

***SAFIR***

***A software for modelling  
the behaviour of structure subjected  
to the fire***

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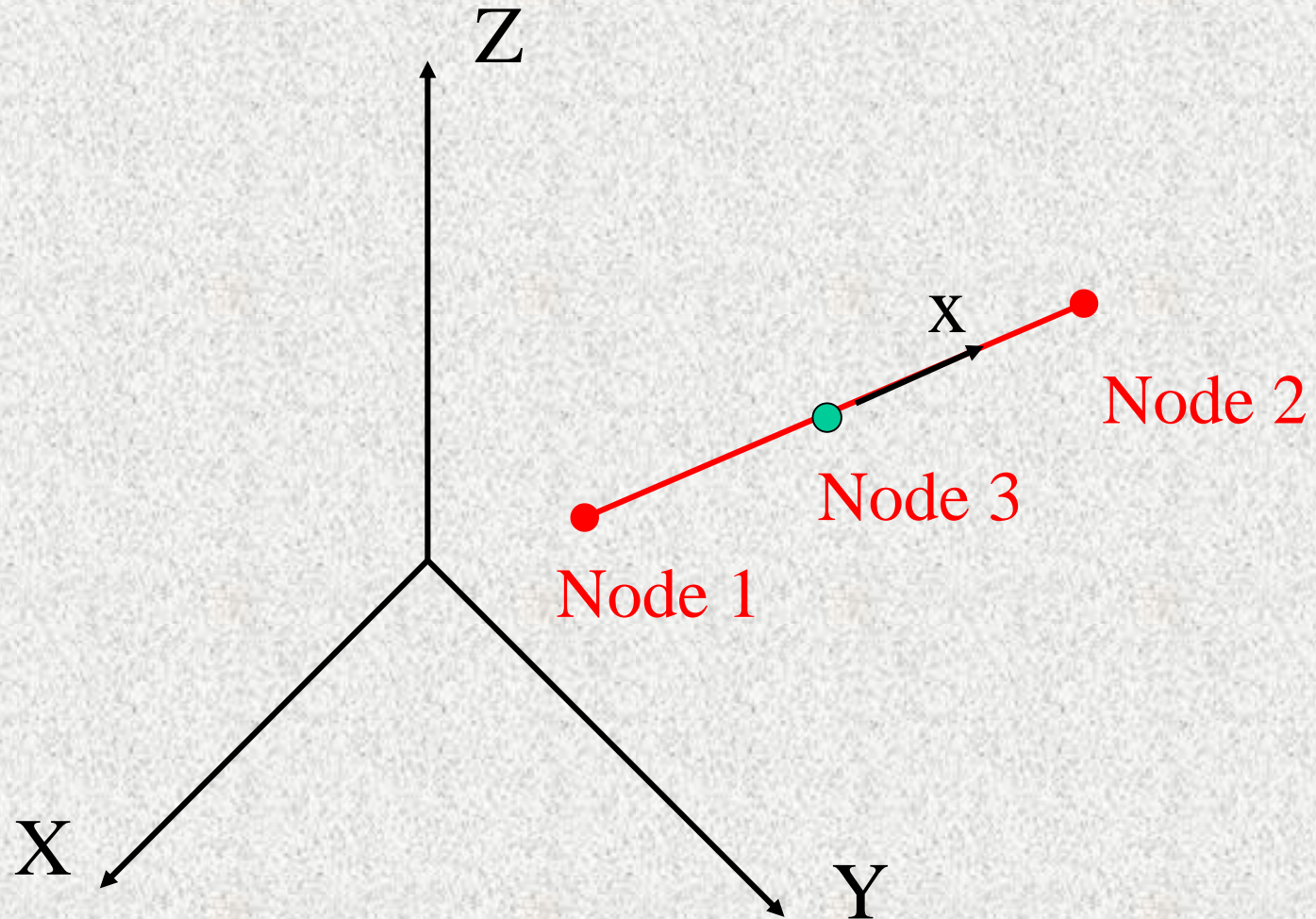
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***Basic theory of 3D beam F.E.***

# Three steps in the structural fire design:

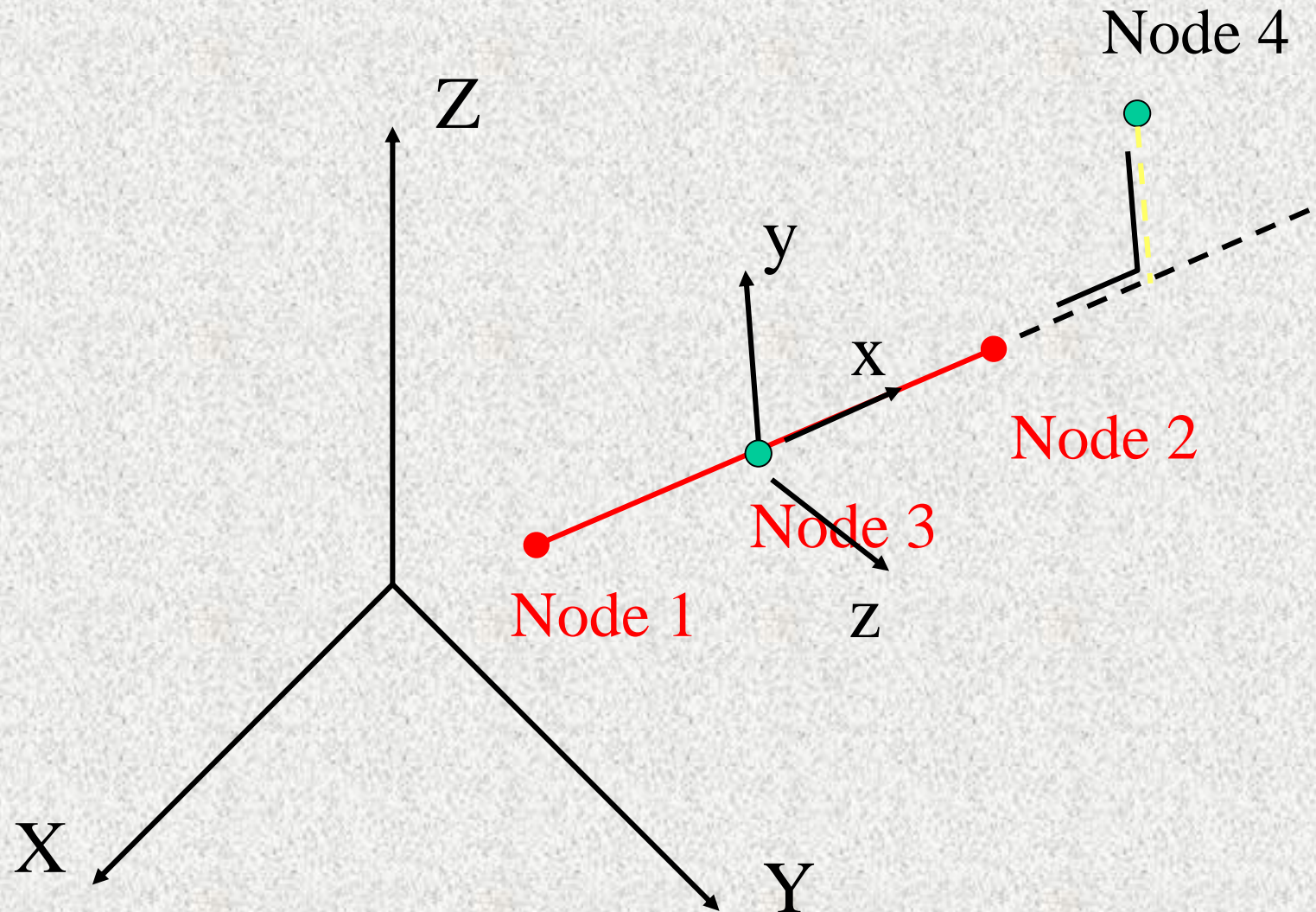
- 1. Define the fire (not made by SAFIR).*
- 2. Calculate the temperatures in the structure.*
- 3. Calculate the mechanical behaviour.*

# Discretisation of the 3D beam



In which direction is pointing "y" ?

# Discretisation of the 3D beam



" $y$ " is perp. to " $x$ ", in the plane 1-2-4

# Degrees of freedom at the nodes:

## End nodes

- 3 displacements
- 3 rotations
- 1 warping

## Central node

- 1 non linear part of the axial displacement



Results at the Gaussian integration points:

- $N, M_y, M_z, M_t, V_y, V_z$
- EA, ES, EI (PRNEIBEAM)
- + at each fiber:  $\sigma, E_t, \varepsilon_m$  (optional)

# Transmission of warping?

In continuous elements: yes

At joints: no

- => either fix the warping to 0.

- => or use 2 nodes with same displ. (and rot.)  
but different warping.



The 3D beam finite element needs the stiffness in torsion of the section.

SAFIR can calculate this stiffness.

## PRINCIPLE

Use the same discretisation as for the thermal analysis.

No fire curves.

Introduce appropriate material properties and fixations.

Introduce the result of the torsional analysis in the .TEM file.

Note: the calculated stiffness  $GJ$  is elastic, at room temperature. It is kept constant during the simulation.

⇒ possibility to reduce  $GJ$  arbitrarily.

⇒ not valid if torsion is the main load path.

The detailed procedure is described in the file  
*"How to go to 3D.doc"*

# File "How to go to 3D.doc"

- 1) Copy and rename the .IN file, for example FRAME.IN into FRAME3D.IN
- 2) If needed, add some additional nodes in order to define the position of the local system of coordinates of the beam elements.
- 3) NDIM goes from 2 to 3.
- 4) NDOFMAX goes from 3 to 7.
- 5) The nodes which had 3 DoF have now 7 DoF, see the FROM command.
- 6) Add a FROM command which says that the nodes that you may have added under point 2, have 0 DoF.
- 7) The number of fibres has to be adapted in the NFIBERS command (probably multiply it by 2 if you previously used an YSYM command in the thermal calculation).
- 8) The nodes which were previously present have to be given a third coordinate. In order to have a traditional view with DIAMOND, it is preferable that the new co-ordinate be the Y co-ordinate, see table below. Giving 0 to all these Y coordinates means no initial imperfection in this direction.

2D     =>     3D

X     =>     X

-     =>     Y

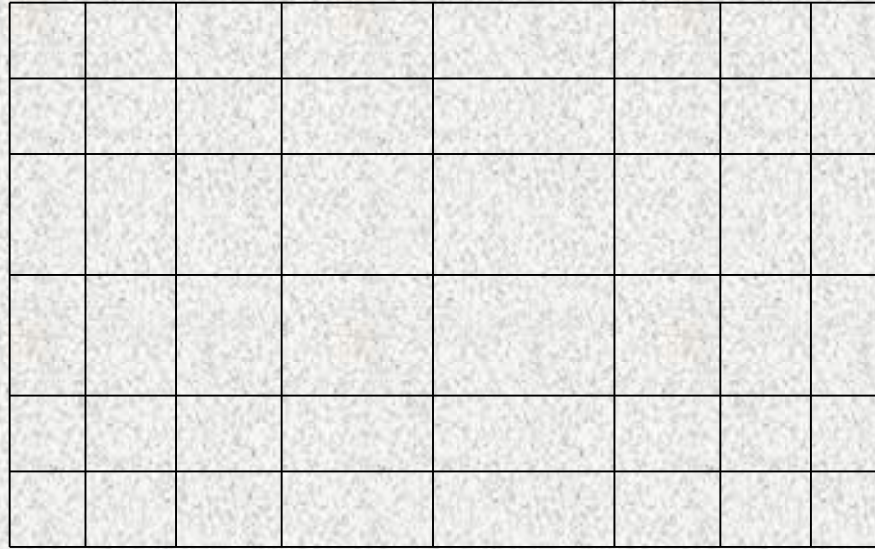
Y     =>     Z

- 9) Give the coordinates to the nodes that you have added under point 2.
- 10) Modify the BLOCK commands taking into account the new DoF's. they go in the order: X, Y, Z,  $\theta_X$ ,  $\theta_Y$ ,  $\theta_Z$ , warping.
- 11) Add the fourth node to every beam finite element.
- 12) Modify the loads in order to reflect the new DoF's. Note that DISTRBEAM have now 3 components,  $p_X$ ,  $p_Y$  and  $p_Z$ . NODELOAD have 6 components,  $F_X$ ,  $F_Y$ ,  $F_Z$ ,  $M_X$ ,  $M_Y$ ,  $M_Z$ .

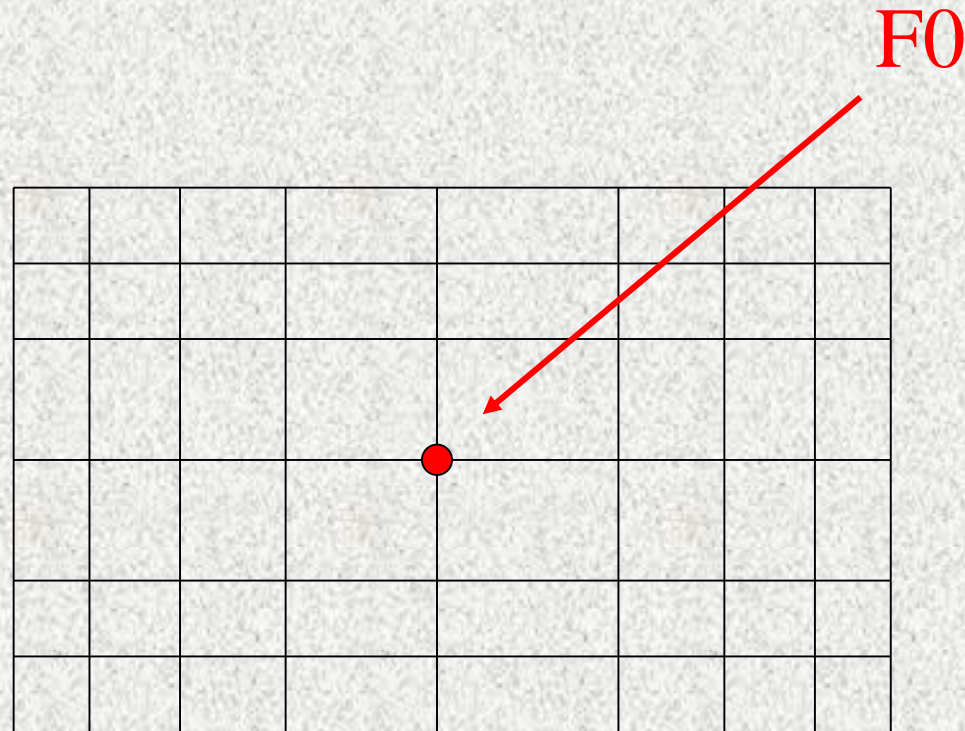
Note: GID (with the SAFIR/GID interface) can do this automatically (thick the appropriate box when meshing the section for the thermal calculation)



Basic principle:SAFIR calculates the value of the warping function  $\omega$  at the nodes



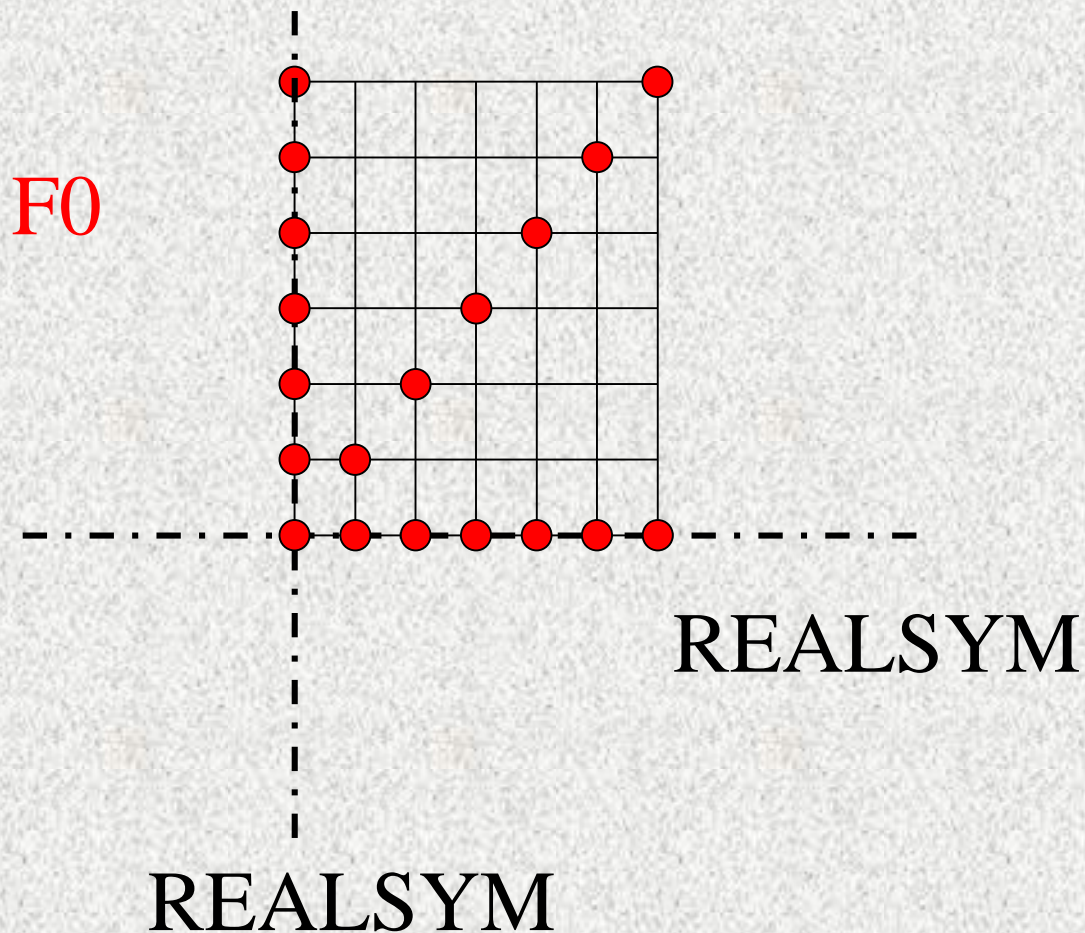
The derivatives of the warping function  $d\omega/dy$  and  $d\omega/dz$  are used to compute the stiffness in torsion  $GJ$ .  
 $\Rightarrow$  The solution can vary by a constant and  $GJ$  remains the same.



But, in order to have to correct behaviour, it is **NECESSARY** to fix the solution to 0 on the center of rotation.



YSYM cannot be used in a 3D analysis



Tip: if the section has insulating material,  
with no stiffness,  
=> use in the torsional analysis, ELASTIC material  
with very low value of E.

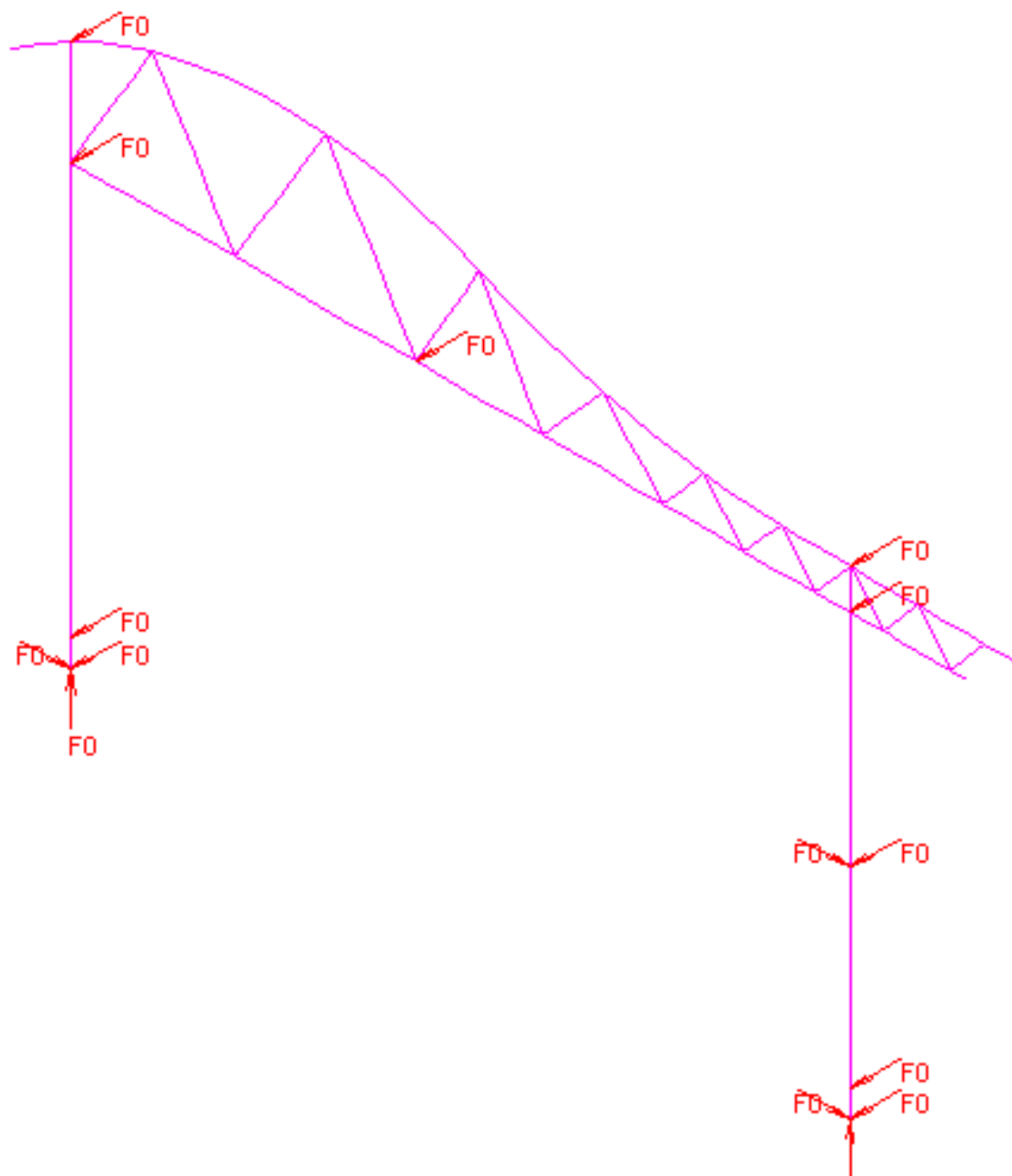
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FILE: portique4.OUT

NODES: 356

ELEMENTS: 185

IMPOSED DOF PLOT



## Diamond 2001

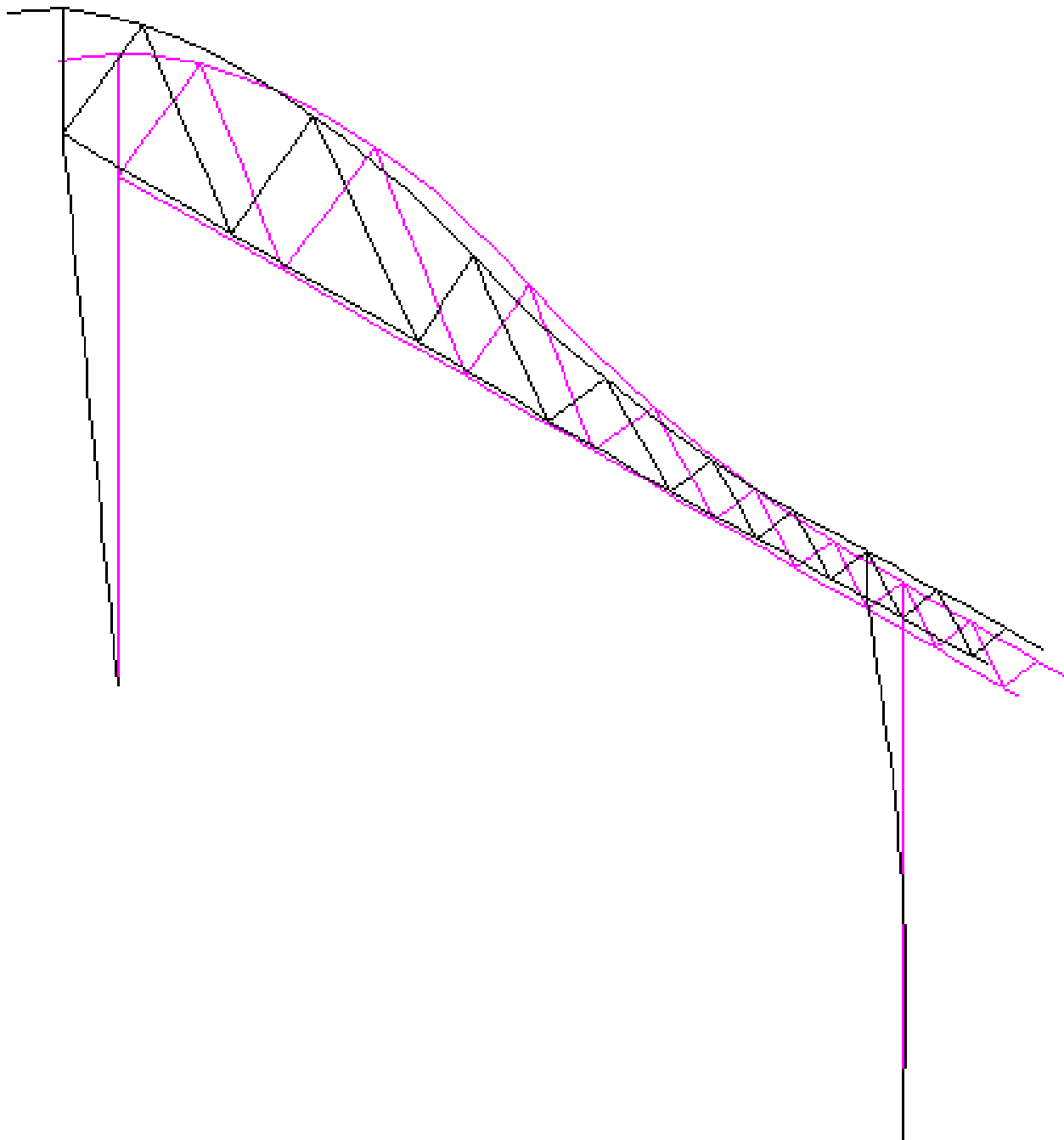
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TIME: 752

DISPLACEMENT PLOT



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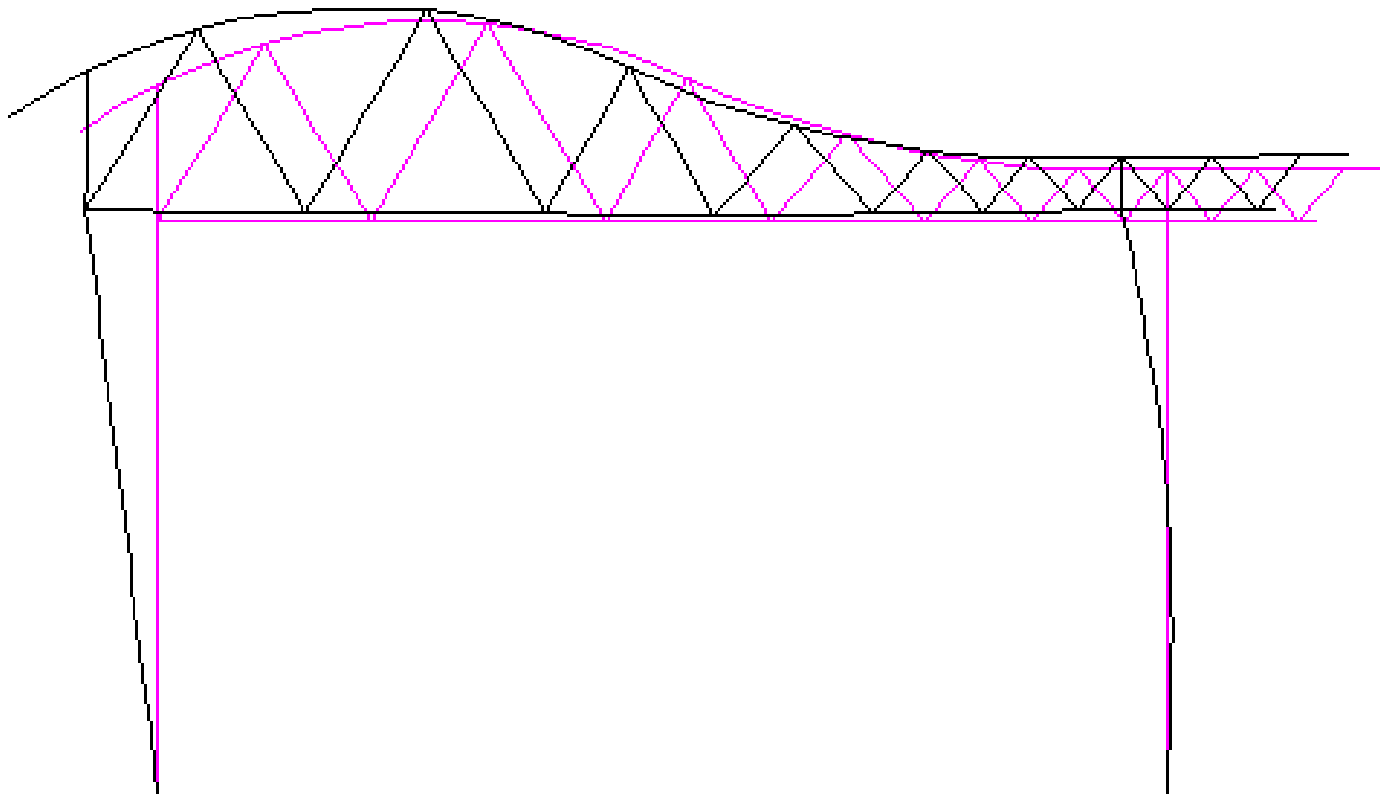
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## Diamond 2004 for SAFIR

FILE: bat

NODES: 1077

BEAMS: 520

TRUSSES: 0

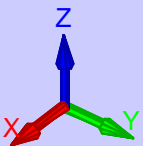
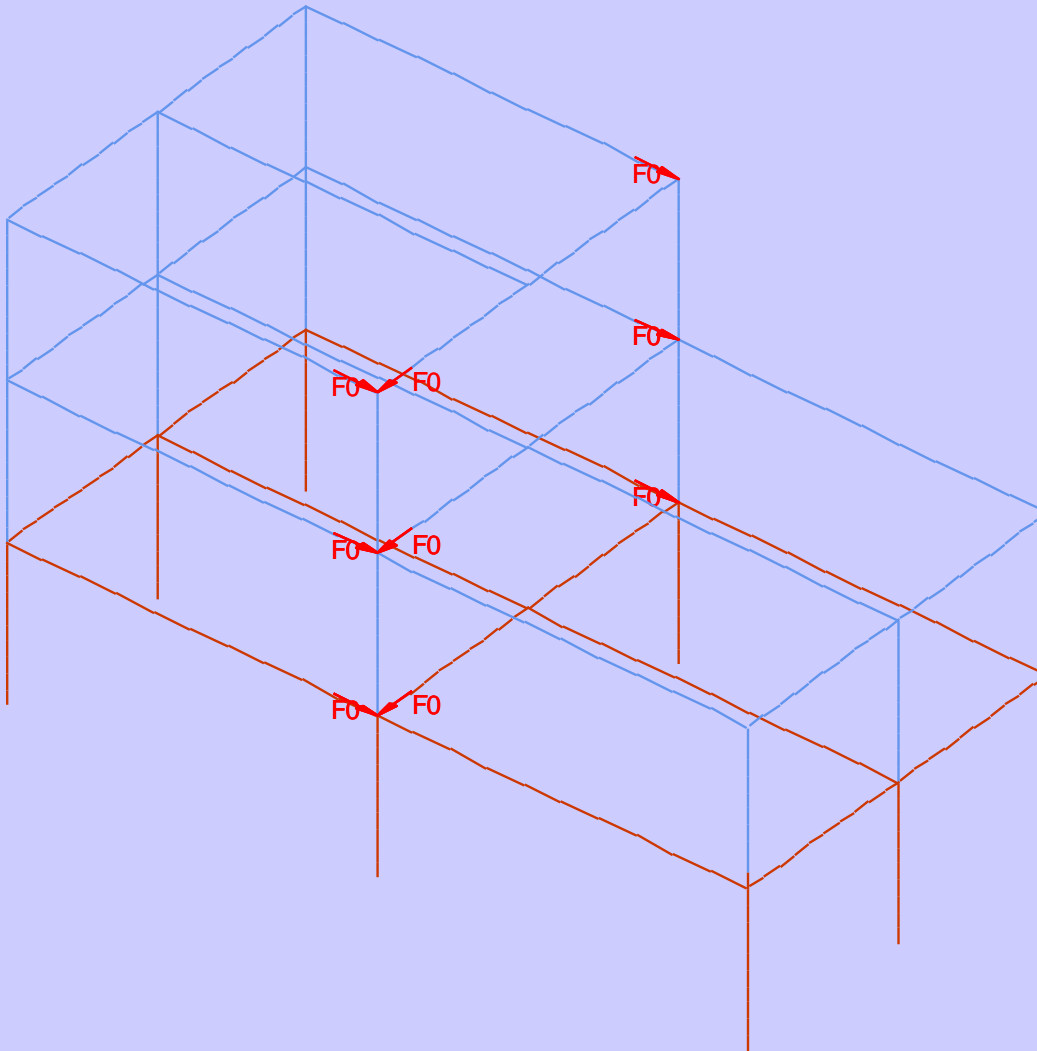
SHELLS: 0

SOILS: 0

**BEAMS PLOT**

**IMPOSED DOF PLOT**

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BEAMS: 520

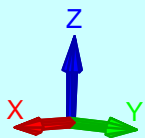
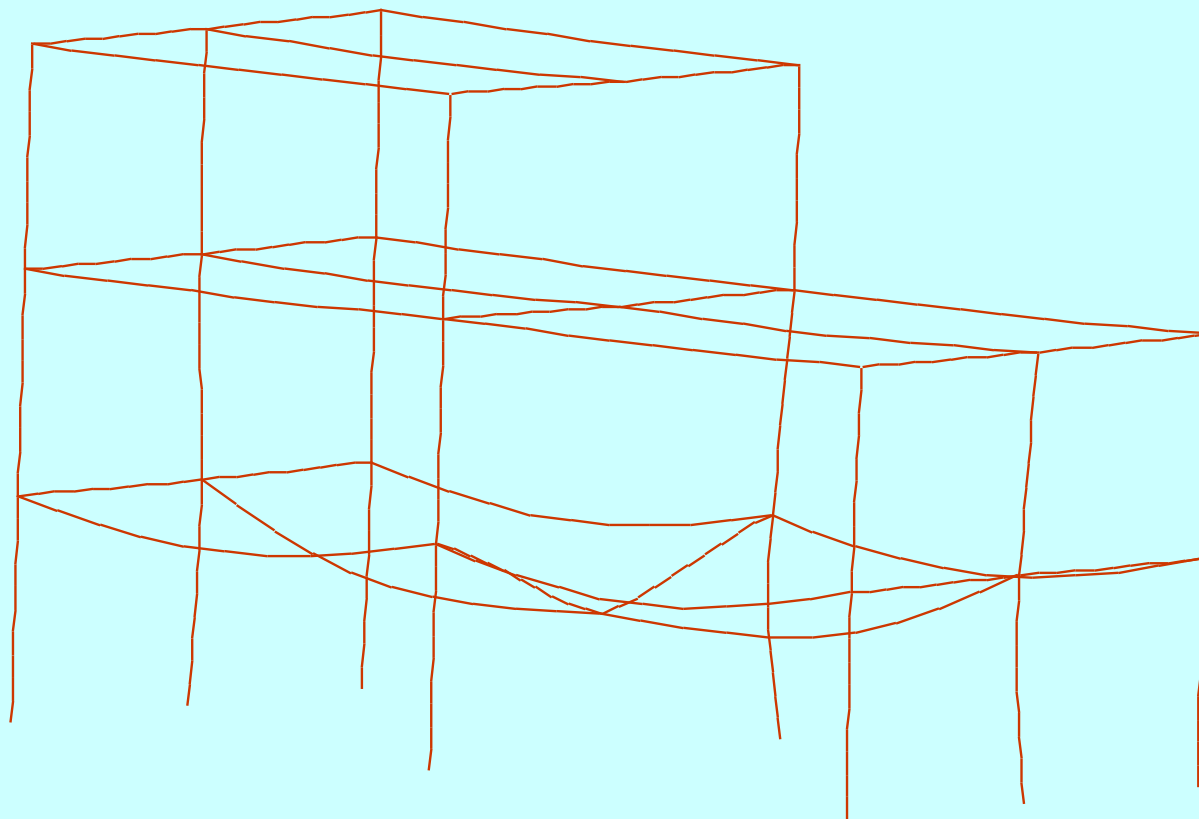
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**DISPLACEMENT PLOT ( x 1 )**

TIME: 3129.25 sec



————— 5.0 E+00 m

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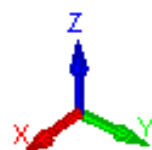
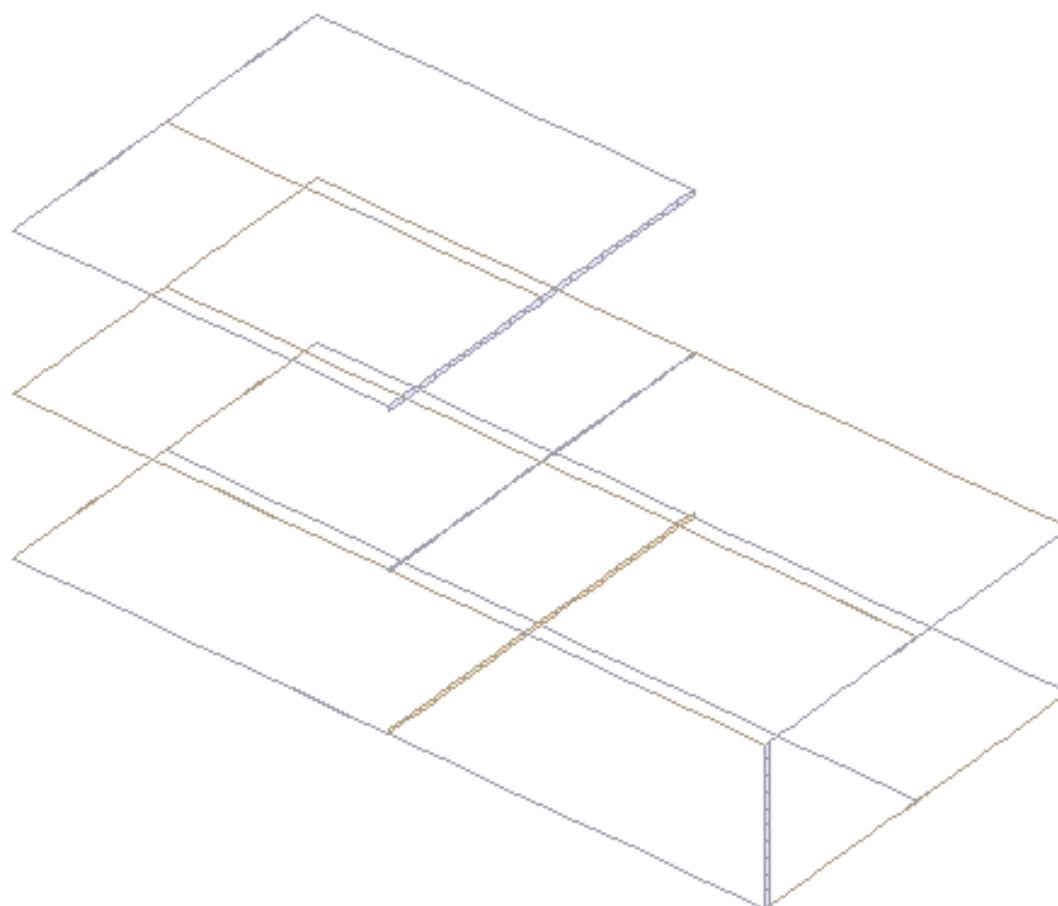
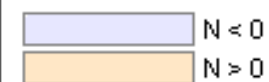
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### AXIAL FORCE PLOT

TIME: 4 sec



5.0 E+05 N

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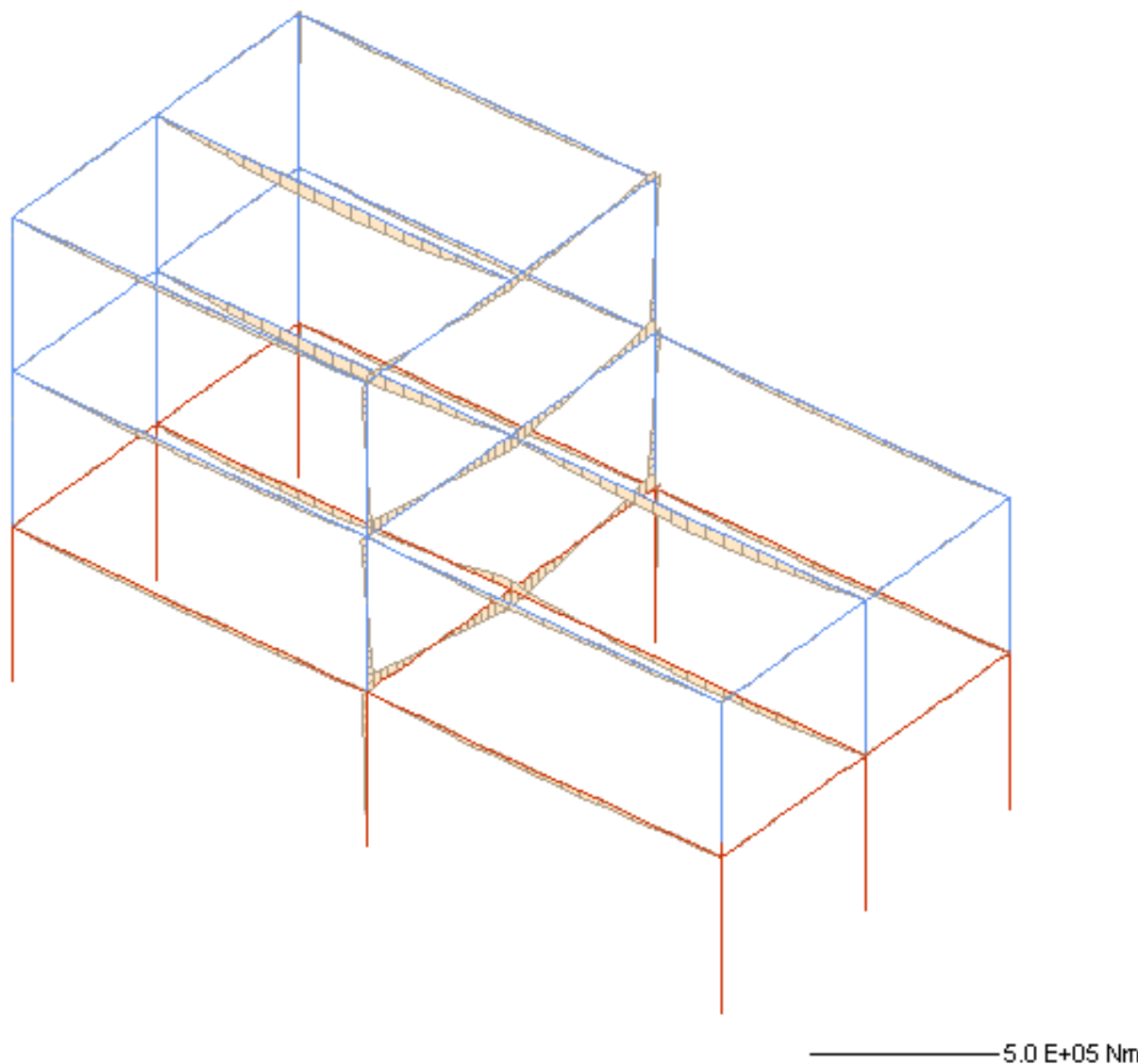
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### BEAMS PLOT

### My BENDING MOMENT PLOT

TIME: 4 sec



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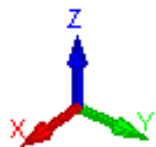
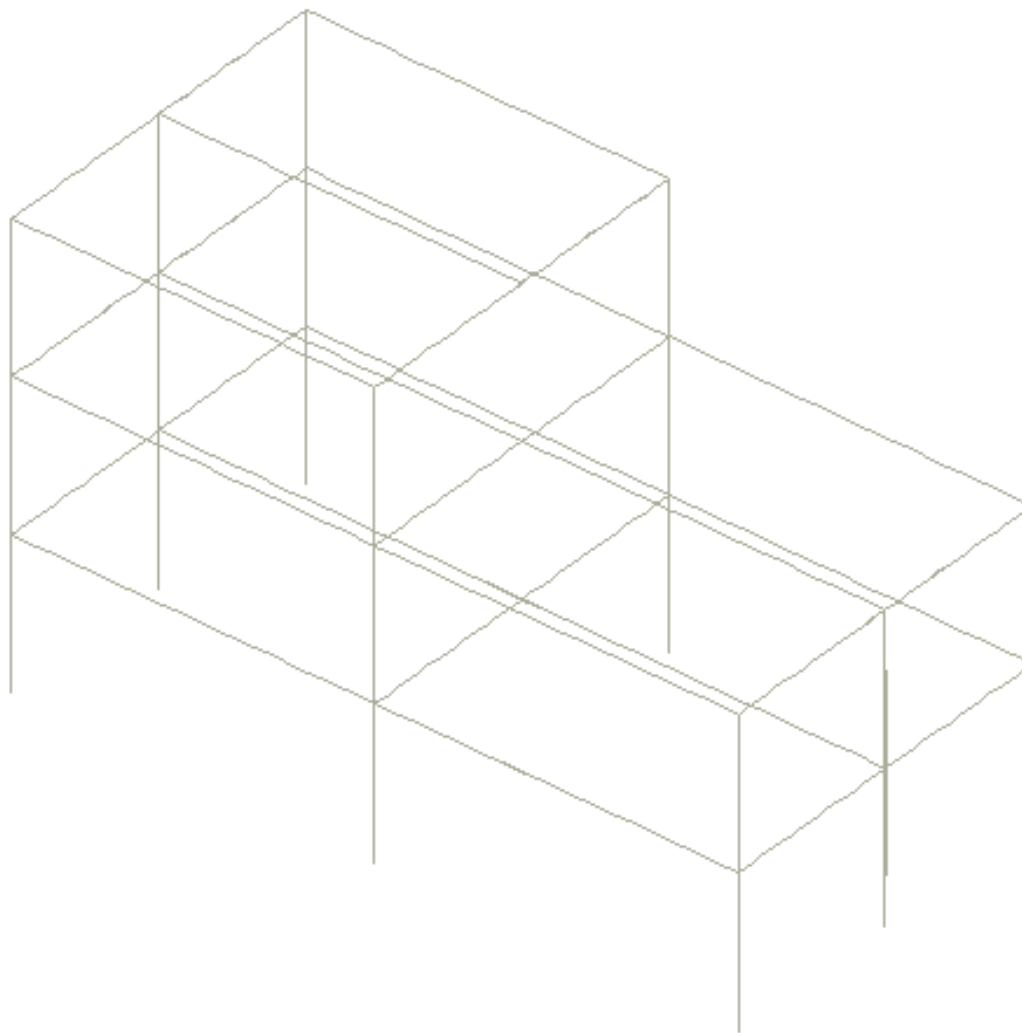
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SHELLS: 0

SOILS: 0

### Mz BENDING MOMENT PLOT

TIME: 4 sec



—  $5.0 \times 10^4$  Nm

# Diamond 2004 for SA

FILE: Modelo\_Def\_3

NODES: 2624

BEAMS: 940

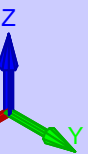
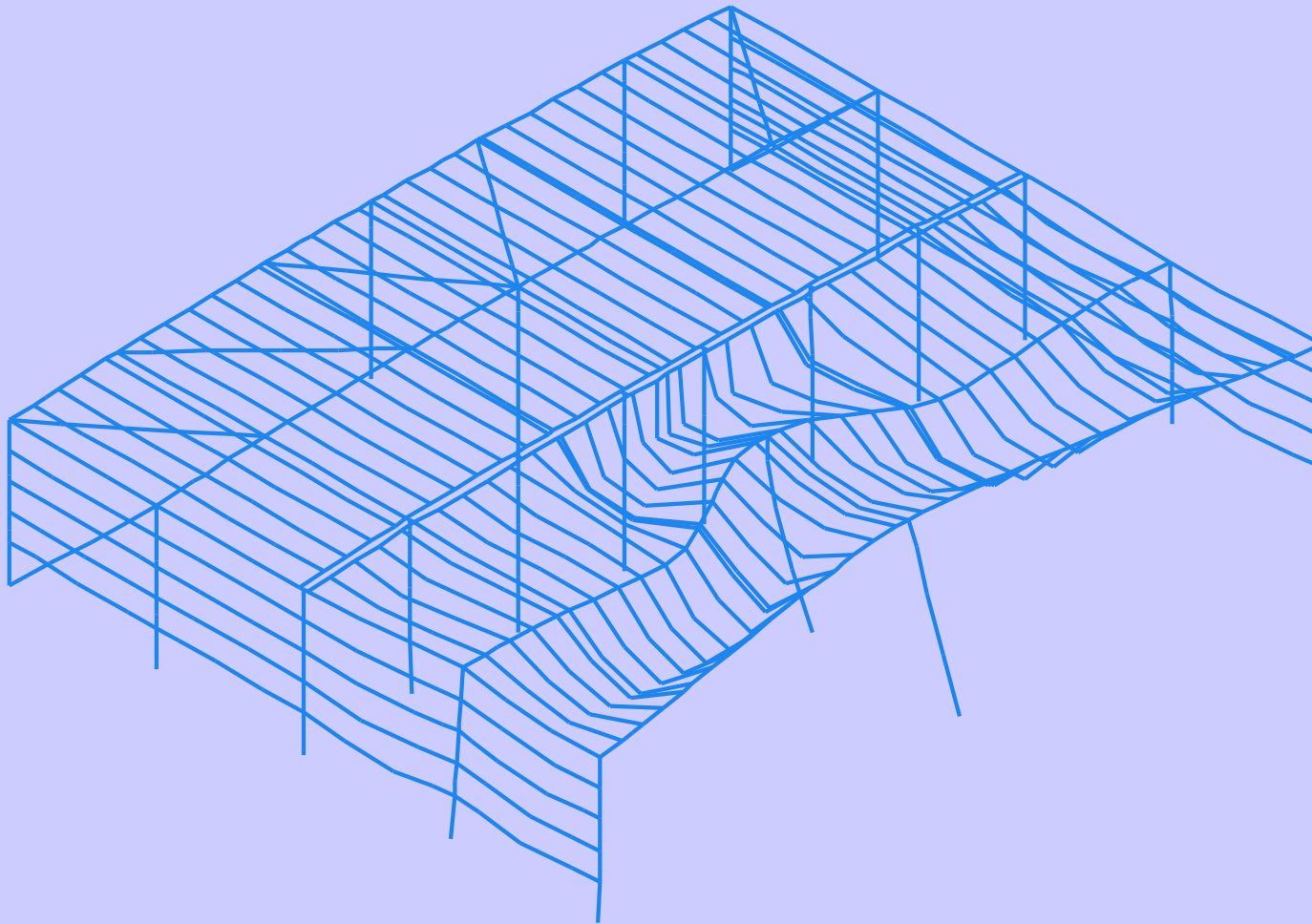
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SHELLS: 0

SOILS: 0

**DISPLACEMENT PLOT ( x**

TIME: 739.0464 sec



————— 1.0 E+01 m















