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## 1. Background

- Masonry arch bridges: 35 in total
  - 25 road bridges
  - 10 bicycle- and pedestrian bridges
- Raamovereenkomst: assessment of structural safety



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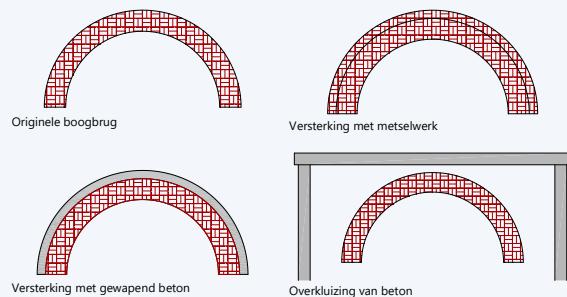
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- Plan of approach:
  - . Fase 0: Preparations
  - . Fase 1: Inspections
  - . Fase 2: Preliminary research (calculation method)
  - . Fase 3: Preparations test load (prediction FEM)
  - . Fase 4: Test load (post-diction FEM)
  - . **Fase 5: Structural assessments (risk-driven)**
- Opstellen richtlijn 'Aanpak constructieve beoordeling metselwerk boogbruggen 's-Hertogenbosch'

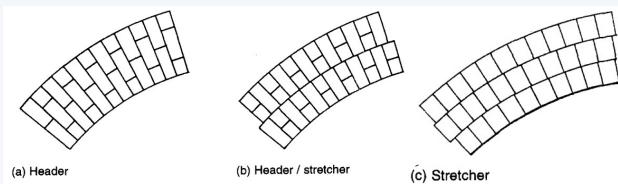
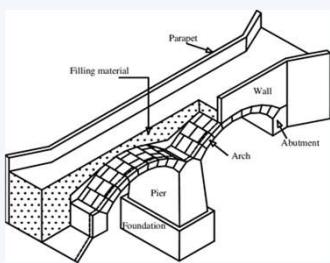
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## 2. Masonry arch bridges: definitions

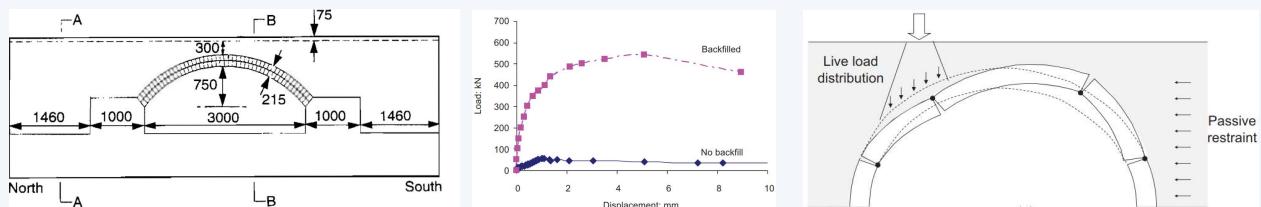


M. Rota et al. (2005)

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## 2. Masonry arch bridges: definitions and principles

### Single-span behaviour

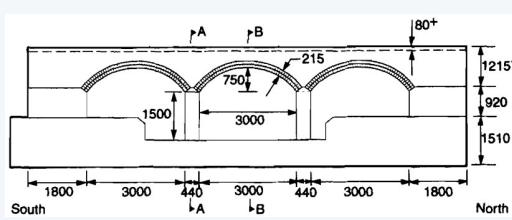


Melbourne and Gilbert (1995)

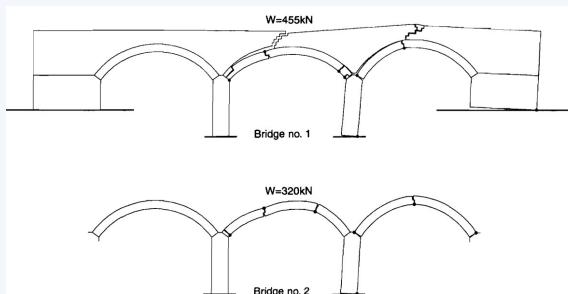
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## 2. Masonry arch bridges: definitions and principles

### Multi-span behaviour



Melbourne and Gilbert (1997)



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  1. **Inventory**
    1. Archival research
    2. Re-assessment necessary?
    3. Clustering
    4. **Prioritization**

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## 3. Assessment cycle

1. Inventory
  - 4. Prioritization** o.b.o. MEXE-theorie (risk-driven)
    - 1. Span (l)
    - 2. Thickness (d)
    - 3. Thickness backfill (h)
    - 4. Weight backfill (s)
    - 5. Bow height (a)
    - 6. Compression strength (f)
- Not conservative !!!
- $\downarrow$
- $$W = \frac{\left( \frac{256 f h d}{l} \right) + 128 \sigma l h \left( \frac{a}{28d} - \frac{1}{21} - \frac{h+d}{4a} \right)}{\left( \frac{25}{a} + \frac{42}{d} \right)}$$

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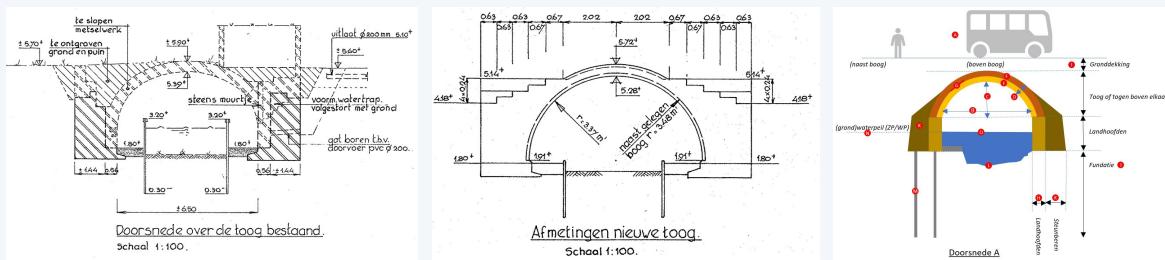
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      1. **Desk study**

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### 3. Assessment cycle

## 2. Structural assessment (desk study)



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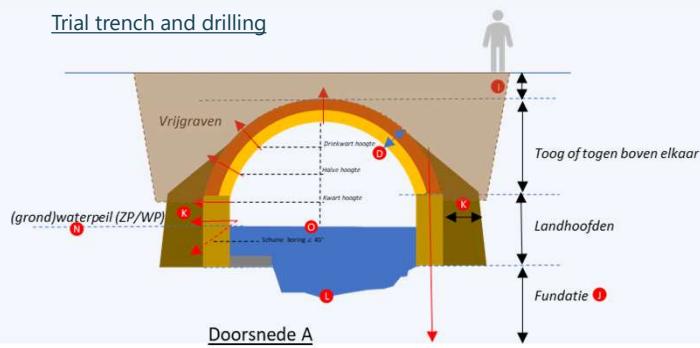
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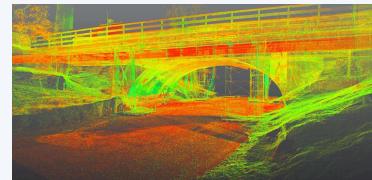
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2. Structural assessment (inspections and investigations)

Trial trench and drilling



DTM



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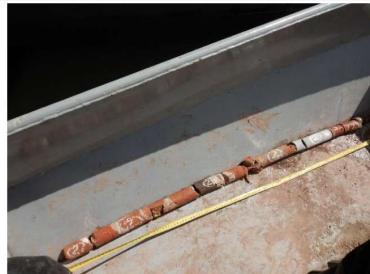
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Drilling



Inspections



Trial Trench



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Cracks



Repairs



Quality

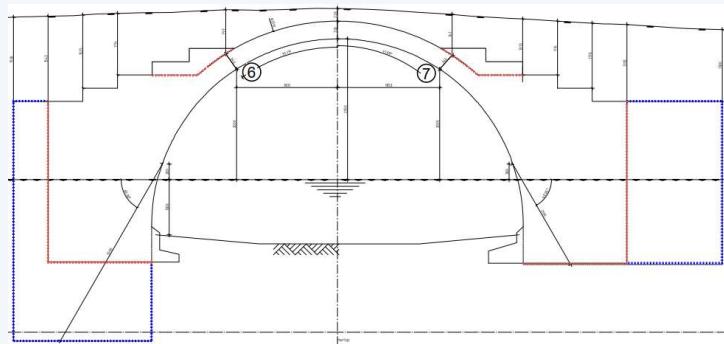


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#### 2. Structural assessment (inspections and investigations)

Combining data:



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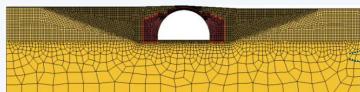
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#### 3. Structural assessment (verification calculations)

Structure



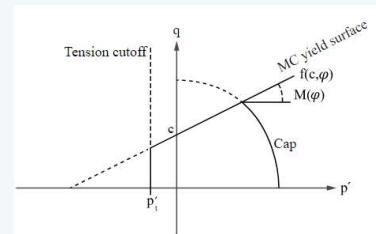
Finite element



Material



Constitutive law



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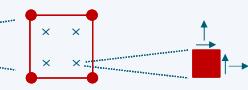
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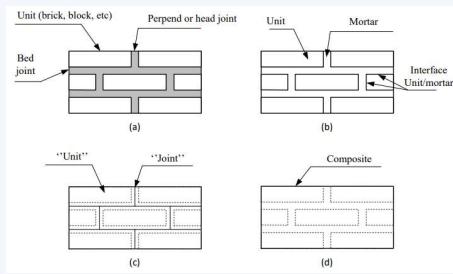


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### 3. Assessment cycle

#### 3. Structural assessment (verification calculations)

- Detailed micro modelling (b)
- Simplified micro modelling (c)
- Macro modelling (d)

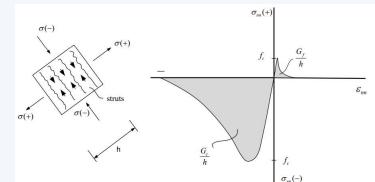
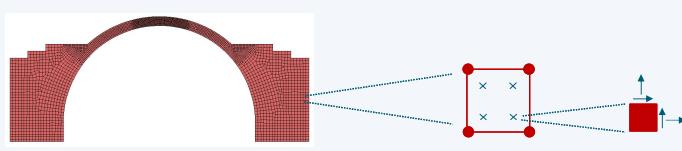


Lourenco (1996)

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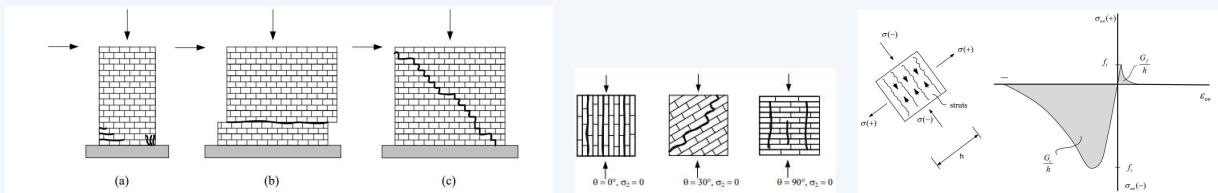
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#### 3. Structural assessment (verification calculations)

Total strain-based crack model

- Tensile strength?
- Influence of orientation?



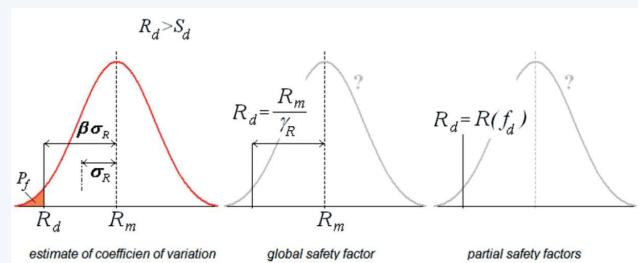
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#### 3. Structural assessment (verification calculations)

Safety philosophy Ultimate Limit State

- Partial factor method (PF)
- Global resistance factor method (GRF)
- Estimate of coefficient of variation (ECOV)



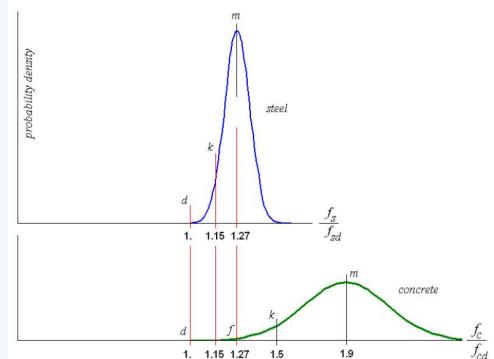
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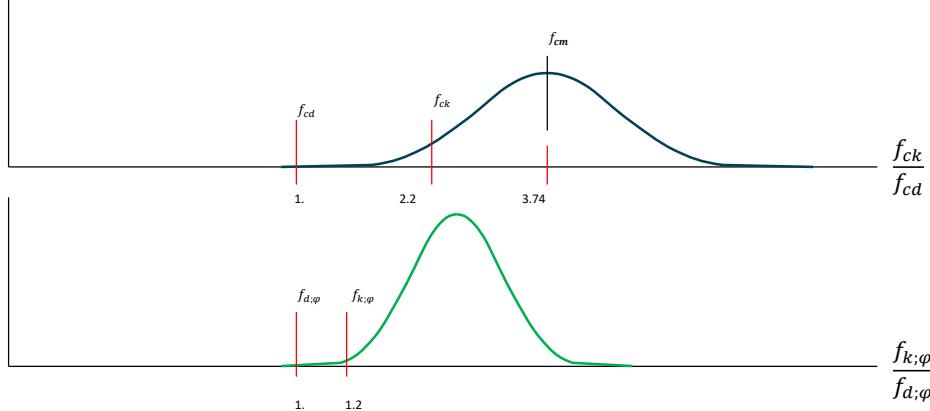
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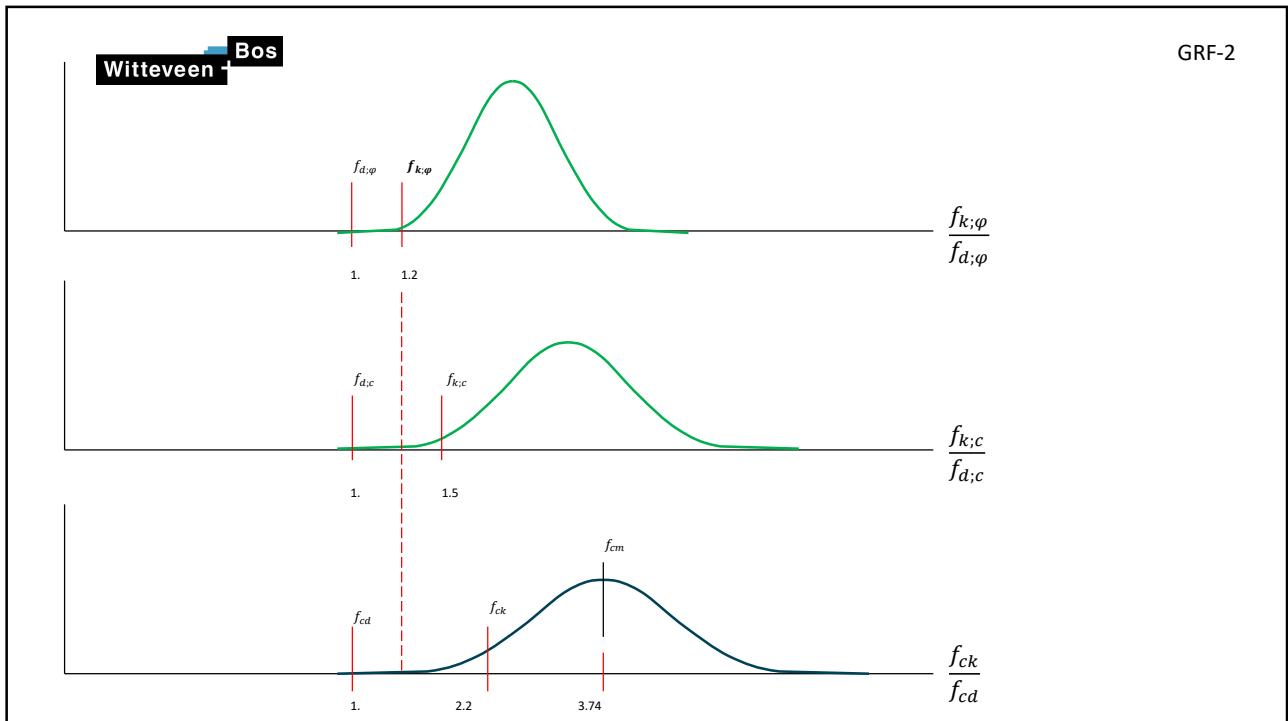
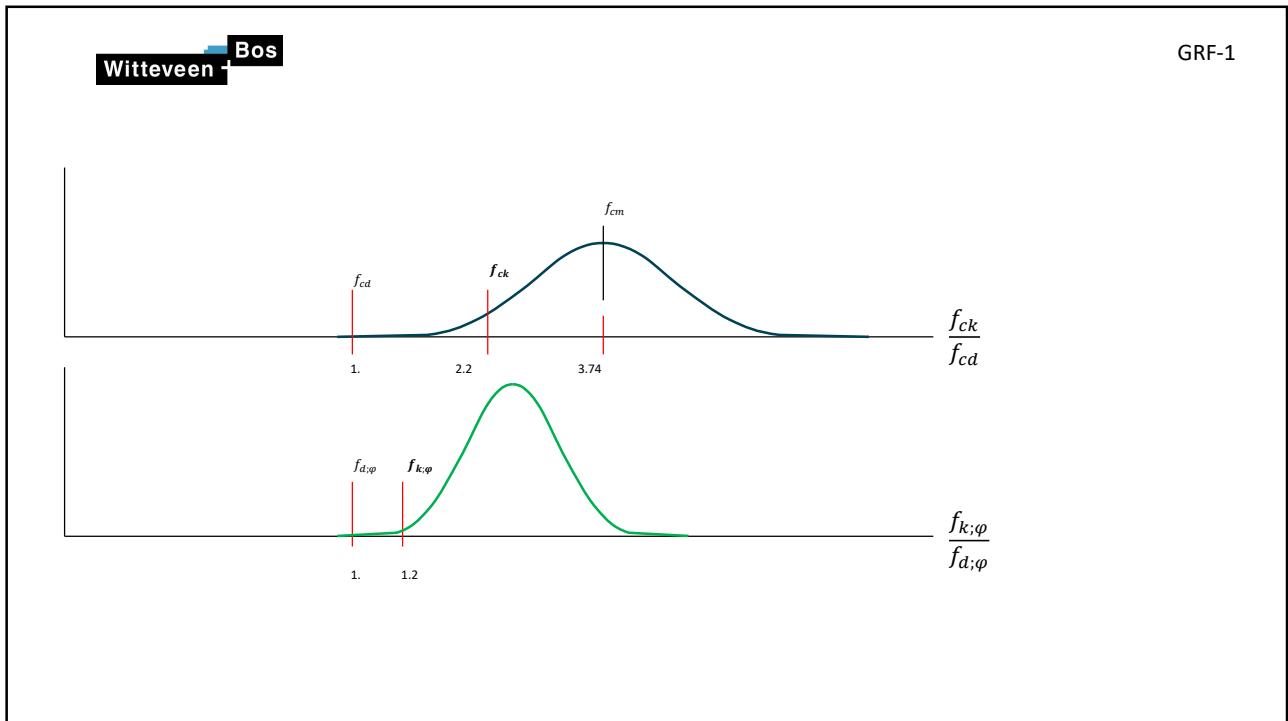
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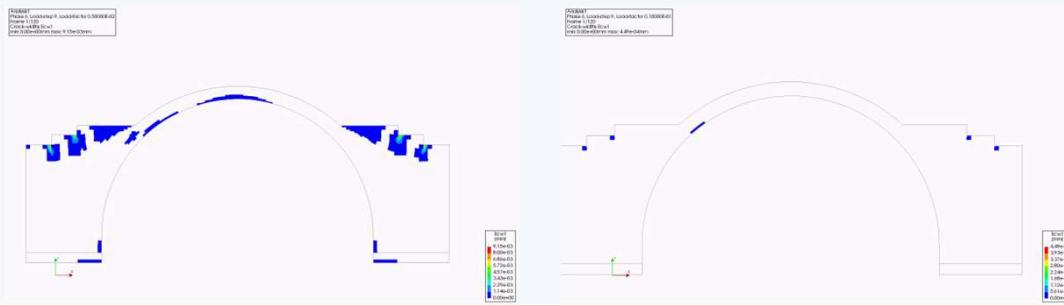




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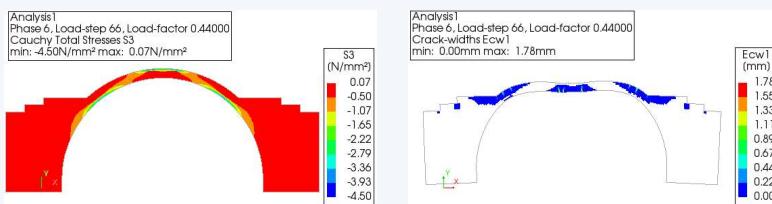
Detection of failure mode (e.g. influence of tensile strength):



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## 3. Assessment cycle

### 4. Measures and advice

- 35 masonry arch bridges are prioritized in function of an estimated load capacity (o.b.v. MEXE);
- 8 masonry arch bridges have been analyzed by means of FEM;
- 2 masonry arch bridges do not satisfy the requirements;

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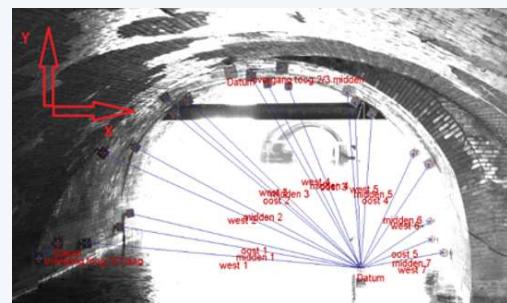
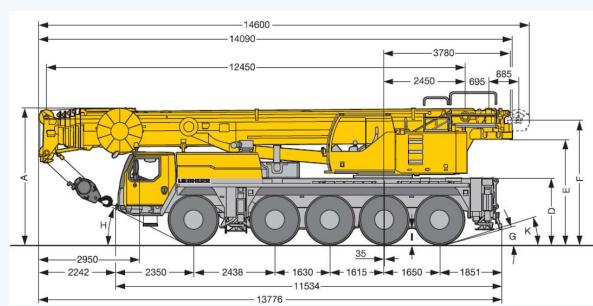
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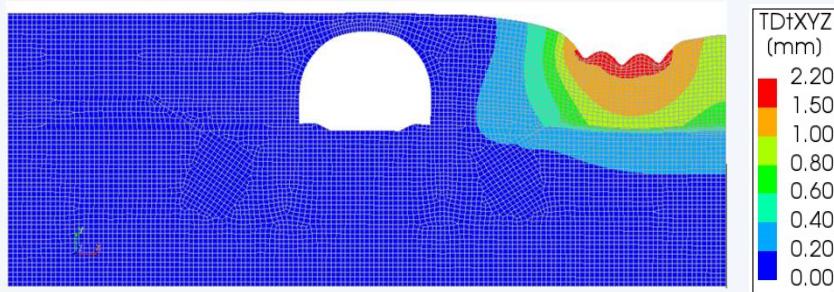


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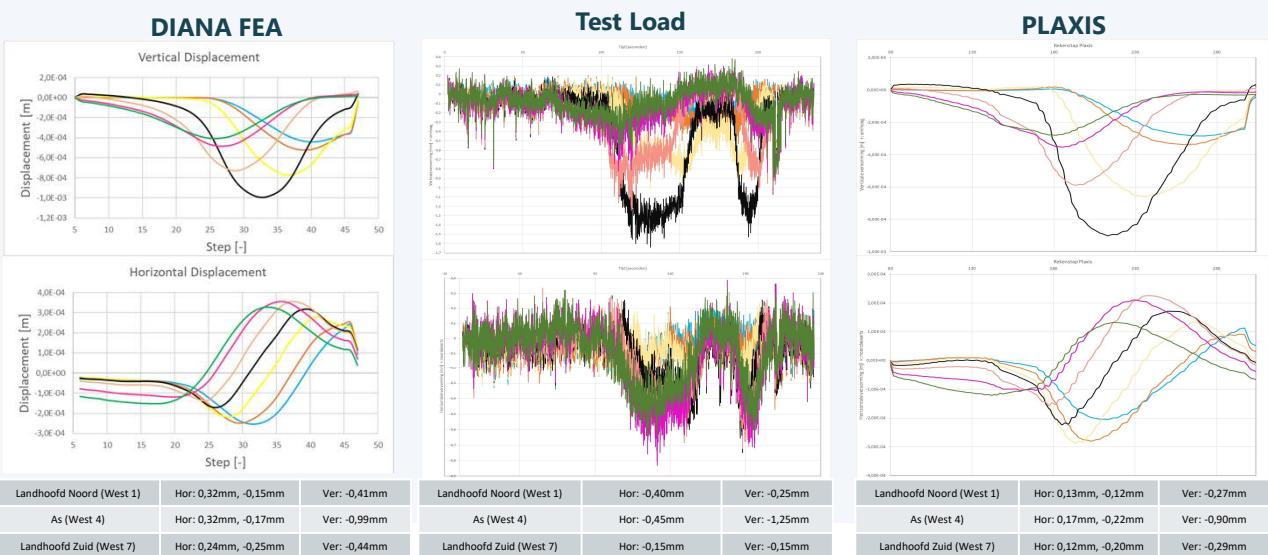
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#### 4. Questions



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