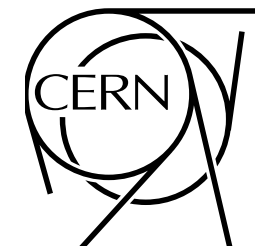


# LBNF Structural analysis strategy

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# Outline

- Introduction on models
- Eurocode3 verification: Analytical - SCIAengineer – FEA
- External consultant calculations on connections
- FEA models for the reinforced membrane
- Testing of main connections at Coimbra, Dept. of Civil Engineering

# Calculation models implemented

Several models have been implemented and results compared:

- Analytical (EC3 code based) analyses of main structural elements and connections
- SCIAengineer analyses (EC3 code based) with load combinations and imperfections
- FEA models (beam, shell and solid element formulation) in order to:
  - Verify results obtained with SCIA global model
  - Detail study/analysis of critical areas of the LBNF cryostat
    - Beam Connections (welded and bolted)
    - Warm membrane and reinforcements
    - Floor reactions and support conditions
    - Local reinforcements (e.g. for access openings)

Testing of most critical connections planned to validate FEA and Analytical models

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# Calculation models implemented

The analyses have covered:

- Load combinations and initial sway imperfections
- Static and dynamic (seismic) stress-deflection behaviour
- Global and local Stability
- Evaluation against plastic collapse, by linear and non linear analyses (ANSYS, SCIAeng)

# Loading and Materials

- Static head of LAr: 14m (~100% filling ratio,  $\rho=1400\text{kg/m}^3$ )
- Top pressure: 130mbar to **350mbar** (valve opening)
- Weight of members:
  - Self-weight of composing members. Main beam members: HL1100M (433 kg/m)
  - **Insulation plus inner corrugated membrane 105 kg/m<sup>2</sup> (800 mm total thickness)**
  - Stiffened warm membrane of 12 mm, 131 kg/m<sup>2</sup>
  - Detector weight (dry) 200 tons distributed on the roof

Design Pressure

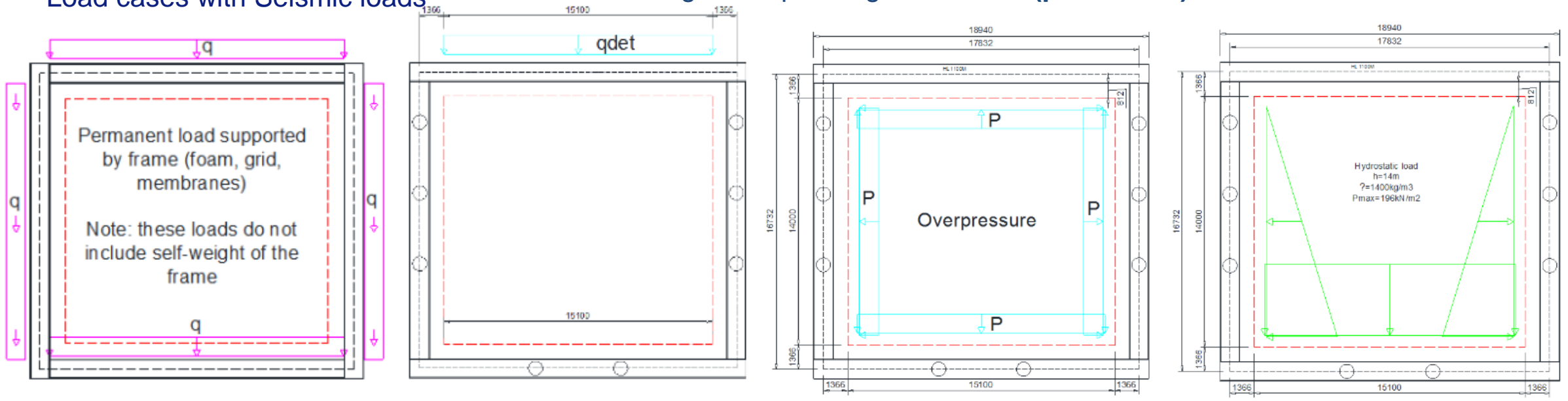
Assumes uniform load transfer to warm membrane

New HL1110M\*433 beams and new dimensions of portals

- Baseline Material: Grade S460ML ( $\sigma_y=440\text{ MPa}$ ;  $\text{UTS}=540\text{MPa}$ ) for main beams and membrane
- Bolt grades 10.9 (**preloading qualified bolts**)

## Load cases with Seismic loads

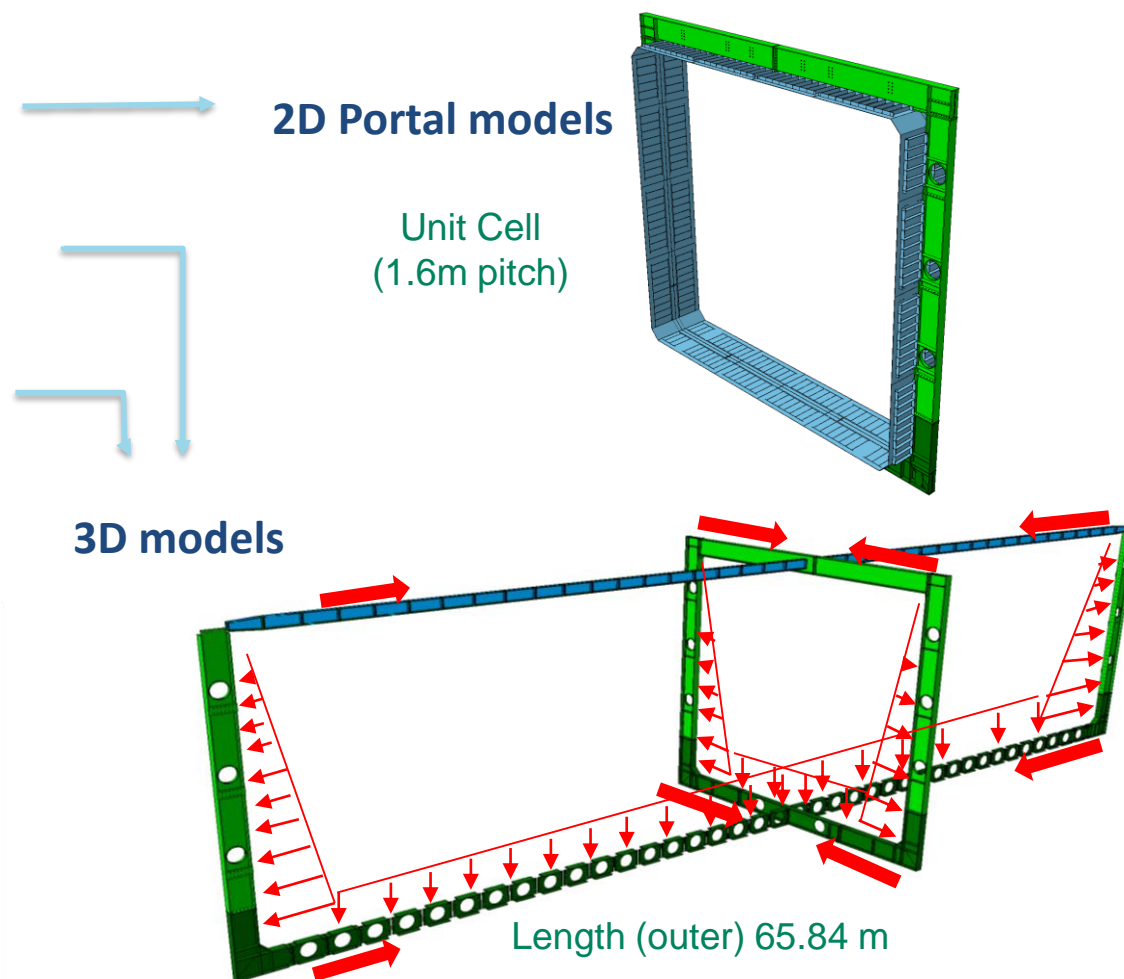
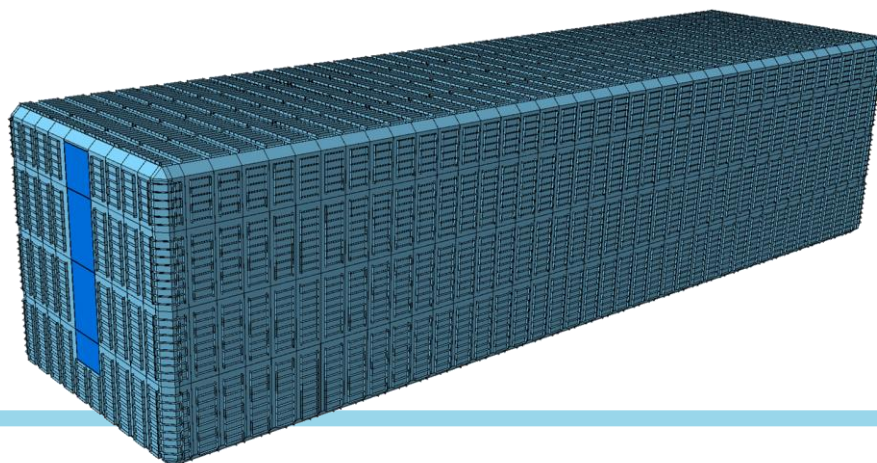
## Loading corresponding to Unit Cell (pitch 1.6m)



# 2D and 3D Calculation models

As presented at the end of 2016

- This basic unit cell is the "portal". It takes the principal load - fluid pressure and weight
- The standard cell is then completed by the longitudinal belts, to compose the main holding frame box
- The warm membrane, reinforced with ribs, holds the pressure between the main beams, provide the tightness, and does not contribute to the strength of the main holding structure





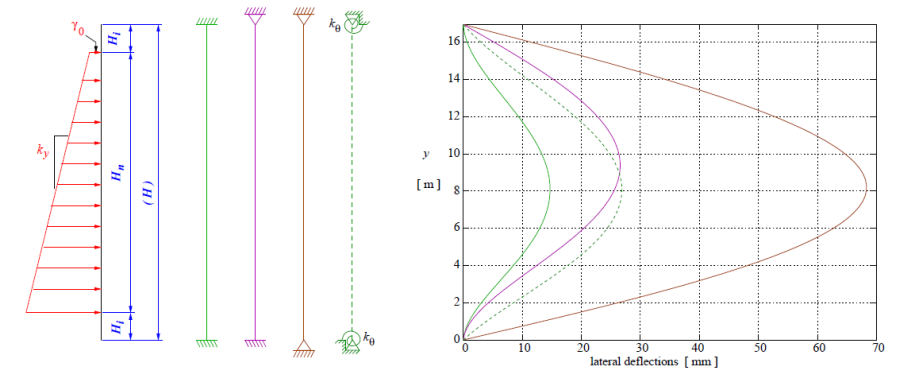
# Initial comparison portal beam vs SCIAeng

- Results from the beam model for a direct comparison.

Calculations in EDMS doc. 1547687 (2<sup>nd</sup> assessment), with a load multiplier of 1.35 for permanent actions and hydrostatic pressure and of 1.4 for the design pressure of 350 mbar. Comparison with Ansys analysis EDMS doc. 1550696. HL1110M\*433 beams

	Beam model	Scia model	$\Delta$ %
Vertical beam side displacement	56.7 mm	55.6 mm	1.9 %
Top beam vertical displacement	19.65 mm	19.1 mm	2.8%
Vertical beam mid span moment	5.02 MN m	4.996 MN m	0.5%
Vertical beam bottom corner moment	6.76 MN m	6.74 MN m	0.3%
Vertical beam bottom corner shear	2.64 MN m	2.632 MN m	0.3%

**Displacements: ANSYS run with EC3 load multipliers for comparison with EC3 calculations**



Presented at Initial design review in 2015  
Initial studies for thicker beam and nominal loads as benchmark

Ref. documents:

<https://edms.cern.ch/document/1835609>

# Analytical and FEA models: ref. material Joao

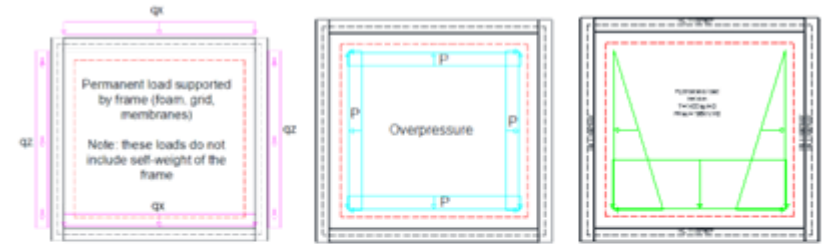
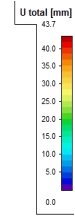
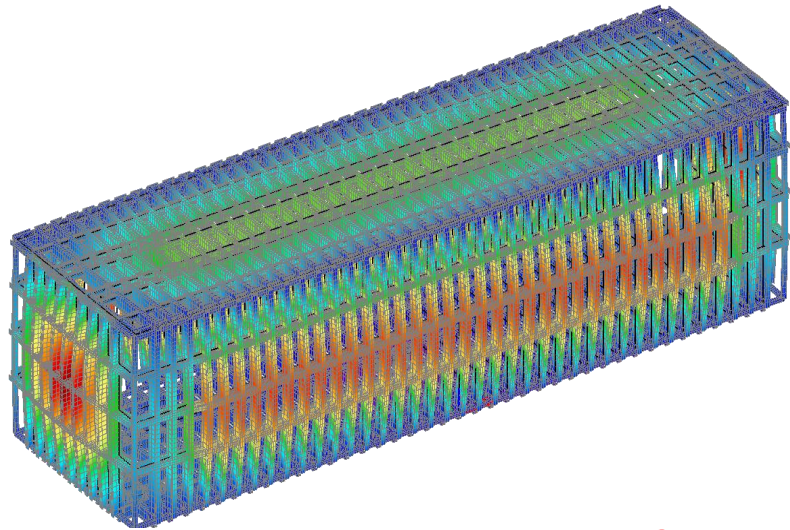
- EC3 SCIAengineer global models
- Analytical calculations of members, connections, local openings
- Seismic analysis



# Calculations model: 3D beam (SCIAeng)

- SCIAengineer full verification according to Eurocode 3 (dedicated software).

Covers full load combinations (example below out of 32 combinations by now):



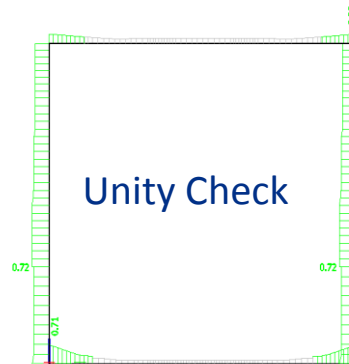
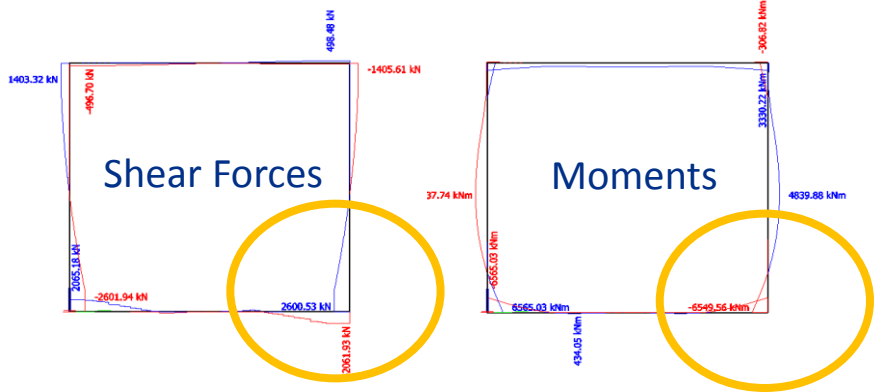
Load case 1:  $q=3.5\text{kN/m}$

Load case 2:  $p=20.8\text{kN/m}$

Load case 3:  $p=56\text{kN/m}$

Load case 4  $p=307.5\text{kN/m}$

	ULS Combinations	SLS Combinations
1- permanent action	$1.35 \cdot \text{LC1}$	$1.0 \cdot \text{LC1}$
2- Hydrostatic	$1.35 \cdot \text{LC1} + 1.35 \cdot \text{LC4}$	$1.0 \cdot \text{LC1} + 1.0 \cdot \text{LC4}$
3- Operation	$1.35 \cdot \text{LC1} + 1.35 \cdot \text{LC4} + 1.4 \cdot \text{LC2}$	$1.0 \cdot \text{LC1} + 1.0 \cdot \text{LC4} + 1.0 \cdot \text{LC2}$
4- Accident	$1.35 \cdot \text{LC1} + 1.35 \cdot \text{LC4} + 1.4 \cdot \text{LC3}$	$1.0 \cdot \text{LC1} + 1.0 \cdot \text{LC4} + 1.0 \cdot \text{LC3}$

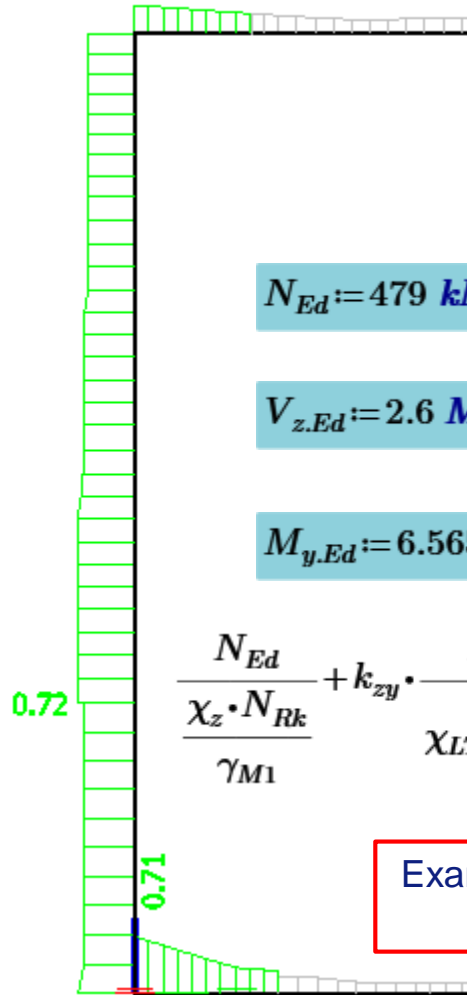
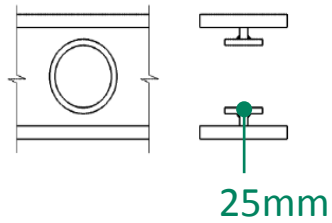
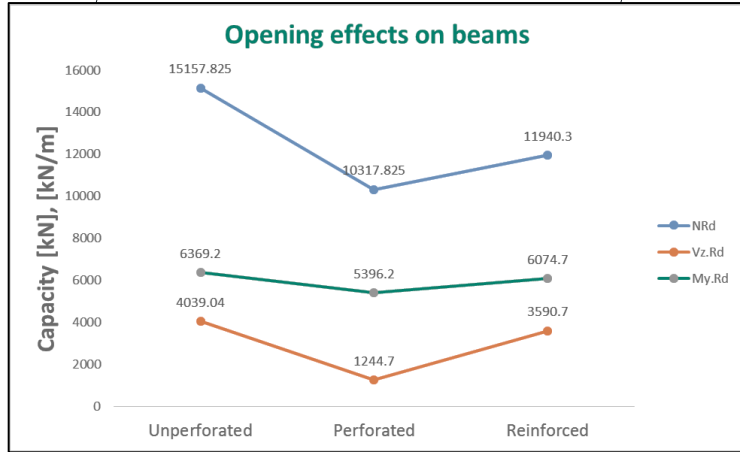
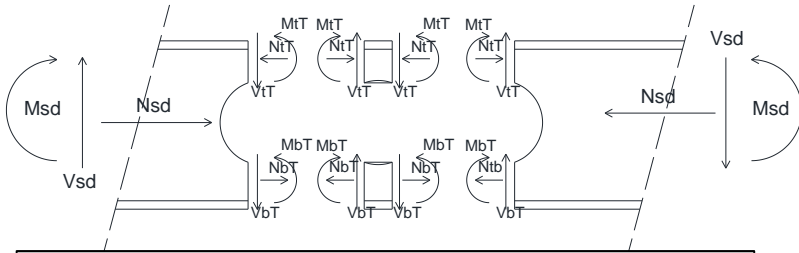


SCIAengineer **envelope** verification according to Eurocode 3 (main transversal portal).

Envelope results used for Unity check verification and sizing of connections.

# Calculations model: EC3 Analytical

## Analytical calculations of openings



$$N_{Ed} := 479 \text{ kN}$$

$$V_{z.Ed} := 2.6 \text{ MN}$$

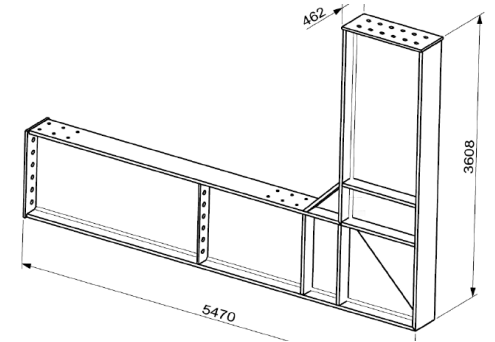
$$M_{y.Ed} := 6.565 \text{ MN} \cdot \text{m}$$

$$\frac{N_{Ed}}{\chi_z \cdot N_{Rk}} + k_{zy} \cdot \frac{M_{y.Ed}}{\chi_{LT} \cdot M_{y,Rk}} + k_{zz} \cdot \frac{M_{z.Ed}}{M_{z,Rk}} = 0.8$$

Example of main frame analytical end verification: Unity Check

## Examples of results from analytical calculation of connections

Stiffener	$M_{jRd}$ (kNm)	$V_{Rd}$ (kN)	Stiffness
TC	5897	5875	rigid
TCS	9264	5875	rigid
TCH	8574	5875	rigid
TCSH	13470	5875	rigid



# Seismic Calculations : EC3 Analytical and FEM

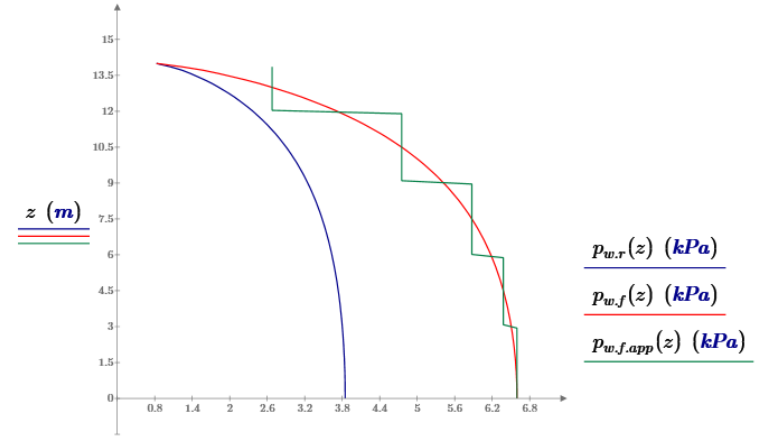
## Hydrodynamic components:

**Rigid impulsive component** (fraction of the fluid that moves together with the wall of the vessel)

**Convective pressure** distribution corresponds to the distribution due to the sloshing of the fluid.

## Inertia effects:

Additional uniformly distributed load on the structural elements.



Total pressure distribution on the wall

- Impulsive mass (that move with walls) [(A.4) EN 1998-4]

$$m_i := m \cdot 2 \cdot \gamma \cdot \sum_{n=0}^{50} \frac{\text{I1}\left(\frac{2 \cdot n + 1}{2} \cdot \frac{\pi}{\gamma}\right)}{\left(\frac{2 \cdot n + 1}{2} \cdot \pi\right)^3 \cdot \left(\text{I0}\left(\frac{2 \cdot n + 1}{2} \cdot \frac{\pi}{\gamma}\right) - \frac{\text{I1}\left(\frac{2 \cdot n + 1}{2} \cdot \frac{\pi}{\gamma}\right)}{\frac{2 \cdot n + 1}{2} \cdot \frac{\pi}{\gamma}}\right)} = 13663513.63 \text{ kg}$$

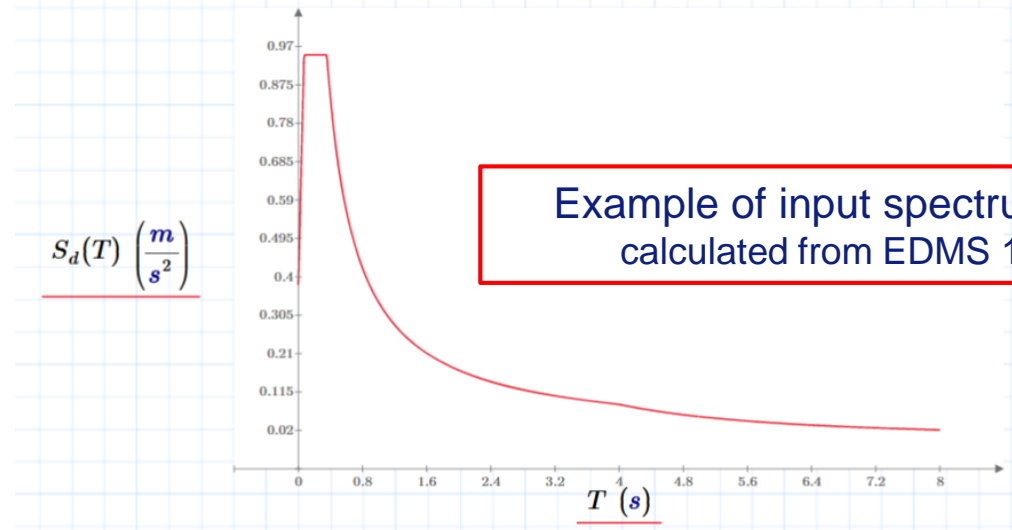
- [ITK-GSDMA]

$$m_{iII} := m \cdot \frac{\tanh\left(0.866 \cdot \frac{2 \cdot L}{H}\right)}{0.866 \cdot \frac{2 \cdot L}{H}} = 14389631.464 \text{ kg}$$

- Percentage of impulsive mass

$$\frac{m_i}{m} \cdot 100 = 74.463$$

examples of seismic analytical calculations



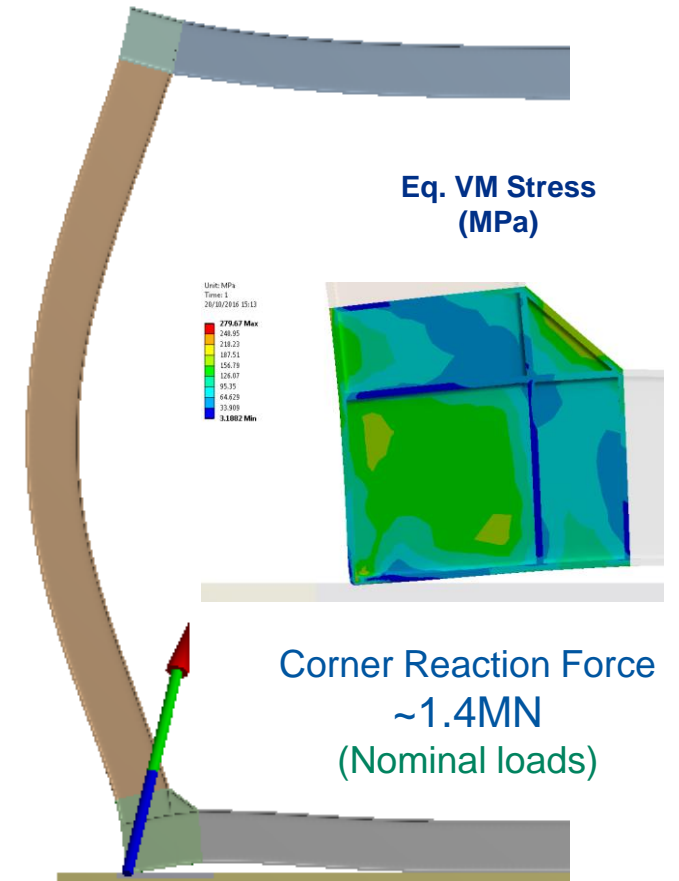
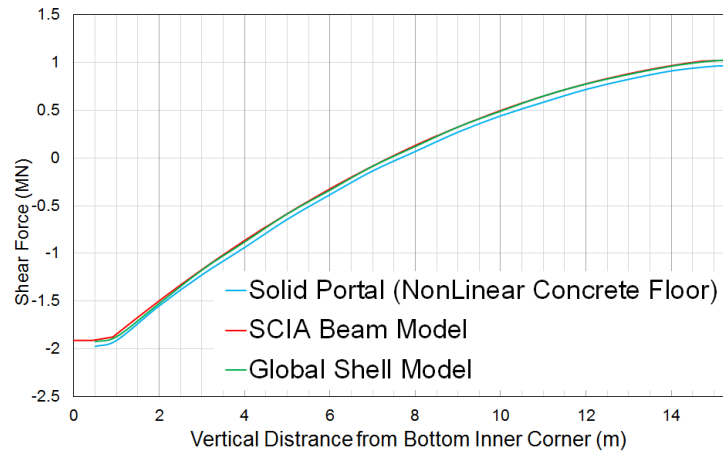
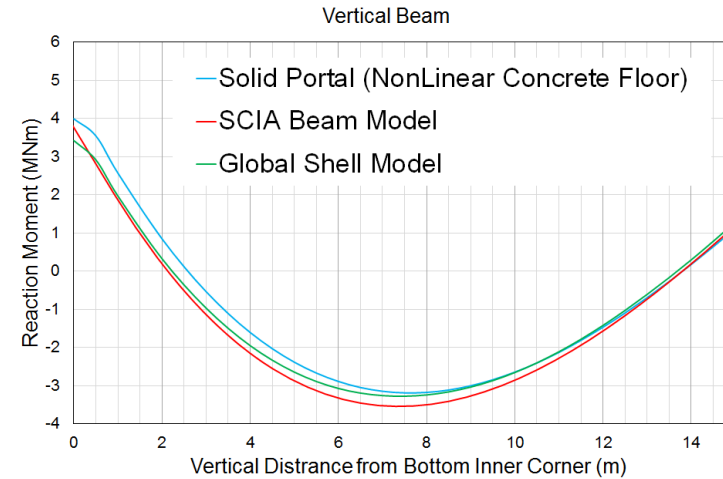
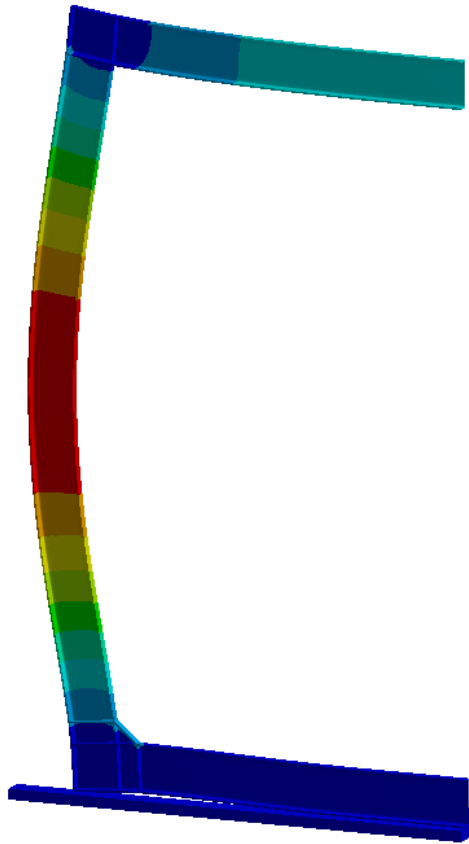
Example of input spectrum for FEA calculated from EDMS 1510132

# FEA ANSYS models: ref. material Diego

- FEA global models: main holding structure with warm membrane
- FEA local models:
  - Floor reactions and support conditions
  - Connections (welded and bolted)
  - Local reinforcements (e.g. for access holes)

# FEA Single Portal Frame Model

- Very good agreement with ANSYS Global (shell) model and SCIA models
- Floor Analysis + BC input for beam connections' sub-models



# FEA global models

## Nominal Loads

( $p_o=350\text{mbar}$ , friction contact between primary structure and warm membrane -  $\mu=0.05$ , rigid floor)

B: Global Shell Model - Nominal Loads

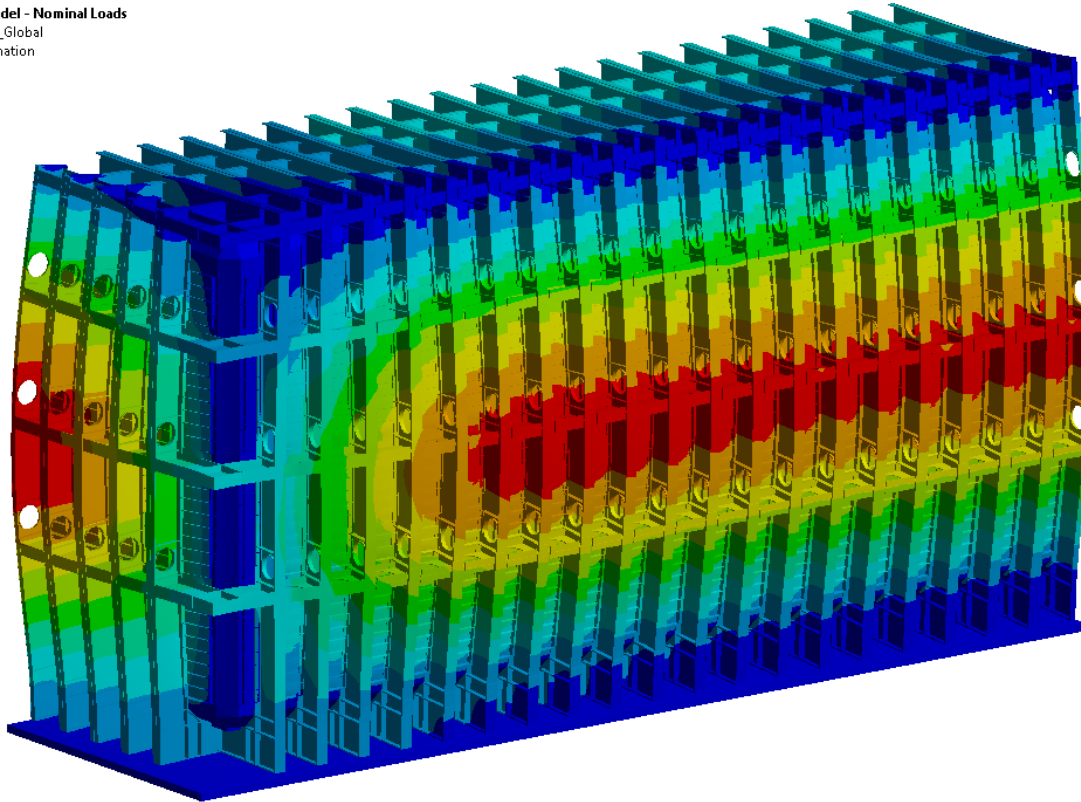
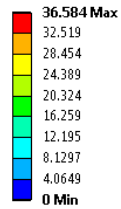
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Type: Total Deformation

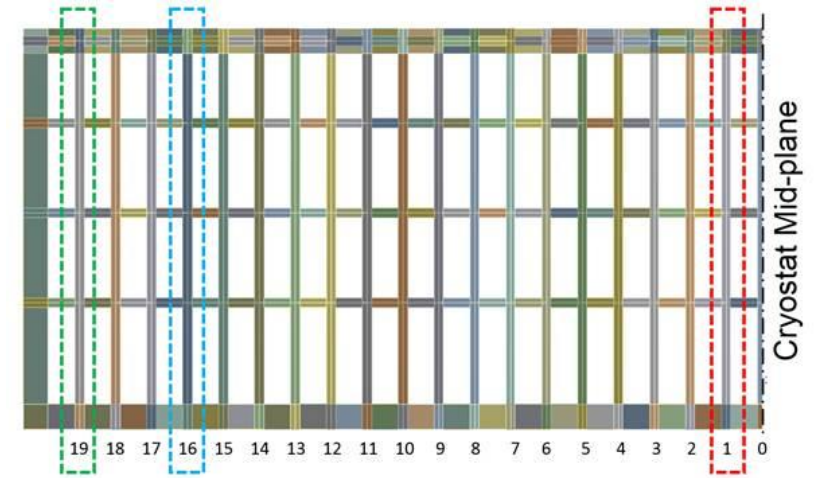
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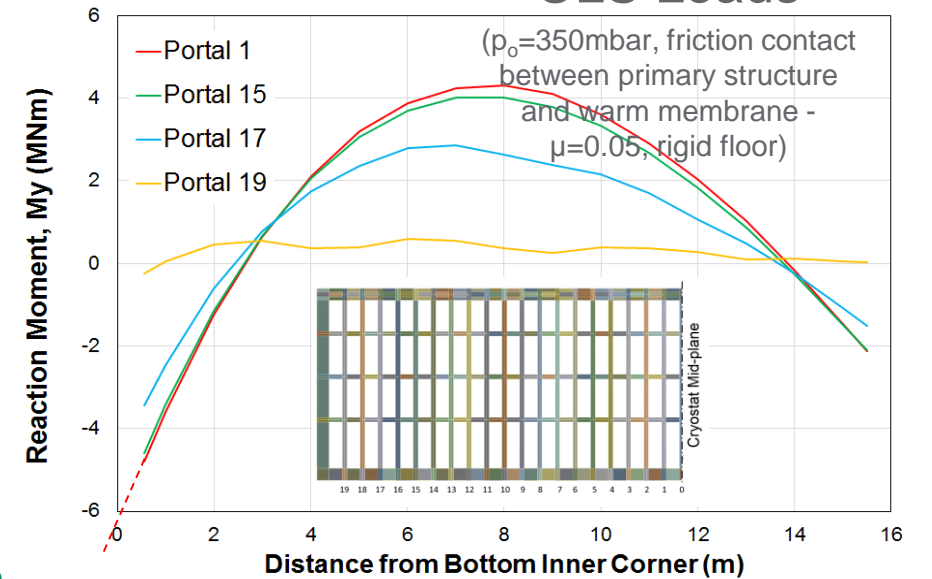
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Portal at the centre of the cryostat represents the the worst case scenario



## ULS Loads





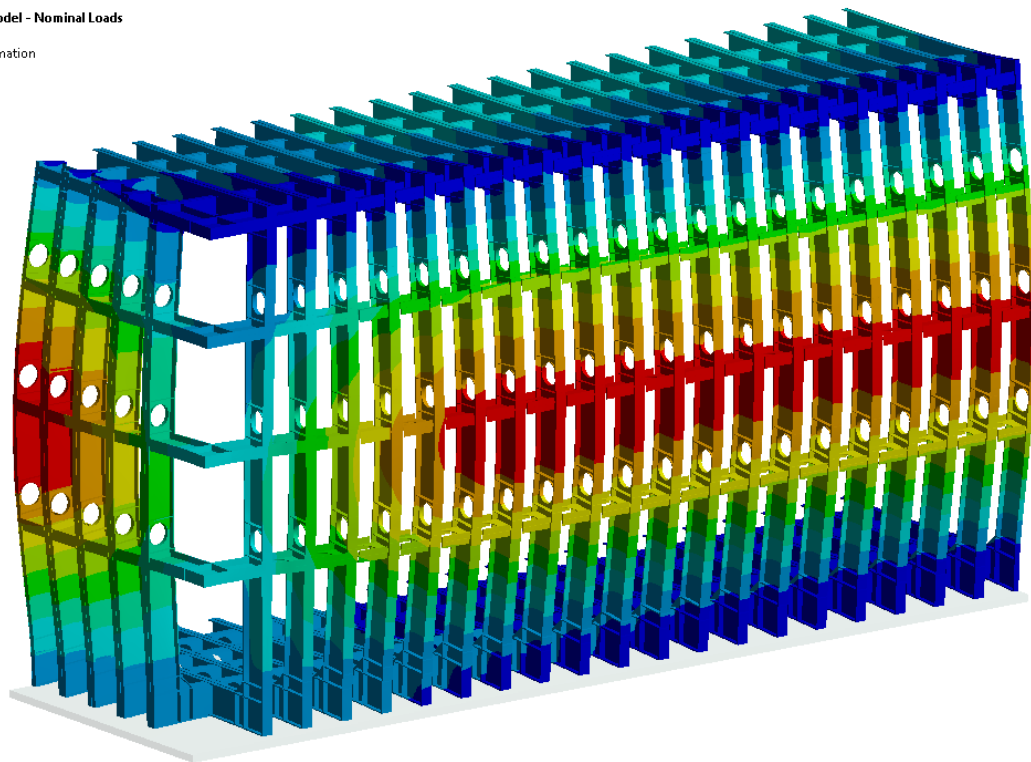
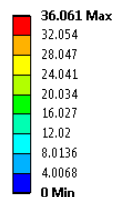
# FEA global models: Main Structure and Warm membrane

## Nominal Loads

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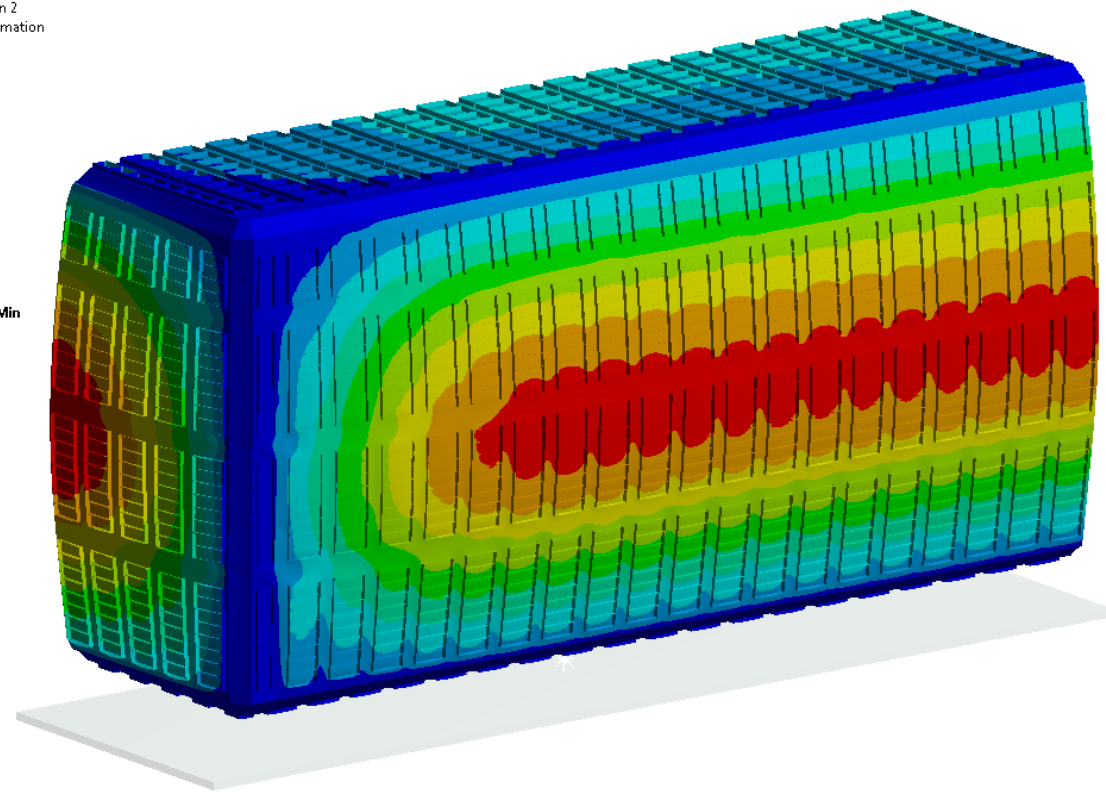
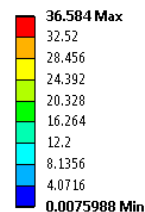
B: Global Shell Model - Nominal Loads

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B: Global Shell Model - Nominal Loads

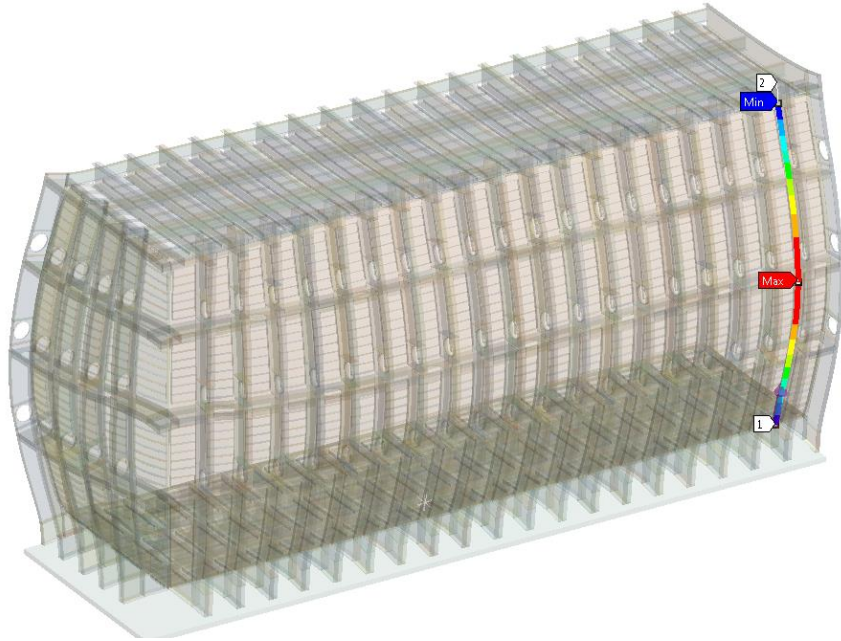
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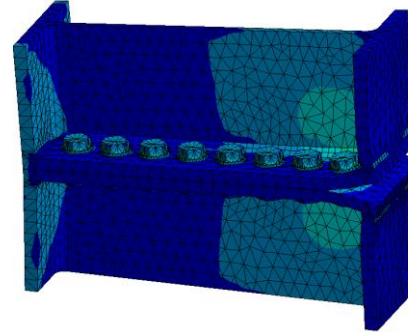


# FEA local models: Connections and Openings

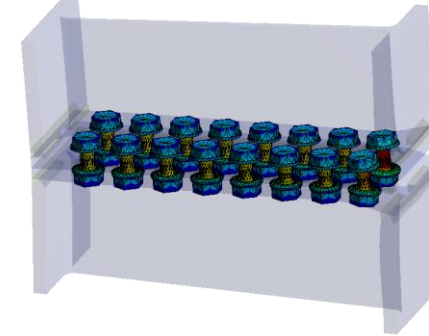
Reduced models & sub-modelling approach



E Portal - Vertical Splice Connection (C3) - TC3  
 Equivalent Stress  
 Type: Equivalent (von-Mises) Stress  
 Unit: MPa  
 Time: 1  
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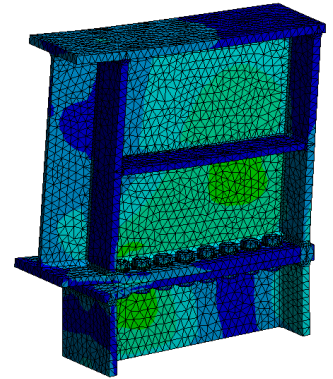
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 Equivalent Stress  
 Type: Equivalent (von-Mises) Stress  
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 Time: 2  
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Splice Connection

D: Portal - Top Connection Bolted (C2) - LC2  
 Equivalent Stress  
 Type: Equivalent (von-Mises) Stress  
 Unit: MPa  
 Time: 3  
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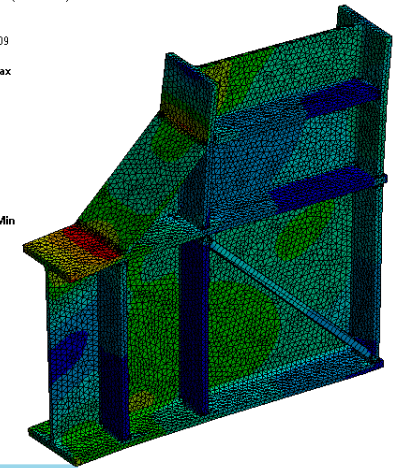
922.94 Max  
 620.46  
 717.99  
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 513.03  
 410.56  
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 103.13  
 0.65378 Min



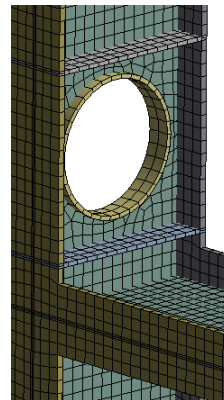
Top Connection

B: Portal - Bottom Connection Welded (C1) - RC1  
 Equivalent Stress  
 Type: Equivalent (von-Mises) Stress  
 Unit: MPa  
 Time: 1  
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440.97 Max  
 392  
 343.03  
 294.06  
 245.09  
 196.13  
 147.16  
 98.19  
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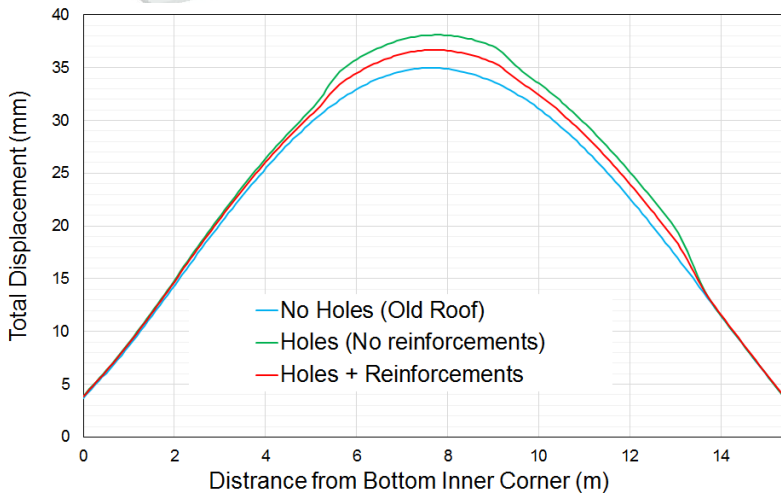


Bottom Connection



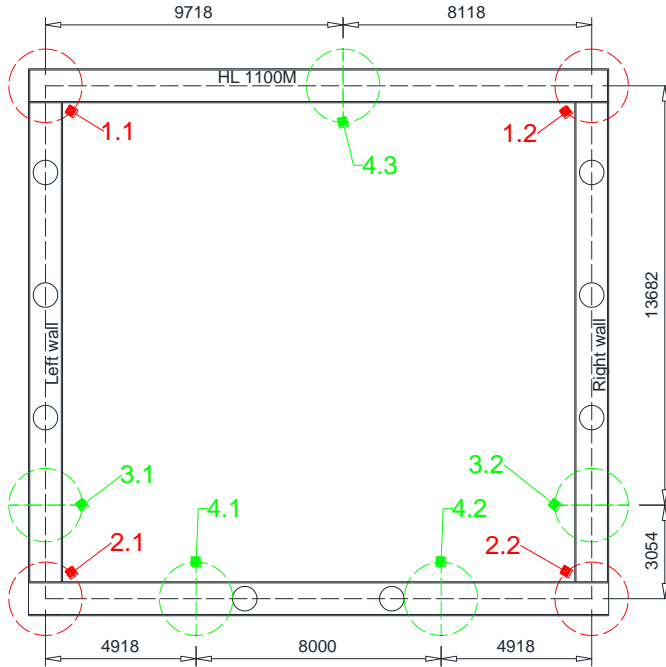
The local reinforcements help recovering part of the stiffness lost with the access openings

Effects on the local instability is evaluated analytically (and in SCIA)



# Joint Capacity - calculations by consultant

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2.4 - on back wall    3.4 - on back wall

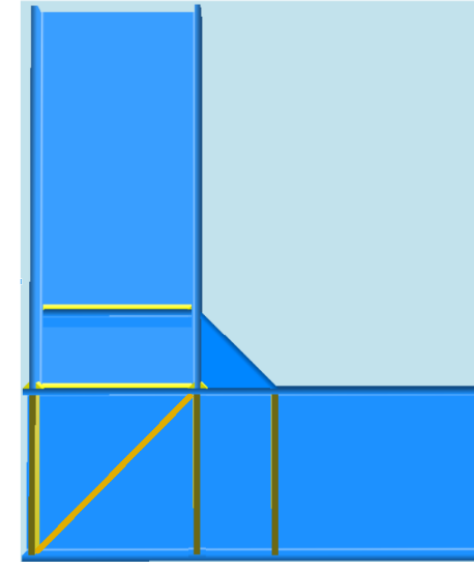
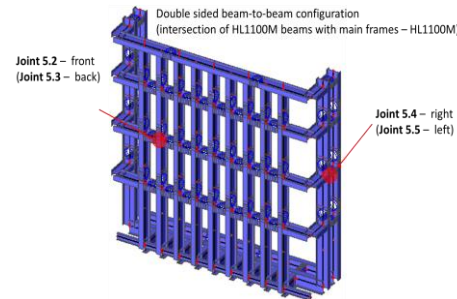
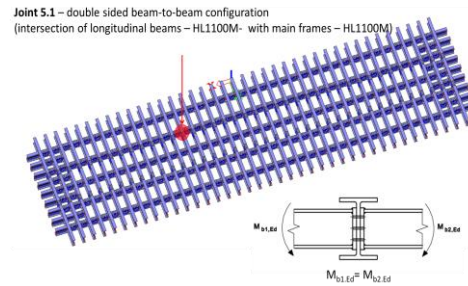


Figure 3.2: Connection W-HLM1100-TCSH-S460 geometry.

Full report EDMS 1756431 on joint analysis available at: <https://edms.cern.ch/document/1835609>

The table below summarizes the main results:

Table 3.2: Variant for the Joints 2.1, 2.2, 2.3 and 2.4. Main results.

$a_w$ (mm)	$a_f$ (mm)	Stiffener	$M_{jRd}$ (kNm)	$V_{Rd}$ (kN)	Stiffness
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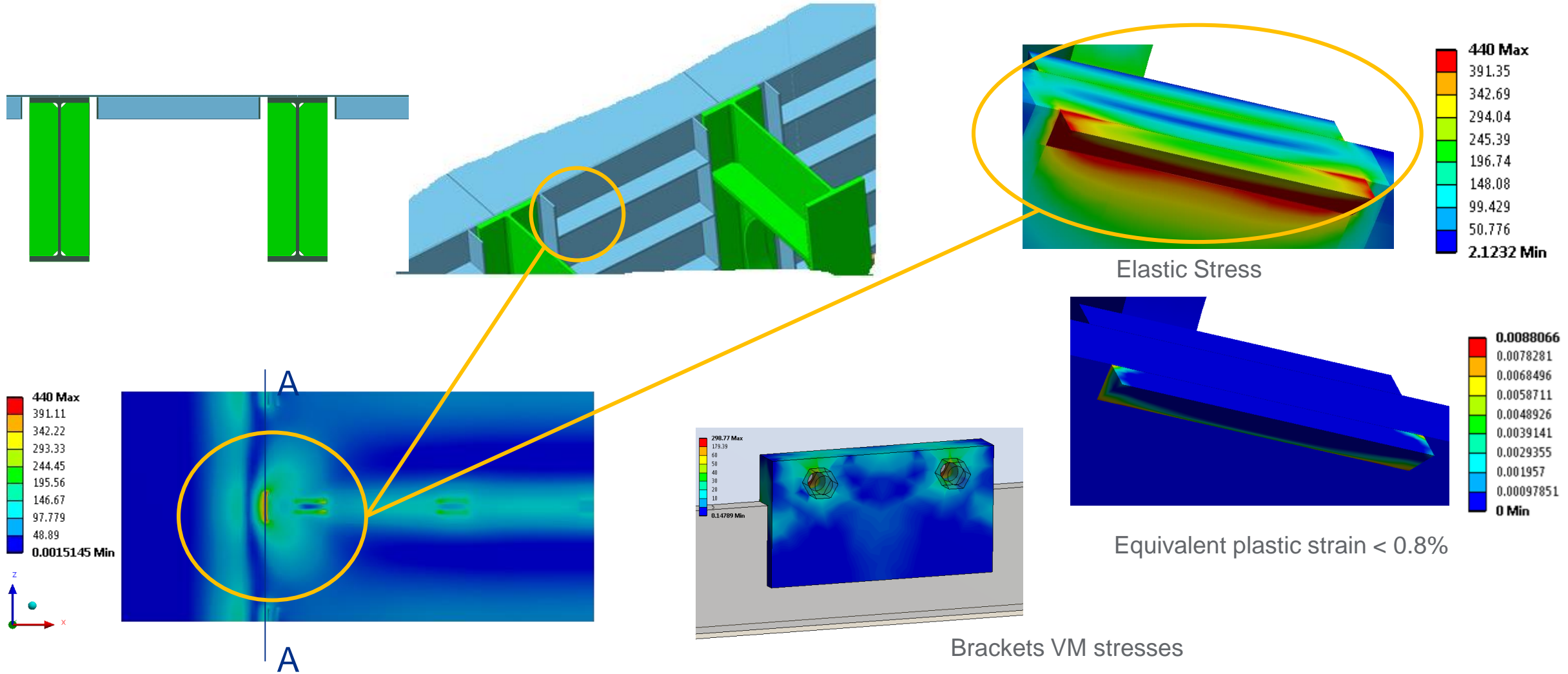
Examples of specifications provided to the consultant for joint capacity calculations (8 main joints plus fin plate connection).

Examples of analytical calculations done by the consultant on the joint capacity. Verified analytical by Joao, and by FEA by Diego and Luca

# Local Analyses: ref. material Luca

- EC3 and FEA analyses for
  - the reinforced membrane (main cryostat and door)
  - the membrane support brackets

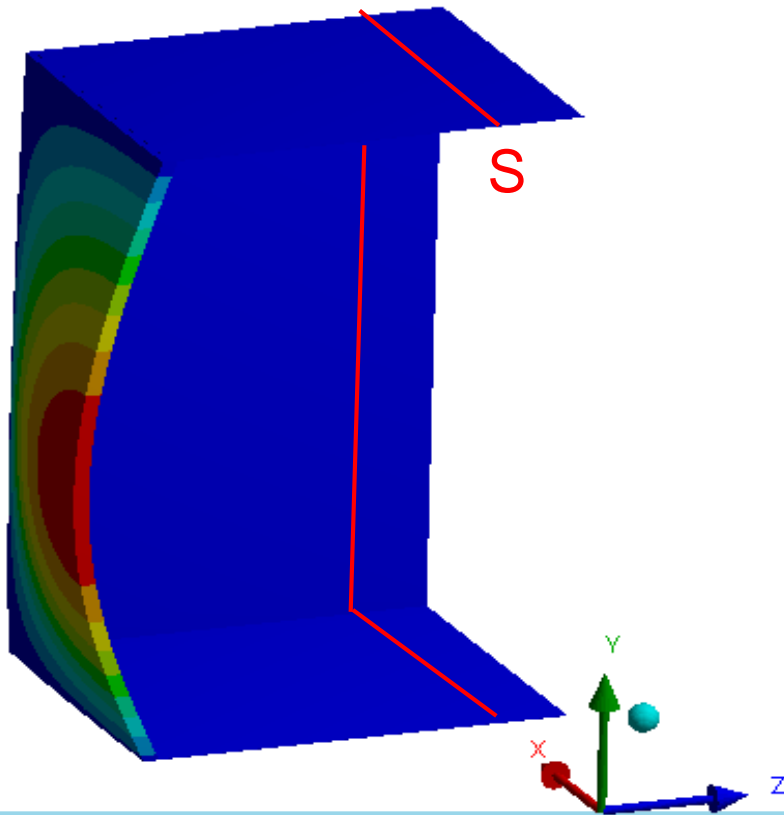
# Calculations models: Warm Membrane with ribs



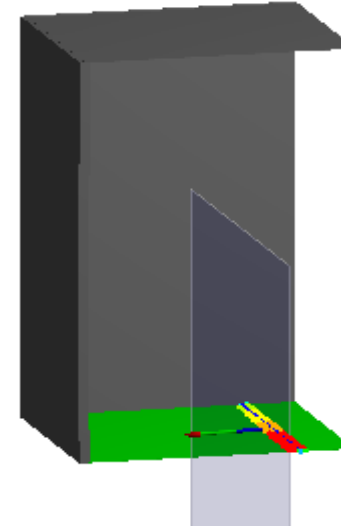
# Calculations models: Warm Membrane

Model: selection of 1/4<sup>th</sup> of the full cryostat membrane:

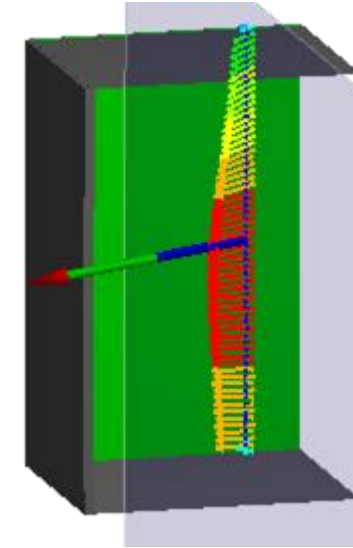
Assumption here: all forces from the short walls passing through the membrane (no contribution by the longitudinal belts).



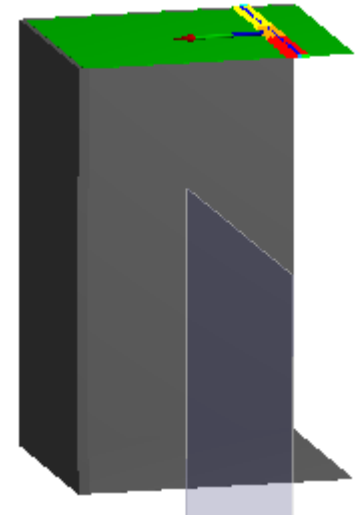
$F_{Ed}=6.7$  MN



$F_{Ed}=9.2$  MN



$F_{Ed}=3.6$  MN



Design Force acting on the membrane sections

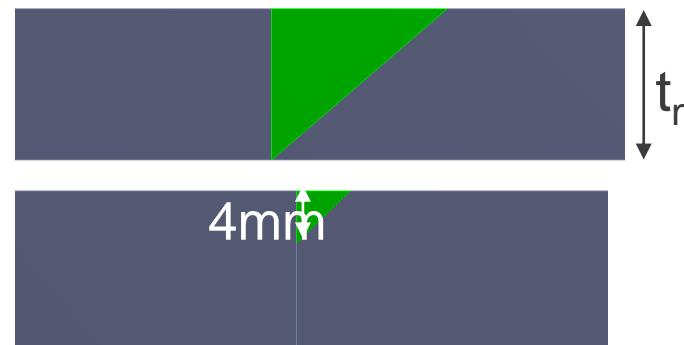
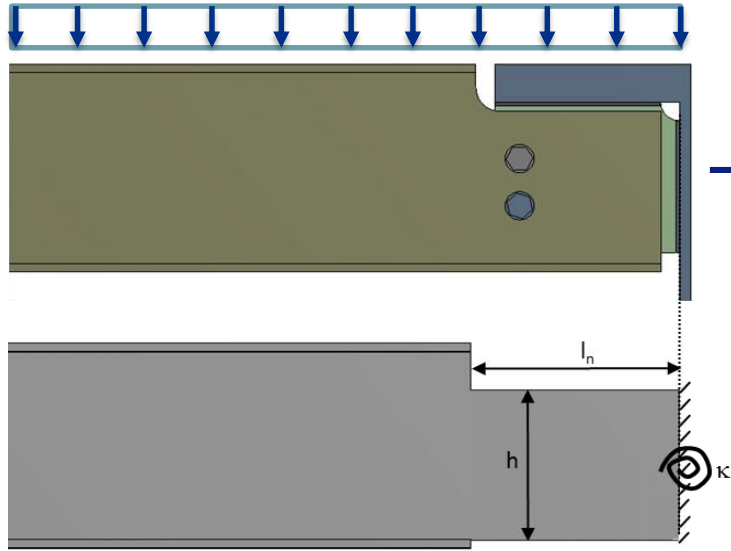


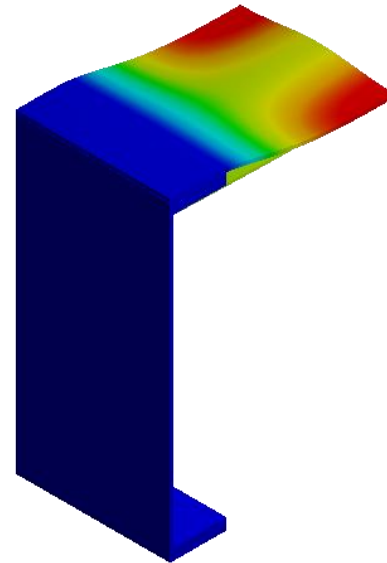
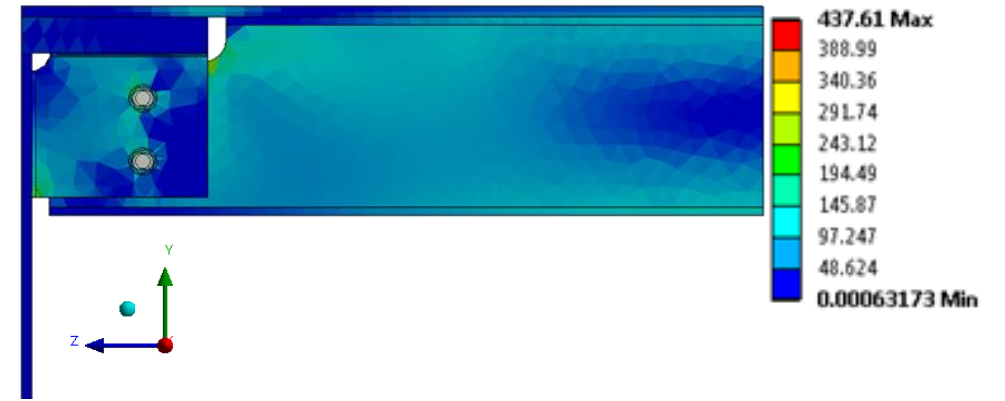
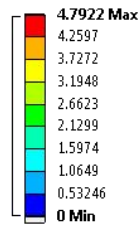
Plate-to-plate butt weld sizing:  
Full penetration weld: 17% utilisation factor;  
4 mm min required for full strength with partial penetration



# Door opening - IPE reinforcement



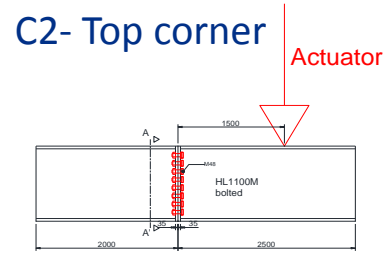
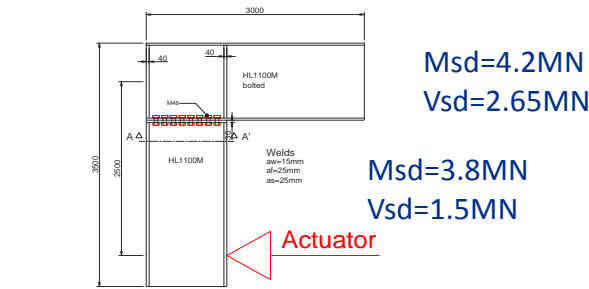
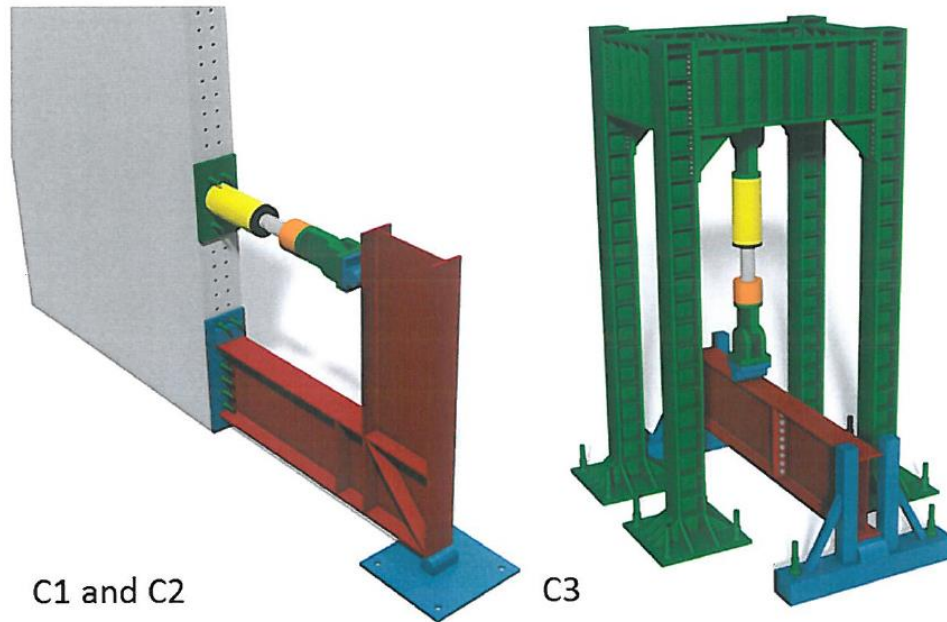
→ Rigid fin plate



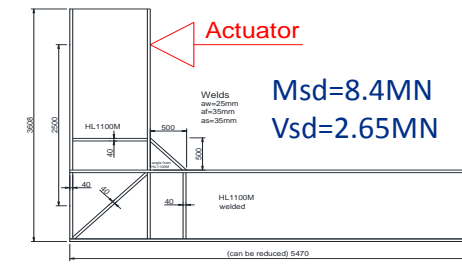
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# Full Scale Testing of Structural Connections

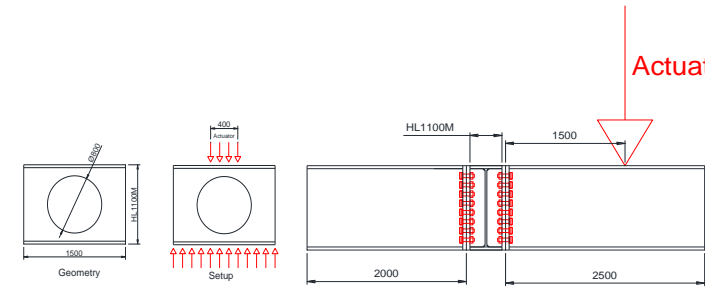
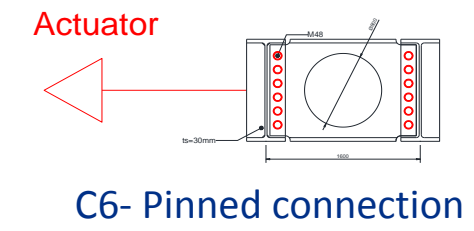
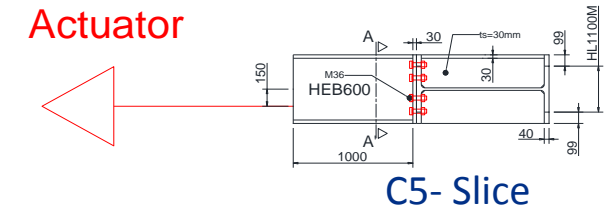
- Collaboration with Coimbra Civil Engineering Test Lab
- Tests will be carried out on full scale samples, max load at 125% of max envelope loads
- 6 MN actuators procured



C3- Splice



C1- Bottom corner (welded)

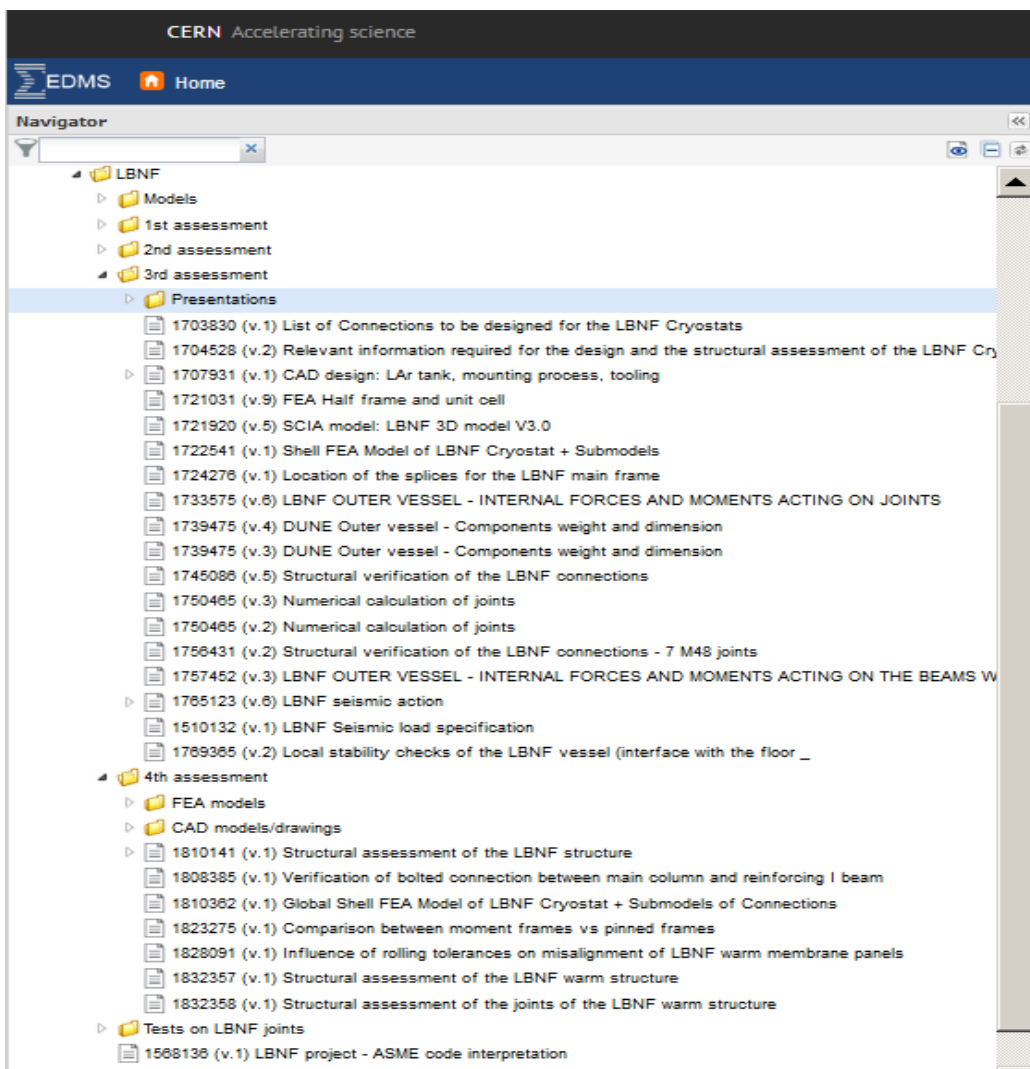


Images from Coimbra offer: red (concerns all test joints) and bleu components to be provided by CERN



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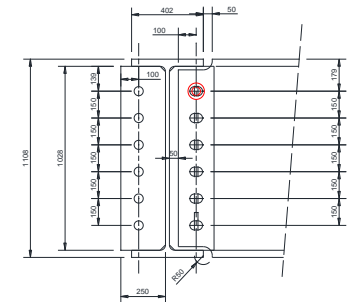
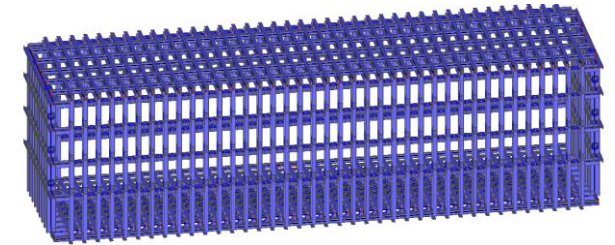
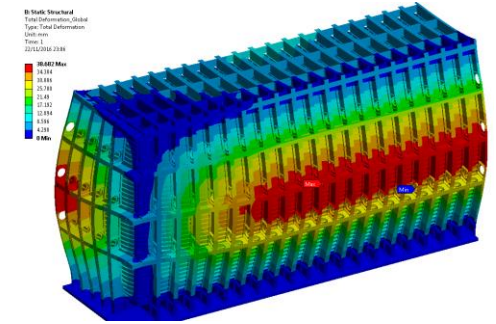


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# Summary

- Optimisation of the load-carrying structure and Warm Membrane (4 assessments)
  - Selection of lighter standard beams.
  - Stronger longitudinal bracings
  - In depth verification of connections.
  - Stiffened membrane for easier assembly
  - Support conditions
- Models developed for detailed analyses
  - Main portal (Beam models; Shell model; Solid Model)
  - Unit Cell (Beam Model; Beam + Shell Model)
  - Global Cryostat Model (Beam models; Beam + Shell Models)
  - Bolted & Welded Connections (Detailed solid Sub-models)
  - Reinforced Membrane (Global, sub-models)
- Independent Eurocode 3, FEA and Consultant validation of the final design
- Fully coherent results compliant with Eurocode 3
- Final further validation of critical connections planned by full scale testing and FEA correlation

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# Material

## List of symbols according to Eurocode 1990 and Eurocode 1993-1-9

$E_k$ : Characteristic value of effect of actions

$R_k$ : Characteristic value of resistance

$E_d$ : Design value of effect of actions ( $E_k \cdot \gamma_F$ )

$R_d$ : Design value of resistance ( $R_k / \gamma_M$ )

$\gamma_F$ : Partial factor for actions, which takes account of the possibility of unfavourable deviations of the action values from the characteristic values. This factor accounts also for model uncertainties and dimensional variations

$\gamma_M$ : Partial factor for a material property, also accounting for model uncertainty and dimensional variations

$f_y$ : Yield strength

$f_u$ : Ultimate strength

$\sigma_{VM}$ : Von Mises stress

$w$ : Deflection

$w_{lim}$ : Maximum allowable deflection

## Serviceability Limit State (SLS) verification:

$$\gamma_F = 1.0$$

$\gamma_M$  = not applicable

Example of verification:  $w(E_k) \leq w_{lim}$

## Ultimate Limit State (ULS) verification:

$\gamma_F = 1.35$  for self weight, insulation, hydrostatic pressure  
= 1.40 for over-pressure

$\gamma_M = 1.10$  for section resistance ( $\gamma_{M0}$ )  
= 1.25 for connection resistance ( $\gamma_{M2}$ )

Example of verification:  $\sigma_{VM}(\gamma_F \cdot E_k) \leq \frac{f_y}{\gamma_{M0}}$