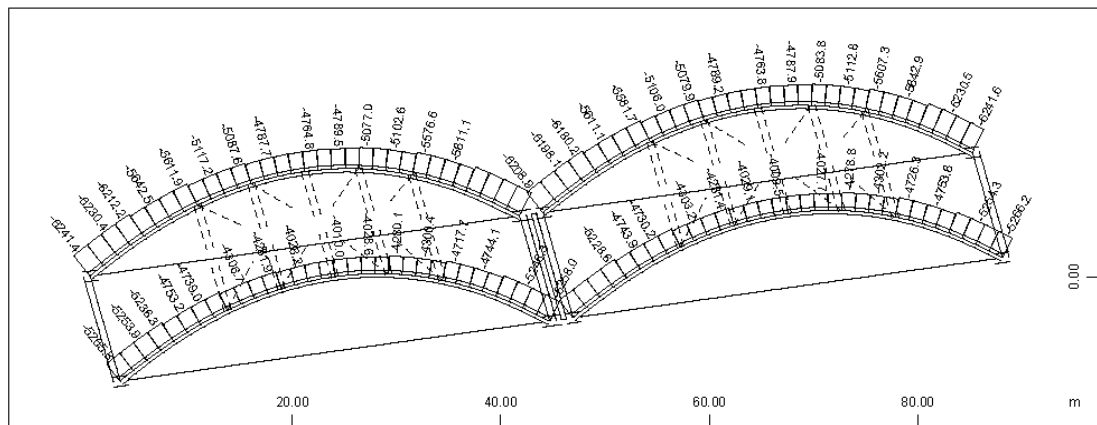
Since circular hollow sections are not susceptible to lateral torsional buckling,  $\chi_{LT}=1.00$ . Considering also conservatively  $k_{yy}=k_{yz}=1.0$ , all elements of the arches should satisfy:

$$EF = \frac{N_{Ed}}{N_{b,Rd}} + \frac{M_{y,Ed} + M_{z,Ed}}{M_{b,Rd}} \leq 1.00$$

where

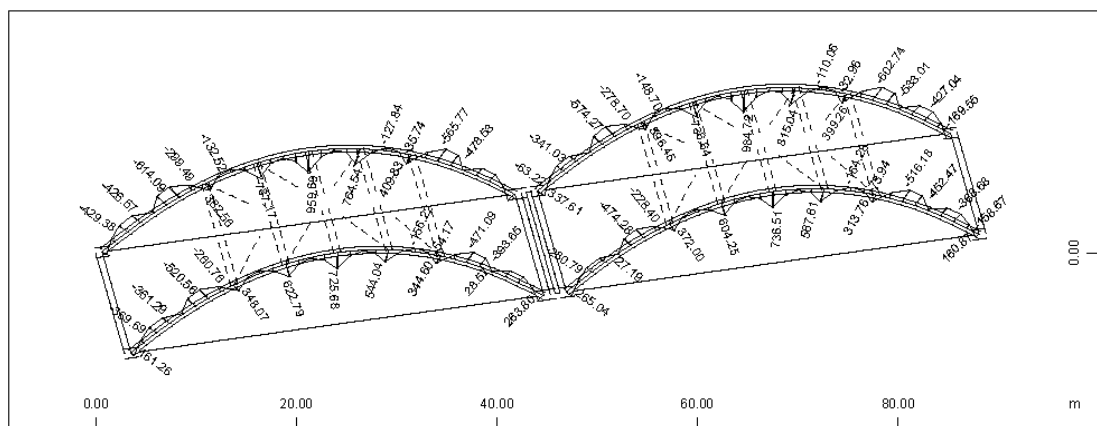
$$M_{b,Rd} = \frac{W_{pl} f_y}{\gamma_{M1}} = \frac{10660.67 \text{ cm}^3 \cdot 35.5 \text{ kN / cm}^2}{1.1} = 344049 \text{ kNcm}$$

The maximum compression force and the maximum bending moment  $M_{Ed,y}$  are observed for Load Combination 1100. Figure 7.6 illustrates the diagrams of the maximum axial force and the corresponding bending moments, while in Figure 7.7 the maximum bending moment  $M_{Ed,y}$  and the corresponding axial force and bending moment  $M_{Ed,z}$  are plotted. Similarly, the diagrams of internal forces for the combination with the maximum bending moment  $M_{Ed,z}$  is shown in Figure 7.8. The maximum exploitation factor for the arches is  $EF=0.82<1.00$ .



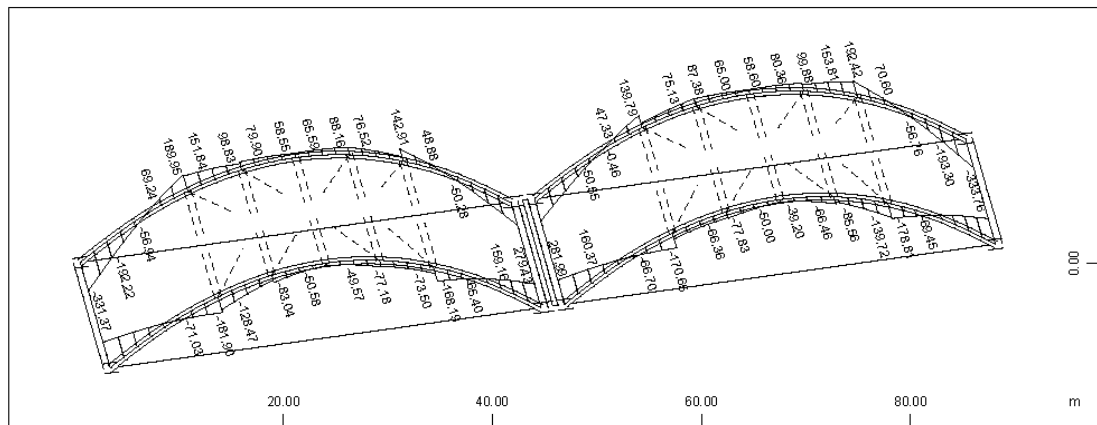
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Normal force of beam, Loadcase 1112 MIN-N BEAM, 1 cm 3D = 15000. kN (Min=-6242.) (Max=4009.)

M 1 : 602  
X\* 0.990  
Y\* 0.714  
Z\* 0.714



Sector of system Group 3 10...12  
Bending moment My of beam, Loadcase 1112 MIN-N BEAM, 1 cm 3D = 2000. kNm (Min=-614.1)  
(Max=984.7)

M 1 : 626  
X\* 0.990  
Y\* 0.714  
Z\* 0.714

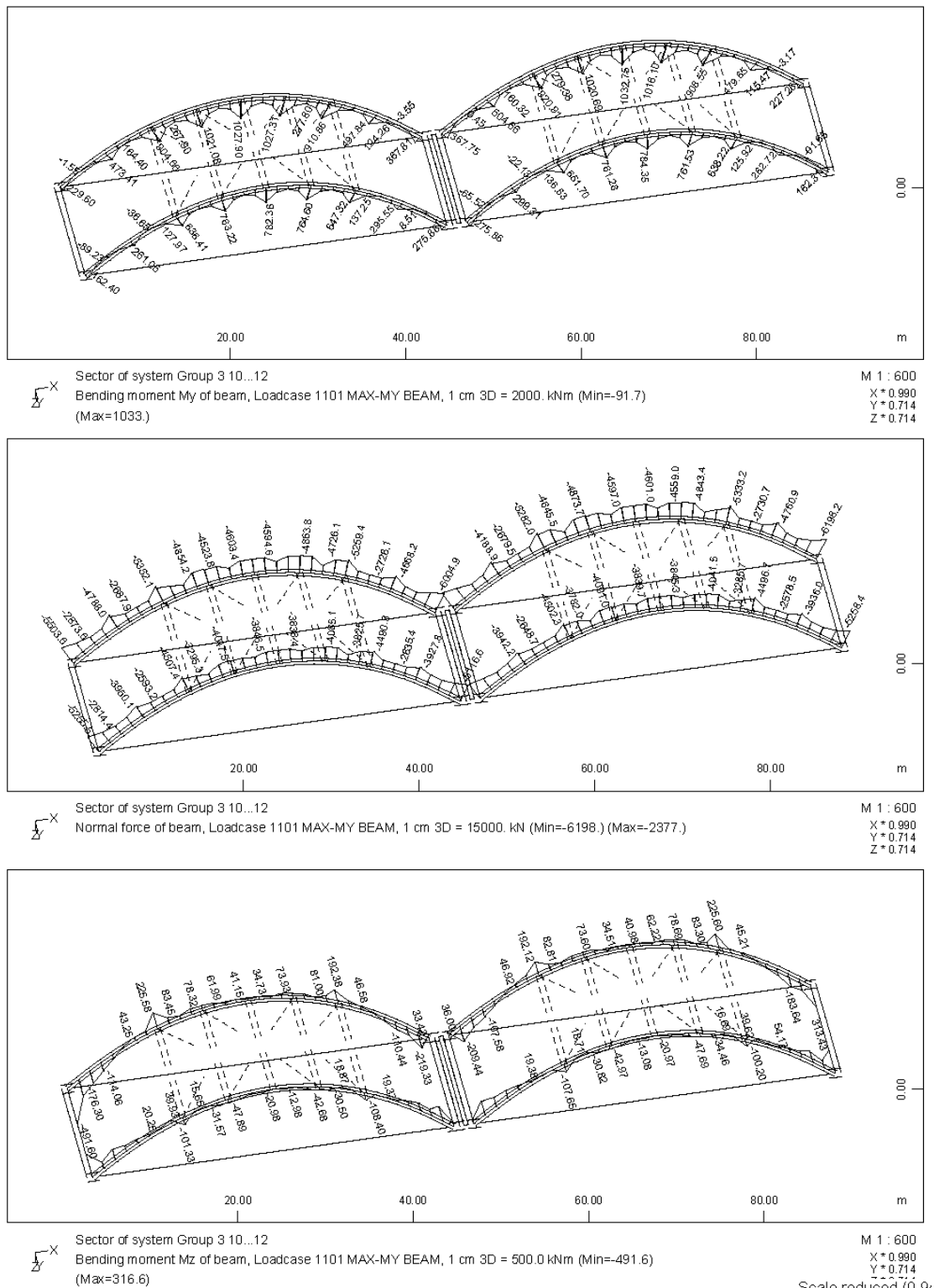


Sector of system Group 3 10...12  
Bending moment Mz of beam, Loadcase 1112 MIN-N BEAM, 1 cm 3D = 500.0 kNm (Min=-333.8)  
(Max=298.7)

M 1 : 600  
X\* 0.990  
Y\* 0.714  
Z\* 0.714

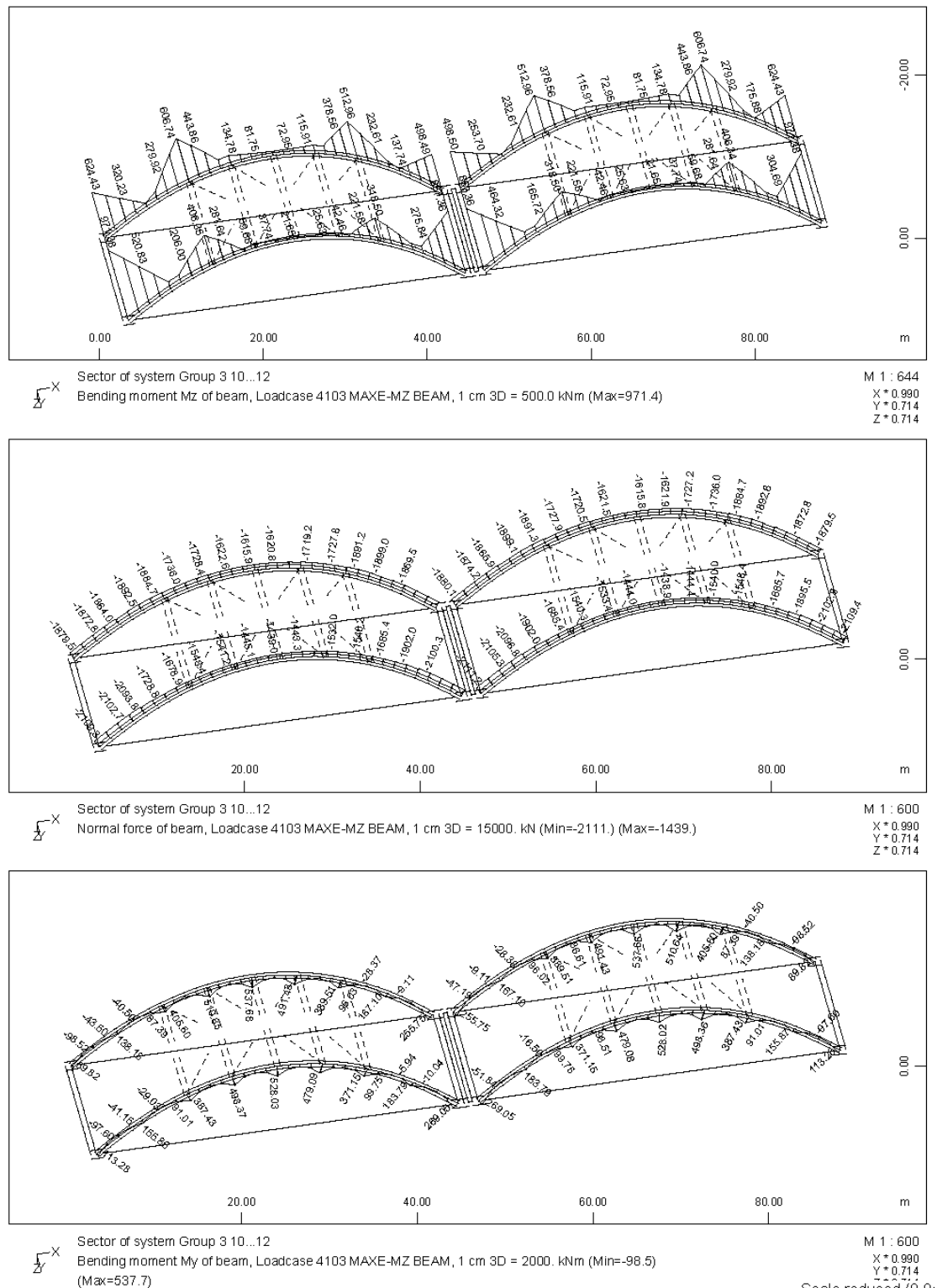
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**Figure 7.6:** Internal forces for the load combination with the maximum axial force at the arches  
**Σχήμα 7.6:** Εντατικά μεγέθη για τον συνδυασμό φορτίσεων με τη μέγιστη αξονική δύναμη στα τόξα



**Figure 7.7:** Internal forces for the load combination with the maximum bending moment  $M_{Ed,y}$  at the arches

**Σχήμα 7.7:** Εντατικά μεγέθη για τον συνδυασμό φορτίσεων με τη μέγιστη καμπτική ροπή  $M_{Ed,y}$  στα τόξα



**Figure 7.8:** Internal forces for the load combination with the maximum bending moment  $M_{Ed,z}$  at the arches

**Σχήμα 7.8:** Εντατικά μεγέθη για τον συνδυασμό φορτίσεων με τη μέγιστη καμπτική ροπή  $M_{Ed,z}$  στα τόξα

### 7.3 Transverse bracing members

The non-dimensional slenderness for the transverse bracing members is calculated as:

$$\bar{\lambda} = \frac{L}{\pi} \sqrt{\frac{Af_y}{EI}} = \frac{1470 \text{ cm}}{\pi} \sqrt{\frac{59.44 \text{ cm}^2 \cdot 35.5 \text{ kN/cm}^2}{21000 \text{ kN/cm}^2 \cdot 4160 \text{ cm}^4}} = 2.30$$

and the reduction factor  $\chi$  for buckling curve c is  $\chi=0.15$ . Thus, the design buckling resistance of the transverse bracing members is:

$$N_{b,Rd} = \frac{\chi Af_y}{\gamma_{M1}} = \frac{0.15 \cdot 59.44 \text{ cm}^2 \cdot 35.5 \text{ kN/cm}^2}{1.1} = 287.74 \text{ kN}$$

The maximum compression force at the transverse bracing members is developed for the Load Combination 1100 and it is equal to  $N_{Ed}=125.9 \text{ kN} < N_{b,Rd}$ . For this combination the bending moment is negligible (Figure 7.9). The maximum bending moment appears for the seismic Load Combination 4100. For this combination, the internal forces are  $N_{Ed}=42.3 \text{ kN}$  (compressive force),  $M_{y,Ed}=31.8 \text{ kNm}$ ,  $M_{z,Ed}=12.90 \text{ kNm}$  (Figure 7.10). Since the following criterion is satisfied:

$$N_{Ed}=42.3 \text{ kN} < 0.25 \times N_{pl,Rd}=0.25 \times 2110.12 \text{ kN}=527.53 \text{ kN}$$

where

$$N_{pl,Rd}=Af_y=59.44 \text{ cm}^2 \times 35.5 \text{ kN/cm}^2=2110.12 \text{ kN}$$

no effect of the axial force is taken into account. Hence:

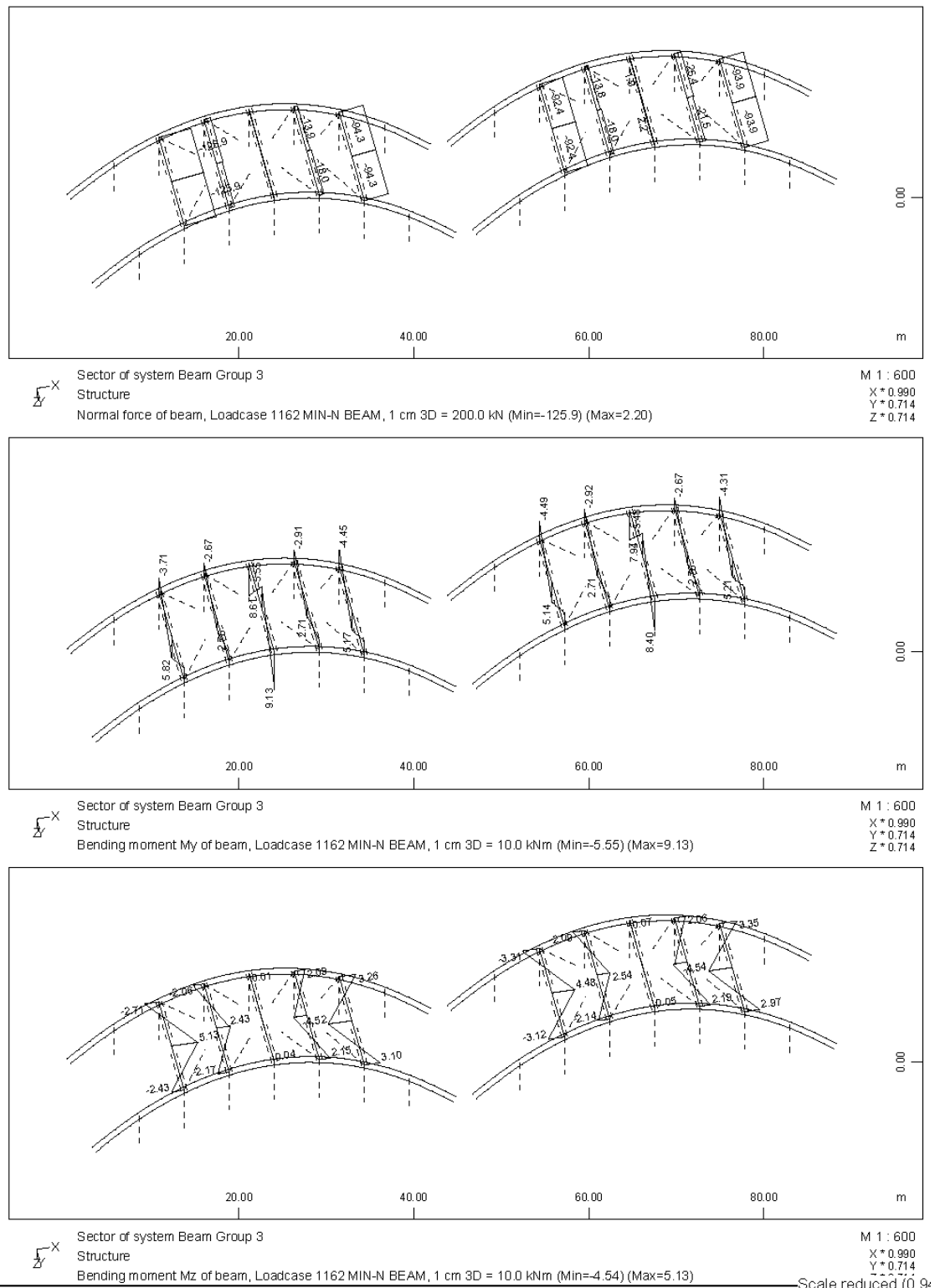
$$\left[ \frac{M_{y,Ed}}{M_{Rd}} \right]^2 + \left[ \frac{M_{z,Ed}}{M_{Rd}} \right]^2 = \left[ \frac{3180 \text{ kNm}}{14446.24 \text{ kNm}} \right]^2 + \left[ \frac{1290 \text{ kNm}}{14446.24 \text{ kNm}} \right]^2 = 0.06 < 1.00$$

where

$$M_{Rd} = \frac{W_{pl} f_y}{\gamma_{M1}} = \frac{447.63 \text{ cm}^3 \cdot 35.5 \text{ kN/cm}^2}{1.1} = 14446.24 \text{ kNm}$$

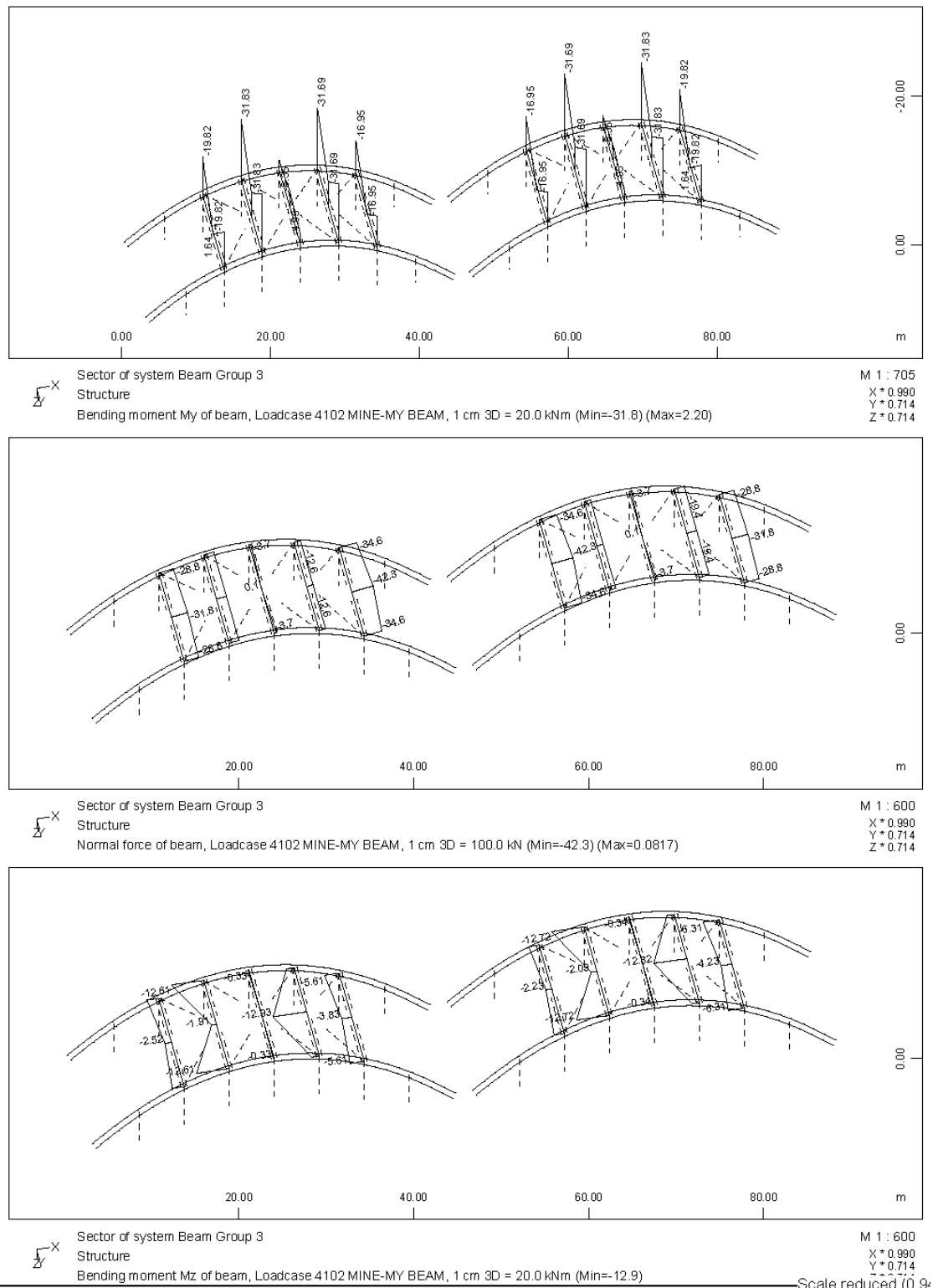
Since circular hollow sections are not susceptible to lateral torsional buckling,  $\chi_{LT}=1.00$ . Considering also conservatively  $k_{yy}=k_{yz}=1.0$ , the transverse bracing members should satisfy:

$$EF = \frac{N_{Ed}}{N_{b,Rd}} + \frac{M_{y,Ed} + M_{z,Ed}}{M_{b,Rd}} \leq 1.00 \Rightarrow EF = \frac{42.30 \text{ kN}}{287.74 \text{ kN}} + \frac{3180 \text{ kNm} + 1290 \text{ kNm}}{14446.24 \text{ kNm}} = 0.46 < 1.00$$



**Figure 7.9:** Internal forces for the load combination with the maximum compressive force at the transverse bracing members

**Σχήμα 7.9:** Εντατικά μεγέθη για τον συνδυασμό φορτίσεων με τη μέγιστη θλιπτική δύναμη στα εγκάρσια μέλη των συνδέσμων δυσκαμψίας



**Figure 7.10:** Internal forces for the load combination with the maximum bending moment at the transverse bracing members

**Σχήμα 7.10:** Εντατικά μεγέθη για τον συνδυασμό φορτίσεων με τη μέγιστη καμπτική ροπή στα εγκάρσια μέλη των συνδέσμων δυσκαμψίας

## 7.4 Diagonal bracing members

The non-dimensional slenderness for the diagonal bracing members is calculated as:



$$N_{b,Rd} = \frac{\chi A f_y}{\gamma_{M1}} = \frac{0.13 \cdot 33.10 \text{ cm}^2 \cdot 35.5 \text{ kN/cm}^2}{1.1} = 138.87 \text{ kN}$$

M 1 : 600  
X \* 0.990  
Y \* 0.714

**Σχήμα 7.11:** Μέγιστη αξονική δύναμη στα διαγώνια μέλη των συνδέσμων δυσκαμψίας

$$N_{t,Rd} = \frac{A f_y}{\gamma_{M0}} = \frac{40.29 \text{ cm}^2 \cdot 35.5 \text{ kN / cm}^2}{1.0} = 1430.30 \text{ kN}$$

M 1 : 600  
X \* 0.990  
Y \* 0.714

**Σχήμα 7.12:** Μέγιστη αξονική δύναμη στους αναρτήρες

## 7.6 Transverse Beams

During the pouring of the concrete slab the bending moment at the transverse beams due to its weight and the weight of the slab is  $M=521.90\text{kNm}$ . In Figure 7.13 the load of the slab applied on the transverse beams is illustrated and the bending moments of these beams due to self weight of the steel members and the slab are also shown. Taking into account a permanent load  $0.75\text{kN/m}^2$  and a variable load  $0.75\text{kN/m}^2$  during construction, the distributed load and the bending moment due to this load will be:

$$p=0.75 \text{ kN/m}^2 \times 2.625\text{m}=1.97\text{kN/m}$$

$$M = \frac{1.97\text{kN/m} \cdot (14.70\text{m})^2}{8} = 53.21\text{kNm}$$

and the design bending moment is:

$$M_{Ed}=1.35 \times (52190\text{kNcm}+5321\text{kNcm})+1.50 \times 5321\text{kNcm}=85621.35\text{kNcm}$$

The critical lateral torsional buckling moment is:

$$M_{cr} = C_1 \frac{\pi^2 E I_z}{(k L_T)^2} \left\{ \left[ \left[ \frac{k}{k_w} \right]^2 \frac{I_w}{I_z} + \frac{(k L_T)^2 G I_T}{\pi^2 E I_z} + (C_2 z_g - C_3 z_j)^2 \right]^{0.5} - (C_2 z_g - C_3 z_j) \right\} \Rightarrow$$

$$M_{cr} = 1,132 \frac{\pi^2 \times 21000 \frac{\text{kN}}{\text{cm}^2} \times 15820\text{cm}^4}{(1,0 \times 1470\text{cm})^2} \times$$

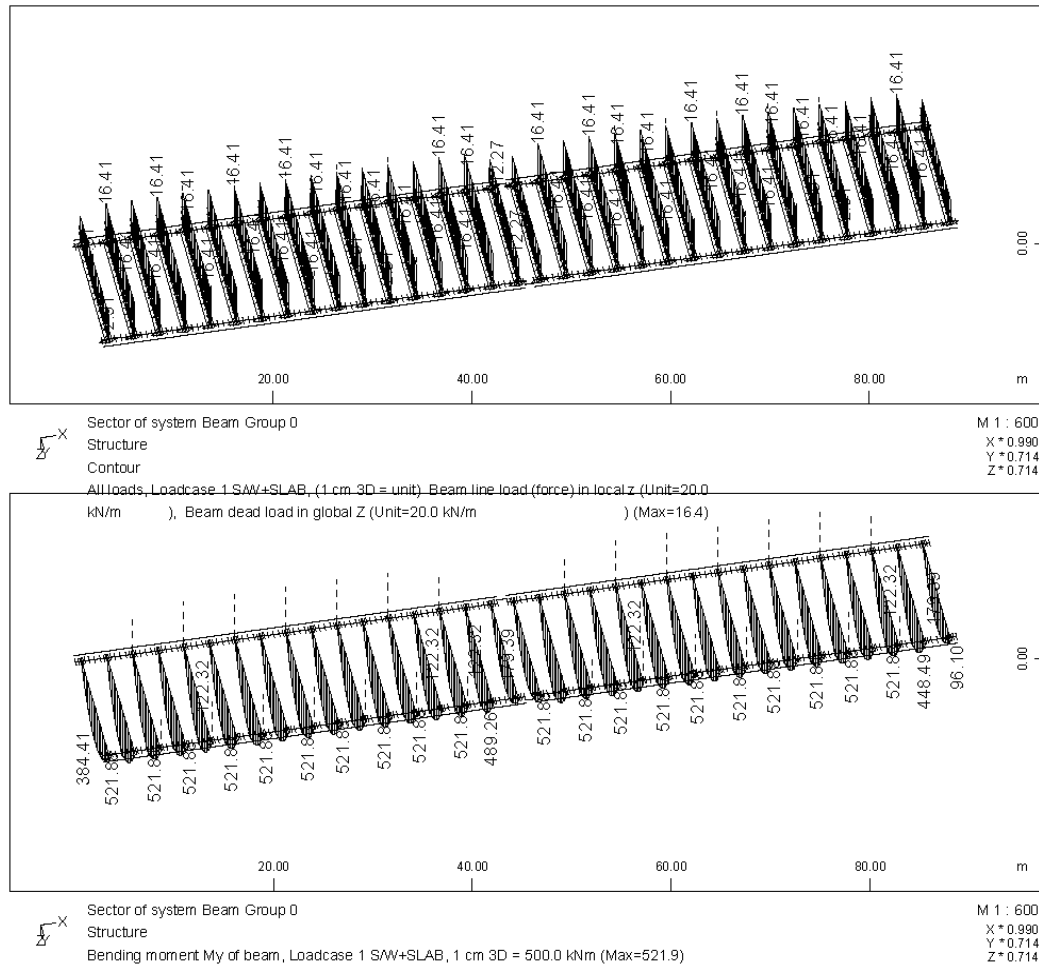
$$\times \left\{ \left[ \left[ \frac{1,0}{1,0} \right]^2 \frac{29460000\text{cm}^6}{15820\text{cm}^4} + \frac{(1,0 \times 1470\text{cm})^2 \times 8077 \frac{\text{kN}}{\text{cm}^2} \times 1137\text{cm}^4}{\pi^2 \times 21000 \frac{\text{kN}}{\text{cm}^2} \times 15820\text{cm}^4} + (0.459 \times 45\text{cm})^2 \right]^{0.5} - (0.459 \times 45\text{cm}) \right\} =$$

$$=121395.16\text{kNcm}$$

where  $z_a=90\text{cm}/2=45\text{cm}$ ,  $z_s= z_j=0$ ,  $z_g=z_a-z_s=45\text{cm}$ ,  $k= k_w=1.00$

$$G = \frac{E}{2(v+1)} = \frac{21000\text{kN/cm}^2}{2(0,3+1)} = 8077\text{kN/cm}^2$$

$$C_1=1.132, C_2=0.459, C_3=0.525, I_T=1137\text{cm}^4, I_z=15820\text{cm}^4, I_w=29460000\text{cm}^6, L_T=1470\text{cm}$$



**Figure 7.13:** Load of the slab and bending moments at the transverse beams during construction

**Σχήμα 7.13:** Φορτίο καταστρώματος και καμπτικές ροπές εγκάρσιων διαδοκίδων κατά τη σκυροδέτηση

The non-dimensional slenderness for the transverse beams is calculated as:

$$\bar{\lambda}_{LT} = \sqrt{\frac{W_{pl,y} f_y}{M_{cr}}} = \sqrt{\frac{12580 \text{ cm}^3 \cdot 35.5 \text{ kN/cm}^2}{121395.16 \text{ kNm}}} = 1.92$$

For  $h/b=90\text{cm}/30\text{cm}=3>2$ , the lateral torsional buckling curve is b, thus,  $\chi_{LT}=0.225$ . The design buckling resistance moment of a laterally unrestrained beam is taken as:

$$M_{b,Rd} = \chi_{LT} \frac{W_{pl,y} f_y}{Y_{M1}} = 0.225 \cdot \frac{12580 \text{ cm}^3 \cdot 35.5 \text{ kN/cm}^2}{1.10} = 91347.95 \text{ kNm} > M_{Ed} = 85621.35 \text{ kNm}$$

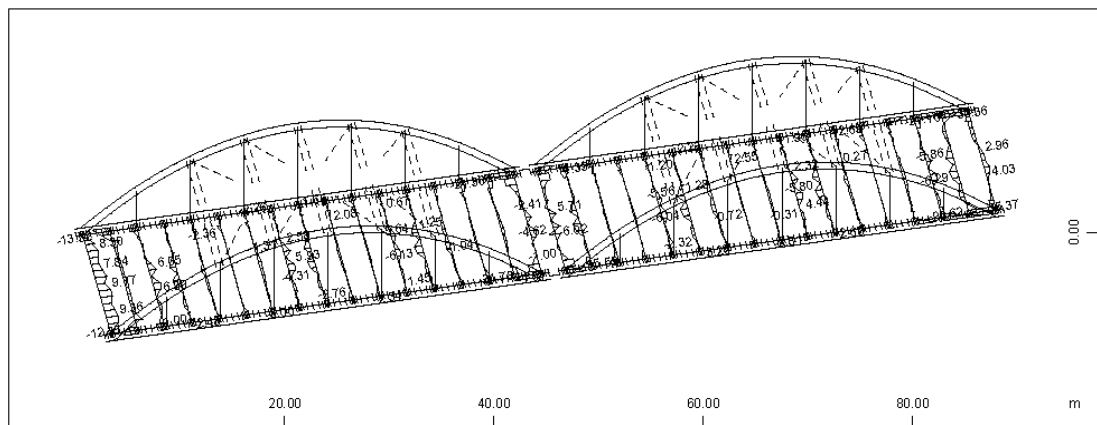
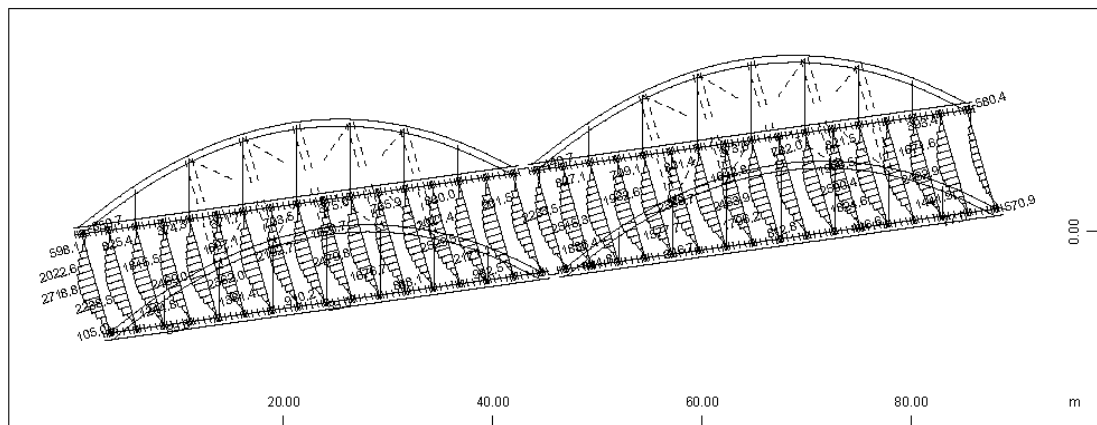
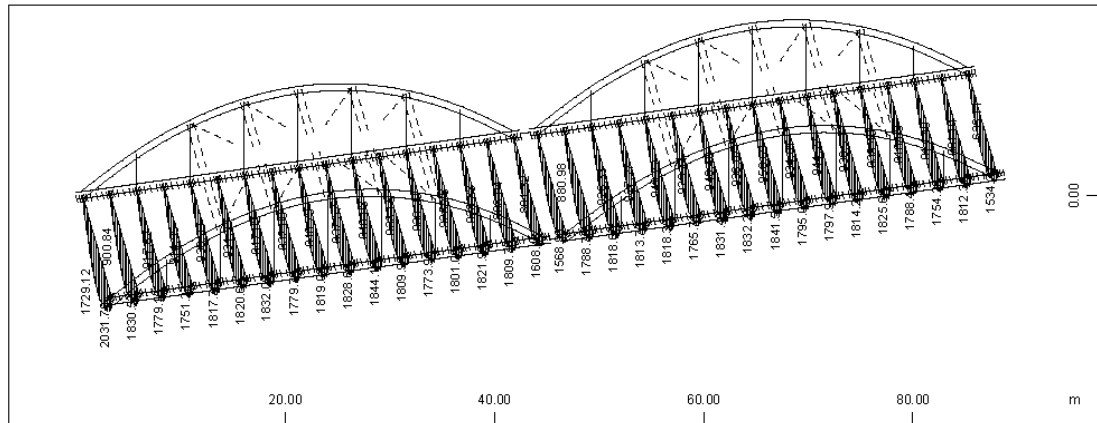
The maximum bending moment for the beams laterally restrained due to the concrete slab is calculated for Load Combination 1100 and it is equal to  $M_{Ed,y}=2032\text{kNm}$ . For the same combination the axial tensile force is  $N_{Ed}=2719\text{kN}$ , while the bending moment  $M_{Ed,z}$  is negligible at the element with the maximum  $M_{Ed,y}$  (Figure 7.14). The following criteria are satisfied:

$$N_{Ed}=2719\text{kN} < 0.25 \times N_{pl,Rd} = 0.25 \times 371.3\text{cm}^2 \times 35.5\text{kN/cm}^2 = 0.25 \times 13181.15\text{kN} = 3295.30\text{kN}$$

$$N_{Ed} = 2719\text{kN} < \frac{h_w t_w f_y}{Y_{M0}} = \frac{(90\text{cm} - 2 \cdot 3.5\text{cm} - 2 \cdot 3.0\text{cm}) \cdot 1.85\text{cm} \cdot 35.5\text{kN/cm}^2}{1.00} = 5056.98\text{kN}$$

thus, no effect of the axial force is taken into account. Hence, the design plastic moment resistance is:

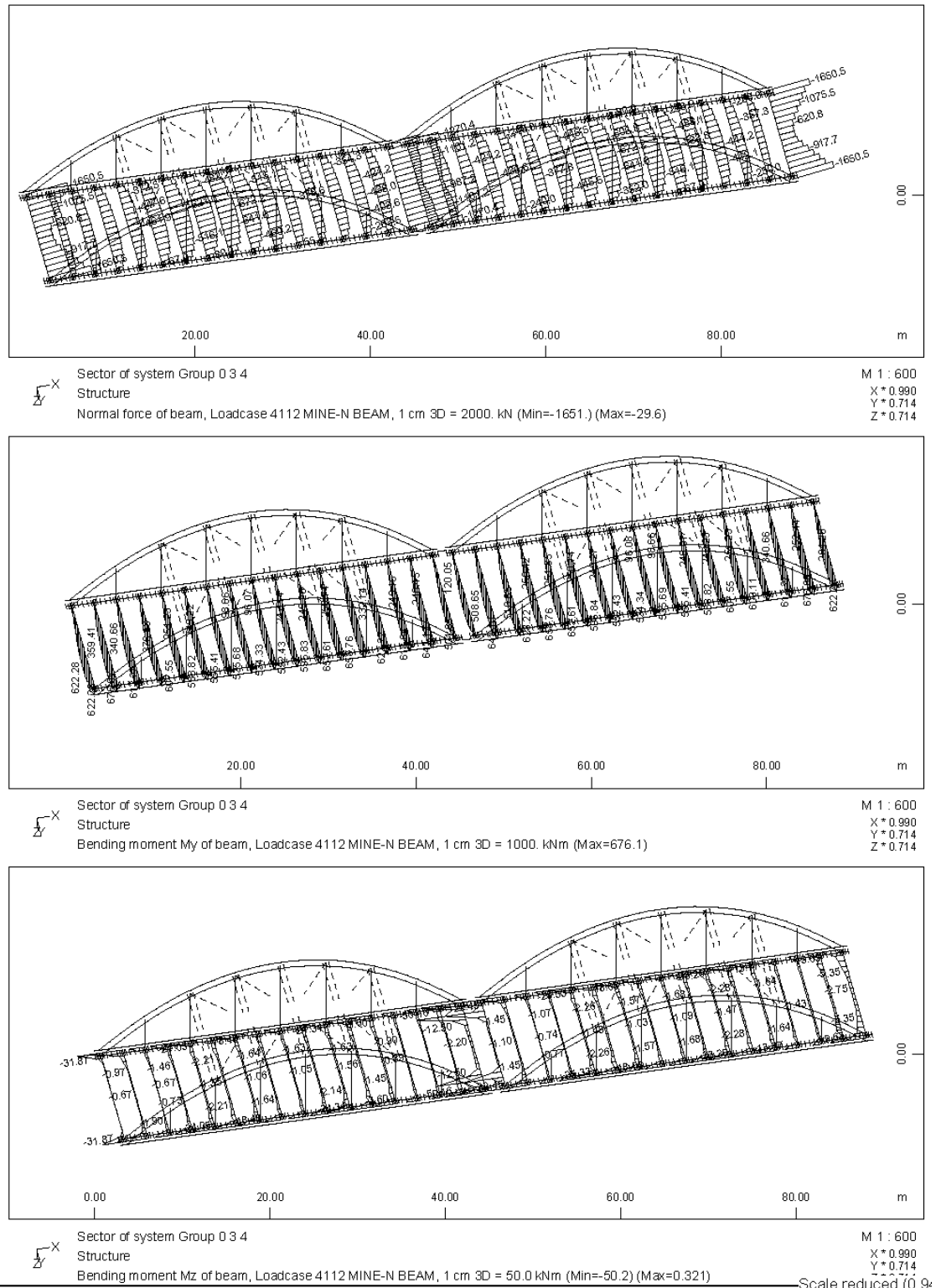
$$M_{pl,y,Rd} = \frac{W_{pl,y} \cdot f_y}{\gamma_{M0}} = \frac{12580 \text{ cm}^3 \cdot 35.5 \text{ kN / cm}^2}{1.00} = 446590 \text{ kNcm} > M_{Ed,y} = 203200 \text{ kNcm}$$



**Figure 7.14:** Internal forces for the load combination with the maximum bending moment at the transverse beams

**Σχήμα 7.14:** Εντατικά μεγέθη για τον συνδυασμό φορτίσεων με τη μέγιστη καμπτική ροπή στις διαδοκίδες

The maximum compressive axial force is computed also for Load Combination 4100, which is equal to  $N_{Ed}=1651\text{kN}$ . The maximum bending moment for the same Load Combination is  $M_{Ed,y}=676\text{kNm}$ , while the bending moment  $M_{Ed,z}$  is negligible (Figure 7.15).



**Figure 7.15:** Internal forces for the load combination with the maximum compressive axial force at the transverse beams

**Σχήμα 7.15:** Εντατικά μεγέθη για τον συνδυασμό φορτίσεων με τη μέγιστη θλιπτική δύναμη στις διαδοκίδες

Neglecting, conservatively, the stiffness of the slab of the composite beam, the non-dimensional slenderness for the transverse beams is:

$$\bar{\lambda} = \frac{L}{n} \sqrt{\frac{Af_y}{EI}} = \frac{1470\text{cm}}{n} \sqrt{\frac{371.30\text{cm}^2 \cdot 35.5\text{kN/cm}^2}{21000\text{kN/cm}^2 \cdot 494100\text{cm}^4}} = 0.527$$

and the reduction factor  $\chi$  for buckling curve b is  $\chi=0.871$ . Since the slab protects the transverse beams from lateral torsional buckling,  $\chi_{LT}=1.00$ . Thus, the exploitation factor for this load combination is:

$$EF = \frac{N_{Ed}}{N_{b,Rd}} + \frac{M_{y,Ed} + M_{z,Ed}}{M_{b,Rd}} = \frac{1651\text{kN}}{10437.07\text{kN}} + \frac{67600\text{kNcm}}{405990.91\text{kNcm}} = 0.32 < 1.00$$

where

$$N_{b,Rd} = \frac{\chi A f_y}{\gamma_{M1}} = \frac{0.871 \cdot 371.30\text{cm}^2 \cdot 35.5\text{kN/cm}^2}{1.1} = 10437.07\text{kN}$$

and

$$M_{b,Rd} = \frac{W_{pl,y} f_y}{\gamma_{M1}} = \frac{12580\text{cm}^3 \cdot 35.5\text{kN/cm}^2}{1.10} = 405990.91\text{kNcm}$$

## 7.7 Main Beams

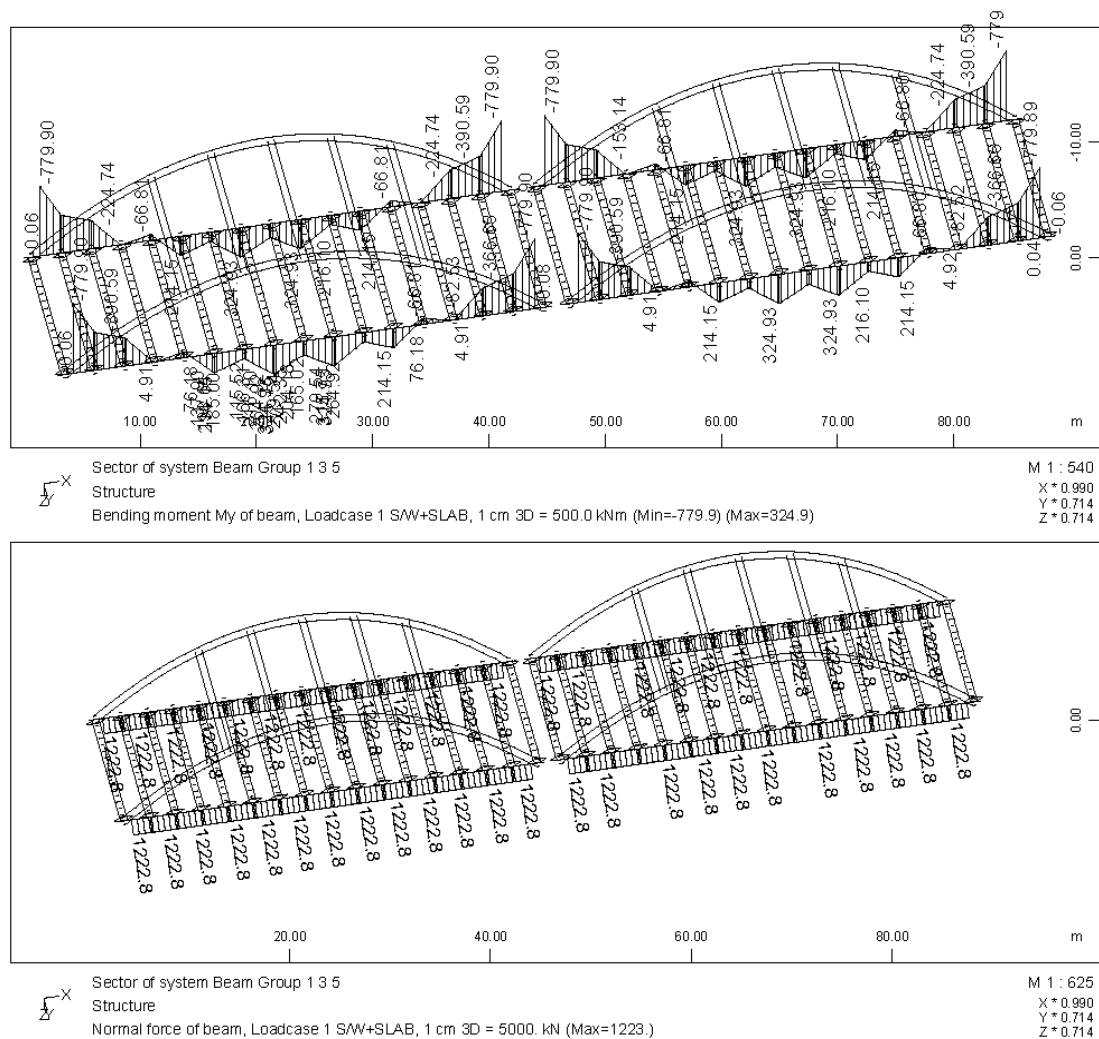
During the pouring of the concrete slab the bending moment at the main beams due to its weight and the weight of the slab is  $M=779.90\text{kNm}$ , while the tensile axial force is  $1223\text{kN}$ . The internal forces of the main beams during construction are illustrated in Figure 7.16. Since the following criteria are satisfied:

$$N_{Ed}=1223\text{kN} < 0.25 \times N_{pl,Rd}=3295.30\text{kN}$$

$$N_{Ed} = 1223\text{kN} < \frac{h_w t_w f_y}{\gamma_{M0}} = 5056.98\text{kN}$$

no effect of the axial force is taken into account for the cross section check. The design plastic moment resistance is:

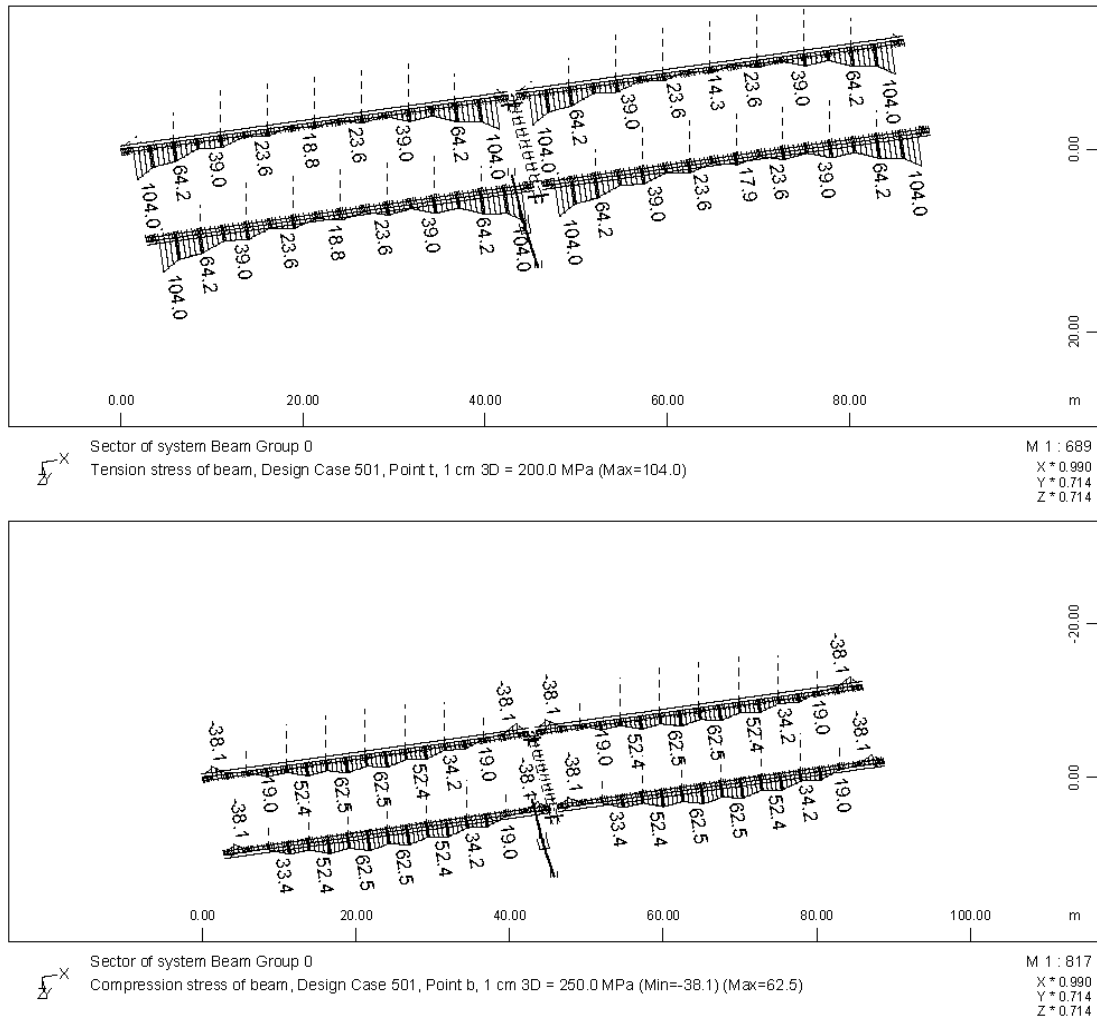
$$M_{Rd,y}=446590\text{kNcm} > M_{Ed,y}=77990\text{kNm}$$



**Figure 7.16:** Bending moments and axial forces at the main beams during construction

**Σχήμα 7.16:** Καμπτικές ροπές και αξονικές δυνάμεις κυρίων δοκών κατά τη σκυροδέτηση

The maximum bending moment of the main beams is smaller than the one developed at the transverse beams. Additionally, combined with the axial force, the upper (point t) and bottom (point b) stresses of the main beams during construction are shown in Figure 7.17. The central part of the beams is entirely under tension, while only the parts close to their connections with the arches present compressive stresses at the bottom flange. The length of the main beams under partially compressive stresses is rather small, lying between the edge and the shortest hanger. Hence, no lateral buckling check of the main beams during construction is deemed necessary.



**Figure 7.17:** Upper and bottom stresses at the main beams during construction

**Σχήμα 7.17:** Τάσεις στην άνω και κάτω ίνα των κυρίων δοκών κατά τη σκυροδέτηση

The maximum tensile axial force for the main beams laterally restrained due to the concrete slab is calculated for Load Combination 1100 and it is equal to  $N_{Ed}=5239\text{kN}$ . For the same combination the bending moment is  $M_{Ed,y}=1797\text{kNm}$ , while the bending moment  $M_{Ed,z}$  is negligible at the element with the maximum  $M_{Ed,y}$  (Figure 7.18). Since the following criteria are not satisfied:

$$N_{Ed}=5239\text{kN} > 0.25 \times N_{pl,Rd}=3295.30\text{kN}$$

$$N_{Ed} = 5239\text{kN} > \frac{h_w t_w f_y}{\gamma_{M0}} = 5056.98\text{kN}$$

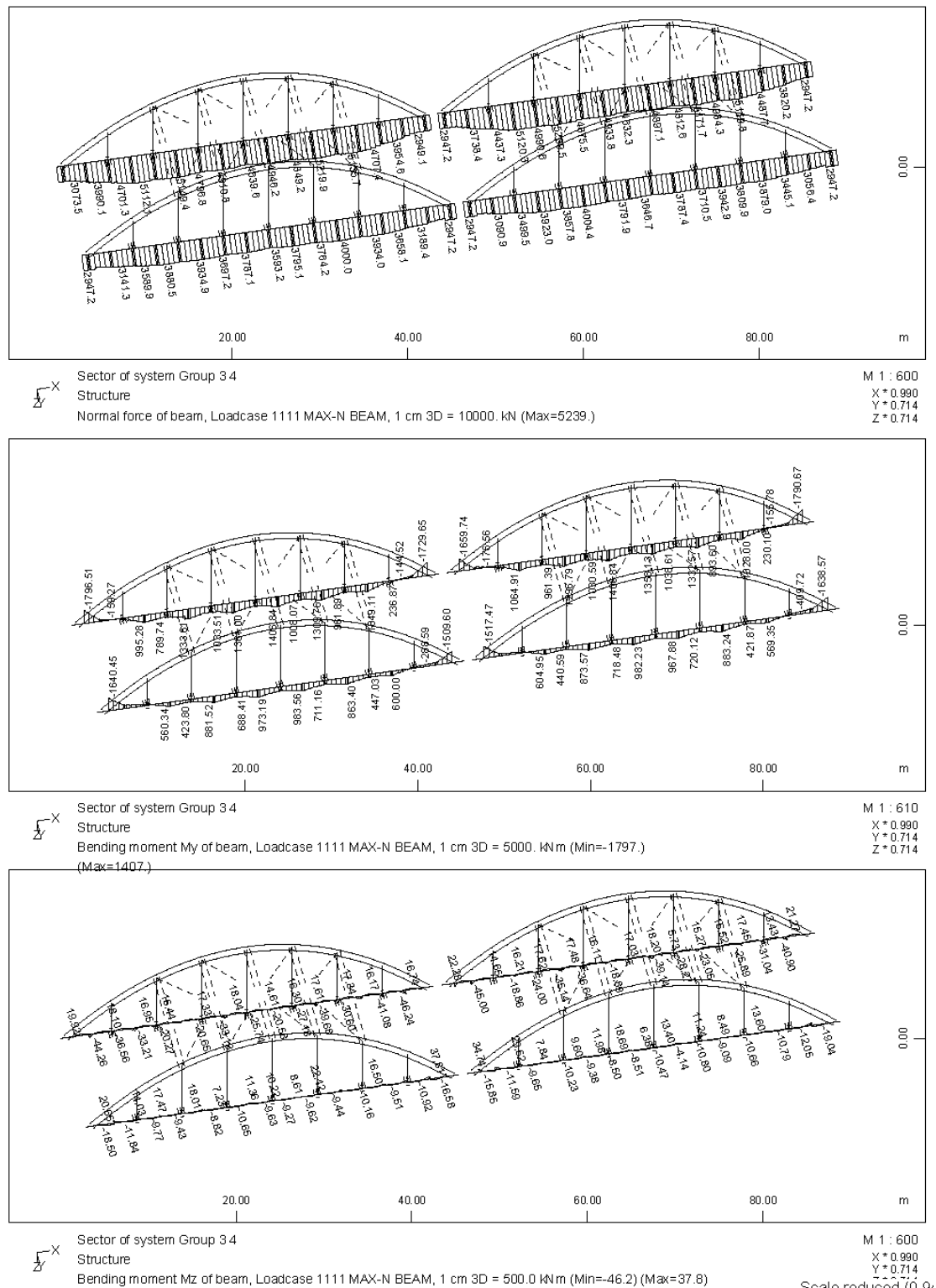
the effect of the axial force must be taken into account. Hence, the reduced design plastic moment resistance due to the axial force is:

$$M_{N,y,Rd} = M_{pl,y,Rd} \frac{1-n}{1-0.5 \cdot a} = 446590\text{kNcm} \frac{1-0.40}{1-0.5 \cdot 0.43} = 341342.68\text{kNcm} > M_{Ed,y} = 179700\text{kNcm}$$

where  $n=N_{Ed}/N_{pl,Rd}=5239\text{kN}/13181.15\text{kN}=0.40$  and

$$a = \frac{A - 2bt_f}{A} = \frac{371.3\text{cm}^2 - 2 \cdot 30\text{cm} \cdot 3.5\text{cm}}{371.3\text{cm}^2} = 0.43 < 0.50$$

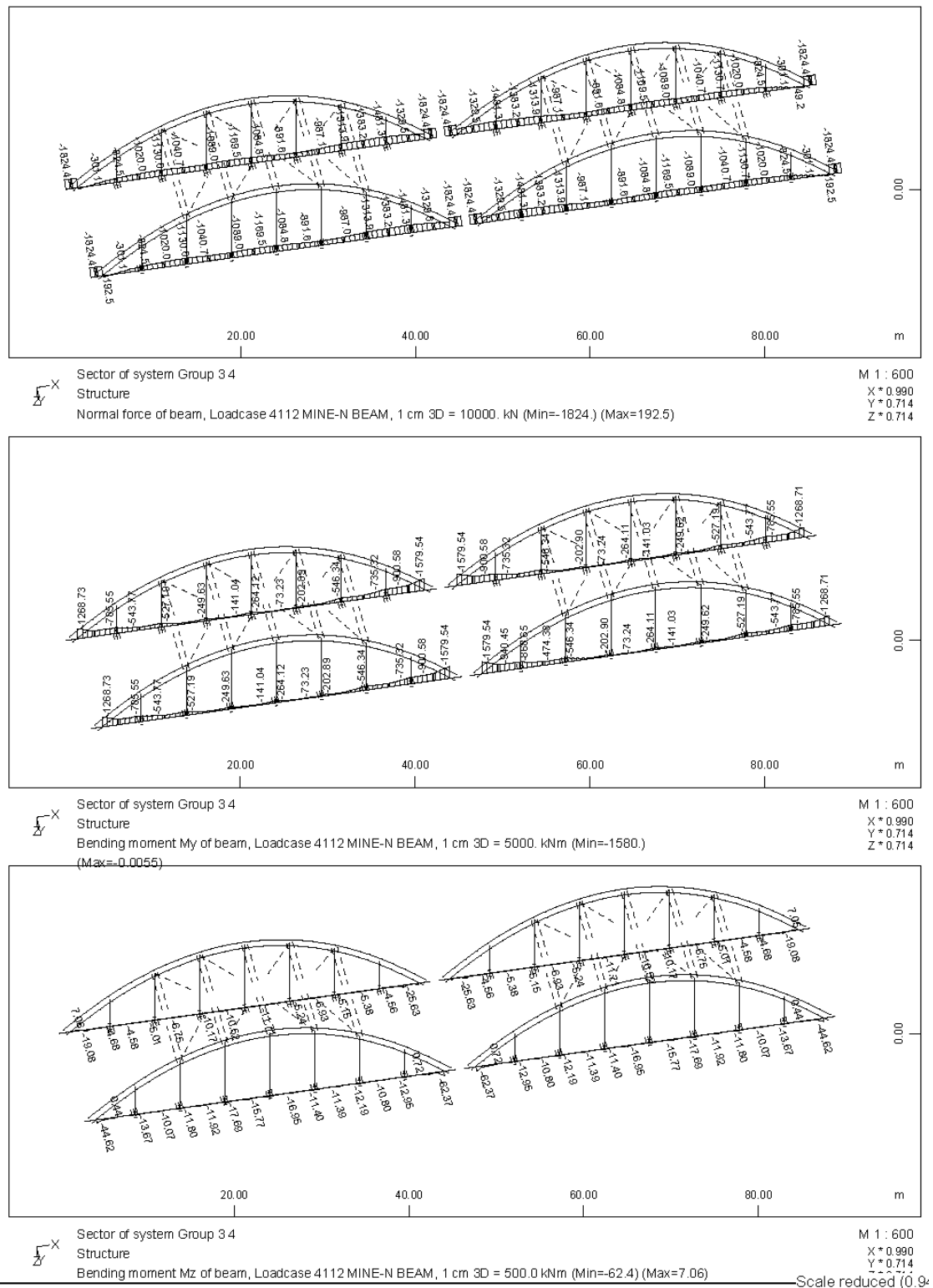




**Figure 7.18:** Internal forces for the load combination with the maximum tensile axial force at the main beams

**Σχήμα 7.18:** Εντατικά μεγέθη για τον συνδυασμό φορτίσεων με τη μέγιστη εφελκυστική αξονική δύναμη στις κύριες δοκούς

The maximum compressive axial force for the main beams laterally restrained is equal to  $N_{Ed}=1481\text{kN}$  under the seismic Load Combination 4100 (neglecting the parts of the beams outside the arches), as shown in Figure 7.19. For the same combination the maximum bending moment is  $M_{Ed,y}=1580\text{kNm}$ , while  $M_{Ed,z}$  is negligible.

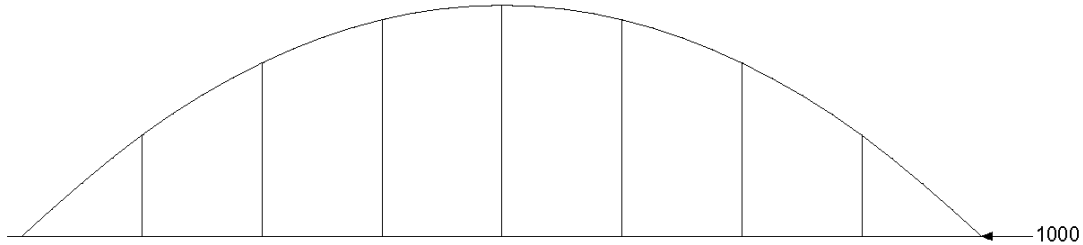


**Figure 7.19:** Internal forces for the load combination with the maximum compressive axial force at the main beams

**Σχήμα 7.19:** Εντατικά μεγέθη για τον συνδυασμό φορτίσεων με τη μέγιστη θλιπτική δύναμη στις κύριες δοκούς

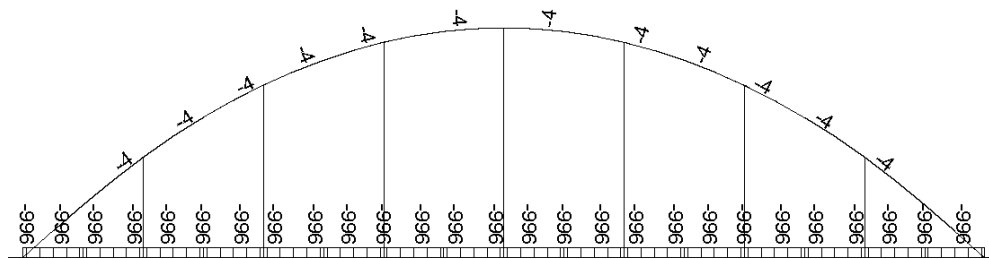
In order to find the critical force  $N_{cr}$  for buckling of the main beams about their strong axis, ignoring conservatively the presence of the slab, the model of Figure 7.20 is used. The one end of the main beam is considered as pinned, while the other as roller. For a concentrated horizontal load equal to 1000kN, applied at the roller, the normal force of the main beam is

presented in Figure 7.21. The mean value of the normal force along the arch is  $N=966\text{kN}$ . The first in plane buckling mode of the beam is shown in Figure 7.22 with buckling factor equal to 35.35. Thus, the critical force of force  $N_{cr}$  in the main beams for in plane buckling is  $N_{cr}=35.35 \times 966\text{kN} = 34148.10\text{kN}$ . The out of plane buckling is not taken into account, since the main beams are laterally restrained by the slab.



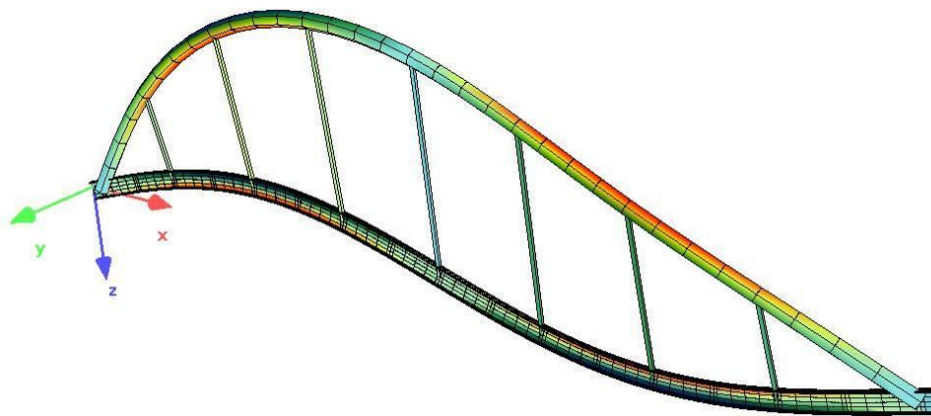
**Figure 7.20:** Model and load for buckling analysis of the main beams

**Σχήμα 7.20:** Προσομοίωμα και φορτίο για ανάλυση λυγισμού των κυρίων δοκών



**Figure 7.21:** Normal force of the main beam due to concentrated horizontal load at its end

**Σχήμα 7.21:** Αξονική δύναμη κύριας δοκού λόγω συγκεντρωμένου οριζόντιου φορτίου στο άκρο της



**Figure 7.22:** The first in plane buckling mode of the main beam

**Σχήμα 7.22:** Η πρώτη εντός επιπέδου μορφή λυγισμού της κύριας δοκού

The non-dimensional slenderness is calculated as:

$$\bar{\lambda} = \sqrt{\frac{Af_y}{N_{cr}}} = \sqrt{\frac{371.3\text{cm}^2 \cdot 35.5\text{kN/cm}^2}{34148.10\text{kN}}} = 0.62$$

The reduction factor  $\chi$  for buckling curve b is equal to  $\chi=0.827$  and the design buckling resistance of the main beams is:

$$N_{b,Rd} = \frac{\chi Af_y}{\gamma_{M1}} = \frac{0.827 \cdot 371.3\text{cm}^2 \cdot 35.5\text{kN/cm}^2}{1.1} = 9909.83\text{kN}$$

According to the second method, presented in EC3 – Part 1.1, the interaction factor  $k_{yy}$  is given as:

$$k_{yy} = C_{my} \left( 1 + (\bar{\lambda}_y - 0.2) \frac{N_{Ed}}{\chi_y N_{Rd} / \gamma_{M1}} \right) = 0.4 \cdot \left( 1 + (0.62 - 0.2) \frac{1481 \text{ kN}}{9909.83 \text{ kN}} \right) = 0.43$$

Since the slab protects the main beams from lateral torsional buckling,  $\chi_{LT}=1.00$ . Thus, the exploitation factor for this load combination is:

$$EF = \frac{N_{Ed}}{N_{b,Rd}} + \frac{k_{yy} M_{y,Ed}}{M_{b,Rd}} = \frac{1481 \text{ kN}}{9909.83 \text{ kN}} + \frac{0.43 \cdot 158000 \text{ kNcm}}{1.00 \cdot \frac{446590 \text{ kNcm}}{1.1}} = 0.32 < 1.00$$

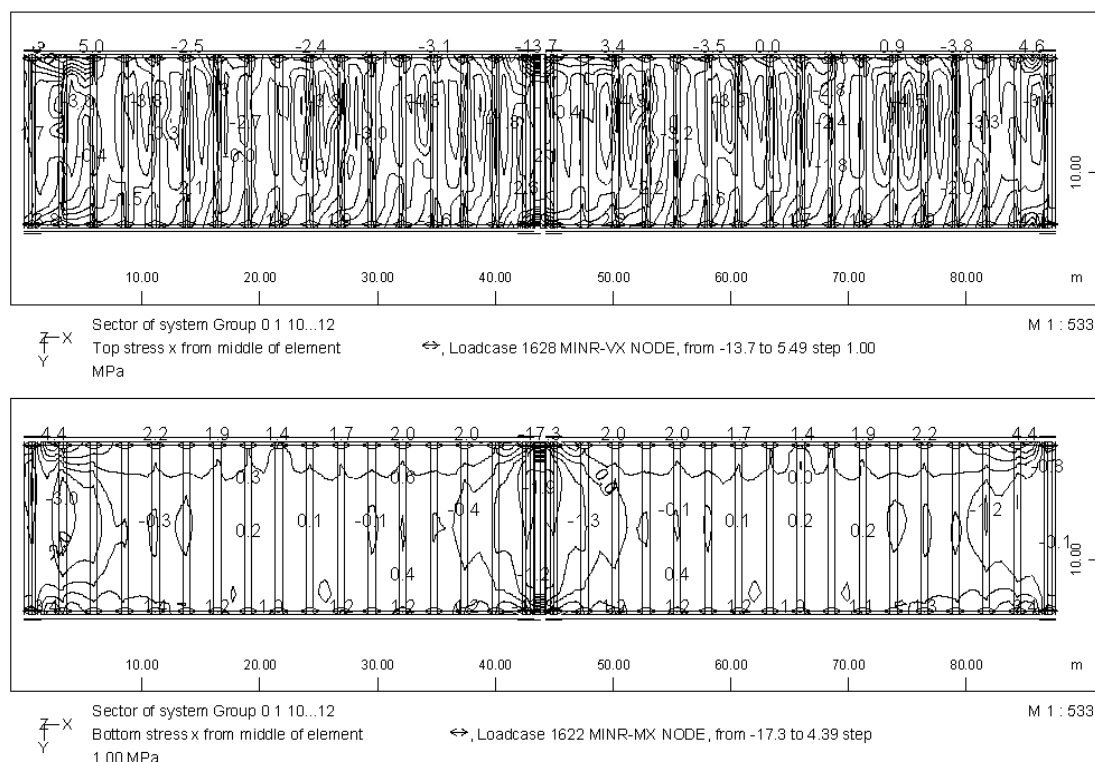
For reasons of constructability of the connection of the transverse beams on the main ones, the same profile is used for both groups of beams, although the exploitation factor of the main beams is much smaller than 1.

# Chapter 8

## PERFORMANCE AT SERVICEABILITY LIMIT STATE

### 8.1 Maximum compressive stress of the deck slab

As mentioned in section 5.5 for the characteristic load combination, the compressive stress of the concrete slab should not exceed the value of  $0.60f_{ck}=21\text{MPa}$ . The maximum compressive stress is obtained for load combination 1600 and it is equal to 17.3MPa (Figure 8.1).

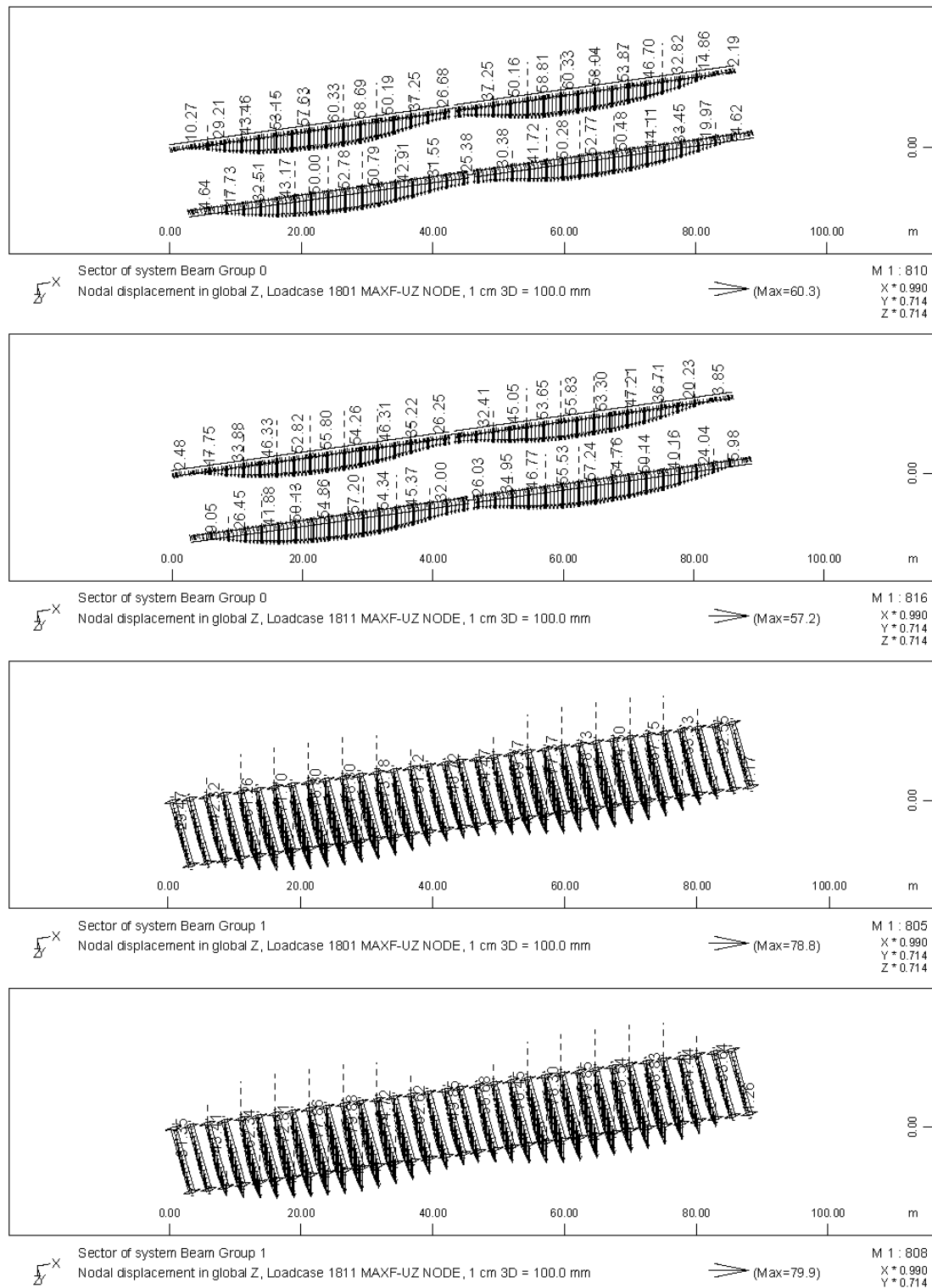


**Figure 8.1:** Maximum compressive stresses of the deck slab for SLS (characteristic) load combination

**Σχήμα 8.1:** Μέγιστη θλιπτική τάση στην πλάκα καταστρώματος για τους συνδυασμούς λειτουργικότητας (χαρακτηριστικός)

### 8.2 Maximum deformation of the deck

As mentioned in section 5.5 the deformation of the deck is calculated for the frequent load combination. In Figure 8.2 the maximum deflection of the main and transverse beams is illustrated, arising at 60.3mm for the main beams ( $60.3\text{mm} < L/300 = 42000/300 = 140\text{mm}$ ) and  $79.9\text{mm} - 60.3\text{mm} = 19.6\text{mm}$  for the transverse ones ( $19.6\text{mm} < L/300 = 14700\text{mm}/300 = 49\text{mm}$ ).



**Figure 8.2:** Deflection of the deck's beams for SLS (frequent) load combination  
**Σχήμα 8.2:** Βέλος δοκών καταστρώματος για τους συνδυασμούς λειτουργικότητας (συχνός)

# Chapter 9

## CHECK OF BEARINGS AND EXPANSION JOINTS

### 9.1 Check of bearings

	parallel to axis:	x	y	
Dimensions:		70	x	80 cm <sup>2</sup>
Number of elastomeric layers:				10
Thickness of an individual elastomeric layer:				15 mm
Total thickness:				150 mm

#### Axial loads

	most loaded bearing	
Permanent:	1347.00 kN	
Superimposed:	845.00 kN	: $N_g = 2192.00$ kN
Traffic load:	1430.70 kN	: $N_p = 1430.70$ kN
Earthquake z-z:	866.50 kN	$N_{max,st} = 3622.70$ kN

	less loaded bearing	
Permanent:	1347.00 kN	
Superimposed:	845.00 kN	$N_{min,st} = 2192.00$ kN
Earthquake z-z:	866.50 kN	

#### Displacements

Braking load:	24.50 mm
Shrinkage:	4.00 mm
Uniform difference of temperature $\Delta T = -41^\circ\text{C}$ :	18.00 mm
Earthquake x-x:	238.90 mm
Earthquake y-y:	209.80 mm

#### Rotations

permanent:	$\alpha_x = 0.180 \times 10^{-3}$ rad	$\alpha_y = 0.296 \times 10^{-3}$ rad
superimposed:	$\alpha_x = 0.556 \times 10^{-3}$ rad	$\alpha_y = 0.324 \times 10^{-3}$ rad
traffic load:	$\alpha_x = 3.043 \times 10^{-3}$ rad	$\alpha_y = 2.989 \times 10^{-3}$ rad

#### A. Check for static combinations (according to DIN 4141 / Part 14)

<b>Total displacement</b>		$d_{td} = 46.50$ mm	
<b>Shear strain</b>	$\gamma_{td} = 0.31$	$< \gamma_{en} = 0.69$	OK
<b>Design pressure</b>	$\sigma_{max} = N_{ok}/A = 6.47$ MPa	$< 15.00$ MPa	
	$\sigma_{min} = N_g/A = 3.91$ MPa	$< 5.00$ MPa	ANCHORAGE IS REQUIRED
<b>Angular rotation about x</b>	$\varphi_{td,x} = 0.0038$ rad	$< \varphi_{en} = n \times \varphi_{1,en} = 0.0150$ rad	OK
<b>Angular rotation about y</b>	$\varphi_{td,y} = 0.0036$ rad	$< \varphi_{en} = n \times \varphi_{1,en} = 0.0200$ rad	OK

### B. Check for seismic combinations (according to EC8-2)

Apparent conventional shear modulus:	$G_g =$	900 kPa
Shear modulus:	$G_b =$	1125 kPa
Lower bound design properties:	$G_{b,min} =$	1125 kPa
Upper bound design properties:	$G_{b,max} =$	1350 kPa

Displacement +x:	$d_{Edx} =$	251.9 mm
Displacement +y:	$d_{Edy} =$	62.9 mm
<b>Total displacement</b>	$d_{Ed} =$	259.6 mm

<b>Design shear strain due to horizontal displacement</b>	$\epsilon_{qd} =$	1.73 < 2.0	OK
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$$S = 12.44$$

$$A_r = 3333.18 \text{ cm}^2$$

$$N_{sd} = 2738.09 \text{ kN}$$

$$\sigma_e = 8214.65 \text{ kPa}$$

<b>Design strain due to compressive load</b>	$\epsilon_{c,d} =$	0.88
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<b>Design strain due to design angular rotation</b>	$\epsilon_{a,d} =$	0.32
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<b>Maximum design strain</b>	$\epsilon_{t,d} =$	$2.93 < \epsilon_{u,k} / \gamma_m = 7.00$	OK
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### C. Stability

One of the following criteria should be satisfied:

$b_{min} > 4 \sum t_i$	=>	70 cm	>	60 cm	OK
$\sigma_e < 2 b_{min} G_{b,min} S / 3 \sum t_i$	=>	8214.65 kPa	<	43555.56 kPa	OK

### D. Anchorage

Minimum vertical design force:	$N_{Ed} =$	1932.05 kN
Minimum design pressure:	$\sigma_e =$	5.80 N/mm <sup>2</sup> > 3,00
Stiffness:	$K = G_{b,max} \times A / T =$	5040.0 kN/m
Maximum shear force:	$V_{Ed} = K d_{Ed} =$	1308.61 kN
	$V_{Ed} / N_{Ed} =$	0.677
	$\alpha =$	0.100
	$\beta =$	0.300
	$\mu_e = \alpha + \beta / \sigma_e =$	0.152

Check:  $V_{Ed} / N_{Ed} > \alpha + \beta / \sigma_e$  ANCHORAGE IS REQUIRED

### E. Uplift of the bearings

The minimum vertical load at the bearings due to the seismic load combinations is:

$\min N_{Ed} =$	1325.50 kN	COMPRESSIVE FORCE, OK
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## 9.2 Check of expansion joints

### Displacements:

Braking load:	24.50 mm
Shrinkage:	4.00 mm
Uniform difference of temperature $\Delta T = -41^{\circ}\text{C}$ :	18.00 mm
Uniform difference of temperature $\Delta T = +59^{\circ}\text{C}$ :	25.90 mm
Earthquake x-x:	238.90 mm
Earthquake y-y:	209.80 mm

### Total displacement

#### Static combination

Maximum negative	$d'_{Ed} = -d_G - 1.50 \cdot d_{TR} - 1.5 \cdot 0.60 \cdot d_{t(-41)} =$	-56.95 mm
Maximum positive	$d'_{Ed} = -d_G + 1.50 \cdot d_{TR} + 1.50 \cdot 0.6 \cdot d_{t(+59)} =$	56.06 mm

#### Seismic combination

Maximum negative	$d'_{Ed} = -0.4 \cdot d_E - d_G - 0.5 \cdot d_{t(-41)} =$	111.44 mm
Maximum positive	$d'_{Ed} = 0.4 \cdot d_E - d_G + 0.5 \cdot d_{t(+59)} =$	107.50 mm

### Minimum displacements of the expansion joint

Static combination	114 mm
Seismic combination	223 mm

### Minimum gap

$d'_{Ed} = d_E - d_G + 0.5 \cdot d_{t(+59)} =$	260 mm
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An expansion joint of type Algaflex TM480 or similar is chosen

## **PART II: INNOVATIVE SOLUTION**

# Chapter 10

## BRIDGE DESCRIPTION

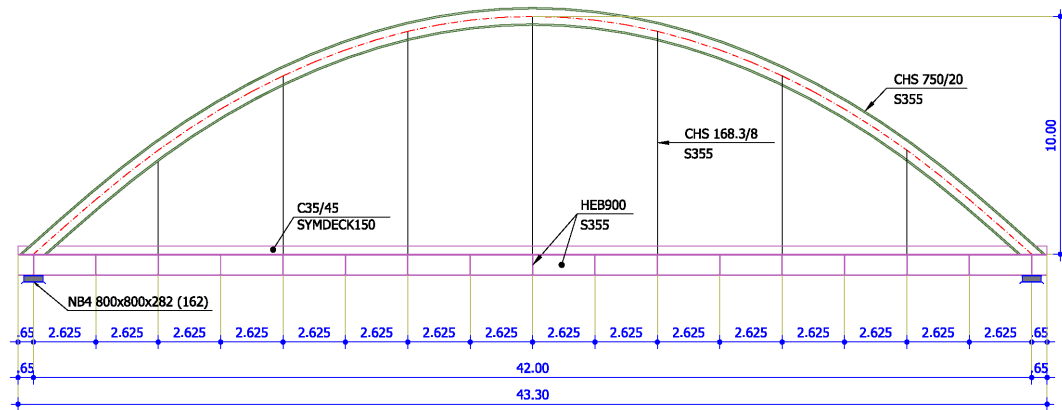
### 10.1 Geometry and cross sections

The bridge under investigation is situated over a riverbank and it is a steel arch road bridge with two simply supported spans, with total length 87.60m. The total width of the deck is equal to 15.00m, while at the supports it becomes 15.55m. The steel members of each span include two (2) main beams, seventeen (17) transverse beams, two (2) arches connected with transverse and diagonal bracing members. Each main beam is suspended by each arch with seven (7) hangers. The distance of the transverse steel beams is 2.625m. A composite deck is formed using trapezoidal profiles of type SYMDECK 150 and a concrete slab. The total thickness of the composite slab is 35cm. The concrete slab is connected with the transverse and main beams through steel shear connectors in order to ensure composite action. The characteristics of the bridge's steel members are listed in Table 10.1. The elevation view of a single span is illustrated in Figure 10.1, the arrangement in plan view of the main and transverse beams is shown in Figure 10.2, the plane view of the bridge in Figure 10.3 and the section of the bridge at mid span in Figure 10.4.

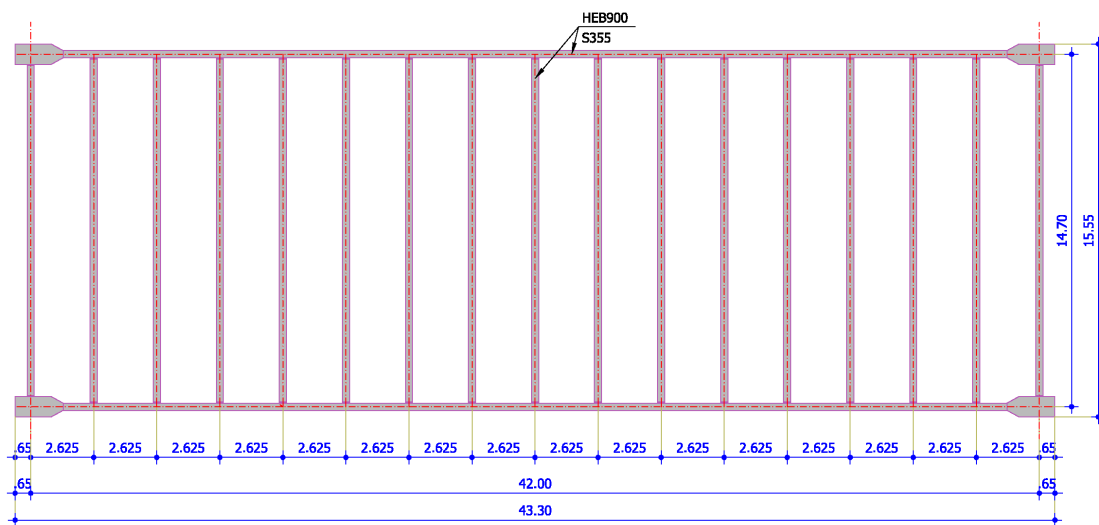
**Table 10.1:** Characteristics of the bridge's steel members

**Πίνακας 10.1:** Χαρακτηριστικά των μεταλλικών στοιχείων της γέφυρας

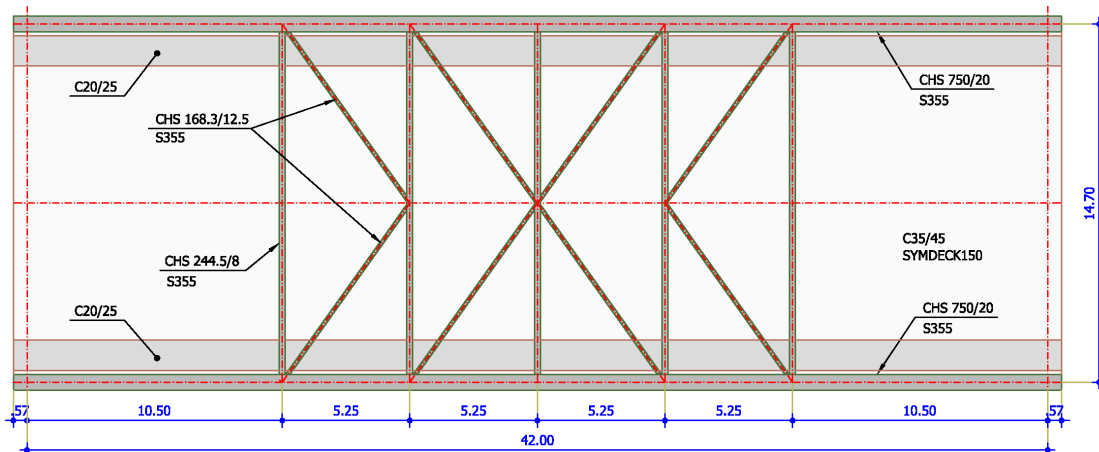
Type	Total number	Cross section	Length of each member	Theoretical span/rise
Main beams	4	HEB900	43.30m	42.00m
Transverse beams	34	HEB900	14.30m	14.70m
Arches	4	CHS750/20	47.70m	42.00m / 10.00m
Transverse bracing members	10	CHS244.5/8	13.95m	14.70m
Diagonal bracing members	16	CHS168.3/12.5	8.45m	9.13m
Hangers	28	CHS168.3/8	3.90m – 9.625m	4.375m – 10.00m



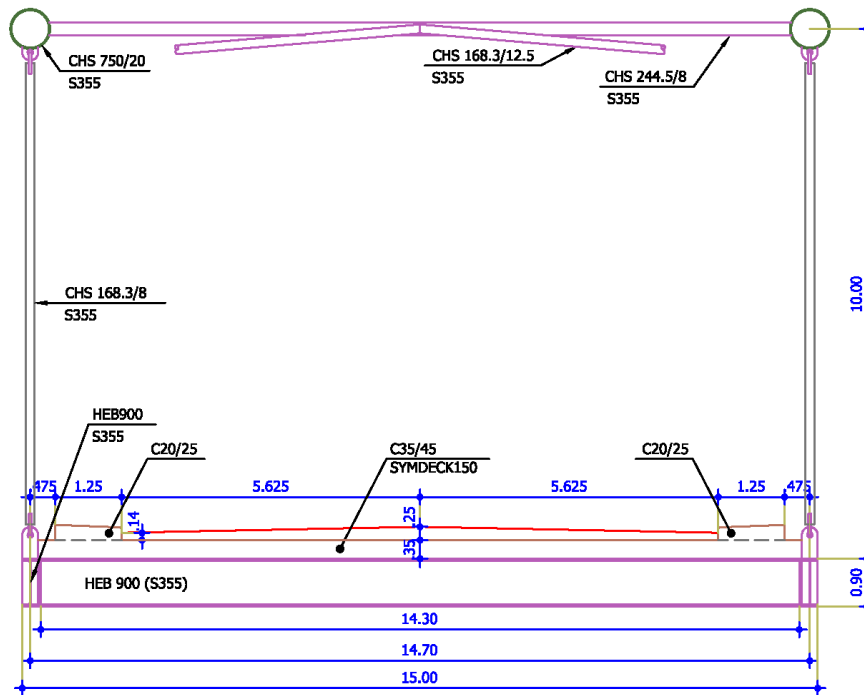
**Figure 10.1:** Elevation view of a single span  
**Σχήμα 10.1:** Όψη εντός ανοίγματος γέφυρας



**Figure 10.2:** Arrangement in plan view of the deck's beams of a single span  
**Σχήμα 10.2:** Διάταξη δοκών καταστρώματος εντός ανοίγματος γέφυρας



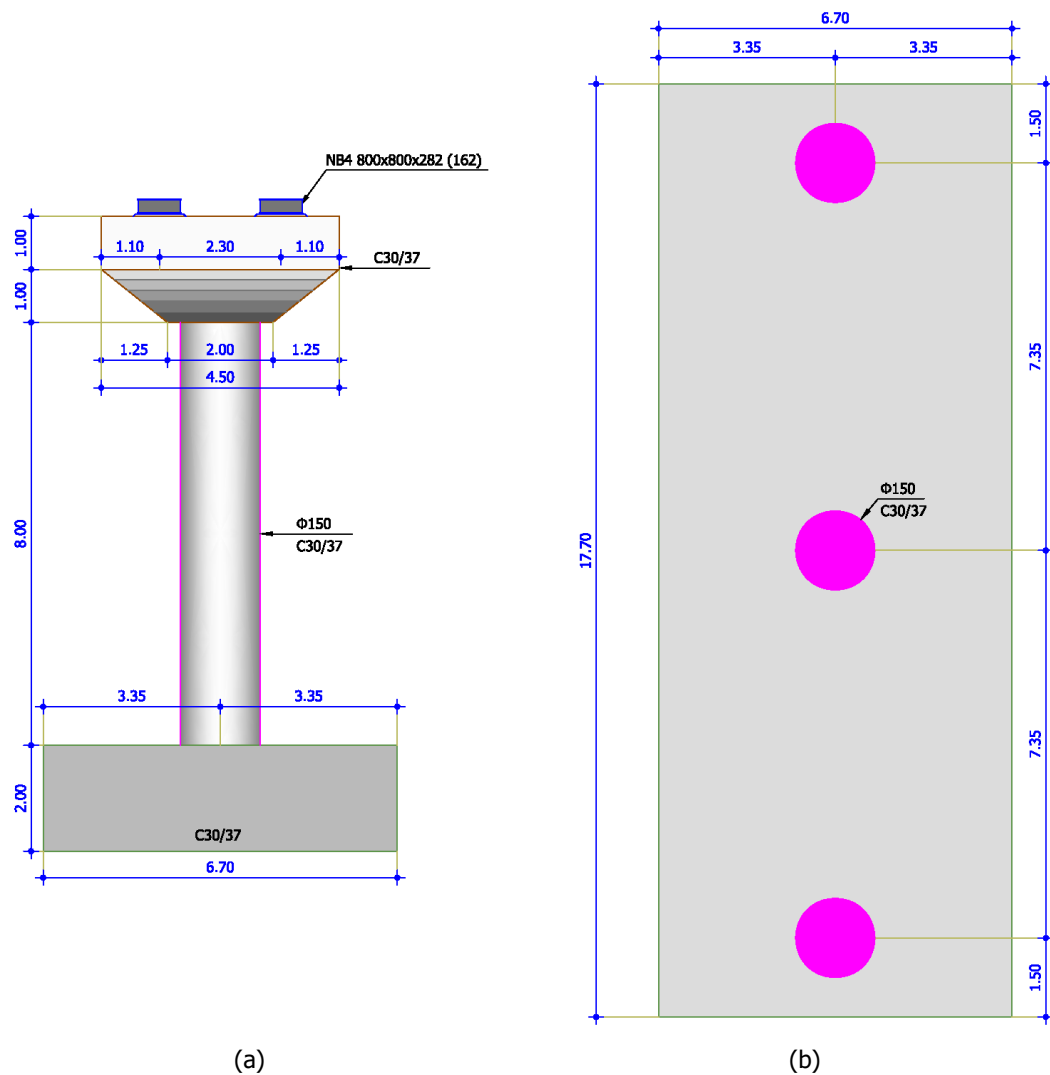
**Figure 10.3:** Plan view of a single span  
**Σχήμα 10.3:** Κάτοψη εντός ανοίγματος γέφυρας



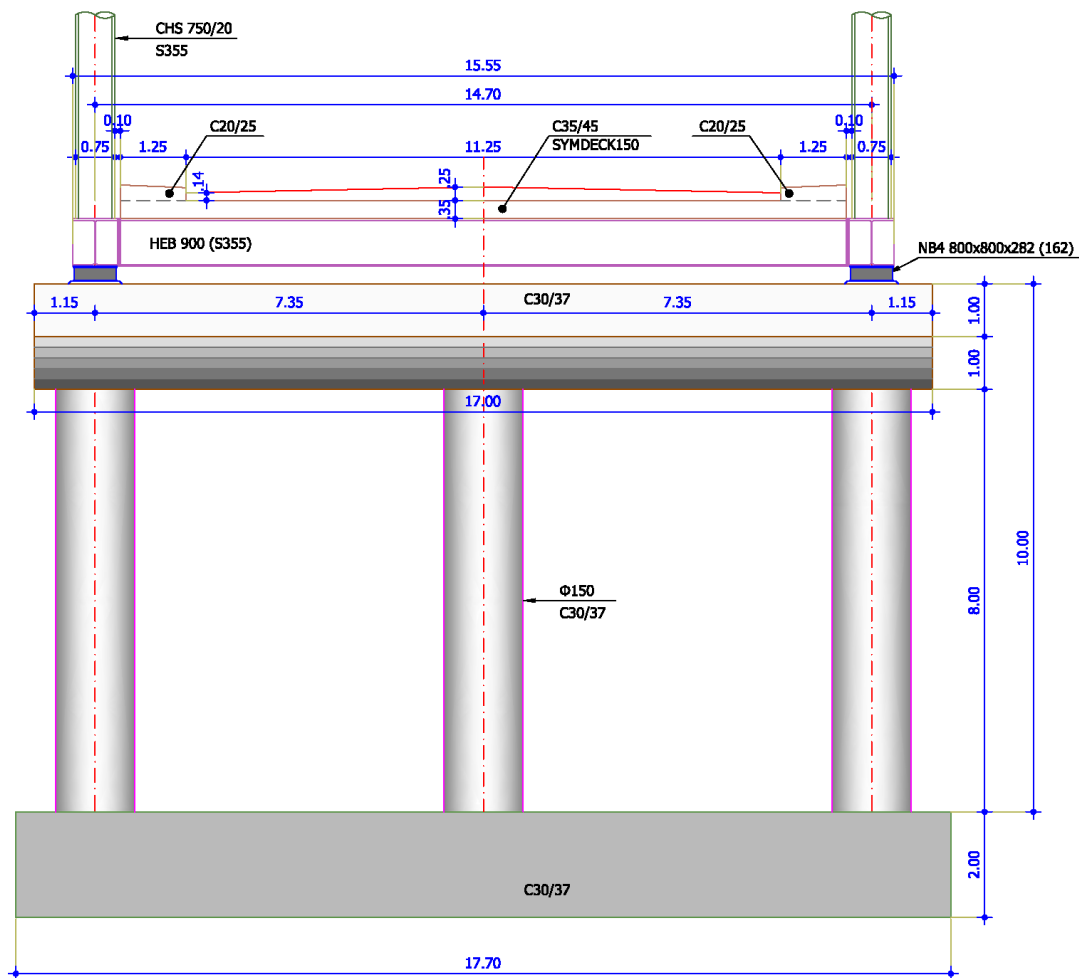
**Figure 10.4:** Section of the bridge at midspan

**Σχήμα 10.4:** Εγκάρσια τομή γέφυρας στο μέσον του ανοίγματος

The pier consists of three circular reinforced concrete columns, 8.00m tall, having a circular cross section of 1.50m diameter. The distance between the three columns is equal to 7.35m. They are connected at the top with a 17.00m long concrete beam, having the cross – section of Figure 10.5a. The dimensions of the pier's footing are 17.70m × 6.70m and its thickness is 2.00m (Figure 10.5b). The section of the bridge at the pier is given in Figure 10.6. The elevation view of the bridge is illustrated in Figure 10.7.

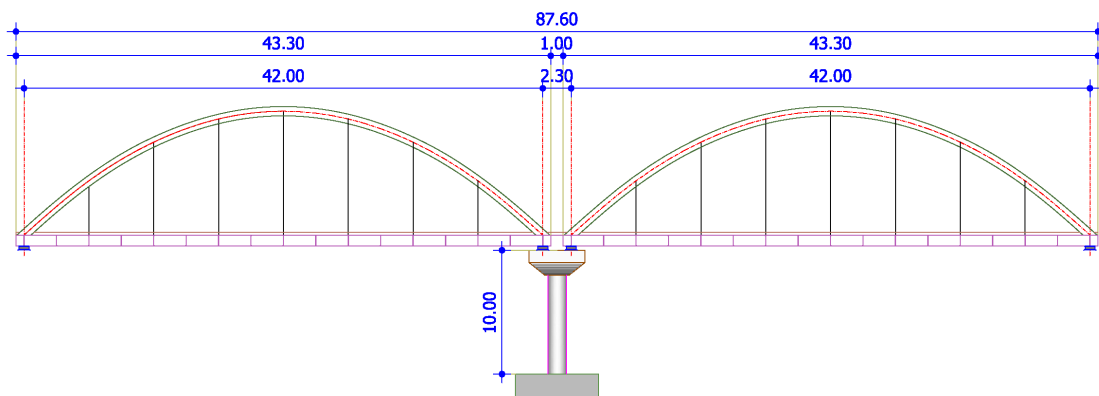


**Figure 10.5:** (a) Geometry of the pier in longitudinal section, (b) Geometry of the pier's footing  
**Σχήμα 10.5:** (a) Γεωμετρία μεσοβάθρου στη διαμήκη έννοια, (b) Γεωμετρία πεδίου μεσοβάθρου



**Figure 10.6:** Section of the bridge at the pier

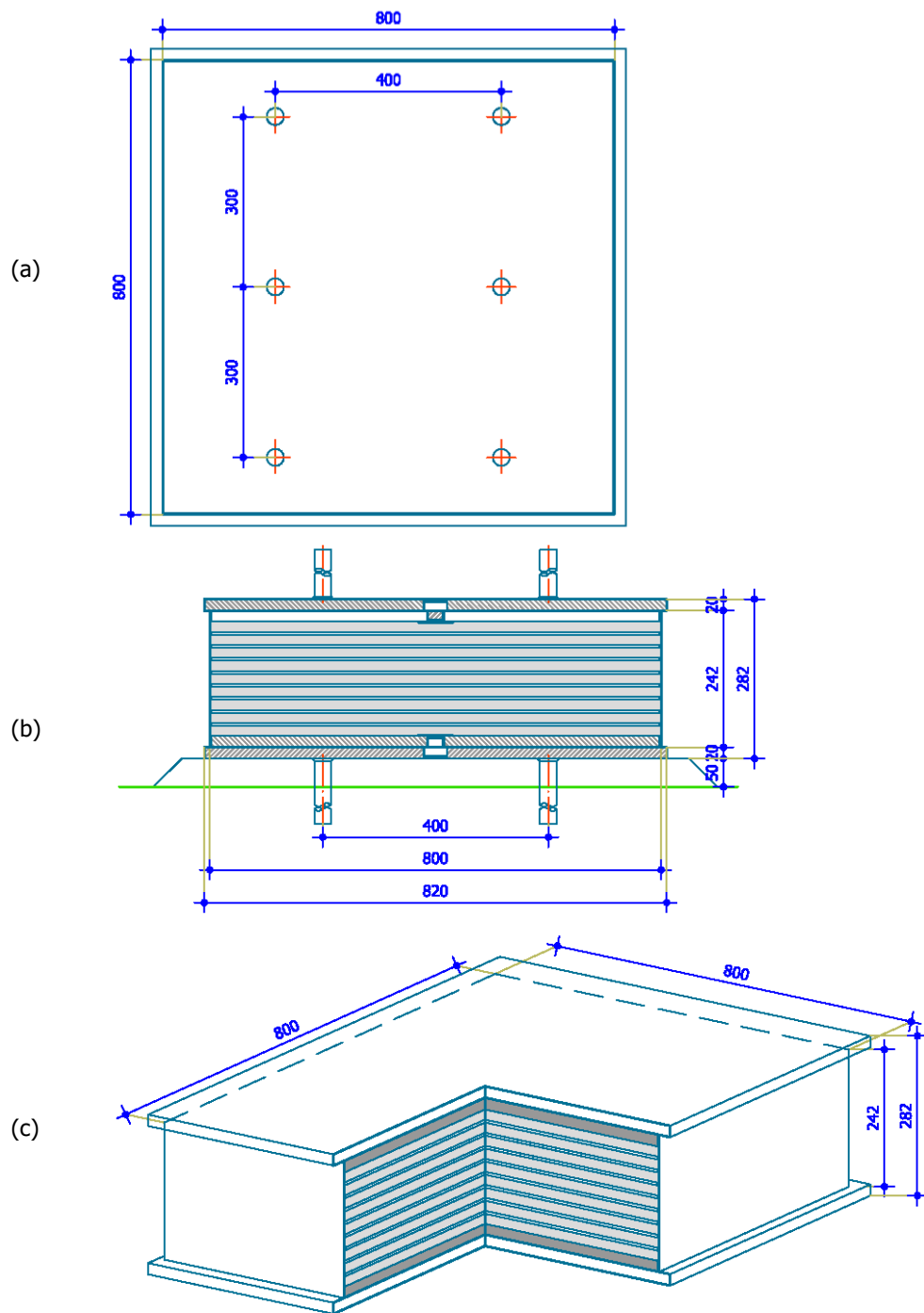
**Σχήμα 10.6:** Εγκάρσια τομή γέφυρας στη θέση μεσοβάθρου



**Figure 10.7:** Elevation view of the bridge

**Σχήμα 10.7:** Όψη γέφυρας

The connection of the deck and the pier and the abutments is realized with anchored elastomeric bearings type NB4 800x800x282 (162). The bearings consist of nine (9) layers of elastomer, with thickness  $t_e=0.018\text{m}$ . The total thickness of the elastomer is  $t=0.162\text{m}$ . Details of the bearings are shown in Figure 10.8.



**Figure 10.8:** Details of the elastomeric bearings: (a) plan view, (b) vertical section, (c) perspective view

**Σχήμα 10.8:** Λεπτομέρειες ελαστομερικών εφεδράνων: (α) κάτοψη (β) κατακόρυφη τομή (γ) προοπτικό

## 10.2 Materials

All steel members are made of S355 structural steel. For the composite deck reinforced concrete C35/45 is used, for the sidewalks C20/25, for the footing, the columns and the beam of the pier C30/37. The reinforcement steel is B500C.



### 10.3 Footing design and dimensions of the crust

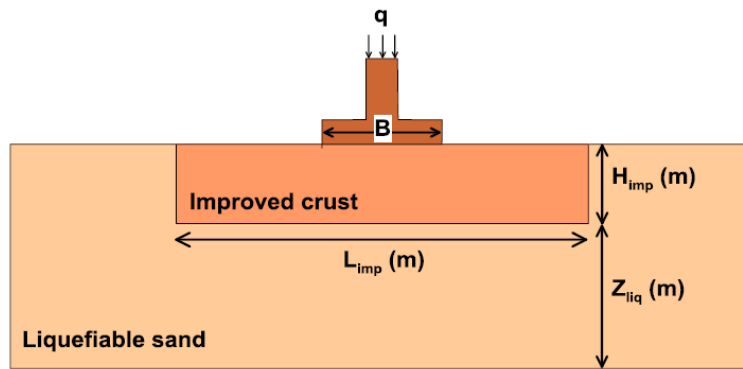
For the evaluation of the dimensions of the pier's footing and the crust, the total static load  $q_0$  is considered, which includes the permanent loads (consisting of the self weight of the bridge and footing and of the superimposed load) and 20% of the live load, which is the percentage considered in the seismic combinations. With respect to the embedment depth  $D$  the footing is considered to be seated at 2.50m below the soil surface. The dimensions of the footing and the crust are appropriately chosen so that the degraded factor of safety,  $F.S._{deg}$  is equal or larger than 1.10, according to Table 10.2 for the seismic load combination, while Figure 10.9 shows the basic notation for the design of the improved crust. The thickness of the crust is chosen equal to 3.20m, while its width and length are 10.00m and 21.00m, respectively (Figure 10.10).

**Table 10.2:** Evaluation of the pier's footing and the crust's dimensions

**Πίνακας 10.2:** Καθορισμός διαστάσεων πεδίου μεσοβάθρου και κρούστας

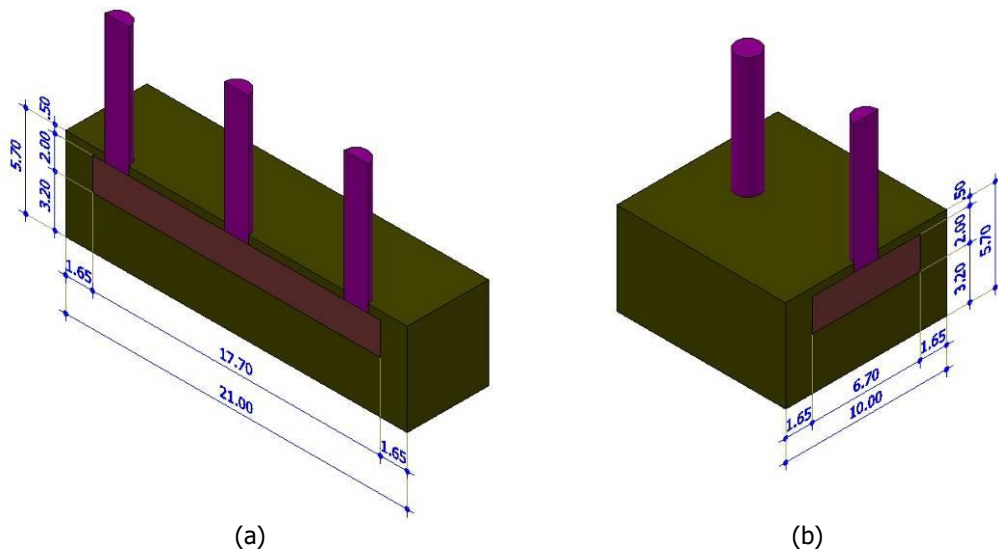
Input	
Soil Properties	
Relative Density of the natural soil, $D_{r,o}$ (%)	60
Excess Pore Pressure ratio in the improved zone, $r_{u,design}$	0.30
Buoyant unit weight, $\gamma'$ (kN/m <sup>3</sup> )	9.81
Soil Geometry	
Total Thickness of the liquefiable layer, $Z_{tot}$ (m)	20
Thickness of the improved zone, $H_{imp}$ (m)	3.20
Thickness of the liquefiable layer, $Z_{liq}$ (m)	14.3
Width of the improved zone, $L_{imp}$ (m)	10.00
Excitation	
Maximum input acceleration, $a_{max}$ (g)	0.17
Predominant period, $T$ (sec)	0.25
Number of cycles, $N$	12
Footing Properties	
Footing width, $B$ (m)	6.70
Footing Length, $L$ (m)> $B$ (m) [use 0 for strip footing]	17.70
Embedment depth, $D$ (m)	2.50
Total static load from footing, $q_0$ (kPa)	180.94

Output	
Improved Soil	
Length of the improved zone (m)	21.00
Volume of the improved zone (m <sup>3</sup> )	672.00
Replacement ratio, $\alpha_s$	0.122
Relative Density of the improved zone, $D_{r,imp}$ (%)	80
Friction Angle of the improved zone, $\phi_{imp}$ (deg)	40
Permeability of the improved zone, $k_{eq}$ (m/s)	1.39E-03
Infinite Improvement	
Degraded factor of safety, $F.S._{deginf}$	1.29
Seismic settlements, $\rho_{dyn,inf}$ (m)	0.069
Differential settlements, $\delta$ (m)	0.046
Rotation, $\theta$ (degrees)	0.226
Finite Improvement	
Degraded factor of safety, $F.S._{deg}$	1.10
Seismic settlements, $\rho_{dyn}$ (m)	0.080
Differential settlements, $\delta$ (m)	0.054
Rotation, $\theta$ (degrees)	0.262



**Figure 10.9:** Notation used for the design of the improved crust

**Σχήμα 10.9:** Ορισμός βασικών συμβόλων για το σχεδιασμό της βελτιωμένης επιφανειακής κρούστας



**Figure 10.10:** (a) Transverse section and (b) longitudinal section of the pier's footing and crust

**Σχήμα 10.10:** (a) Εγκάρσια τομή και (b) διαμήκης τομή θεμελίου μεσοβάθρου και κρούστας

# Chapter 11

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## SEISMIC CONDITIONS

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### 11.1 Seismic response spectra with no liquefaction

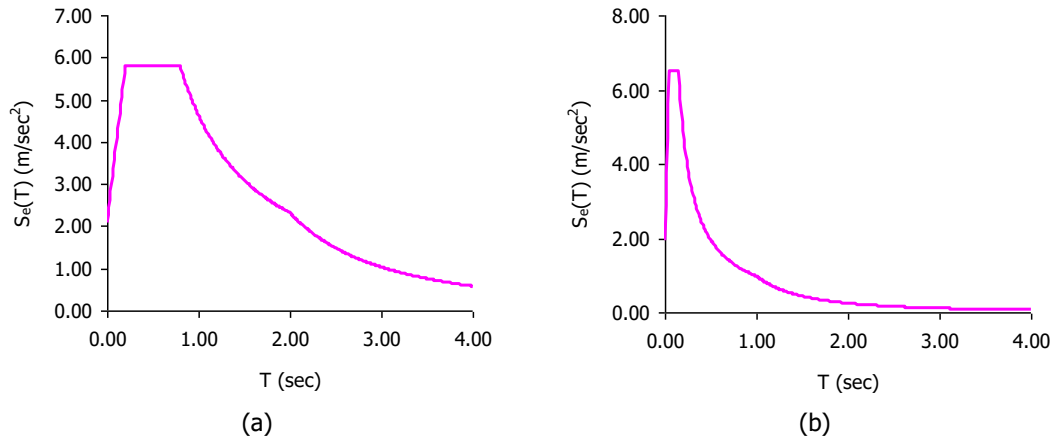
In order to define seismic actions, without liquefaction, the design spectrum of Eurocode 8 is taken into consideration, for soil type D, soil factor  $S=0.96$  and peak ground acceleration  $PGA_b=0.22g$ , accounting for Seismic Scenario 1, with the following characteristics:

- return period  $T_{ret} = 225$  years
- earthquake magnitude  $M_w = 6.2$
- peak ground acceleration at outcropping bedrock  $PGA_b = 0.22g$

Additionally, the following parameters are considered:

- Behavior factor  $q_h=1.50, q_v=1.00$
- Damping ratio  $\zeta=3\%$
- Damping correction factor  $n = \sqrt{\frac{10}{5 + 3}} = 1.118$
- Peak ground acceleration  $PGA_{b,h}=0.22g, PGA_{b,v}=0.90 \times 0.22g=0.198g$
- Periods for horizontal component  $(T_B=0.20s, T_C=0.80s, T_D=2.00s, S=0.96)$
- Periods for vertical component  $(T_B=0.05s, T_C=0.15s, T_D=1.00s)$

The horizontal elastic response spectrum for the case without liquefaction is illustrated in Figure 11.1a, while Figure 11.1b shows the vertical one.



**Figure 11.1:** (a) Horizontal elastic response spectrum, (b) Vertical elastic response spectrum without liquefaction

**Σχήμα 11.1:** (a) Οριζόντιο ελαστικό φάσμα απόκρισης, (b) Κατακόρυφο ελαστικό φάσμα απόκρισης χωρίς ρευστοποίηση

### 11.2 Seismic response spectra with liquefaction

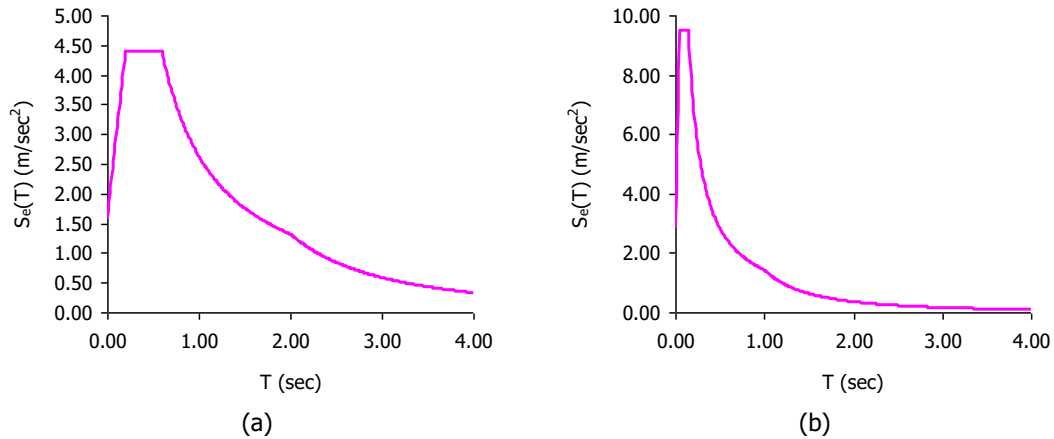
In case of liquefaction, the seismic actions are defined according to the design spectrum of Eurocode 8, for soil type C, soil factor  $S=0.50$  and peak ground acceleration  $PGA_b=0.32g$ , accounting for Seismic Scenario 2, with the following characteristics:

- return period  $T_{ret} = 1000$  years
- earthquake magnitude  $M_w = 7.0$
- peak ground acceleration at outcropping bedrock  $PGA_b = 0.32g$

Additionally, the following parameters are considered:

- Behavior factor  $q_h=1.50, q_v=1.00$
- Damping ratio  $\zeta=3\%$
- Damping correction factor  $n = \sqrt{\frac{10}{5 + 3}} = 1.118$
- Peak ground acceleration  $PGA_{b,h}=0.32g, PGA_{b,v}=0.90 \times 0.32g=0.288g$
- Periods for horizontal component  $(T_B=0.20s, T_C=0.60s, T_D=2.00s, S=0.50)$
- Periods for vertical component  $(T_B=0.05s, T_C=0.15s, T_D=1.00s)$

The horizontal elastic response spectrum with liquefaction is illustrated in Figure 11.2a, while Figure 11.2b shows the vertical one.



**Figure 11.2:** (a) Horizontal elastic response spectrum, (b) Vertical elastic response spectrum with liquefaction

**Σχήμα 11.2:** (a) Οριζόντιο ελαστικό φάσμα απόκρισης, (b) Κατακόρυφο ελαστικό φάσμα απόκρισης με ρευστοποίηση

### 11.3 Modal response spectrum analysis

A modal analysis is performed to calculate the natural frequencies and vibration modes of the bridge. The inertial effects of the design seismic action are evaluated by taking into account the presence of the masses associated with all gravity loads appearing in the following combination of actions:

$$\sum_{j \geq 1} G_{kj} + \sum_{i \geq 1} \psi_E \cdot Q_{ki} \text{ where } \psi_E = 0.20 \text{ for road traffic loads.}$$

It is ensured that the sum of the effective modal masses for the modes taken into account is at least 90% of the total mass of the structure. The maximum displacements, internal loads and stresses are superimposed according to CQC (Complete Quadratic Combination) method.

# Chapter 12

## ANALYSIS OF THE BRIDGE

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### 12.1 Model of the bridge

The main and transverse beams, the horizontal bracing members of the arches and the arches are modeled with beam elements. Moment releases are applied at the ends of the transverse beams. The hangers and the diagonal bracing members of the arches are modeled with truss elements. The concrete slab is simulated using shell elements with a thickness of 25cm, accounting for the mean value of the slab's thickness. The bearings at the abutments and the pier are modeled with equivalent elastic springs, with different stiffness for static and seismic combinations. Thus, for the horizontal springs the stiffness of the bearings for static load combinations is:

$$K_{h,st} = \frac{G_g \times A}{t} = \frac{900 \text{ kN/m}^2 \times 0.8 \text{ m} \times 0.8 \text{ m}}{0.162 \text{ m}} = 3556 \text{ kN/m} \quad (12.1)$$

while for displacements under seismic load combinations the stiffness of the horizontal springs is given as:

$$K_{h,se} = \frac{1.25 \times G_g \times A}{t} = 1.25 \times 3556 \text{ kN/m} = 4444 \text{ kN/m} \quad (12.2)$$

and for the calculation of the internal forces under seismic load combinations, the corresponding stiffness of the horizontal springs is:

$$K_{h,se,In} = \frac{1.20 \times 1.25 \times G_g \times A}{t} = 1.20 \times 4444 \text{ kN/m} = 5333 \text{ kN/m} \quad (12.3)$$

with  $G_g=900\text{kN/m}^2$  the conventional shear modulus,  $A$  the overall plan area of the bearing and  $t$  the total thickness of the elastomer layers. The vertical springs have a stiffness constant equal to:

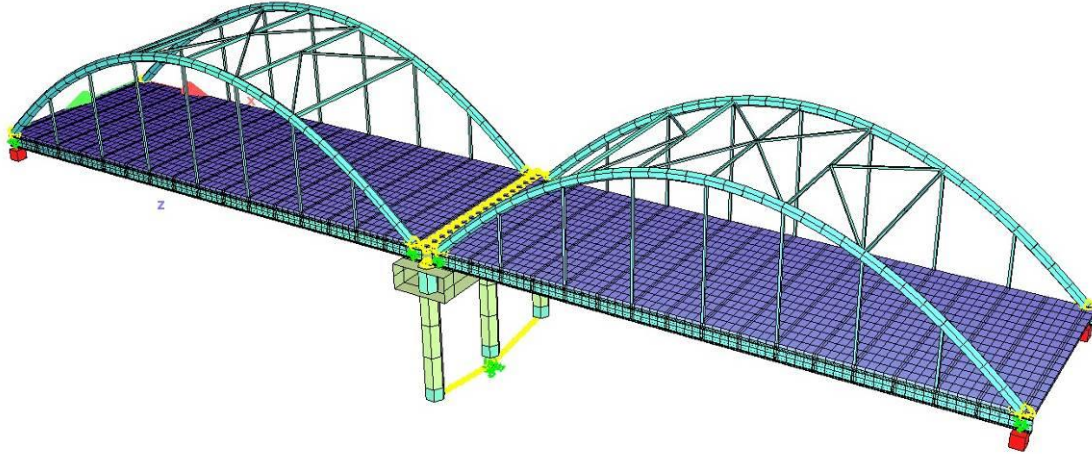
$$\begin{aligned} K_v &= \frac{A}{\sum t_i \times \left( \frac{1}{5 \times G \times S^2} + \frac{1}{E_b} \right)} = \\ &= \frac{0.80 \text{ m} \times 0.80 \text{ m}}{0.162 \text{ m} \times \left( \frac{1}{5 \times 1.25 \times 900 \text{ kN/m}^2 \times 11.11^2} + \frac{1}{2000000 \text{ kN/m}^2} \right)} = 2.04 \times 10^6 \text{ kN/m} \end{aligned} \quad (12.4)$$

where  $S$  is the shape factor of the elastomeric bearing equal to:

$$S = \frac{A}{L \times t_e} = \frac{0.80\text{m} \times 0.80\text{m}}{2 \times (0.80\text{m} + 0.80\text{m}) \times 0.018\text{m}} = 11.11 \quad (12.5)$$

with  $L$  the perimeter of the bearing and  $t_e$  the effective thickness of an individual elastomer layer and the bulk modulus is taken equal to  $E_b=2000\text{MPa}$ .

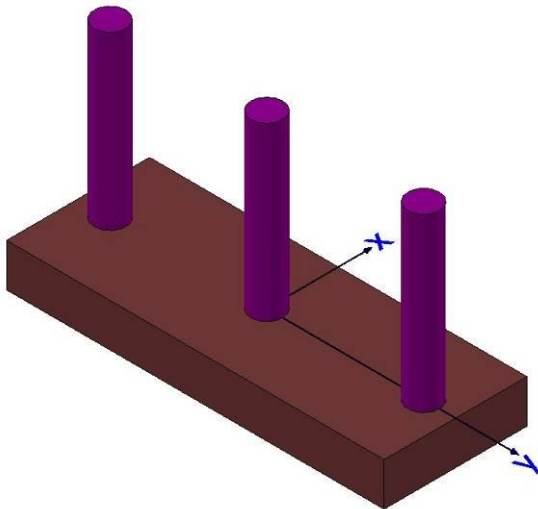
The numerical model of the bridge is shown in Figure 12.1. The finite element analysis software that is used is Sofistik.



**Figure 12.1:** Model of the bridge  
**Σχήμα 12.1:** Προσομοίωμα γέφυρας

## 12.2 Modeling of the pier's footing

The bases of the three columns are connected via rigid links with a common "master" node. The soil-structure interaction is taken into account with equivalent springs and damping elements connected to this common node at the base of the pier. More specifically, for the orientation of the designed pier's footing of Figure 12.2, shown in Figure 12.2, the static values of the spring's constants are given in Table 12.1.



**Figure 12.2:** Orientation of the pier's footing  
**Σχήμα 12.2:** Προσανατολισμός θεμελίου μεσοβάθρου

**Table 12.1:** Static stiffness of equivalent springs at the base of the pier**Πίνακας 12.1:** Στατική δυσκαμψία ισοδύναμων ελατηρίων στη βάση του μεσοβάθρου

Direction	Static stiffness $k_{static}$
Horizontal, (longitudinal x axis)	2.91E+05 kN/m
Horizontal (transverse y axis)	3.04E+05 kN/m
Vertical, z	3.70E+05 kN/m
Rocking (around longitudinal x axis)	1.81E+07 kNm/rad
Rocking (around transverse y axis)	4.41E+06 kNm/rad

In case of dynamic response under seismic loads, the dynamic correction factors are calculated for both cases, with and without liquefaction (see Annex I). They are considered common for both horizontal directions. Factors  $k_1(T)$ , referring to the dynamic spring constants, are given in Table 12.2 for several periods, while the dynamic springs are calculated as:

$$k_{dynamic} = k_0 \times k_1(T) \quad (12.6)$$

where the values of  $k_0$  are listed in Table 12.3.

**Table 12.2:** Dynamic correction factor  $k_1(T)$  of equivalent springs at the base of the pier**Πίνακας 12.2:** Δυναμικός συντελεστής  $k_1(T)$  ισοδύναμων ελατηρίων στη βάση του μεσοβάθρου

No liquefaction							
Direction	T(sec)						
	0.20	0.40	0.60	0.80	1.00	1.25	1.50
Horizontal	1.00	0.85	0.87	0.88	0.89	0.92	0.95
Vertical	0.57	0.78	0.81	0.92	0.95	0.96	0.98
Rocking	0.84	0.95	0.98	0.99	0.99	1.00	1.00
With liquefaction							
Direction	T(sec)						
	0.20	0.40	0.60	0.80	1.00	1.25	1.50
Horizontal	1.20	1.04	0.96	0.91	0.97	0.85	0.77
Vertical	0.42	0.73	0.76	0.55	0.59	0.65	0.72
Rocking	0.83	0.92	0.94	0.94	0.96	0.97	0.99

**Table 12.3:** Stiffness  $k_0$  of equivalent springs at the base of the pier**Πίνακας 12.3:** Δυσκαμψία  $k_0$  ισοδύναμων ελατηρίων στη βάση του μεσοβάθρου

Direction	Static stiffness $k_0$	
	No liquefaction	With liquefaction
Horizontal, (longitudinal x axis)	2.54E+06 kN/m	1.26E+06 kN/m
Horizontal (transverse y axis)	2.34E+06 kN/m	1.16E+06 kN/m
Vertical, z	2.99E+06 kN/m	8.34E+05 kN/m
Rocking (around longitudinal x axis)	1.61E+08 kNm/rad	9.84E+07 kNm/rad
Rocking (around transverse y axis)	3.94E+07 kNm/rad	2.42E+07 kNm/rad

For vibration modes about horizontal axes, the eigenperiod is close to 1.50sec, which also applies for the rocking about the horizontal axes, while for vertical oscillation, the eigenperiod is approximately 0.50sec, as shown in Table 12.7 (for the case without liquefaction) and Table 12.8 (for the case with liquefaction), as well as in Figure 12.3. Thus for the case without liquefaction:

$$k_{1,h}(1.50\text{sec}) = 0.95 \quad (12.7)$$

$$k_{1,v}(0.50\text{sec}) = 0.80 \quad (12.8)$$



$$k_{1,r}(1.50\text{sec})=1.00 \quad (12.9)$$

while for the case with liquefaction, the corresponding values become equal to:

$$k_{1,h}(1.50\text{sec})=0.77 \quad (12.10)$$

$$k_{1,v}(0.50\text{sec})=0.75 \quad (12.11)$$

$$k_{1,r}(1.50\text{sec})=0.99 \quad (12.12)$$

Hence, the stiffness coefficients of the equivalent springs at the base of the pier that will be used for the dynamic analysis are given in Table 12.4. They are calculated according to Eq. (12.6), using the values of Table 12.3 and the dynamic correction factors of Eqs. (12.7) – (12.12).

**Table 12.4:** Dynamic stiffness of equivalent springs at the base of the pier

**Πίνακας 12.4:** Δυναμική δυσκαμψία ισοδύναμων ελατηρίων στη βάση του μεσοβάθρου

Direction	Dynamic stiffness $k_{\text{dynamic}}$	
	No liquefaction	With liquefaction
Horizontal, (longitudinal x axis)	2.41E+06 kN/m	9.70E+05 kN/m
Horizontal (transverse y axis)	2.22E+06 kN/m	8.93E+05 kN/m
Vertical, z	2.39E+06 kN/m	6.26E+05 kN/m
Rocking (around longitudinal x axis)	1.61E+08 kNm/rad	9.77E+07 kNm/rad
Rocking (around transverse y axis)	3.94E+07 kNm/rad	2.40E+07 kNm/rad

Factors  $k_2(T)$ , depending also on the structure's eigenperiod, refer to the dashpot coefficient, which is activated only for seismic loads and it is expressed as:

$$C=k_0 \times k_2(T) \times T/2\pi \quad (12.13)$$

**Table 12.5:** Dynamic correction factor  $k_2(T)$  of equivalent dashpot at the base of the pier

**Πίνακας 12.5:** Δυναμικός συντελεστής  $k_2(T)$  ισοδύναμων αποσβεστήρων στη βάση του μεσοβάθρου

No liquefaction							
Direction	T(sec)						
	0.20	0.40	0.60	0.80	1.00	1.25	1.50
Horizontal	0.59	0.45	0.20	0.16	0.09	0.07	0.05
Vertical	0.81	0.31	0.09	0.06	0.06	0.06	0.06
Rocking	0.18	0.07	0.06	0.06	0.06	0.06	0.06
With liquefaction							
Direction	T(sec)						
	0.20	0.40	0.60	0.80	1.00	1.25	1.50
Horizontal	1.62	0.96	0.72	0.58	0.51	0.50	0.50
Vertical	2.11	1.09	1.01	0.75	0.43	0.32	0.24
Rocking	0.40	0.18	0.15	0.12	0.09	0.08	0.08

Thus for the case without liquefaction:

$$k_{2,h}(1.50\text{sec})=0.05 \quad (12.14)$$

$$k_{2,v}(0.50\text{sec})=0.20 \quad (12.15)$$

$$k_{2,r}(1.50\text{sec})=0.06 \quad (12.16)$$

while for the case with liquefaction, the corresponding values become equal to:

$$k_{2,h}(1.50\text{sec})=0.50 \quad (12.17)$$

$$k_{2,v}(0.50\text{sec})=1.05 \quad (12.18)$$

$$k_{2,r}(1.50\text{sec})=0.08 \quad (12.19)$$

The dashpot coefficients  $C$  are listed in Table 12.6, which is calculated according to Eq. (12.13), taking into account the eigenperiods of the bridge, the values of the stiffness  $k_0$  of the springs (Table 12.3) and the factors  $k_2(T)$  given in Eqs. (12.14) – (12.19).

**Table 12.6:** Dashpot coefficient  $C$  of damping elements at the base of the pier

**Πίνακας 12.6:** Συντελεστής απόσβεσης  $C$  στοιχείων απόσβεσης στη βάση του μεσοβάθρου

Direction	Dashpot coefficient $C$	
	No liquefaction	With liquefaction
Horizontal, (longitudinal x axis)	3.03E+04 kN/m	1.50E+05 kN/m
Horizontal (transverse y axis)	2.79E+04 kN/m	1.38E+05 kN/m
Vertical, z	4.76E+04 kN/m	6.97E+04 kN/m
Rocking (around longitudinal x axis)	2.31E+06 kNm/rad	1.88E+06 kNm/rad
Rocking (around transverse y axis)	5.64E+05 kNm/rad	4.62E+05 kNm/rad

### 12.3 Vibration modes and natural frequencies

The natural frequencies and periods of the first six vibration modes are listed in Table 12.7, for the case without liquefaction, and in Table 12.8, when liquefaction occurs, taking into account the corresponding values of springs and damping elements at the base of the pier, as described in section 12.1. The modal shapes are the same for the first six (6) vibration modes for both cases, as shown in Figure 12.3.

**Table 12.7:** Eigenfrequencies and eigenperiods of the bridge for the case of no liquefaction

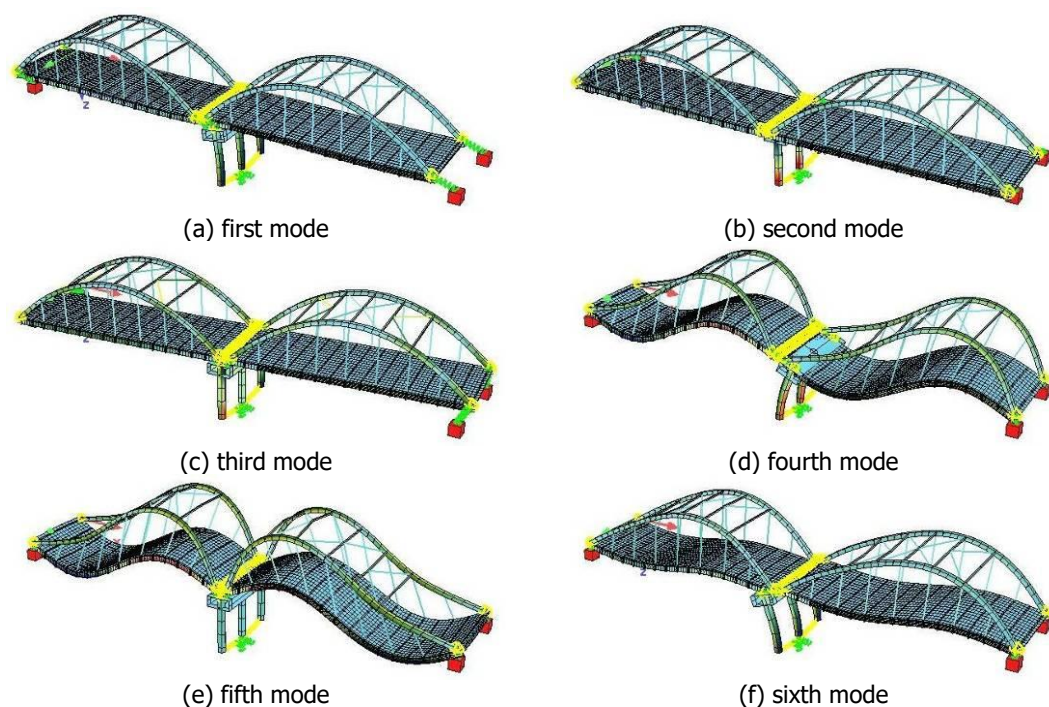
**Πίνακας 12.7:** Ιδιοσυχνότητες και ιδιοπερίοδοι της γέφυρας για την περίπτωση μη ρευστοποίησης

Mode number	Eigenfrequency (rad/sec)	Eigenfrequency (Hz)	Period (sec)
1	4.014	0.639	1.565
2	4.212	0.670	1.492
3	5.221	0.831	1.203
4	12.861	2.046	0.489
5	13.379	2.129	0.470
6	15.431	2.456	0.407

**Table 12.8:** Eigenfrequencies and eigenperiods of the bridge for the case of liquefaction

**Πίνακας 12.8:** Ιδιοσυχνότητες και ιδιοπερίοδοι της γέφυρας για την περίπτωση ρευστοποίησης

Mode number	Eigenfrequency (rad/sec)	Eigenfrequency (Hz)	Period (sec)
1	3.980	0.634	1.579
2	4.187	0.666	1.501
3	5.220	0.831	1.204
4	12.661	2.015	0.496
5	13.154	2.094	0.478
6	14.835	2.361	0.424

**Figure 12.3:** Eigenmodes of the bridge**Σχήμα 12.3:** Ιδιομορφές γέφυρας

#### 12.4 Horizontal liquefaction-induced differential displacements

According to the proposed methodology, except for the settlements and rotations due to liquefaction, the superstructure should be able to accommodate the maximum liquefaction-induced differential horizontal displacements between the abutments and the pier. Due to the response spectrum method limitations, one and only spectrum can be applied to all the support points (i.e. pier footings and abutments) for each loading case. However, it is recognized that the seismic excitation differs significantly between the pier and the abutments since the latter are founded on non-liquefaction susceptible soil while the pier on potentially liquefiable soil. To overcome this inconsistency, additional displacements due to liquefaction are imposed to the footings of the pier. Specifically, the expected level of the imposed horizontal displacements due to liquefaction is defined as a separate loading case. The design value of the horizontal differential displacement is derived from the geotechnical study of the particular soil profile. The peak and average transient displacements of the liquefied ground are summarized in Table 12.9. The design value of the horizontal differential displacement is considered equal to 12.00cm.

**Table 12.9:** Peak and average transient displacements of the liquefied ground (from Appendix C of Deliverable D4: Elastic Response Spectra for Liquefiable soils)

**Πίνακας 12.9:** Μέγιστες και μέσες εδαφικές μετακινήσεις ρευστοποιημένου εδάφους (από Παράρτημα Γ Παραδοτέου Π4: Ελαστικά Φάσματα Σχεδιασμού για Ρευστοποιήσιμα Εδάφη)

	Excitation	Peak horizontal displacement, (cm)				
		Outcropping bedrock	Ground Surface			
			w/ improved top layer		w/o improved top layer	
			Absolute	Relative	Absolute	Relative
1	ITALY_BAG	13.13	19.12	10.49	27.64	20.59
2	ITALY_VLT	1.28	2.81	3.20	4.03	4.39
3	KOBE_TDO	13.47	17.17	20	14.46	21.47
4	LOMAP_AND	10.20	21.16	22.17	11.23	9.31
5	LOMAP_GIL	11.68	12.59	4.99	13.07	4.87
	<b>average</b>	<b>9.95</b>	<b>14.57</b>	<b>12.17</b>	<b>14.09</b>	<b>12.13</b>

The previously extracted displacements are then considered according to the combination rule:

$$\pm \delta_x \pm 0.30 \delta_y \quad (12.20)$$

$$\pm 0.30 \delta_x \pm \delta_y \quad (12.21)$$

where  $\delta_x$ ,  $\delta_y$  are the displacements along the longitudinal and the transversal bridge axes, respectively. These displacements are then further combined with gravity (G), live (Q) loads and seismic loads (E) using the partial factors for actions according to the applied code. Finally, the following combinations of actions are examined:

$$G + 0.2Q \pm E_x \pm 0.30E_y \pm 0.30E_z + 0.30 (\pm \delta_x \pm 0.30\delta_y)$$

$$G + 0.2Q \pm 0.30E_x \pm E_y \pm 0.30E_z + 0.30 (\pm 0.30\delta_x \pm \delta_y)$$

$$G + 0.2Q \pm 0.30E_x \pm 0.30E_y \pm E_z + 0.30 (\pm 0.30\delta_x \pm 0.30\delta_y)$$

$$G + 0.2Q + 0.30 (\pm E_x \pm 0.30E_y \pm 0.30E_z) + (\pm \delta_x \pm 0.30\delta_y)$$

$$G + 0.2Q + 0.30 (\pm 0.30E_x \pm E_y \pm 0.30E_z) + (\pm 0.30\delta_x \pm \delta_y)$$

$$G + 0.2Q + 0.30 (\pm 0.30E_x \pm 0.30E_y \pm E_z) + (\pm 0.30\delta_x \pm 0.30\delta_y)$$

### 12.5 Load Cases

The load cases considered are the following:

**LC 1:** Self weight

**LC 2:** Superimposed

Pavement and future layer:  $g = 0.20\text{m} \times 24\text{kN/m}^3 + 0.50\text{kN/m}^2 = 5.30\text{kN/m}^2$

Each sidewalk with parapets:  $g = (0.33\text{m}^2 \times 25\text{kN/m}^3 + 0.95\text{kN/m}) / 1.25\text{m} = 7.36\text{kN/m}^2$

Earth weight on the footing  $g = 0.50\text{m} \times 20\text{ kN/m}^3 = 10\text{kN/m}^2$ .

**LC 3:** Shrinkage and creep

An equivalent uniform decrease of temperature is used to simulate the shrinkage of the concrete slab, equal to  $-13^\circ$ .

**LC 4:** Braking load

The total braking load is:

$$Q_{ik} = 0.6a_{ql}(2Q_{lk}) + 0.10a_{ql} q_{lk} w_1 L = 0.6 \times 0.9 \times 2 \times 300 + 0.10 \times 1.0 \times 9 \times 3 \times 87.60 = 560.52\text{kN}$$

$$\text{It is: } 180 \times a_{ql} \leq Q_{ik} \leq 900 \Rightarrow 180 \times 0.9 \leq Q_{ik} \leq 900 \Rightarrow 162 \leq Q_{ik} \leq 900.$$

The distributed uniform horizontal load over the bridge's deck is:

$$Q_{ik} / (14.70\text{m} \times 87.60\text{m}) = 0.43\text{ kN/m}^2$$

**LC 5-6:** Uniform difference of temperature for check of elastomeric bearings and expansion joints.

For the check of bearings and expansion joints the uniform difference of temperature is calculated as:

$$\Delta T_{N,con} - 20^{\circ}\text{C} = -41^{\circ}\text{C}, \Delta T_{N,exp} + 20^{\circ}\text{C} = 59^{\circ}\text{C}.$$

As in LC 15 and 16, the temperature variations are applied on the steel members of the superstructure and the slab of the deck.

**LC 7:** Wind action y

Considering a wind velocity  $V_b=30\text{m/sec}$ , a uniform load is applied at the members of the bridge towards +y (depending on their exposed dimension):

Piers:  $0.0238\text{kN/m}$

Deck:  $0.415\text{kN/m}^2$

Hangers:  $0.11\text{--}0.13\text{kN/m}$

Arches:  $0.56\text{kN/m}$

Diagonal bracing members:  $0.09\text{kN/m}$

**LC 8:** Wind action x

Similarly, considering a wind velocity  $V_b=30\text{m/sec}$ , a uniform load is applied at the members of the bridge towards +x:

Piers:  $0.0323\text{kN/m}$

Deck:  $0.104\text{kN/m}^2$

Hangers:  $0.11\text{--}0.13\text{kN/m}$

Arches:  $0.56\text{kN/m}$

Diagonal bracing members:  $0.07\text{kN/m}$

Horizontal bracing members:  $0.19\text{kN/m}$

**LC 9:** Wind action z

Considering a wind velocity  $V_b=30\text{m/sec}$ , a uniform load is applied at the members of the bridge towards +z:

Half Deck:  $1.01\text{kN/m}^2$

Arches:  $0.56\text{kN/m}$

Diagonal bracing members:  $0.11\text{kN/m}$

Horizontal bracing members:  $0.19\text{kN/m}$

**LC 10, 11, 12:** Settlement of 1cm at the pier and 1cm at the abutments. These load cases are used for the static combinations, in case no liquefaction occurs.

**LC 13, 14:** Horizontal ground displacements. A horizontal displacement is applied at the base of the pier, equal to 12cm, in the longitudinal and transverse direction of the bridge,

respectively. These Load Cases are taken into account in the seismic loading combinations only if liquefaction takes place.

**LC 15-16:** Uniform difference of temperature on deck.

Considering an initial temperature  $T_0=+10^{\circ}\text{C}$ , a minimum shade air temperature  $T_{\min}=-15^{\circ}\text{C}$  and a maximum one  $T_{\max}=+45^{\circ}\text{C}$ , the uniform temperature components are determined by EC1. Part.1-5 for a composite bridge (Type 2) and are equal to  $T_{e,\min}=-11^{\circ}\text{C}$  and  $T_{e,\max}=+49^{\circ}\text{C}$ . Thus:

$$\Delta T_{N,\text{con}}=T_0-T_{e,\min}=-21^{\circ}\text{C}, \Delta T_{N,\text{exp}}=T_{e,\max}-T_0=+39^{\circ}\text{C}.$$

The temperature variations are applied on the steel members of the superstructure and the slab of the deck.

**LC 17:** Settlement of 8cm at the pier as calculated in Table 10.2. This load case is used for the static combinations, in case liquefaction takes place and it is combined with LC18 and 19.

**LC 18, 19:** Rotation of the pier's footing. A rotation about x and y axes, equal to  $\theta=0.05\times 8\text{cm}=0.4^{\circ}$  (0.007rad) is applied at the base of the pier, respectively. These Load Cases are taken into account in the static loading combinations only if liquefaction takes place and they are combined with LC17.

**LC 20-99:** Tandem System of Traffic Load Model 1

The carriageway width is 11.25m, thus, three lanes are considered with width 3.00m and a tandem system is applied at varied positions of the bridge, as:

Lane 1:  $0.9\times 150\text{kN}=135\text{kN}/\text{wheel}$  (four wheels)

Lane 2:  $0.9\times 100\text{kN}=90\text{kN}/\text{wheel}$  (four wheels)

Lane 3:  $0.9\times 50\text{kN}=45\text{kN}/\text{wheel}$  (four wheels)

**LC 101-103:** UDL System of Traffic Load Model 1

A distributed load is applied on the deck equal to  $2.5\text{kN}/\text{m}^2$

**LC 121-123, 141-143:** UDL System of Traffic Load Model 1

At Lane 1 an additional distributed load is applied, equal to  $6.5\text{kN}/\text{m}^2$ .

**LC 201-260:** Tandem System of Traffic Load Model 2

A single axle load is applied at different positions of the bridge with value:  $0.9\times 200\text{kN}=180\text{kN}/\text{wheel}$  (two wheels)

**LC 320-399:** Tandem System of Traffic Load Model 1 with cracked deck concrete

**LC 401-403:** UDL System of Traffic Load Model 1 with cracked deck concrete

**LC 421-423, 441-443:** UDL System of Traffic Load Model 1 with cracked deck concrete

**LC 501-560:** Tandem System of Traffic Load Model 2 with cracked deck concrete

**LC600:** Uniform road traffic loads

This load case is used for the seismic combinations, taking into account Load Model 1. The loads considered for this LC are listed in Table 5.2. A uniform load is applied to the shell elements equal to 4.67kN/m<sup>2</sup>.

**LC2010:** Earthquake x-x

**LC2011:** Earthquake y-y

**LC2012:** Earthquake z-z

## 12.6 Load Combinations at Ultimate Limit State (ULS)

The load combination at ULS is described as:

$$\sum_{j \geq 1} \gamma_{Gj} \cdot G_{kj} + \gamma_{Q1} \cdot Q_{k1} + \sum_{i \geq 2} \gamma_{Qi} \cdot \psi_{0i} \cdot Q_{ki} \quad (12.22)$$

where the partial factors  $\gamma_G$  and  $\gamma_Q$  are listed in Table 5.3.

The following ULS load combinations are considered:

**LC 1100 and 1200:** This combination includes the following load cases:

LC1	Self weight
+LC2	Superimposed
+LC3	Shrinkage
+LC4	Braking load
+LC7 or LC8	Wind action $\pm x$ or $\pm y$
+LC9	Wind action $\pm z$
+LC10, 11, 12	Settlements at the pier and the abutments (only for the design of superstructure) (only if liquefaction does not occur)
+LC17	Settlements at the pier's footing (only if liquefaction takes place)
+LC18 ( $\pm 1.0$ or $\pm 0.3$ )	Settlements at the pier's footing (only if liquefaction takes place)
+LC19 ( $\pm 0.3$ or $\pm 1.0$ )	Settlements at the pier's footing (only if liquefaction takes place)
+LC15, 16	Thermal loads
+LC20-99	Tandem System (LM1)
+LC101-103	UDL 2.5kN/m <sup>2</sup> (LM1)
+LC121-123 or 141-143	UDL 6.50kN/m <sup>2</sup> (LM1)

**LC 1300:** This combination includes the following load cases:

LC1	Self weight
+LC2	Superimposed
+LC3	Shrinkage
+LC4	Braking load
+LC7 or LC8	Wind action $\pm x$ or $\pm y$
+LC9	Wind action $\pm z$
+LC10, 11, 12	Settlements at the pier and the abutments (only for the design of superstructure) (only if liquefaction does not occur)
+LC17	Settlements at the pier's footing (only if liquefaction takes place)
+LC18 ( $\pm 1.0$ or $\pm 0.3$ )	Settlements at the pier's footing (only if liquefaction takes place)
+LC19 ( $\pm 0.3$ or $\pm 1.0$ )	Settlements at the pier's footing (only if liquefaction takes place)
+LC15, 16	Thermal loads
+LC201-260	Traffic load (LM2)

In case liquefaction occurs, the static combinations 1100, 1200 and 1300 including LC 17, 18 and 19, take into the full settlement combined with 100% of the rotation in one direction and 30% of the rotation in the other direction.

### 12.7 Load Combinations at Serviceability Limit State (SLS)

The load combinations at the SLS are:

$$\text{Characteristic combination: } \sum_{j \geq 1} G_{kj} + Q_{k1} + \sum_{i \geq 1} \psi_{0i} \cdot Q_{ki} \quad (12.23)$$

$$\text{Frequent combination: } \sum_{j \geq 1} G_{kj} + \psi_{1,1} \cdot Q_{k1} + \sum_{i \geq 1} \psi_{2i} \cdot Q_{ki} \quad (12.24)$$

where the  $\psi$  factors for road bridges are given in Table 5.4.

The SLS load combinations are:

#### LC 1600: Characteristic Load Combination

For this combination the tensile stress in the concrete reinforcement should not exceed  $0.80f_{yk}$ , otherwise the reinforcement is increased. Additionally, the compressive stress in the concrete slab should be less or equal to  $0.60f_{ck}$ .

LC1	Self weight
+LC2	Superimposed



+LC3	Shrinkage
+LC4	Braking load
+LC7 or LC8	Wind action $\pm x$ or $\pm y$
+LC9	Wind action $\pm z$
+LC15, 16	Thermal loads
+LC20-99	Tandem System (LM1)
+LC101-103	UDL $2.5\text{kN/m}^2$ (LM1)
+LC121-123 or 141-143	UDL $6.50\text{kN/m}^2$ (LM1)

**LC 1700:** Characteristic Load Combination

For this combination the tensile stress in the reinforcement should not exceed  $0.80f_{yk}$ , otherwise the reinforcement is increased. Additionally, the compressive stress in the slab concrete should be less or equal to  $0.60f_{ck}$ .

LC1	Self weight
+LC2	Superimposed
+LC3	Shrinkage
+LC4	Braking load
+LC7 or LC8	Wind action $\pm x$ or $\pm y$
+LC9	Wind action $\pm z$
+LC15, 16	Thermal loads
+LC201-260	Traffic load (LM2)

**LC 1800:** Frequent Load Combination (Calculation of deformations taking into account cracked deck concrete)

LC1	Self weight
+LC2	Superimposed
+LC3	Shrinkage
+LC15, 16	Thermal loads
+LC320-399	Tandem System (LM1)
+LC401-403	UDL $2.5\text{kN/m}^2$ (LM1)
+LC421-423 or 441-443	UDL $6.50\text{kN/m}^2$ (LM1)

### 12.8 Seismic Load Combinations

The seismic load combination is described as:

$$\sum_{j \geq 1} G_{kj} + \sum_{i \geq 1} \psi_{Ei} \cdot Q_{ki} + E \quad (12.25)$$

where  $Q$  are the variable loads, including traffic and thermal loads, while  $E$  represents the following earthquake combinations:

$$E_{Edx} + 0.30 E_{Edy} + 0.30 E_{Edz}$$

$$0.30 E_{Edx} + E_{Edy} + 0.30 E_{Edz}$$

$$0.30 E_{Edx} + 0.30 E_{Edy} + E_{Edz}$$

The  $\psi_E$  factors for the variable loads are listed in Table 5.5.

The load cases included in the seismic load combinations are:

**LC 4000:** This combination concerns the pier's columns and the superstructure. It includes the following load cases:

LC1	Self weight
+LC2	Superimposed
+LC3	Shrinkage
+LC600	Uniform traffic load
+LC15, 16	Thermal loads
+LC13*0.3 ( $\pm 1.0$ or $\pm 0.3$ )	Longitudinal displacement of the pier's footing
+LC14*0.3 ( $\pm 0.3$ or $\pm 1.0$ )	Transverse displacement of the pier's footing
+LC2010 ( $\pm 1.0$ or $\pm 0.3$ )/1.50	Earthquake X
+LC2011 ( $\pm 1.0$ or $\pm 0.3$ )/1.50	Earthquake Y
+LC2012 ( $\pm 1.0$ or $\pm 0.3$ )	Earthquake Z

LC 13, 14 are taken into account only if the liquefaction is activated, and only if they act unfavorably. Combination 4000 includes 100% of the seismic action and 30% of the pier's footing settlement and rotation, assuming that the movement of the pier's footing will not coincide with the maximum seismic action. In case of liquefaction, another seismic combination is considered, assuming 30% of the seismic action and 100% of the pier's footing settlement and rotation. Thus:

**LC 4200:** This combination concerns the pier's columns and the superstructure. It includes the following load cases:

LC1	Self weight
+LC2	Superimposed
+LC3	Shrinkage

+LC600	Uniform traffic load
+LC15, 16	Thermal loads
+LC13 ( $\pm 1.0$ or $\pm 0.3$ )	Longitudinal displacement of the pier's footing
+LC14 ( $\pm 0.3$ or $\pm 1.0$ )	Transverse displacement of the pier's footing
+LC2010 $0.3(\pm 1.0$ or $\pm 0.3)/1.50$	Earthquake X
+LC2011 $0.3(\pm 1.0$ or $\pm 0.3)/1.50$	Earthquake Y
+LC2012 $0.3(\pm 1.0$ or $\pm 0.3)$	Earthquake Z

### 12.9 Analyses

Two analyses are carried out for the same bridge:

1. No liquefaction: assuming Seismic Scenario 1 with return period  $T_{\text{ret}} = 225$  years (see section 11.1).
2. With liquefaction: assuming Seismic Scenario 2 with return period  $T_{\text{ret}} = 1000$  years (see section 11.2). As already mentioned in section 12.8, in this case, the footing movements described by LC17 – LC19 are taken into consideration in the seismic loading combination.

For each case, the corresponding springs and the damping elements at the base of the pier are taken into account, as given in Table 12.4 and Table 12.6, respectively.

# Chapter 13

## DESIGN OF CONCRETE MEMBERS

### 13.1 Evaluation of the results

Among the two analyses described in section 12.9, the most unfavorable for the pier is the first case, for which the phenomenon of the liquefaction does not take place. The required reinforcement is similar for the deck's concrete slab for both analyses. The results for the concrete components of the bridge are summarizing in Table 13.1.

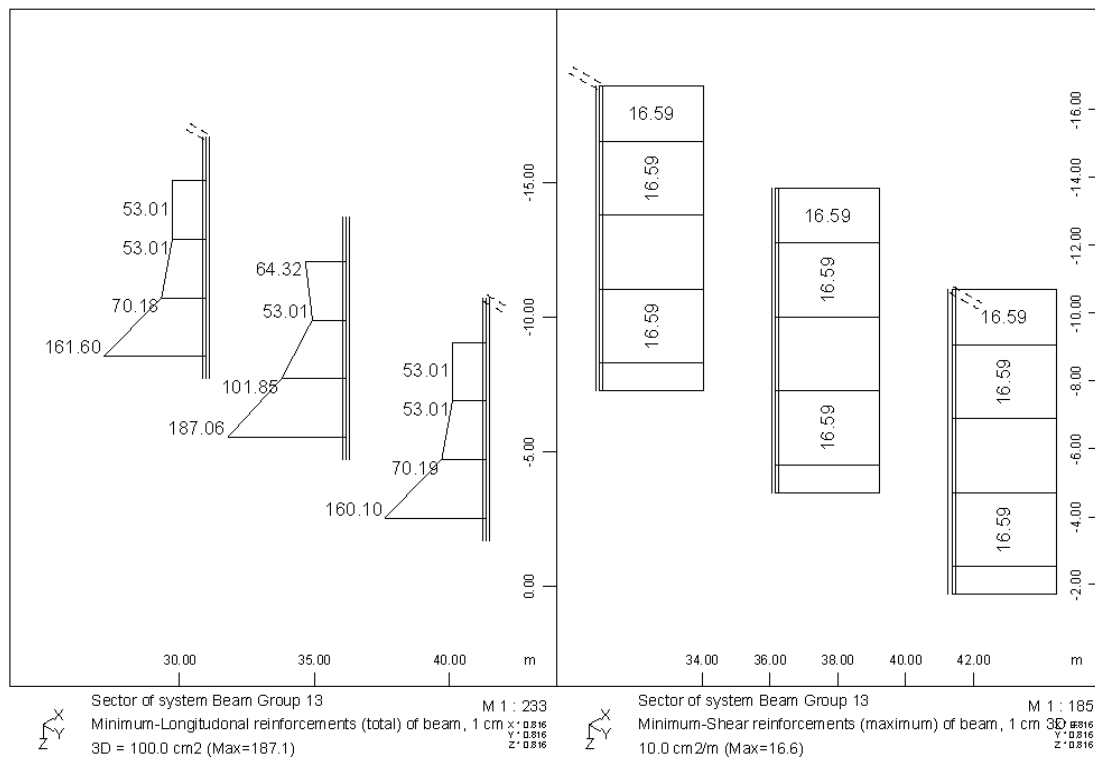
**Table 13.1:** Analyses' results/requirements for concrete members

**Πίνακας 13.1:** Αποτελέσματα/απαιτήσεις αναλύσεων για στοιχεία από οπλισμένο σκυρόδεμα

Members	Results / Requirement	Analysis 1 (no liquefaction)	Analysis 2 (with liquefaction)
Pier	Longitudinal Reinforcement	187.10cm <sup>2</sup>	94.30cm <sup>2</sup>
	Stirrups	16.60cm <sup>2</sup>	16.60cm <sup>2</sup>
	Max compressive force (LC1100)	10081kN	10654kN
Deck slab	Longitudinal Reinforcement	41.2cm <sup>2</sup>	46.8cm <sup>2</sup>
	Transverse Reinforcement	20.3cm <sup>2</sup>	27.6cm <sup>2</sup>

### 13.2 Reinforcement of the pier

The maximum required reinforcement of the pier's columns is equal to 187.10cm<sup>2</sup> (Figure 13.1) for the first analysis (no liquefaction). A minimum percentage of 1% is considered and 45Φ25 (220.95cm<sup>2</sup>) are used for the columns of the pier.

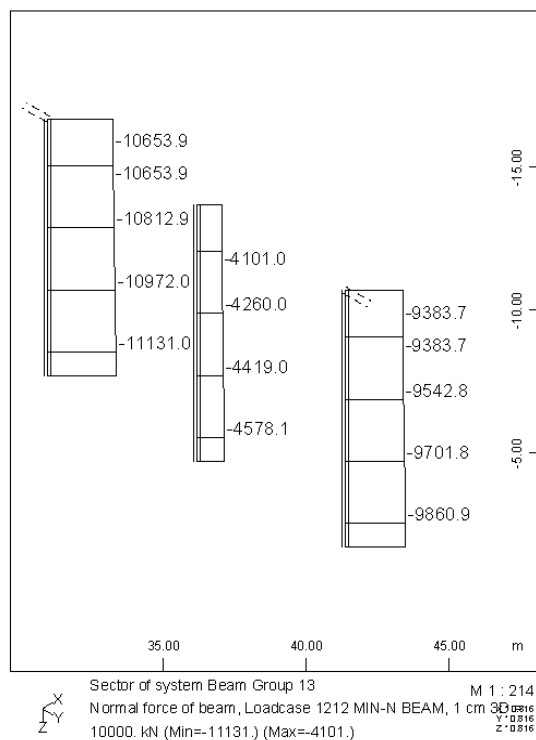


**Figure 13.1:** Required reinforcement of the pier

**Σχήμα 13.1:** Απαιτούμενος οπλισμός στύλων μεσοβάθρου

### 13.3 Pier's Confinement

The maximum compressive load of the piers is for Load Combination 1200 and it is equal to  $N_c=10654\text{kN}$  (Figure 13.2).



**Figure 13.2:** Maximum axial force at the pier

**Σχήμα 13.2:** Μέγιστο αξονικό φορτίο στους στύλους μεσοβάθρου

Since the normalized axial force  $n_k$  exceeds the limit of 0.08, as:

$$n_k = \frac{N_c}{f_{ck} A_c} = 10654 / (30000 \times 3.14 \times 1.50^2/4) = 0.20 > 0.08$$

confinement should be provided. The minimum amount of confining reinforcement for a spiral is:

$$\omega_{\min} = 1.40 \cdot \frac{A_c}{A_{cc}} \cdot \lambda \cdot n_k \geq 0.18 = 1.40 \times 1.50^2 / 1.34^2 \times 0.37 \times 0.20 = 0.13 < 0.18 \rightarrow \omega = 0.18$$

The mechanical reinforcement ratio is:

$$\min \rho_w = \omega_{\min} \frac{f_{cd}}{f_{yd}} \Rightarrow \min \rho_w = 0.18 \times \frac{\frac{30 \times 10^3}{1.5}}{\frac{500 \times 10^3}{1.15}} \Rightarrow \min \rho_w = 0.008$$

Stirrups 2Φ16/15 are used with a volumetric ratio:

$$\rho_w = \frac{4A_{sp}}{D_{sp} s_L} = 2 \times 4 \times 2.00 \text{ cm}^2 / (134 \text{ cm} \times 15 \text{ cm}) \Rightarrow \rho_w = 0.008 = \min \rho_w$$

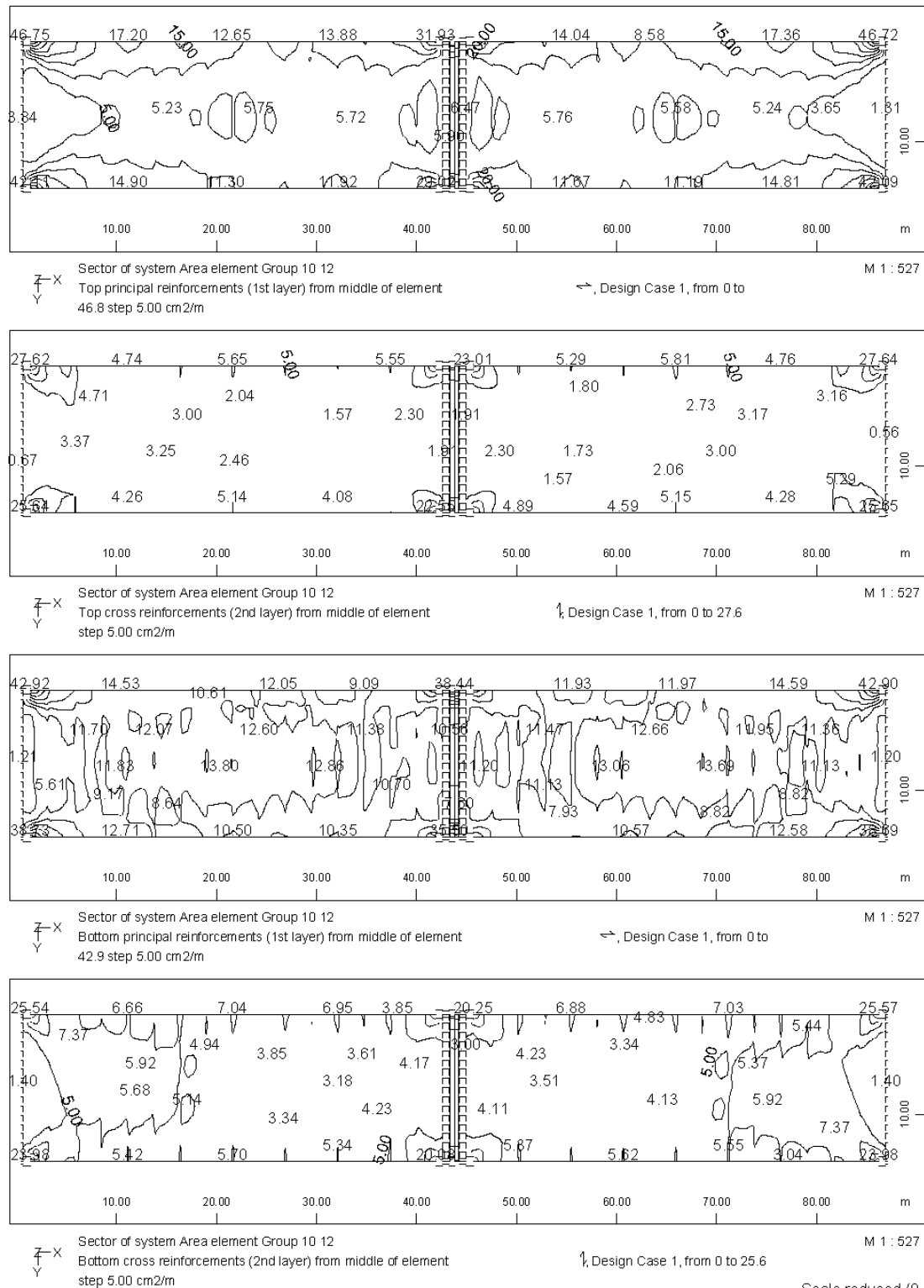
The spacing of the stirrups satisfies the limits of:

$$s_L = 15 \text{ cm} = 6d_{bL} = 6 \times 2.5 \text{ cm} = 15 \text{ cm} \text{ where } d_{bL} \text{ is the longitudinal bar diameter and}$$

$$s_L = 15 \text{ cm} < D_{cc}/5 = 134 \text{ cm}/5 = 26.8 \text{ cm} \text{ where } D_{cc} \text{ is the diameter of the confined concrete core.}$$

### 13.4 Reinforcement of deck slab

The required reinforcement of the deck slab is similar for both analyses. Figure 13.3 shows the one from the second analysis, where the principal direction is parallel to x-axis, while the cross one is parallel to y-axis. The maximum values at the corners of the slab are ignored, as well as the local picks. In the longitudinal direction Φ14/10 is used for the upper and lower reinforcement, while in the transverse direction Φ12/10 is chosen.



**Figure 13.3:** Required reinforcement of the concrete deck slab

**Σχήμα 13.3:** Απαιτούμενος οπλισμός πλάκας καταστρώματος

# Chapter 14

## DESIGN OF STEEL MEMBERS

### 14.1 Evaluation of the results

Among the two analyses described in section 12.9, the maximum internal forces in the steel members are encountered for the static combination of the second analysis (with liquefaction). The analyses' results are listed in Table 14.1.

**Table 14.1:** Analyses' results for the steel members

**Πίνακας 14.1:** Αποτελέσματα αναλύσεων για τα μεταλλικά στοιχεία

Members	Results	Analysis 1 (no liquefaction)	Analysis 2 (with liquefaction)	Max. Exploitation Factor
Arches	minN (LC1100)	-6260kN	-6497kN	0.98
	maxM <sub>y</sub> (LC1100)	1035kNm	1064kNm	
	maxM <sub>z</sub> (LC1100)	875kNm	1544kNm	
Transverse bracing	maxN (LC1100)	157.9kN	345.4kN	0.49
	minN (LC1100)	-124.1kN	-223.1kN	
	maxM <sub>y</sub> (LC1100)	29.1kNm	32.9kNm	
	maxM <sub>z</sub> (LC1100)	14.1kNm	14.8kNm	
Diagonal bracing	minN (LC1100)	-119.3kN	-323.2kN	0.96
Hangers	maxN (LC1100)	1212kN	1245kN	0.87
Transverse beams	maxN (LC1100)	3326kN	3356kN	0.94
	minN	-1121kN (LC4100)	-1554kN (LC1100)	
	maxM <sub>y</sub> (LC1100)	2032kNm	2038kNm	
	maxM <sub>z</sub> (LC1100)	75kNm	115.9kNm	
Main beams	maxN (LC1100)	5275kN	5746kN	0.60
	minN (LC1100)	-1066kN	-1539kN	
	maxM <sub>y</sub> (LC1100)	1412kNm	2166kNm	
	maxM <sub>z</sub> (LC1100)	81.2kNm	135.9kNm	

### 14.2 Arches

As concluded in section 7.2, for the check of the arches the critical force in the arches will be considered equal to  $N_{cr}=36073\text{kN}$ . The non-dimensional slenderness is calculated as:

$$\bar{\lambda} = \sqrt{\frac{Af_y}{N_{cr}}} = \sqrt{\frac{458.67\text{cm}^2 \cdot 35.5\text{kN/cm}^2}{36073\text{kN}}} = 0.67$$

The reduction factor  $\chi$  for buckling curve c (cold formed hollow sections) is equal to  $\chi=0.742$  and the design buckling resistance of the arches is:



$$N_{b,Rd} = \frac{\chi A f_y}{\gamma_{M1}} = \frac{0.74 \cdot 458.67 \text{ cm}^2 \cdot 35.5 \text{ kN / cm}^2}{1.1} = 10953.87 \text{ kN}$$

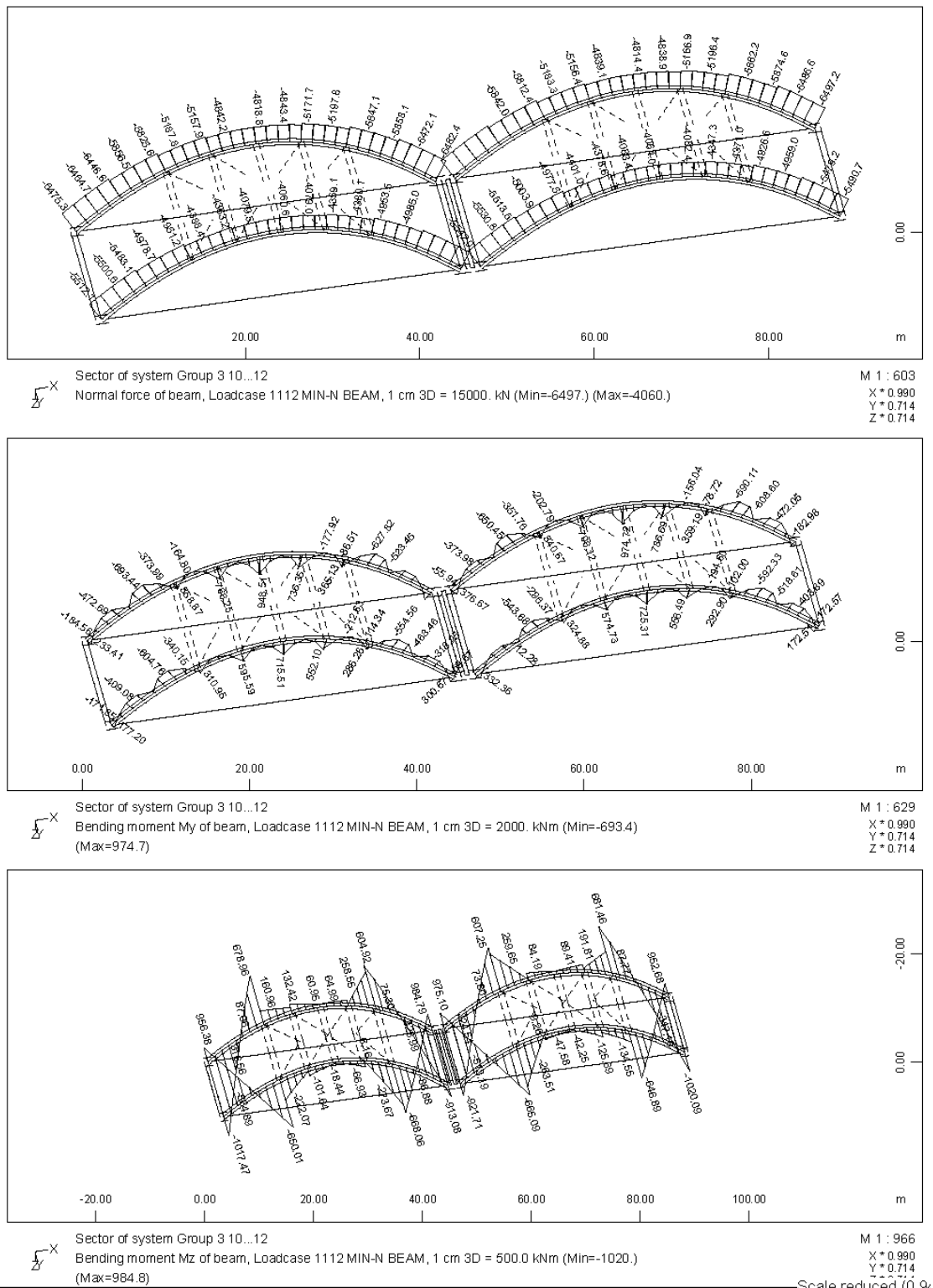
Since circular hollow sections are not susceptible to lateral torsional buckling,  $\chi_{LT}=1.00$ . Considering also conservatively  $k_{yy}=k_{yz}=1.0$ , all elements of the arches should satisfy:

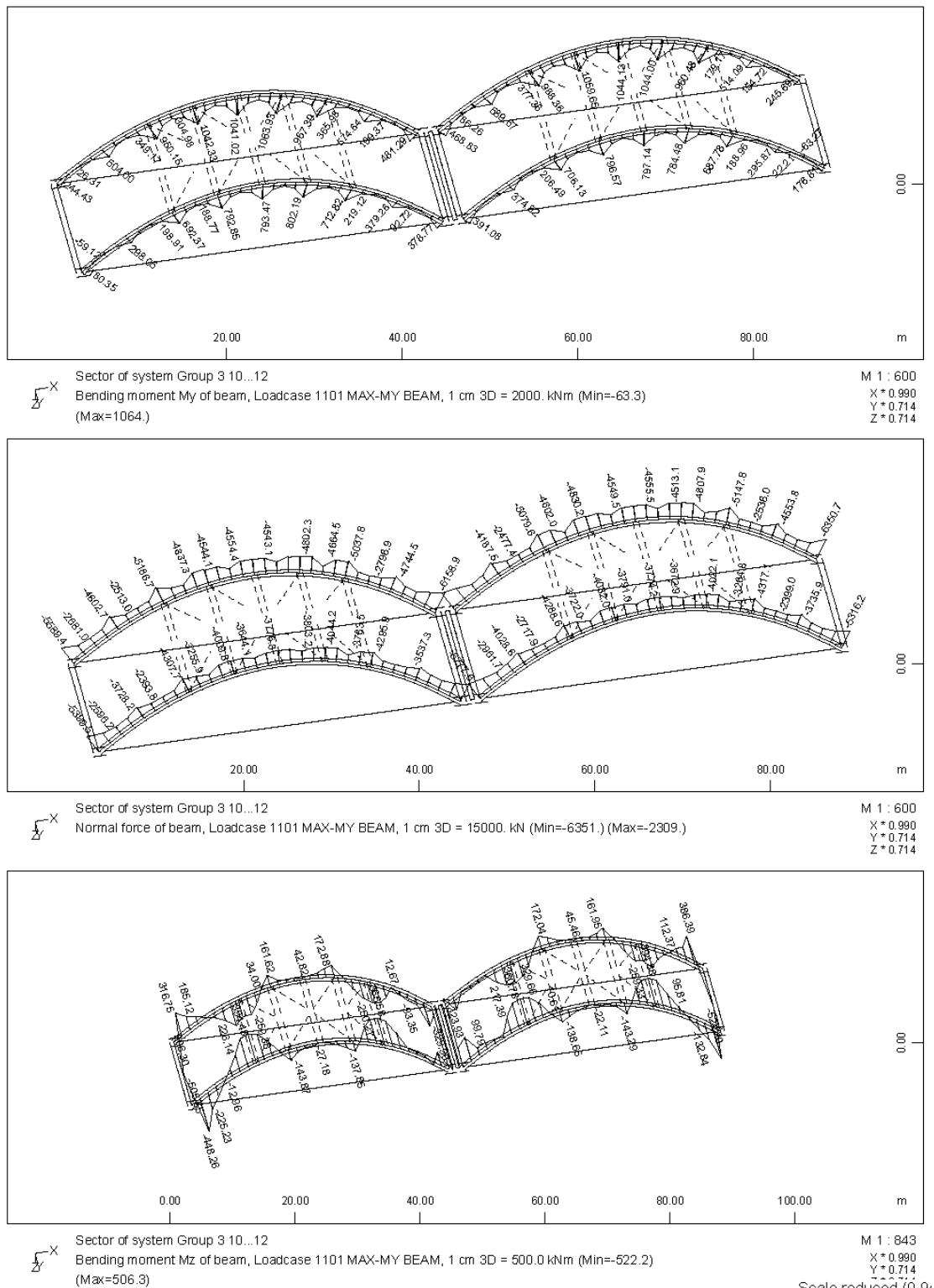
$$EF = \frac{N_{Ed}}{N_{b,Rd}} + \frac{M_{y,Ed} + M_{z,Ed}}{M_{b,Rd}} \leq 1.00$$

where

$$M_{b,Rd} = \frac{W_{pl} f_y}{\gamma_{M1}} = \frac{10660.67 \text{ cm}^3 \cdot 35.5 \text{ kN / cm}^2}{1.1} = 344049 \text{ kNcm}$$

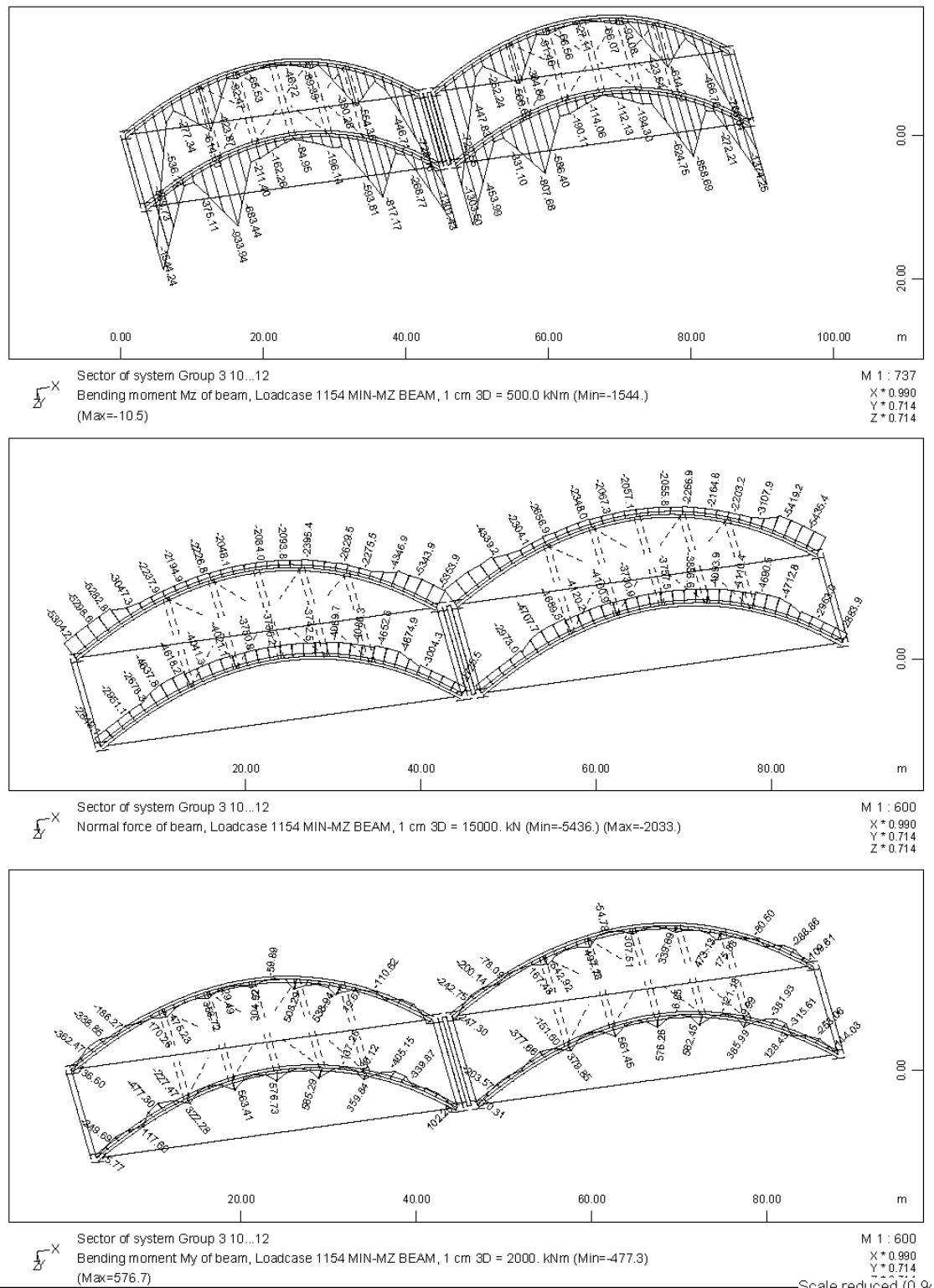
The maximum compression force and bending moments  $M_{Ed,y}$  and  $M_{Ed,z}$  are observed for Load Combination 1100 of the second analysis (with liquefaction). Figure 14.1 illustrates the diagrams of the maximum axial force and the corresponding bending moments. In Figure 14.2 the maximum bending moment  $M_{Ed,y}$  is shown with the corresponding axial force and bending moment  $M_{Ed,z}$  are plotted, while the corresponding diagrams for the Load Combination of the maximum bending moment  $M_{Ed,z}$  are given in Figure 14.3. The maximum exploitation factor for the arches is  $EF=0.98<1.00$ .





**Figure 14.2:** Internal forces for the load combination with the maximum bending moment  $M_{Ed,y}$  at the arches

**Σχήμα 14.2:** Εντατικά μεγέθη για τον συνδυασμό φορτίσεων με τη μέγιστη καμπτική ροπή  $M_{Ed,y}$  στα τόξα



**Figure 14.3:** Internal forces for the load combination with the maximum bending moment  $M_{Ed,z}$  at the arches

**Σχήμα 14.3:** Εντατικά μεγέθη για τον συνδυασμό φορτίσεων με τη μέγιστη καμπτική ροπή  $M_{Ed,z}$  στα τόξα

### 14.3 Transverse bracing members

The non-dimensional slenderness for the transverse bracing members is calculated as:

$$\bar{\lambda} = \frac{L}{\pi} \sqrt{\frac{Af_y}{EI}} = \frac{1470 \text{ cm}}{\pi} \sqrt{\frac{59.44 \text{ cm}^2 \cdot 35.5 \text{ kN/cm}^2}{21000 \text{ kN/cm}^2 \cdot 4160 \text{ cm}^4}} = 2.30$$

and the reduction factor  $\chi$  for buckling curve c is  $\chi=0.15$ . Thus, the design buckling resistance of the transverse bracing members is:

$$N_{b,Rd} = \frac{\chi Af_y}{\gamma_{M1}} = \frac{0.15 \cdot 59.44 \text{ cm}^2 \cdot 35.5 \text{ kN/cm}^2}{1.1} = 287.74 \text{ kN}$$

The maximum compression force at the transverse bracing members is developed for the Load Combination 1100 of the second analysis (with liquefaction) and it is equal to  $N_{Ed}=223.1 \text{ kN} < N_{b,Rd}$ . For this combination the bending moment is negligible (Figure 14.4). The maximum bending moment appears for the same Load Combination 1100 with  $N_{Ed}=244.7 \text{ kN}$  (tensile force),  $N_{Ed}=-49.4 \text{ kN}$  (compressive force),  $M_{y,Ed}=32.9 \text{ kNm}$ ,  $M_{z,Ed}=12.5 \text{ kNm}$  (Figure 14.4). Since the following criterion is satisfied:

$$N_{Ed}=244.7 \text{ kN} < 0.25 \times N_{pl,Rd}=0.25 \times 2110.12 \text{ kN}=527.53 \text{ kN}$$

where

$$N_{pl,Rd}=Af_y=59.44 \text{ cm}^2 \times 35.5 \text{ kN/cm}^2=2110.12 \text{ kN}$$

no effect of the axial force is taken into account. Hence:

$$\left[ \frac{M_{y,Ed}}{M_{Rd}} \right]^2 + \left[ \frac{M_{z,Ed}}{M_{Rd}} \right]^2 = \left[ \frac{3290 \text{ kNcm}}{14446.24 \text{ kNcm}} \right]^2 + \left[ \frac{1350 \text{ kNcm}}{14446.24 \text{ kNcm}} \right]^2 = 0.06 < 1.00$$

where

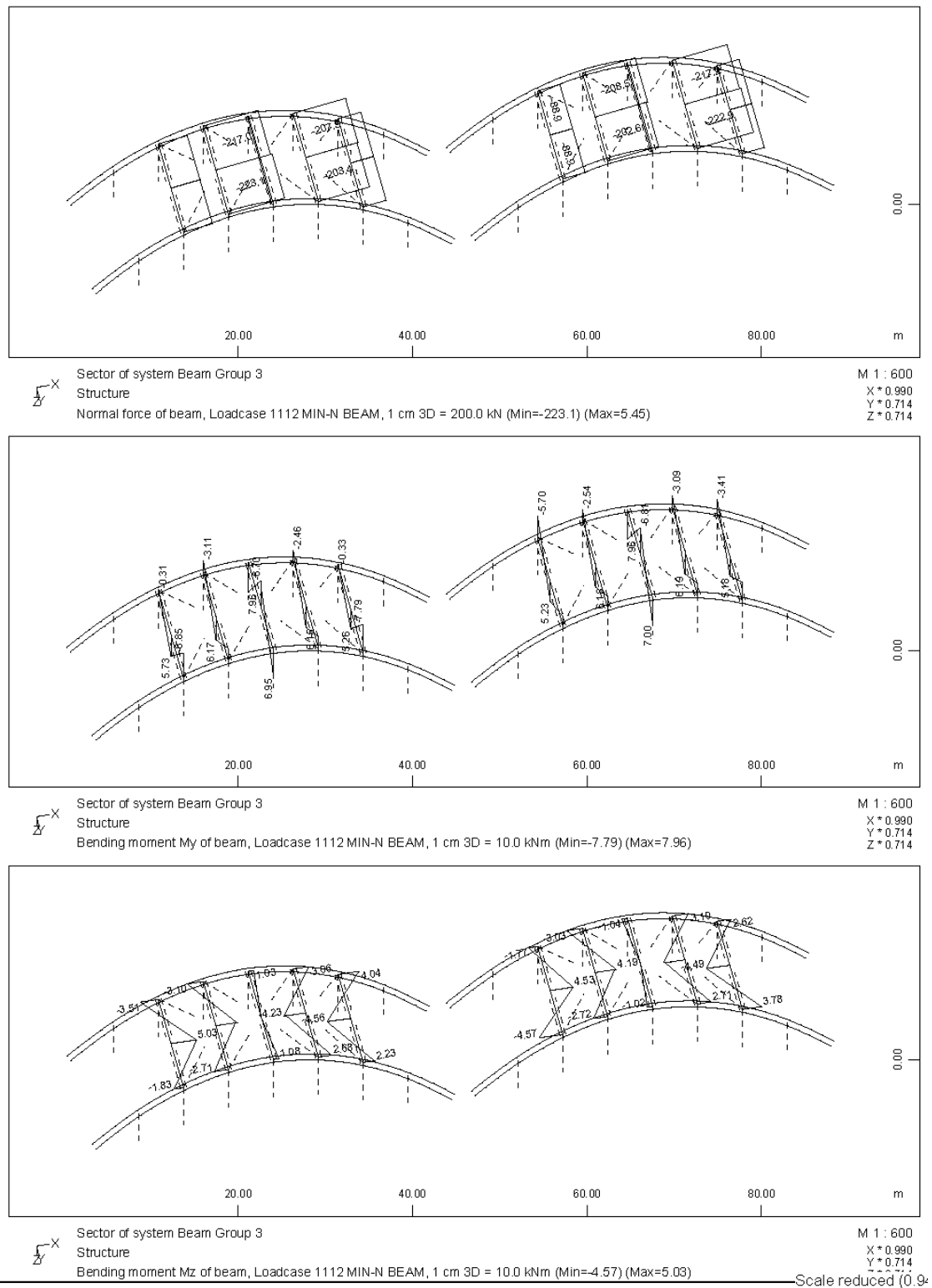
$$M_{Rd} = \frac{W_{pl} f_y}{\gamma_{M1}} = \frac{447.63 \text{ cm}^3 \cdot 35.5 \text{ kN/cm}^2}{1.1} = 14446.24 \text{ kNcm}$$

Since circular hollow sections are not susceptible to lateral torsional buckling,  $\chi_{LT}=1.00$ . Considering also conservatively  $k_{yy}=k_{yz}=1.0$ , the transverse bracing members should satisfy:

$$EF = \frac{N_{Ed}}{N_{pl,Rd}} + \frac{M_{y,Ed} + M_{z,Ed}}{M_{b,Rd}} \leq 1.00 \Rightarrow EF = \frac{244.70 \text{ kN}}{2110.12 \text{ kN}} + \frac{3290 \text{ kNcm} + 1350 \text{ kNcm}}{14446.24 \text{ kNcm}} = 0.44 < 1.00$$

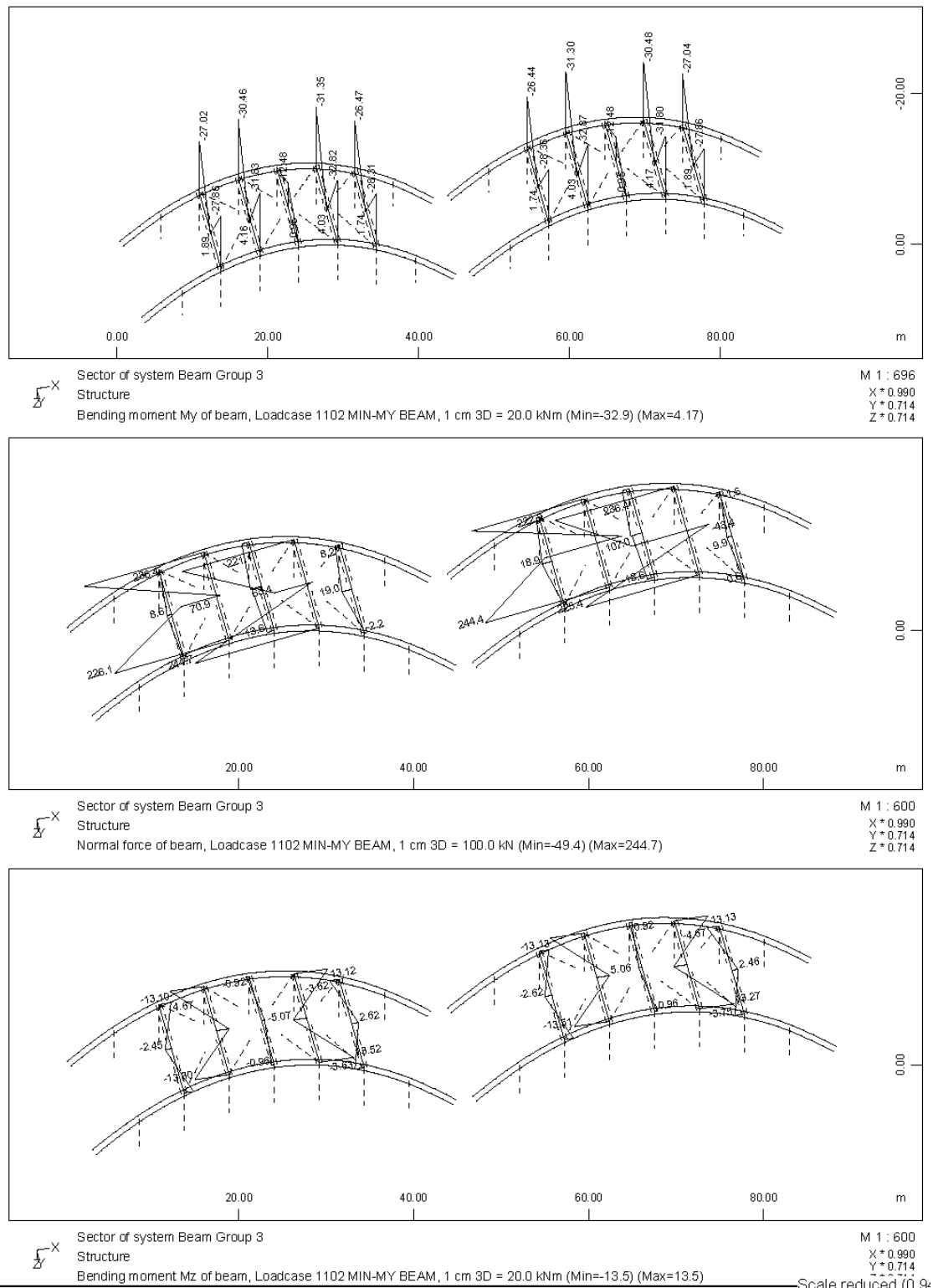
and

$$EF = \frac{N_{Ed}}{N_{b,Rd}} + \frac{M_{y,Ed} + M_{z,Ed}}{M_{b,Rd}} \leq 1.00 \Rightarrow EF = \frac{49.40 \text{ kN}}{287.74 \text{ kN}} + \frac{3290 \text{ kNcm} + 1350 \text{ kNcm}}{14446.24 \text{ kNcm}} = 0.49 < 1.00$$



**Figure 14.4:** Internal forces for the load combination with the maximum axial force at the transverse bracing members

**Σχήμα 14.4:** Εντατικά μεγέθη για τον συνδυασμό φορτίσεων με τη μέγιστη αξονική δύναμη στα εγκάρσια μέλη των συνδέσμων δυσκαμψίας



**Figure 14.5:** Internal forces for the load combination with the maximum bending moment at the transverse bracing members

**Σχήμα 14.5:** Εντατικά μεγέθη για τον συνδυασμό φορτίσεων με τη μέγιστη καμπτική ροπή στα εγκάρσια μέλη των συνδέσμων δυσκαμψίας

#### 14.4 Diagonal bracing members

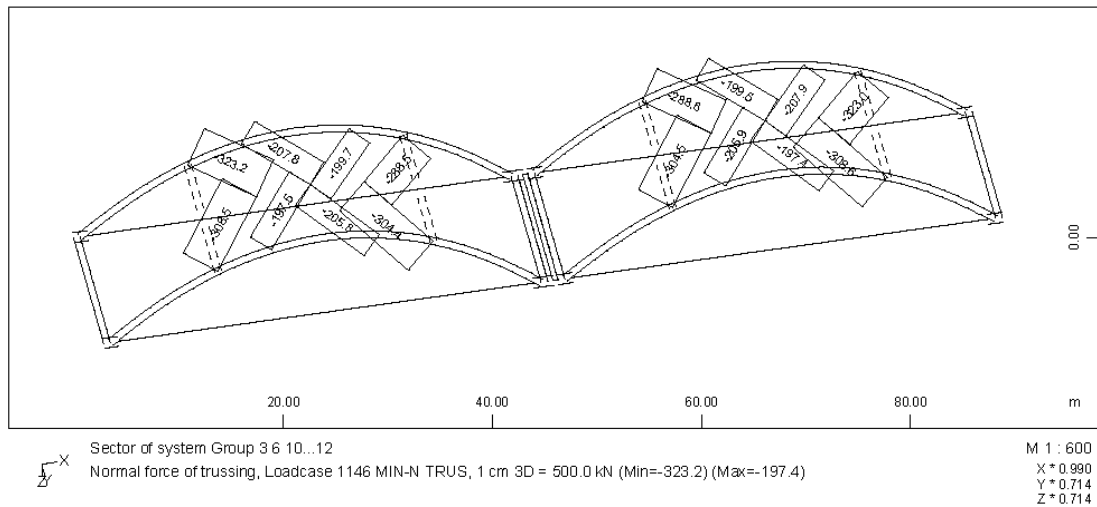
The non-dimensional slenderness for the diagonal bracing members is calculated as:

$$\bar{\lambda} = \frac{L}{\pi} \sqrt{\frac{Af_y}{EI}} = \frac{913\text{cm}}{\pi} \sqrt{\frac{61.18\text{cm}^2 \cdot 35.5\text{kN/cm}^2}{21000\text{kN/cm}^2 \cdot 1868\text{cm}^4}} = 2.16$$

and the reduction factor  $\chi$  for buckling curve c is  $\chi=0.17$ . Thus, the design buckling resistance of the diagonal bracing members is:

$$N_{b,Rd} = \frac{\chi Af_y}{\gamma_{M1}} = \frac{0.17 \cdot 61.18\text{cm}^2 \cdot 35.5\text{kN/cm}^2}{1.1} = 335.66\text{kN}$$

The maximum compression force at the diagonal bracing members is developed for the seismic Load Combination 1100 of the second analysis (with liquefaction) and it is equal to  $N_{Ed}=323.2\text{kN} < N_{b,Rd}$  (Figure 14.6).



**Figure 14.6:** Maximum axial forces at the diagonal bracing members

**Σχήμα 14.6:** Μέγιστη αξονική δύναμη στα διαγώνια μέλη των συνδέσμων δυσκαμψίας

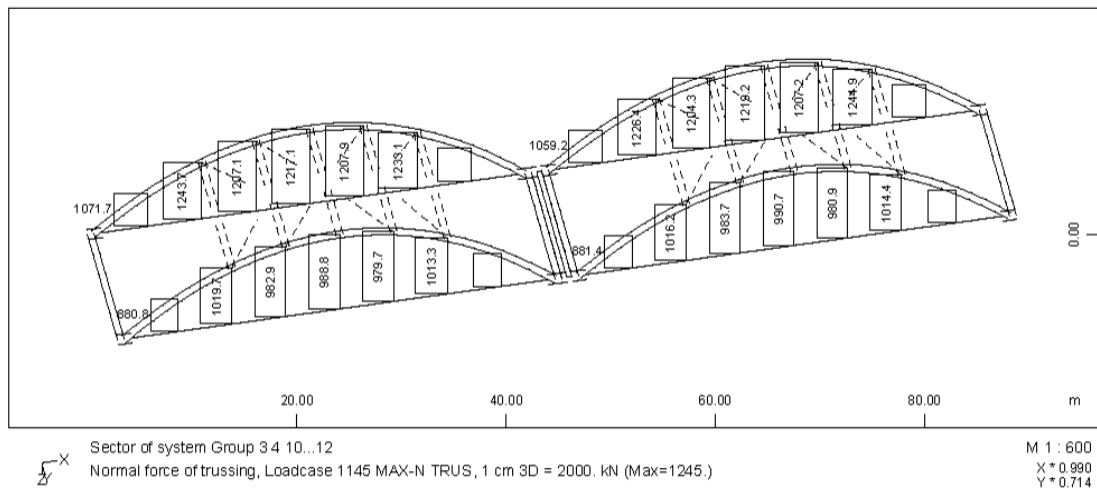
## 14.5 Hangers

The design tension resistance of the hangers is:

$$N_{t,Rd} = \frac{Af_y}{\gamma_{M0}} = \frac{40.29\text{cm}^2 \cdot 35.5\text{kN/cm}^2}{1.0} = 1430.30\text{kN}$$

The maximum tension force at the hangers is developed for Load Combination 1100 for the second analysis (with liquefaction) and it is equal to  $N_{Ed}=1245\text{kN} < N_{t,Rd}$  (Figure 14.7).



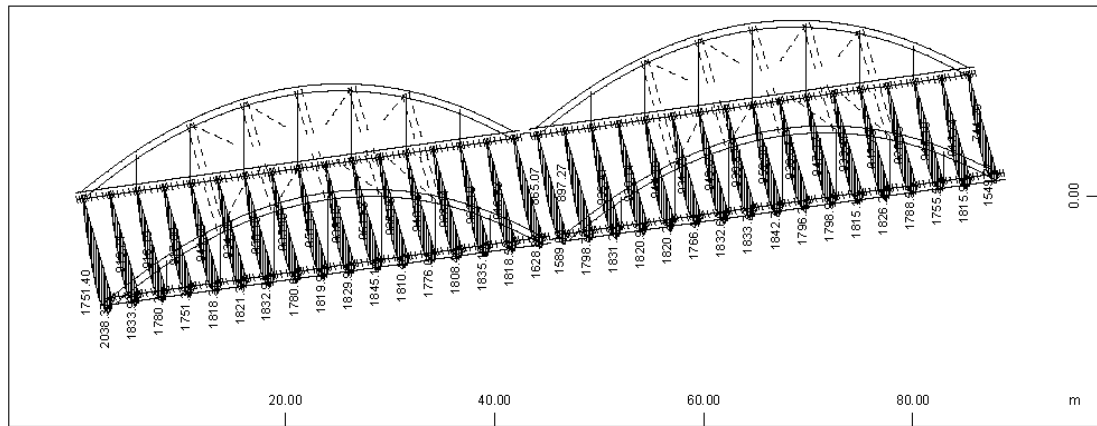


**Figure 14.7:** Maximum axial forces at the hangers

**Σχήμα 14.7:** Μέγιστη αξονική δύναμη στους αναρτήρες

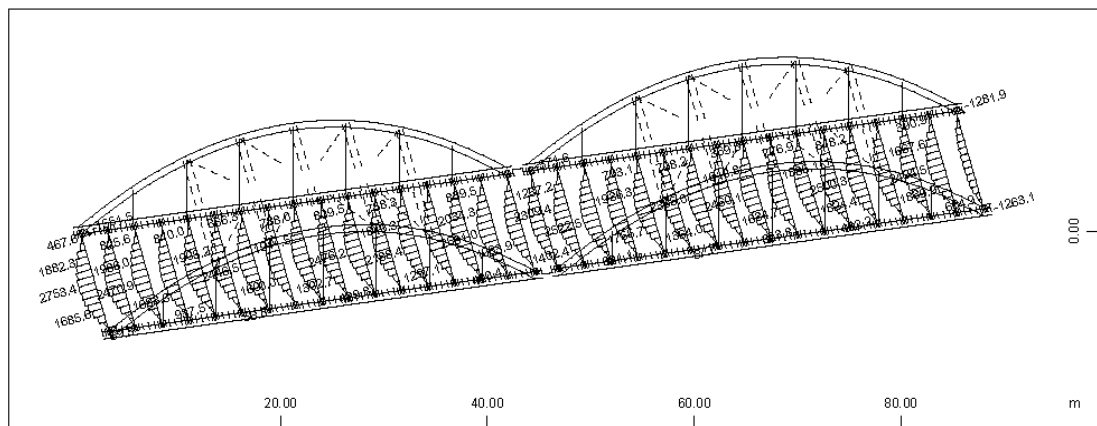
#### 14.6 Transverse Beams

The check of the transverse beams during the pouring of the concrete slab given in section 7.6 is also valid for the conventional solution. The maximum bending moment for the beams laterally restrained due to the concrete slab is calculated for Load Combination 1100 for the second analysis (with liquefaction) and it is equal to  $M_{Ed,y}=2038\text{kNm}$ . For the same combination the axial tensile force is  $N_{Ed}=2753\text{kN}$ , while the bending moment  $M_{Ed,z}$  is negligible at the element with the maximum  $M_{Ed,y}$  (Figure 14.8).



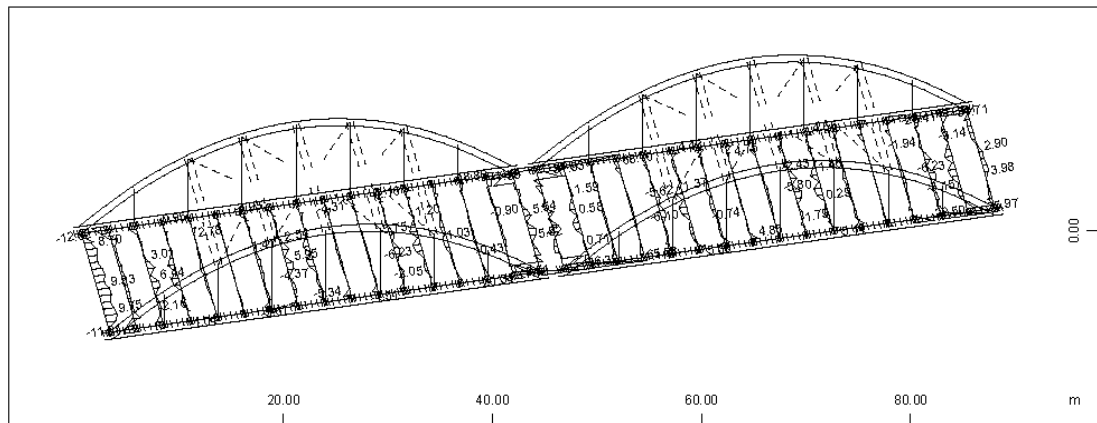
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Bending moment My of beam, Loadcase 1151 MAX-MY BEAM, 1 cm 3D = 2000. kNm (Max=2038.)

M 1 : 600  
X\* 0.990  
Y\* 0.714  
Z\* 0.714



Sector of system Group 0 3 4  
Structure  
Normal force of beam, Loadcase 1151 MAX-MY BEAM, 1 cm 3D = 10000. kN (Min=-1551.) (Max=2753.)

M 1 : 600  
X\* 0.990  
Y\* 0.714  
Z\* 0.714



Sector of system Group 0 3 4  
Structure  
Bending moment Mz of beam, Loadcase 1151 MAX-MY BEAM, 1 cm 3D = 50.0 kNm (Min=-23.4) (Max=68.7)

M 1 : 600  
X\* 0.990  
Y\* 0.714  
Z\* 0.714

Scale reduced (0.9)

**Figure 14.8:** Internal forces for the load combination with the maximum bending moment at the transverse beams

**Σχήμα 14.8:** Εντατικά μεγέθη για τον συνδυασμό φορτίσεων με τη μέγιστη καμπτική ροπή στις διαδοκίδες

The following criteria are satisfied:

$$N_{Ed}=2753\text{kN}<0.25 \times N_{pl,Rd}=0.25 \times 371.3\text{cm}^2 \times 35.5\text{kN/cm}^2=0.25 \times 13181.15\text{kN}=3295.30\text{kN}$$

$$N_{Ed} = 2753\text{kN} < \frac{h_w t_w f_y}{Y_{M0}} = \frac{(90\text{cm} - 2 \cdot 3.5\text{cm} - 2 \cdot 3.0\text{cm}) \cdot 1.85\text{cm} \cdot 35.5\text{kN/cm}^2}{1.00} = 5056.98\text{kN}$$

thus, no effect of the axial force is taken into account. Hence, the design plastic moment resistance is:

$$M_{pl,y,Rd} = \frac{W_{pl,y} f_y}{Y_{M0}} = \frac{12580\text{cm}^3 \cdot 35.5\text{kN/cm}^2}{1.00} = 446590\text{kNcm} > M_{Ed,y} = 203800\text{kNcm}$$

The maximum compressive axial force is computed also for Static Load Combination 1100, which is equal to  $N_{Ed}=1554\text{kN}$  for the second analysis (with liquefaction). The maximum bending moment for the same Load Combination is  $M_{Ed,y}=893\text{kNm}$ , while the bending moment  $M_{Ed,z}$  is negligible (Figure 14.9). Neglecting, conservatively, the stiffness of the slab of the composite beam, the non-dimensional slenderness for the transverse beams is:

$$\bar{\lambda} = \frac{L}{n} \sqrt{\frac{A f_y}{EI}} = \frac{1470\text{cm}}{n} \sqrt{\frac{371.30\text{cm}^2 \cdot 35.5\text{kN/cm}^2}{21000\text{kN/cm}^2 \cdot 494100\text{cm}^4}} = 0.527$$

and the reduction factor  $\chi$  for buckling curve b is  $\chi=0.871$ . Since the slab protects the transverse beams from lateral torsional buckling,  $\chi_{LT}=1.00$ . Thus, the exploitation factor for this load combination is:

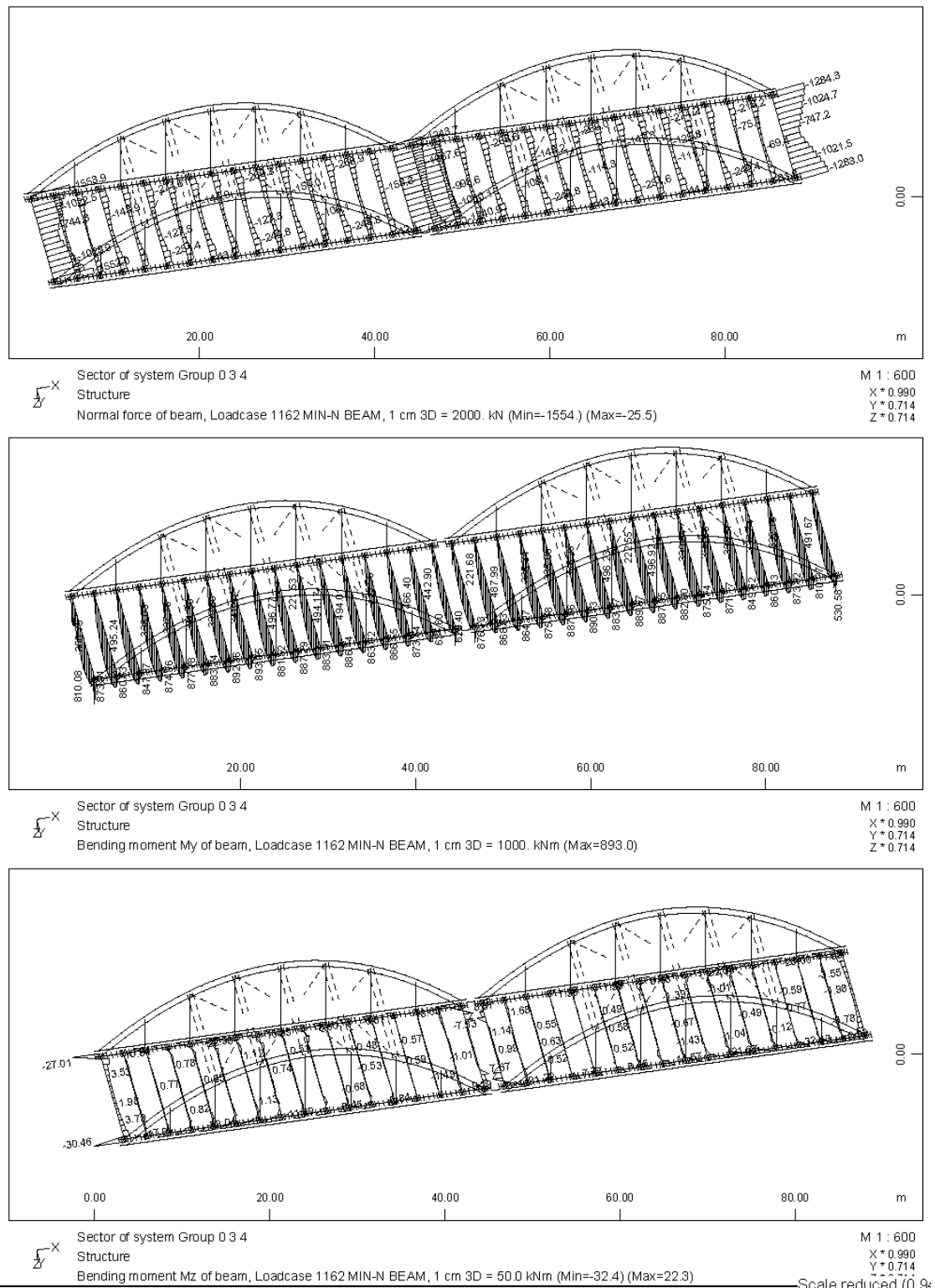
$$EF = \frac{N_{Ed}}{N_{b,Rd}} + \frac{M_{y,Ed} + M_{z,Ed}}{M_{b,Rd}} = \frac{1554\text{kN}}{10437.07\text{kN}} + \frac{89300\text{kNcm}}{405990.91\text{kNcm}} = 0.37 < 1.00$$

where

$$N_{b,Rd} = \frac{\chi A f_y}{Y_{M1}} = \frac{0.871 \cdot 371.30\text{cm}^2 \cdot 35.5\text{kN/cm}^2}{1.1} = 10437.07\text{kN}$$

and

$$M_{b,Rd} = \frac{W_{pl,y} f_y}{Y_{M1}} = \frac{12580\text{cm}^3 \cdot 35.5\text{kN/cm}^2}{1.10} = 405990.91\text{kNcm}$$



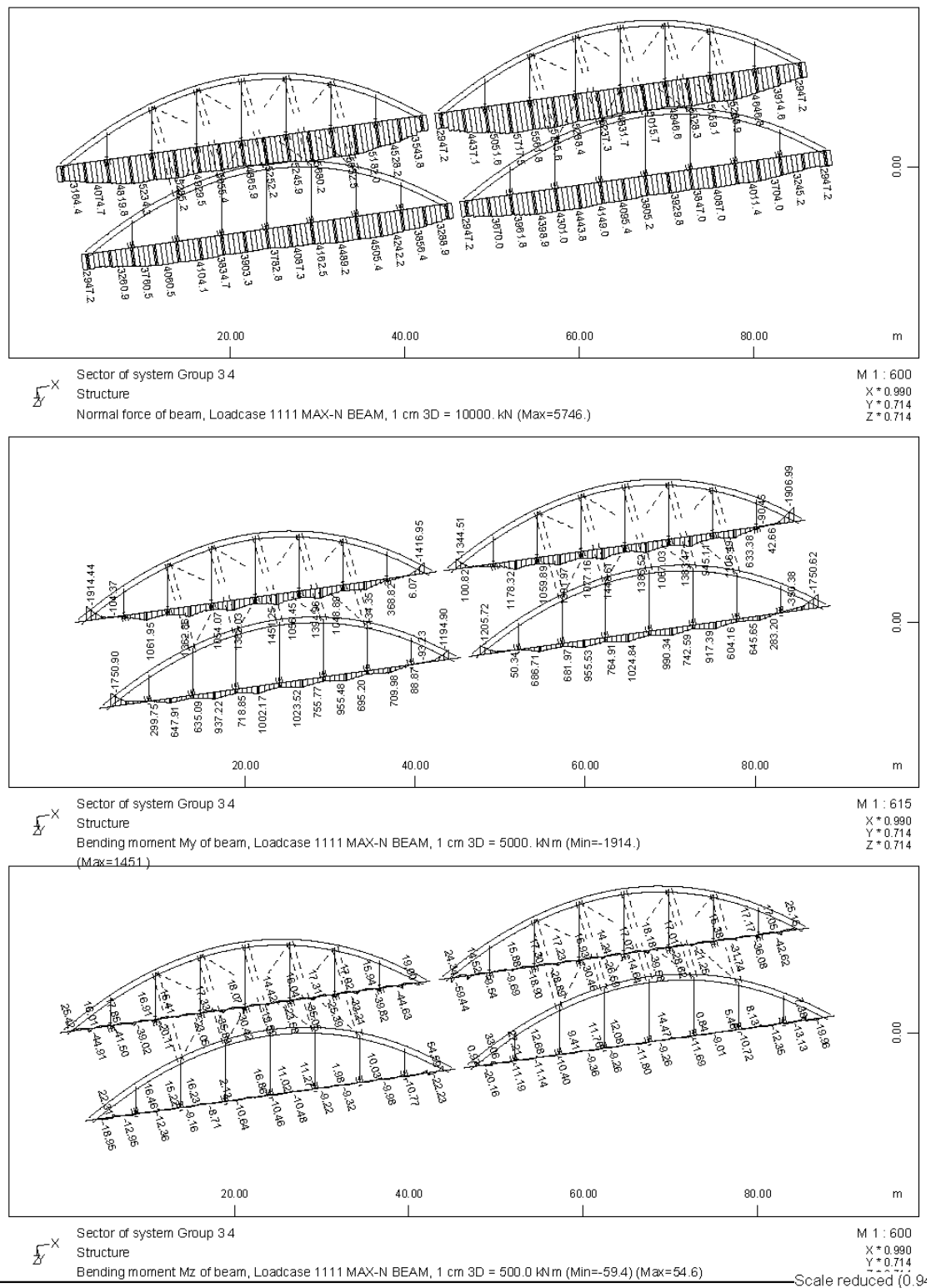
**Figure 14.9:** Internal forces for the load combination with the maximum compressive axial force at the transverse beams

**Σχήμα 14.9:** Εντατικά μεγέθη για τον συνδυασμό φορτίσεων με τη μέγιστη θλιπτική δύναμη στις διαδοκίδες

## 14.7 Main Beams

The check of the main beams during the pouring of the concrete slab is provided in section 7.7. The maximum tensile axial force for the main beams laterally restrained due to the

concrete slab is calculated for Load Combination 1100 of the second analysis (with liquefaction) and it is equal to  $N_{Ed}=5746\text{kN}$ . For the same combination the bending moment is  $M_{Ed,y}=1914\text{kNm}$ , while the bending moment  $M_{Ed,z}$  is negligible at the element with the maximum  $M_{Ed,y}$  (Figure 14.10).



**Figure 14.10:** Internal forces for the load combination with the maximum tensile axial force at the main beams

**Σχήμα 14.10:** Εντατικά μεγέθη για τον συνδυασμό φορτίσεων με τη μέγιστη εφελκυστική αξονική δύναμη στις κύριες δοκούς

Since the following criteria are not satisfied:

$$N_{Ed}=5746\text{kN}>0.25 \times N_{pl,Rd}=3295.30\text{kN}$$

$$N_{Ed} = 5746\text{kN} > \frac{h_w t_w f_y}{Y_{M0}} = 5056.98\text{kN}$$

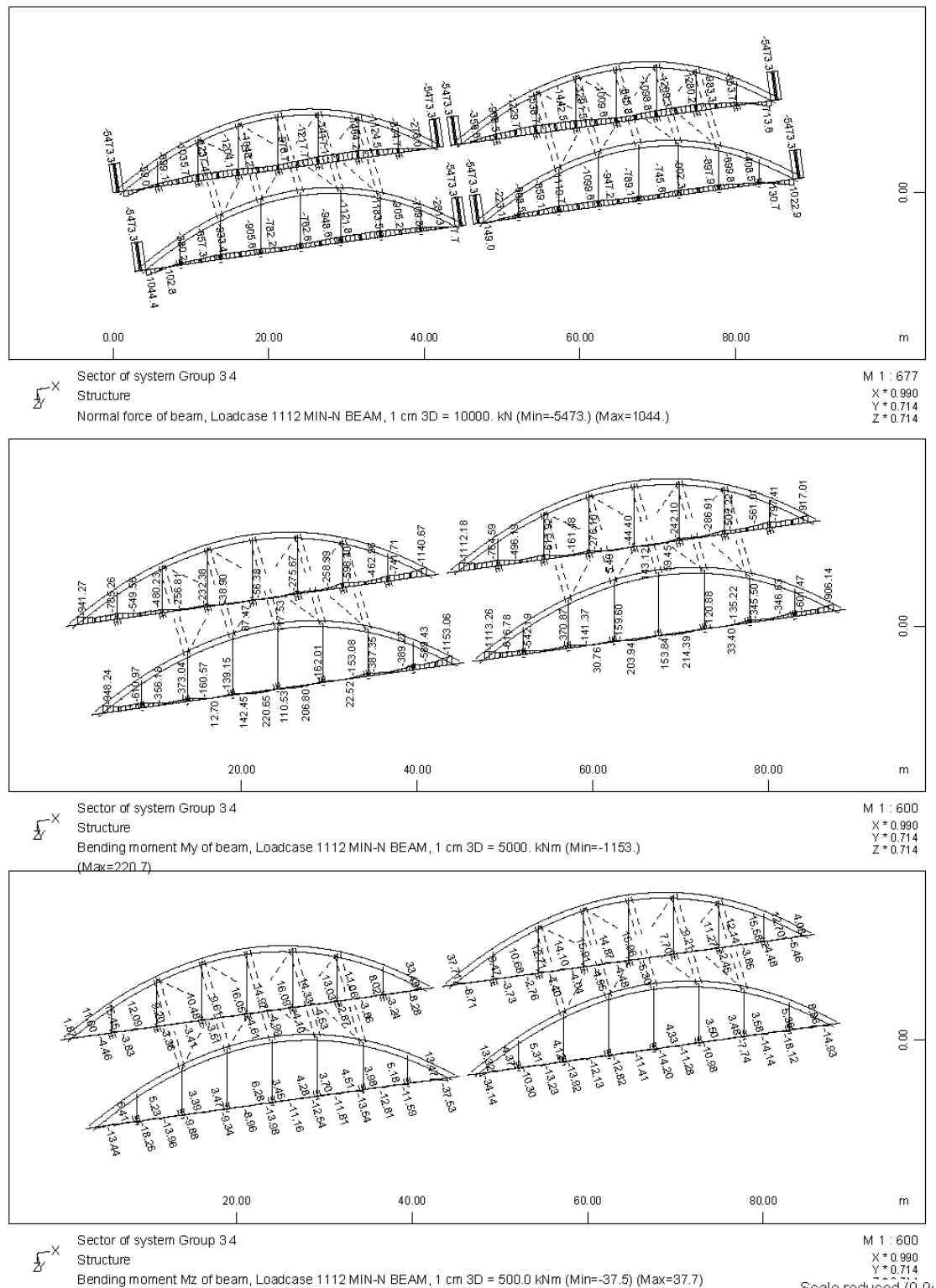
the effect of the axial force must be taken into account. Hence, the reduced design plastic moment resistance due to the axial force is:

$$M_{N,y,Rd} = M_{pl,y,Rd} \frac{1-n}{1-0.5 \cdot a} = 446590\text{kNcm} \frac{1-0.44}{1-0.5 \cdot 0.43} = 318586.50\text{kNcm} > M_{Ed,y} = 191400\text{kNcm}$$

where  $n=N_{Ed}/N_{pl,Rd}=5746\text{kN}/13181.15\text{kN}=0.44$  and

$$a = \frac{A - 2bt_f}{A} = \frac{371.3\text{cm}^2 - 2 \cdot 30\text{cm} \cdot 3.5\text{cm}}{371.3\text{cm}^2} = 0.43 < 0.50$$

The maximum compressive axial force for the main beams laterally restrained is equal to  $N_{Ed}=1539\text{kN}$  under Load Combination 1100 of the second analysis (neglecting the parts of the beams outside the arches), as shown in Figure 14.11. For the same combination the maximum bending moment is  $M_{Ed,y}=797.4\text{kNm}$ , while  $M_{Ed,z}$  is negligible.



**Figure 14.11:** Internal forces for the load combination with the maximum compressive axial force at the main beams

**Σχήμα 14.11:** Εντατικά μεγέθη για τον συνδυασμό φορτίσεων με τη μέγιστη θλιπτική δύναμη στις κύριες δοκούς

As calculated in section 7.7, the critical force of force  $N_{cr}$  in the main beams for in plane buckling is  $N_{cr}=34148.10\text{kN}$  the reduction factor  $\chi$  for buckling curve b is equal to  $\chi=0.827$  and the design buckling resistance of the main beams is  $N_{b,Rd}=9909.83\text{kN}$ .

According to the second method, presented in EC3 – Part 1.1, the interaction factor  $k_{yy}$  is given as:

$$k_{yy} = C_{my} \left( 1 + (\bar{\lambda}_y - 0.2) \frac{N_{Ed}}{\chi_y N_{Rd} / Y_{M1}} \right) = 0.4 \cdot \left( 1 + (0.62 - 0.2) \frac{1539 \text{ kN}}{9909.83 \text{ kN}} \right) = 0.43$$

Since the slab protects the main beams from lateral torsional buckling,  $\chi_{LT}=1.00$ . Thus, the exploitation factor for this load combination is:

$$EF = \frac{N_{Ed}}{N_{b,Rd}} + \frac{k_{yy} M_{y,Ed}}{M_{b,Rd}} = \frac{1539 \text{ kN}}{9909.83 \text{ kN}} + \frac{0.43 \cdot 79700 \text{ kNcm}}{1.00 \cdot \frac{446590 \text{ kNcm}}{1.1}} = 0.24 < 1.00$$

For reasons of constructability of the connection of the transverse beams on the main ones, the same profile is used for both groups of beams, although the exploitation factor of the main beams is much smaller than 1.

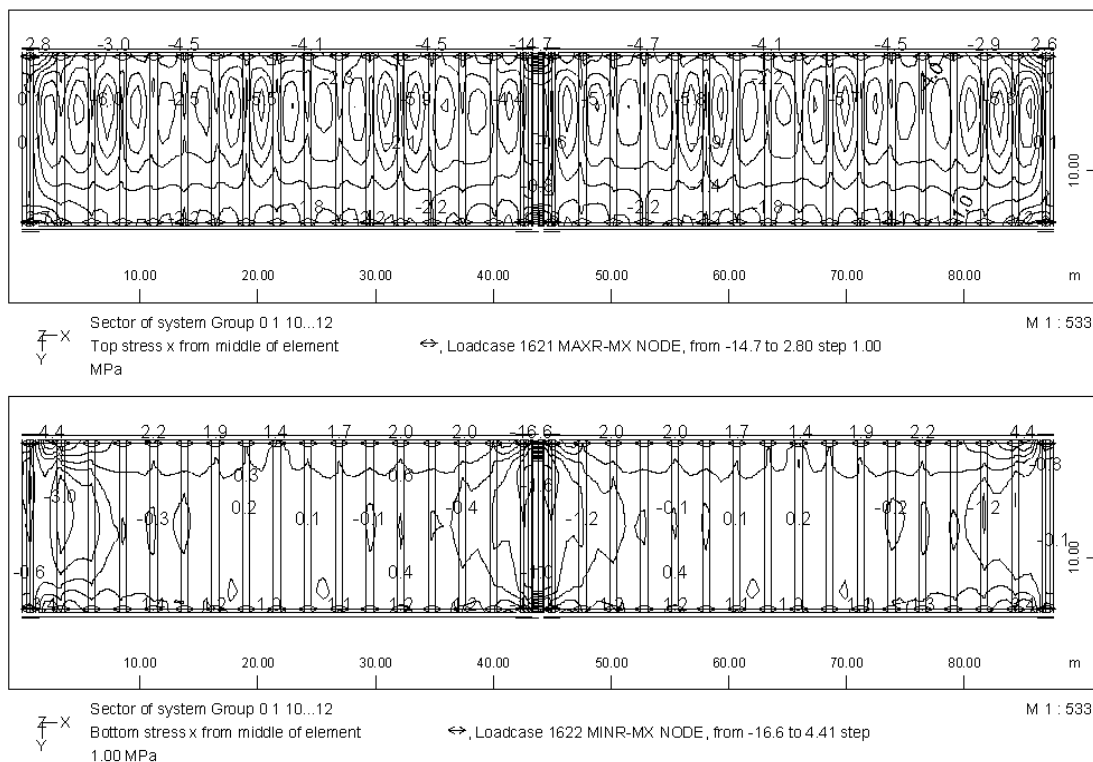


# Chapter 15

## PERFORMANCE AT SERVICEABILITY LIMIT STATE

### 15.1 Maximum compressive stress of the deck slab

As mentioned in section 12.7 for the characteristic load combination, the compressive stress of the concrete slab should not exceed the value of  $0.60f_{ck}=21\text{MPa}$ . The maximum compressive stress is obtained for load combination 1600 of both analyses and it is equal to 16.6MPa (Figure 15.1).



**Figure 15.1:** Maximum compressive stresses of the deck slab for SLS (characteristic) load combination

**Σχήμα 15.1:** Μέγιστη θλιπτική τάση στην πλάκα καταστρώματος για τους συνδυασμούς λειτουργικότητας (χαρακτηριστικός)

### 15.2 Maximum deformation of the deck

As mentioned in section 12.7 the deformation of the deck is calculated for the frequent load combination of both analyses. In Figure 15.2 the maximum deflection of the main and transverse beams is illustrated, arising at 72.6mm for the main beams ( $72.6\text{mm} <$



# Chapter 16

## CHECK OF BEARINGS AND EXPANSION JOINTS

### 16.1 Check of bearings for the case of no liquefaction

	parallel to axis:	x	y	
Dimensions:		80	x	80 cm <sup>2</sup>
Number of elastomeric layers:				9
Thickness of an individual elastomeric layer:				18 mm
Total thickness:				162 mm
<b>Axial loads</b>		most loaded bearing		
Permanent:		1351.00 kN		
Superimposed:		845.30 kN		: $N_g = 2196.30$ kN
Traffic load:		1438.40 kN		: $N_p = 1438.40$ kN
Earthquake z-z:		522.00 kN		$N_{max,st} = 3634.70$ kN
		less loaded bearing		
Permanent:		1351.00 kN		
Superimposed:		845.00 kN		$N_{min,st} = 2196.00$ kN
Earthquake z-z:		522.00 kN		
<b>Displacements</b>				
Braking load:		23.70 mm		
Shrinkage:		4.00 mm		
Uniform difference of temperature $\Delta T = -41^\circ\text{C}$ :		18.00 mm		
Earthquake x-x:		190.90 mm		
Earthquake y-y:		174.20 mm		
<b>Rotations</b>				
permanent:	$\alpha_x =$	$0.212 \times 10^{-3}$ rad	$\alpha_y =$	$0.000 \times 10^{-3}$ rad
superimposed:	$\alpha_x =$	$0.554 \times 10^{-3}$ rad	$\alpha_y =$	$0.413 \times 10^{-3}$ rad
traffic load:	$\alpha_x =$	$2.891 \times 10^{-3}$ rad	$\alpha_y =$	$0.110 \times 10^{-3}$ rad

#### A. Check for static combinations (according to DIN 4141 / Part 14)

<b>Total displacement</b>		$d_{td} =$	45.70 mm	
<b>Shear strain</b>		$\gamma_{td} = 0.28$	<	$\gamma_{en} = 0.70$ OK
<b>Design pressure</b>	$\sigma_{max} = N_{ol}/A =$	5.68 MPa	<	15,00 MPa
	$\sigma_{min} = N_g/A =$	3.43 MPa	<	5.00 MPa ANCHORAGE IS REQUIRED
<b>Angular rotation about x</b>	$\varphi_{td,x} = 0.0037$ rad	<	$\varphi_{en} = n \times \varphi_{1,en} = 0.0180$ rad	OK
<b>Angular rotation about y</b>	$\varphi_{td,y} = 0.0005$ rad	<	$\varphi_{en} = n \times \varphi_{1,en} = 0.0180$ rad	OK

### B. Check for seismic combinations (according to EC8-2)

Apparent conventional shear modulus:	$G_g =$	900 kPa
Shear modulus:	$G_b =$	1125 kPa
Lower bound design properties:	$G_{b,min} =$	1125 kPa
Upper bound design properties:	$G_{b,max} =$	1350 kPa

Displacement +x:	$d_{Edx} =$	203.9 mm
Displacement +y:	$d_{Edy} =$	52.3 mm
<b>Total displacement</b>	$d_{Ed} =$	210.5 mm

<b>Design shear strain due to horizontal displacement</b>	$\epsilon_{q,d} =$	1.30 < 2.0	OK
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$S =$	11.11
$A_r =$	4350.72 cm <sup>2</sup>
$N_{sd} =$	2640.58 kN
$\sigma_e =$	6069.29 kPa

<b>Design strain due to compressive load</b>	$\epsilon_{c,d} =$	0.73
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<b>Design strain due to design angular rotation</b>	$\epsilon_{a,d} =$	0.20
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<b>Maximum design strain</b>	$\epsilon_{t,d} =$	2.22 < $\epsilon_{u,k} / \gamma_m =$	7.00	OK
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### C. Stability

One of the following criteria should be satisfied:

$b_{min} > 4 \sum t_i$	=>	80 cm	>	64.8 cm	OK
$\sigma_e < 2 b_{min} G_{b,min} S / 3 \sum t_i$	=>	6069.29 kPa	<	41152.26 kPa	OK

### D. Anchorage

Minimum vertical design force:	$N_{Ed} =$	2039.40 kN	
Minimum design pressure:	$\sigma_e =$	4.69 N/mm <sup>2</sup>	> 3,00
Stiffness:	$K = G_{b,max} \times A / T =$	5333.3 kN/m	
Maximum shear force:	$V_{Ed} = K d_{Ed} =$	1122.62 kN	
	$V_{Ed} / N_{Ed} =$	0.550	
	$\alpha =$	0.100	
	$\beta =$	0.300	
	$\mu_e = \alpha + \beta / \sigma_e =$	0.164	

Check:	$V_{Ed} / N_{Ed} > \alpha + \beta / \sigma_e$	ANCHORAGE IS REQUIRED
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### E. Uplift of the bearings

The minimum vertical load at the bearings due to the seismic load combinations is:

$\min N_{Ed} =$	1674.00 kN	COMPRESSIVE FORCE, OK
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**16.2 Check of expansion joints for the case of no liquefaction****Displacements:**

Braking load:	23.70 mm
Shrinkage:	4.00 mm
Uniform difference of temperature $\Delta T = -41^{\circ}\text{C}$ :	18.00 mm
Uniform difference of temperature $\Delta T = +59^{\circ}\text{C}$ :	25.90 mm
Earthquake x-x:	190.90 mm
Earthquake y-y:	174.20 mm

**Total displacement****Static combination**

Maximum negative	$d'_{Ed} = -d_G - 1.50 \cdot d_{TR} - 1.5 \cdot 0.60 \cdot d_{t(-41)} =$	-55.75 mm
Maximum positive	$d'_{Ed} = -d_G + 1.50 \cdot d_{TR} + 1.50 \cdot 0.6 \cdot d_{t(+59)} =$	54.86 mm

**Seismic combination**

Maximum negative	$d'_{Ed} = -0.4 \cdot d_E - d_G - 0.5 \cdot d_{t(-41)} =$	91.77 mm
Maximum positive	$d'_{Ed} = 0.4 \cdot d_E - d_G + 0.5 \cdot d_{t(+59)} =$	87.83 mm

**Minimum displacements of the expansion joint**

Static combination	112 mm
Seismic combination	184 mm

**Minimum gap**

$d'_{Ed} = d_E - d_G + 0.5 \cdot d_{t(+59)} =$	210 mm
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**An expansion joint of type Algaflex T330 or similar is chosen**

**16.3 Check of bearings for the case of liquefaction**

	parallel to axis:	x	y	
Dimensions:		80	80	cm <sup>2</sup>
Number of elastomeric layers:		x	9	
Thickness of an individual elastomeric layer:			18	mm
Total thickness:			162	mm

**Axial loads**

	most loaded bearing	
Permanent:	1351.00 kN	
Superimposed:	845.30 kN	: $N_g = 2196.30$ kN
Traffic load:	1438.40 kN	: $N_p = 1438.40$ kN
Earthquake z-z:	868.60 kN	$N_{max,st} = 3634.70$ kN

	less loaded bearing	
Permanent:	1351.00 kN	
Superimposed:	845.00 kN	$N_{min,st} = 2196.00$ kN
Earthquake z-z:	868.60 kN	

**Displacements**

Braking load:	23.70 mm
Shrinkage:	4.00 mm
Uniform difference of temperature $\Delta T = -41^\circ\text{C}$ :	18.00 mm
Earthquake x-x:	109.70 mm
Earthquake y-y:	99.90 mm
Longitudinal movement (Rx)	47.50 mm
Transverse movement (displacement Ry)	52.10 mm

Ex+0.30Rx	123.95 mm
Ey+0.30Ry	115.53 mm
0.30Ex+Rx	80.41 mm
0.30Ey+Ry	82.07 mm

maximum displacement x-x:	123.95 mm
maximum displacement y-y:	115.53 mm

**Rotations**

permanent:	$\alpha_x = 0.212 \times 10^{-3}$ rad	$\alpha_y = 0.000 \times 10^{-3}$ rad
superimposed:	$\alpha_x = 0.551 \times 10^{-3}$ rad	$\alpha_y = 0.413 \times 10^{-3}$ rad
traffic load:	$\alpha_x = 2.891 \times 10^{-3}$ rad	$\alpha_y = 0.216 \times 10^{-3}$ rad

**A. Check for static combinations (according to DIN 4141 / Part 14)**

<b>Total displacement</b>		$d_{td} = 45.70$ mm	
<b>Shear strain</b>	$\gamma_{td} = 0.28$	$\gamma_{en} = 0.70$	OK
<b>Design pressure</b>	$\sigma_{max} = N_{o1}/A = 5.68$ MPa	$< 15.00$ MPa	
	$\sigma_{min} = N_g/A = 3.43$ MPa	$< 5.00$ MPa	ANCHORAGE IS REQUIRED
<b>Angular rotation about x</b>	$\Phi_{td,x} = 0.0037$ rad	$< \Phi_{en} = n \times \Phi_{1,en} = 0.0180$ rad	OK
<b>Angular rotation about y</b>	$\Phi_{td,y} = 0.0006$ rad	$< \Phi_{en} = n \times \Phi_{1,en} = 0.0180$ rad	OK

**B. Check for seismic combinations (according to EC8-2)**

Apparent conventional shear modulus:	$G_g =$	900 kPa
Shear modulus:	$G_b =$	1125 kPa
Lower bound design properties:	$G_{b,min} =$	1125 kPa
Upper bound design properties:	$G_{b,max} =$	1350 kPa

Displacement +x:	$d_{Edx} =$	136.95 mm
Displacement +y:	$d_{Edy} =$	34.7 mm
<b>Total displacement</b>	$d_{Ed} =$	141.3 mm

<b>Design shear strain due to horizontal displacement</b>	$\epsilon_{a,d} =$	0.87 < 2.0	OK
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	$S =$	11.11
	$A_r =$	5027.13 cm <sup>2</sup>
	$N_{sd} =$	2744.56 kN
	$\sigma_e =$	5459.50 kPa
<b>Design strain due to compressive load</b>	$\epsilon_{c,d} =$	0.66

<b>Design strain due to design angular rotation</b>	$\epsilon_{a,d} =$	0.20
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<b>Maximum design strain</b>	$\epsilon_{t,d} =$	1.72 < $\epsilon_{u,k} / \gamma_m =$	7.00	OK
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**C. Stability**

One of the following criteria should be satisfied:

$b_{min} > 4 \sum t_i$	=>	80 cm	>	64.8 cm	OK
$\sigma_e < 2 b_{min} G_{b,min} S / 3 \sum t_i$	=>	5459.50 kPa	<	41152.26 kPa	OK

**D. Anchorage**

Minimum vertical design force:	$N_{Ed} =$	1935.42 kN	
Minimum design pressure:	$\sigma_e =$	3.85 N/mm <sup>2</sup>	>3,00
Stiffness:	$K = G_{b,max} \times A / T =$	5333.3 kN/m	
Maximum shear force:	$V_{Ed} = K d_{Ed} =$	753.43 kN	
	$V_{Ed} / N_{Ed} =$	0.389	
	$\alpha =$	0.100	
	$\beta =$	0.300	
	$\mu_e = \alpha + \beta / \sigma_e =$	0.178	

Check:  $V_{Ed} / N_{Ed} > \alpha + \beta / \sigma_e$  ANCHORAGE IS REQUIRED

**E. Uplift of the bearings**

The minimum vertical load at the bearings due to the seismic load combinations is:

$\min N_{Ed} =$	1327.40 kN	COMPRESSIVE FORCE, OK
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**16.4 Check of expansion joints for the case of liquefaction****Displacements:**

Braking load:	23.70 mm
Shrinkage:	4.00 mm
Uniform difference of temperature $\Delta T = -41^{\circ}\text{C}$ :	18.00 mm
Uniform difference of temperature $\Delta T = +59^{\circ}\text{C}$ :	25.90 mm
Earthquake x-x:	123.95 mm
Earthquake y-y:	115.53 mm

**Total displacement****Static combination**

Maximum negative	$d'_{Ed} = -d_G - 1.50 \cdot d_{TR} - 1.5 \cdot 0.60 \cdot d_{t(-41)} =$	-55.75 mm
Maximum positive	$d'_{Ed} = -d_G + 1.50 \cdot d_{TR} + 1.50 \cdot 0.6 \cdot d_{t(+59)} =$	54.86 mm

**Seismic combination**

Maximum negative	$d'_{Ed} = -0.4 \cdot d_E - d_G - 0.5 \cdot d_{t(-41)} =$	64.10 mm
Maximum positive	$d'_{Ed} = 0.4 \cdot d_E - d_G + 0.5 \cdot d_{t(+59)} =$	60.15 mm

**Minimum displacements of the expansion joint**

Static combination	112 mm
Seismic combination	128 mm

**Minimum gap**

$d'_{Ed} = d_E - d_G + 0.5 \cdot d_{t(+59)} =$	141 mm
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**An expansion joint of type Algaflex T200 is required.**

**An expansion joint of type Algaflex T330 or similar is chosen**

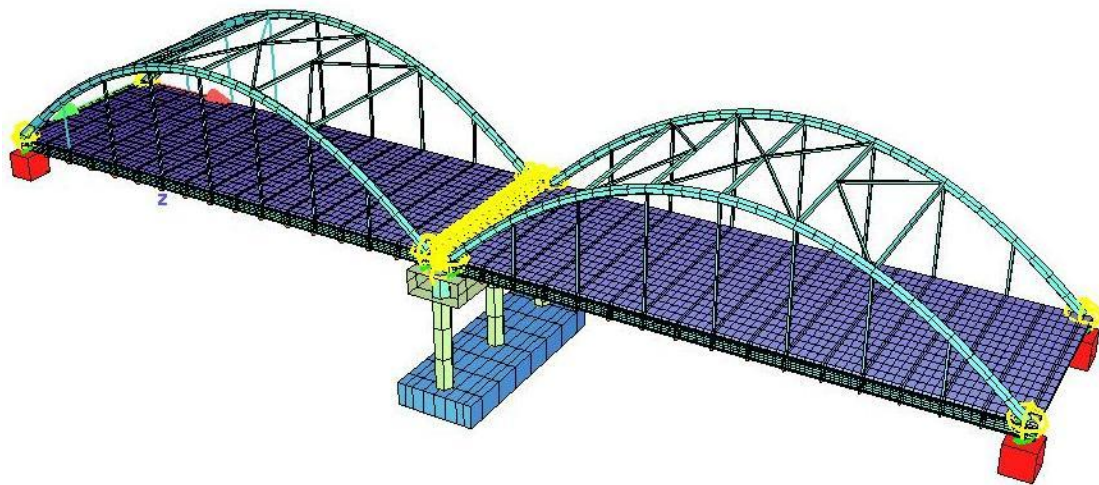


# Chapter 17

## SOIL STRESSES

### 17.1 Model of the bridge

In order to calculate the soil stresses at the pier's footing, a new model is set up, shown in Figure 17.1. In this model the superstructure remains the same as described in section 12.1, while the pier's footing is simulated with shell elements with a thickness of 2.00m. Elastic constants  $C$  and  $C_T$ , normal and tangential to the surface, respectively, are taken into consideration accounting for the soil-structure interaction. These constants are equal to the values listed in Table 12.4 divided by the area of the footing. Thus, the values of these elastic constants are given in Table 17.1.



**Figure 17.1:** Model of the bridge for the calculation of the soil stresses

**Σχήμα 17.1:** Προσομοίωμα γέφυρας για τον υπολογισμό των τάσεων εδάφους

**Table 17.1:** Elastic constants for the pier's footing

**Πίνακας 17.1:** Ελαστικές σταθερές για το πέδιλο μεσοβάθρου

Direction	No liquefaction	With liquefaction
Horizontal ( $C_T$ )	20322 kN/m <sup>3</sup>	8181 kN/m <sup>3</sup>
Vertical ( $C$ )	20150 kN/m <sup>3</sup>	5274 kN/m <sup>3</sup>

### 17.2 Load Cases

The earthquake effects are determined by applying a horizontal equivalent static force  $F$  given by the expression:

$$F=M S_d(T) \quad (17-1)$$

where  $M$  is the effective mass of the structure, including 20% of the live load and  $S_d(T)$  is the spectral acceleration of the design spectrum corresponding to the fundamental period  $T$  of the bridge, estimated as:

$$S_{d,x}(T)=a_g \cdot S \cdot n \cdot 2.5 \left( \frac{T_c}{T_x} \right) \text{ (elastic spectral acceleration for x-earthquake)} \quad (17-2)$$

$$S_{d,y}(T)=a_g \cdot S \cdot n \cdot 2.5 \left( \frac{T_c}{T_y} \right) \text{ (elastic spectral acceleration for y-earthquake)} \quad (17-3)$$

$$S_{d,v}(T)=a_{vg} \cdot S \cdot n \cdot 3.0 \text{ (vertical elastic spectral acceleration)} \quad (17-4)$$

where  $a_g=PGA_{b,h,r}$ ,  $a_{vg}=PGA_{b,v}$ ,  $S$ ,  $n$  and  $T_c$  are given in section 11.2, while  $T_x$  and  $T_y$  are the eigenperiods of the bridge presented in section 12.3. The following Load Cases are created:

**LC 7000:** Earthquake X on permanent loads, including self weight, the weight of the slab and the superimposed.

**LC 7001:** Earthquake Y on permanent loads, including self weight, the weight of the slab and the superimposed.

**LC 7002:** Earthquake Z on permanent loads, including self weight, the weight of the slab and the superimposed.

**LC 7010:** Earthquake X on 20% of the live loads.

**LC 7011:** Earthquake Y on 20% of the live loads.

**LC 7012:** Earthquake Z on 20% of the live loads.

### 17.3 Load Combination

The following two Load Combinations are considered:

**LC 10001:** This combination includes the following load cases:

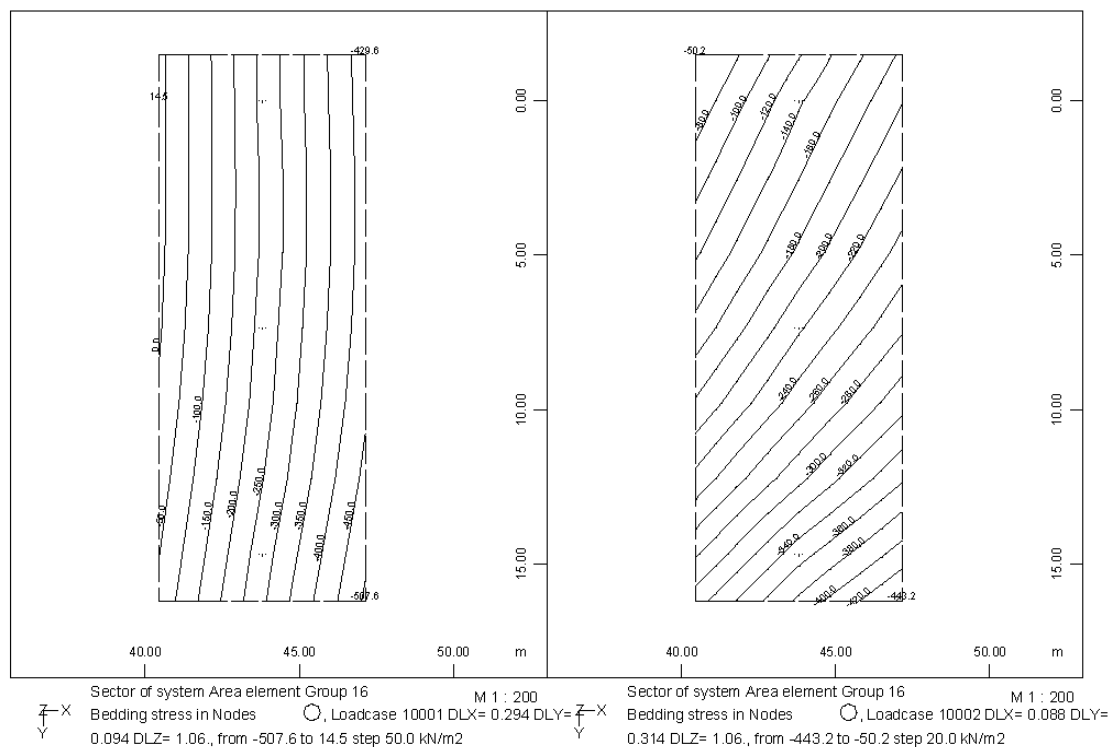
LC1	Self weight
+LC2	Superimposed
+LC3	Shrinkage
+LC600*0.2	Uniform traffic load
+(LC7000+LC7010)*1.0	Earthquake X
+(LC7001+ LC7011)*0.3	Earthquake Y
+(LC7002+ LC7012)*0.3	Earthquake Z

**LC 10002:** This combination includes the following load cases:

LC1 (1.00+0.3 S <sub>d,v</sub> (T)/g)	Self weight
+LC2	Superimposed
+LC3	Shrinkage
+LC600*0.2	Uniform traffic load
+(LC7000+LC7010)*0.3	Earthquake X
+(LC7001+ LC7011)*1.0	Earthquake Y
+(LC7002+ LC7012)*0.3	Earthquake Z

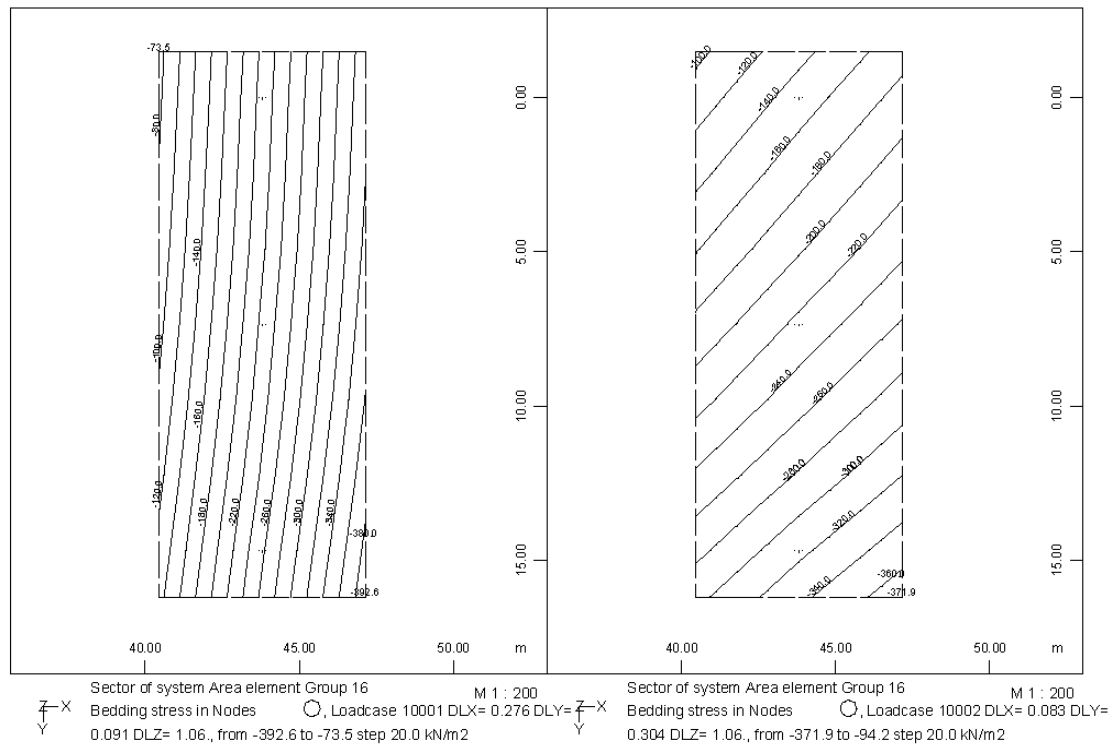
#### 17.4 Soil stresses

The diagrams of the soil stresses are plotted in Figure 17.2 for the case without liquefaction and in Figure 17.3, when liquefaction occurs.



**Figure 17.2:** Soil stresses for the case without liquefaction

**Σχήμα 17.2:** Τάσεις εδάφους για την περίπτωση χωρίς ρευστοποίηση



**Figure 17.3:** Soil stresses for the case with liquefaction

**Σχήμα 17.3:** Τάσεις εδάφους για την περίπτωση με ρευστοποίηση

## **PART III: COMPARATIVE EVALUATION**

# Chapter 18

## COMPARISON OF THE RESULTS

### 18.1 Reinforcement of concrete members

The reinforcement of the pier's columns and the deck's slab are listed in Table 18.1 for both solutions. No significant differences are noted between the two solutions.

**Table 18.1:** Reinforcement requirements for concrete members

**Πίνακας 18.1:** Απαιτήσεις οπλισμών για στοιχεία από οπλισμένο σκυρόδεμα

Members	Results / Requirement	Conventional solution	Innovative solution	
			(no liquefaction)	(with liquefaction)
Pier	Longitudinal Reinforcement	186.70cm <sup>2</sup>	187.10cm <sup>2</sup>	94.30cm <sup>2</sup>
	Stirrups	16.60cm <sup>2</sup>	16.60cm <sup>2</sup>	16.60cm <sup>2</sup>
Deck slab	Longitudinal Reinforcement	47.9cm <sup>2</sup>	41.2cm <sup>2</sup>	46.8cm <sup>2</sup>
	Transverse Reinforcement	33.6cm <sup>2</sup>	20.3cm <sup>2</sup>	27.6cm <sup>2</sup>

### 18.2 Exploitation factor for steel members

The maximum exploitation factor is given in Table 18.2 for both solutions. Comparing the results, the Innovative Solution leads to larger exploitation factors and to larger steel section for the Diagonal bracing members.

**Table 18.2:** Maximum exploitation factors for the steel members

**Πίνακας 18.2:** Μέγιστοι συντελεστές εκμετάλλευσης για τα μεταλλικά στοιχεία

Members	Cross sections	Solution	
		Conventional	Innovative
Arches	CHS750/20	0.82	0.98
Transverse bracing	CHS244.5/8	0.46	0.49
Diagonal bracing	-	0.99 (CHS139.7/8)	0.96 (CHS168.3/12.5)
Hangers	CHS168.3/8	0.85	0.87
Transverse beams (during construction)	HEB900	0.94	0.94
Main beams	HEB900	0.52	0.60

# Chapter 19

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## QUANTITIES AND BUDGET

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### 19.1 Quantities

In order to compare the cost of the innovative solution with the one of the conventional solution, only the quantities of the different materials, sections or structural elements used for both solutions are measured, considering that the rest of the structure is the same for both solutions.

#### Conventional solution

- Pier's piles  $\Phi 120$ :  $8 \times 25.00\text{m} = 200\text{m}$
- Pier's pilecap:  $6.00\text{m} \times 17.70\text{m} \times 2.00\text{m} = 212.40\text{m}^3$
- Reinforcement:  $31640\text{kg} + 25488\text{kg} = 57128\text{kg}$   
Piles:  $200\text{m} \times 1.13\text{m}^2 \times 140\text{kg}/\text{m}^3 = 31640\text{kg}$   
Pilecap:  $6.00\text{m} \times 17.70\text{m} \times 2.00\text{m} \times 120\text{kg}/\text{m}^3 = 25488\text{kg}$
- Expansion joints:  $3 \times 15.00\text{m} \times 480/60 = 360\text{m}$
- Bearings:  $8 \times 70\text{cm} \times 80\text{cm} \times 27.5\text{cm} = 1232000\text{cm}^3 = 1232\text{lt}$
- Diagonal bracing members (CHS139.7/8):  $16 \times 8.45\text{m} \times 25.98\text{kg}/\text{m} = 3512.50\text{kg}$
- Gravel piles: 1412.21m

$$H_{\text{total}} = \alpha_s \cdot (L+2)(B+2) \cdot H_{\text{impr}} / (\pi D_{\text{gr}}^2 / 4) - n_{\text{piles}} \times H_{\text{impr}}$$
$$= 9.36(L+2)(B+2) = 9.36(17.70+2.00)(6.70+2.00) - 8 \times 24.00\text{m} = 1412.21\text{m}$$

where

replacement ratio:  $\alpha_s = 0.196$ ,

diameter of gravel piles:  $D_{\text{gr}} = 0.80\text{m}$ ,

Thickness of improved zone  $H_{\text{impr}} = 24\text{m}$

#### Innovative solution

- Pier's footing:  $6.70\text{m} \times 17.70\text{m} \times 2.00\text{m} = 237.18\text{m}^3$
- Reinforcement of footing:  $6.70\text{m} \times 17.70\text{m} \times 2.00\text{m} \times 120\text{kg}/\text{m}^3 = 28462\text{kg}$

- Expansion joints:  $3 \times 15.00\text{m} \times 330/60 = 247.50\text{m}$
- Bearings:  $8 \times 80\text{cm} \times 80\text{cm} \times 28.2\text{cm} = 1443840\text{cm}^3 = 1443.84\text{lt}$
- Diagonal bracing members (CHS168.3/12.5):  $16 \times 8.45\text{m} \times 48.03\text{kg/m} = 6493.66\text{kg}$
- Gravel piles: 163.10m

$$H_{\text{total}} = \alpha_s \cdot V_{\text{impr}} / (\pi D_{\text{gr}}^2 / 4) = 0.122 \times 672.00\text{m}^3 / [\pi (0.80\text{m})^2 / 4] = 163.10\text{m}$$

where

replacement ratio:  $\alpha_s = 0.122$  (Table 10.2),

diameter of gravel piles:  $D_{\text{gr}} = 0.80\text{m}$ ,

Volume of improved ground  $V_{\text{impr}} = 672.00\text{m}^3$  (Table 10.2),

## 19.2 Budget comparison

The overall cost of the bridge is estimated as  $1000 \div 1500\text{€}/\text{m}^2$ . Taking into account the dimensions of the bridge, with width 15.00m and length 87.60m, the total cost arises at  $1314000.00 \div 1971000.00\text{€}$ . The itemized budget regarding the differences between the two solutions is presented in Table 19.1 for the conventional solution and in Table 19.2 for the innovative one. These budgets are based on nominal prices for construction of public works issued by the Ministry of Infrastructure for 2013. The difference between the two solutions is 171960€ with the cost of the innovative solution being smaller. This difference arises at  $9\% \div 13\%$  of the total cost of the bridge.

**Table 19.1:** Itemized budget for the conventional solution

**Πίνακας 19.1:** Αναλυτικός προϋπολογισμός για τη συμβατική λύση

Description	Quantity	Unit	Unit value (€)	Cost (€)
Piles $\Phi 120$	200	m	170.00	34000.00
Pier's pilecap	215	m <sup>3</sup>	158.00	33970.00
Reinforcement	57200	kg	1.05	60060.00
Expansion joints	360	m	473.80	170280.00
Bearings	1250	lt	36.80	46000.00
Steel members	3520	kg	2.40	8448.00
Gravel piles	1450	m	58.00	84100.00
<b>SUM</b>				<b>436858.0</b>

**Table 19.2:** Itemized budget for the innovative solution

**Πίνακας 19.2:** Αναλυτικός προϋπολογισμός για την καινοτόμο λύση

Description	Quantity	Unit	Unit value (€)	Cost (€)
Pier's footing	240	m <sup>3</sup>	158.00	37920.00
Reinforcement	28500	kg	1.05	29925.00
Expansion joints	250	m	473.80	118250.00
Bearings	1450	lt	36.80	53360.00
Steel members	6500	kg	2.40	15600.00
Gravel piles	165	m	58.00	9570.00
<b>SUM</b>				<b>264625.0</b>

In addition, the cost of the foundation of these two solutions is calculated in Table 19.3 for the conventional solution and in Table 19.4 for the innovative one. The difference between the two solutions is considerable, with the innovative foundation costing only 36% of the conventional one.



**Table 19.3:** Itemized budget for the foundation of the conventional solution**Πίνακας 19.3:** Αναλυτικός προϋπολογισμός για τη θεμελίωση της συμβατικής λύσης

Description	Quantity	Unit	Unit value (€)	Cost (€)
Piles Φ120	200	m	170.00	34000.00
Pier's pilecap	215	m <sup>3</sup>	158.00	33970.00
Reinforcement	57200	kg	1.05	60060.00
Gravel piles	1450	m	58.00	84100.00
<b>SUM</b>				<b>212130.0</b>

**Table 19.4:** Itemized budget for the foundation of the innovative solution**Πίνακας 19.4:** Αναλυτικός προϋπολογισμός για τη θεμελίωση της καινοτόμου λύσης

Description	Quantity	Unit	Unit value (€)	Cost (€)
Pier's footing	240	m <sup>3</sup>	158.00	37920.00
Reinforcement	28500	kg	1.05	29925.00
Gravel piles	165	m	58.00	9570.00
<b>SUM</b>				<b>77415.0</b>

Finally, as the benefit from reduced cost of the foundation in the innovative solution is significant, it appears meaningful to compare the overall cost per span. This comparison is more appropriate for multi-span bridges, in which the benefit from the cost of foundation of individual piers will have a stronger participation in the overall bridge cost. This benefit is estimated at approximately 20%, by considering in this example one half of the total bridge length, which can be viewed as "influence area" of the pier.

# Chapter 20

## SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS

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### 20.1 Summary

The bridge under investigation is a steel arch road bridge with two simply supported spans, with total length 87.60m. The steel members of each span include two main beams, seventeen transverse beams, and two arches connected with transverse and diagonal bracing members. Each main beam is suspended from the corresponding arch with seven hangers. A composite deck is formed using trapezoidal profiles and a concrete slab. The concrete slab is connected with the transverse and main beams through steel shear connectors in order to ensure composite action. The pier consists of three circular reinforced concrete columns. They are connected at the top with a concrete beam, forming thus a frame in the transverse direction of the bridge. The bridge is founded on liquefaction susceptible soil. The subsoil conditions are well established by geotechnical surveys from an actual (existing or in the design stage) river bridge site, where extensive liquefaction is expected underneath one or more of the bridge piers after a major earthquake event.

First, the conventional foundation approach is considered, using pile groups with ground improvement between and around the piles, as deep foundation for the pier. The design of the bridge is performed under static and seismic conditions in Ultimate Limit State and Serviceability Limit State and the cost of this conventional solution is estimated. In this case the bridge model includes the superstructure, the pier, the pilecap and the piles, while horizontal and vertical springs at the piles simulate the soil-structure interaction.

Then, the static and seismic design of the same bridge is repeated in ULS and SLS, adopting the innovative foundation approach, in order to exploit the “natural” seismic isolation developing during liquefaction. In this case, a spread footing and partial improvement of the top part only of the liquefiable soil (crust) are considered for the foundation of the pier. The dimensions of the footing and the crust are appropriately chosen so that the degraded factor of safety,  $F.S._{deg}$  is equal or larger than 1.10 for the seismic load combination. The model of the bridge includes the superstructure and the pier, while the footing and the soil-structure interaction are simulated with appropriate translational and rotational springs. Static and dynamic springs are assumed for static and seismic loads, respectively. Damping elements at the base of the pier are also activated in the dynamic analysis.

Two Seismic Scenarios are assumed for the innovative solution, defined in the Appendix C of Deliverable D4: Elastic Response Spectra for Liquefiable soils. In Seismic Scenario 1, an earthquake with return period  $T_{ret} = 225$  years is taken into account, which does not cause liquefaction, while in Seismic Scenario 2, the earthquake, having a return period  $T_{ret} = 1000$  years, causes liquefaction. The dynamic springs and the damping elements have different constant values for the two Scenarios, leading to stiffer springs for Seismic Scenario 1, in which no liquefaction occurs. The first Seismic Scenario leads to larger PGA, as in the second one the “natural seismic isolation” occurring due to liquefaction is assumed and exploited.

However, the second Seismic Scenario is associated with the evolution of large horizontal displacements of the pier's foundation, which occur during the earthquake event, as well as significant permanent settlement and rotations at the base of the pier after the earthquake event, which are included in the static load combinations describing operation of the bridge after the earthquake. The aim of the design is that the bridge with the shallow foundation can sustain both Seismic Scenarios.

## **20.2 Conclusions**

The comparative advantages and limitations of the new design methodology, relative to the conventional one, are evaluated on the basis of technical, as well as cost criteria.

From the analyses it is concluded that in the innovative solution liquefaction indeed acts as seismic isolation for the bridge superstructure, resulting in relatively small action effects for Seismic Scenario 2. Hence, this scenario is not critical for member dimensioning, despite the fact that significant simultaneous horizontal displacements at the pier base are also taken into account in these load combinations. However, the price that has to be paid in this alternative is the fact that the static load combinations describing operation of the bridge after the earthquake that causes liquefaction become critical, as they incorporate the permanent settlements and rotations due to liquefaction. As a result, the steel members of the superstructure have slightly larger exploitation factors for the innovative foundation solution than for the traditional one, however, no increase of their cross-section is required, with the exception of diagonal bracing members between arches, bearings and expansion joints.

Moreover, as far as the pier is concerned, the beneficial action of liquefaction as natural seismic isolation as well as the footing's flexibility in comparison to the pile foundation, do not cause any difference in the columns' cross-section or reinforcement in comparison to the traditional solution. This is due to the fact that Seismic Scenario 1 is critical, as the absence of liquefaction leads to stronger seismic actions, and the required reinforcement for Seismic Scenario 1 is similar to the one of the traditional foundation solution.

The small increase of cross-section of some members of the superstructure results in slightly reduced financial benefit of the innovative solution in comparison to the traditional one. However the innovative solution still achieves considerable overall savings in the order of 9%÷13% of the total bridge cost, due to the substantially simpler foundation. It is noted that the benefit in terms of foundation cost only is quite substantial, as this cost for the innovative solution is approximately 36% of the corresponding for the conventional one. Furthermore, the savings for bridges with many piers, in which the foundation cost has a higher participation, can thus be approximated at 20%.

It is further noted that the reliable calculation of the transient soil displacements as well as the remaining settlements and rotations following an earthquake causing liquefaction, is deemed as very important, taking into account that these quantities are critical for the design of the bridge with the innovative foundation solution. As this calculation encounters considerable uncertainties, this is an issue to be solved for achieving increased application of the proposed concept. Alternatively, as well as in addition, the proposed innovative shallow foundation solution is certainly more suitable for structural systems of the bridge superstructure that are less sensitive to foundation settlements and rotations.

In addition to the above it is emphasized that, for this particular bridge, the members of the superstructure which require an increase due to the static load combinations after a potential liquefaction (bracing members between arches, bearings and expansion joints) are secondary and easily replaceable. It is therefore possible to adopt a design strategy of retaining these members at their initial size, removing them (if needed) after a possible liquefaction, so that the other members of the – otherwise structurally determinant – bridge shall return to stress-free state (with the exception of self-weight effects) and replacing them. Then, for the design of the superstructure, it is not necessary to include in the static load combinations after

liquefaction the residual settlements and rotations, as they will not induce stresses. Main advantage of this approach is not so much the – anyway negligible – cost benefits, but the downgrade of the importance of reliable prediction of liquefaction induced residual settlements and rotations.

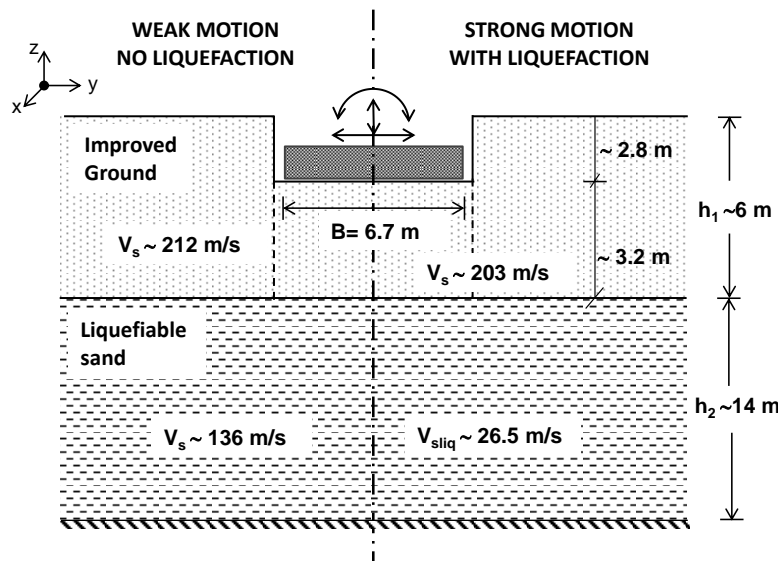
In any case, an additional advantage of the proposed innovative solution is the fact that in this solution a “bonus safety” is incorporated, in case very high seismic actions are encountered, which exceed those expected for the project location, and considered for seismic design, even for seismic scenario 2. In this case, liquefaction will surely develop and the natural base isolation advantage will be explored, which will not be the case for the conventional solution.

## **ANNEXES**

# Annex I

## COMPUTATION OF DYNAMIC SPRING AND DASHPOT COEFFICIENTS

Figure I.1 sketches a rigid rectangular footing of dimensions  $6.70\text{m} \times 17.70\text{m}$  in plan resting on a 2-layer soil profile consisting of an improved soil "crust", over a liquefiable loose sand layer of thickness  $h_2=14\text{m}$ . Embedment effects on footing stiffness are neglected, since material around the footing is assumed to be loose fill. The thickness of the surface layer under the footing is  $h_1=3.20\text{m}$ . Due to ground improvement, the weighted average value of shear wave velocity of the surface soil crust,  $V_{s1}$ , (considering also the correction for overburden pressure) is taken equal to  $\sim 212\text{m/sec}$  before liquefaction and  $\sim 203\text{m/sec}$  during liquefaction. The corresponding shear wave velocity of the liquefiable soil layer is assumed at  $\sim 136\text{m/sec}$  before liquefaction and  $\sim 26.5\text{m/sec}$  during liquefaction.



**Figure I.1:** Problem definition

**Σχήμα I.1:** Ορισμός του προβλήματος

Following the assumptions employed on the report entitled "Soil springs and dashpots for footings on liquefiable soil" of Work Package WP5, given the low aspect ratio of the footing ( $L/B < 4$ ), the frequency dependence of the dynamic impedance of the rectangular footing can be well approximated by that of a square footing of dimensions  $B \times B$ . To analyze a square footing with computer code CONAN, an equivalent circular radius should be determined. For translational degrees of freedom, this is equal to:

$$R = \frac{B}{\sqrt{\pi}} = \frac{6.7}{\sqrt{\pi}} = 3.8 \text{ m} \quad (\text{I.1})$$

while for rotational degrees of freedom

$$R = \frac{B}{\sqrt[4]{3n}} = \frac{6.7}{\sqrt[4]{3n}} = 3.82 \text{ m} \quad (\text{I.2})$$

So in this case, one may assume the same radius for all modes, equal to 3.8m. The diameter of the equivalent footing is  $D=7.6\text{m}$ . The dimensionless ratios  $h_1/D$  and  $h_2/D$  are as follows:

$$h_1/D = 3.2\text{m}/7.6\text{m} = 0.4 \quad (\text{I.3})$$

$$h_2/D = 14.02\text{m}/7.6\text{m} = 1.8 \quad (\text{I.4})$$

$$\frac{V_{s1}}{V_{s2}} = \frac{212\text{m / sec}}{136\text{m / sec}} = 1.6 \text{ (before liquefaction)} \quad (\text{I.5})$$

$$\frac{V_{s1}}{V_{s2}} = \frac{203\text{m / sec}}{26.5\text{m / sec}} = 7.7 \text{ (during liquefaction)} \quad (\text{I.6})$$

From CONAN analysis, the dynamic impedance functions for a square footing of dimensions  $6.70\text{m} \times 6.70\text{m}$  are obtained. Given that the rectangular footing has an aspect ratio  $L/B=17.7\text{m}/6.7\text{m} \sim 2.6 < 4$ , it is assumed that the dynamic impedance coefficients are approximately the same. Hence, the values of stiffness  $k_0$  must be modified according to Table 5.1 and Eqs (5.1) to (5.6) given in the report "Soil springs and dashpots for footings on liquefiable soil". The values of stiffness  $k_0$  can also be determined from Table 3.2 of the report "Soil springs and dashpots for footings on liquefiable soil" using the approximate ratios  $h_1/D=0.5$ ,  $h_2/D=2$  and linear interpolation for establishing the ratio  $V_{s1}/V_{s2}$ . The interpolation is necessary because the impedance contrast between the two first layers is a major parameter in the dynamic response of the footing.