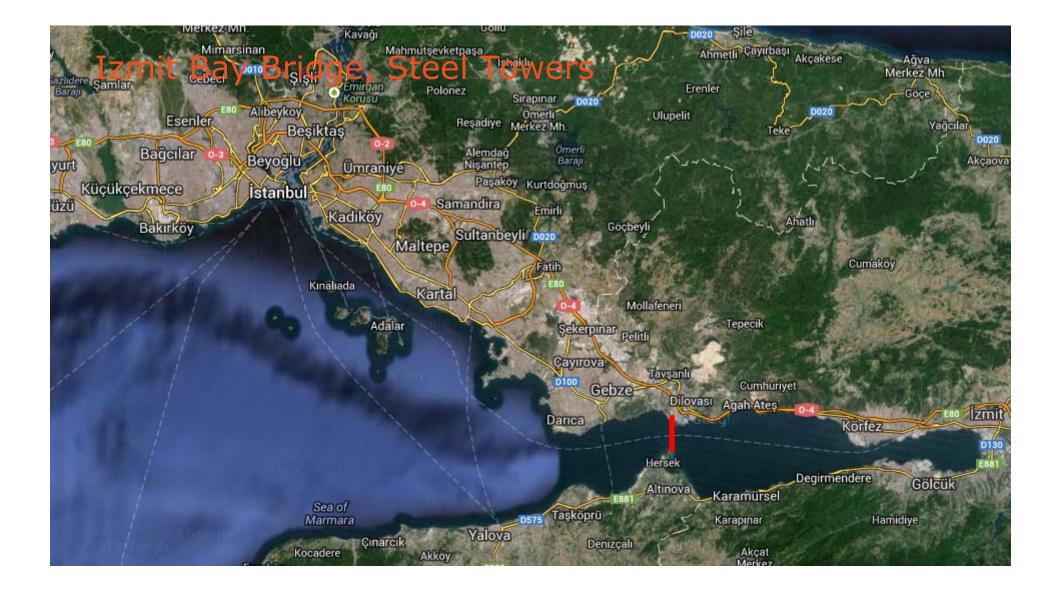
Izmit Bay Bridge, Steel Towers

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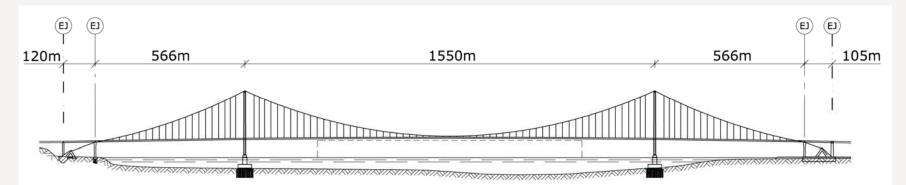


Izmit Bay Bridge, Steel Towers

- > Fourth longest suspension bridge
- > 1550m main span
- > 250m high towers in steel
- > Extremely high seismic load
- > Short construction period
- > Orthotropic steel girder with 3 lanes of road traffic
- > Total steel quantity for towers, cables and bridge girder is 70000t
- > COWI is responsible for the detailed design



Izmit Bay Bridge, Steel Towers



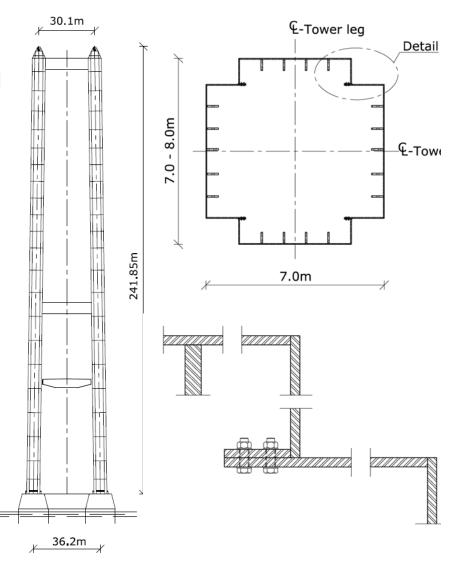
- > Navigational clearance profile 64.3 x 1000m
- > Tower foundations at 40m water depth with base isolation
- > Steel towers
- > Bridge deck continuous trough towers with no vertical supports
- > Bridge deck supported in transverse direction by wind bearings

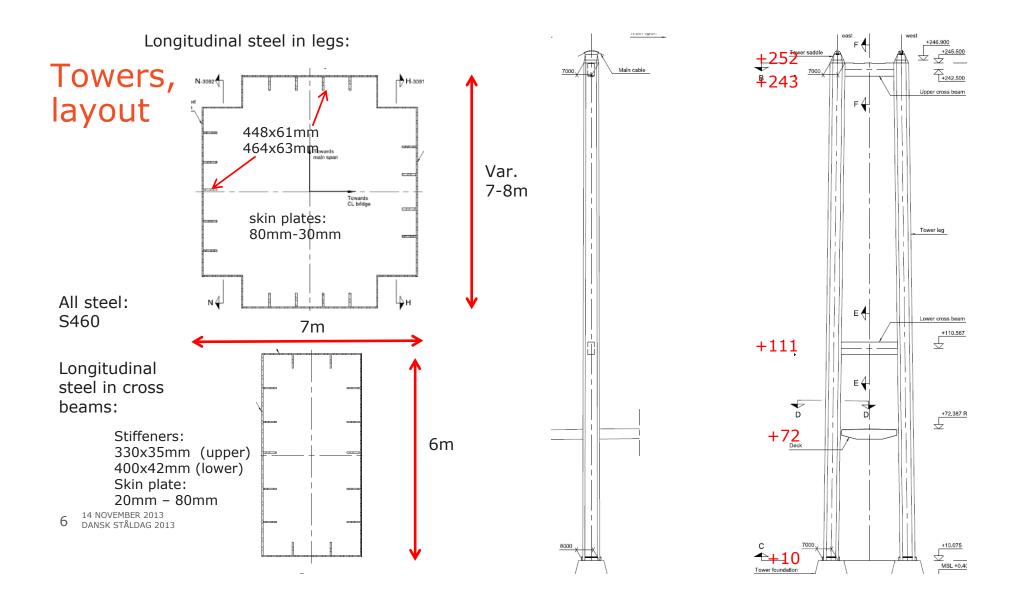


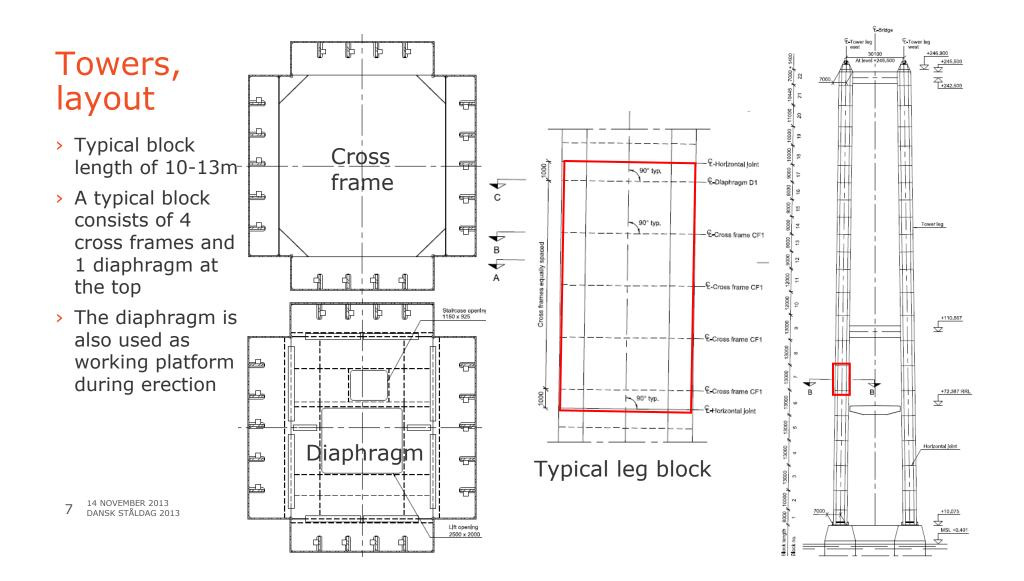


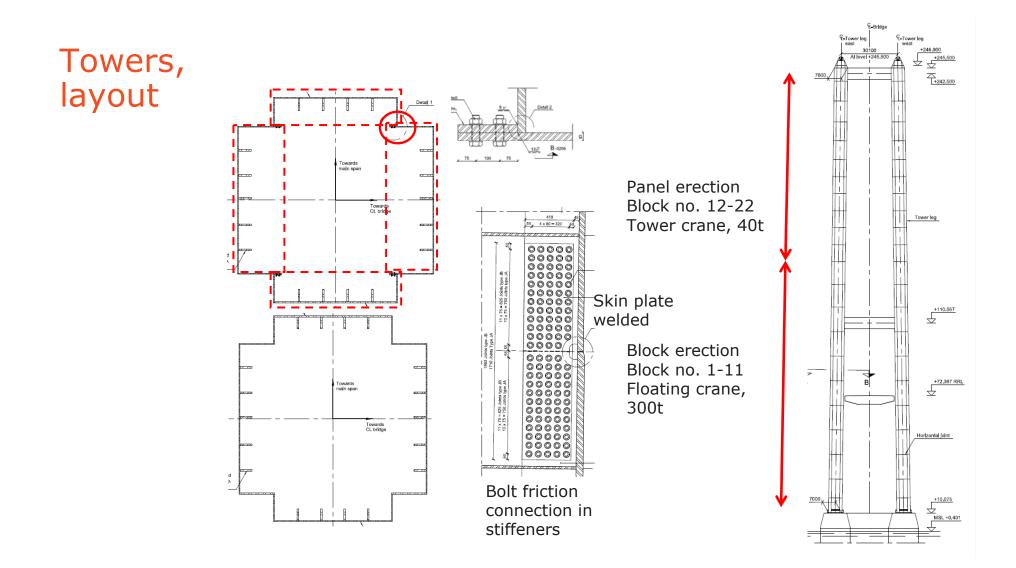


- Preferable to design for normal ULS combinations and then verify the towers for seismic load combinations
- The extreme seismic demands show however that plastic design is necessary for an optimized and economical tower design (to keep weight down and maintain high flexibility)
- > Constructed by 22 prefabricated blocks
- Horizontal joints by combined welding and bolting
- > Vertical joints welded for block 1-11, rest bolted
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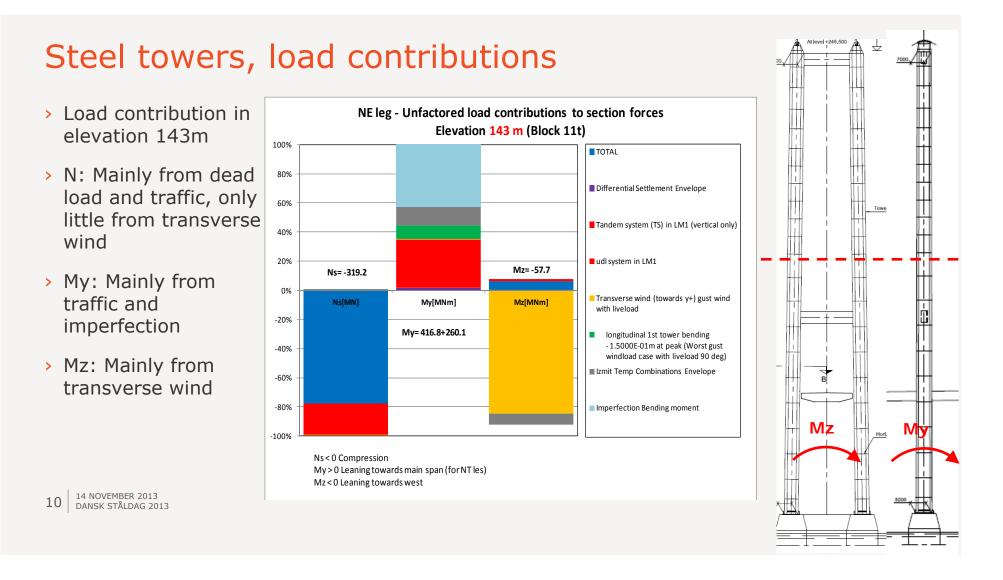


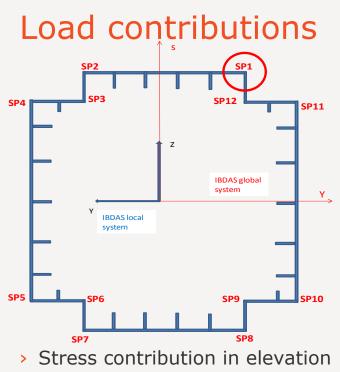


Steel towers, production by Cimtas



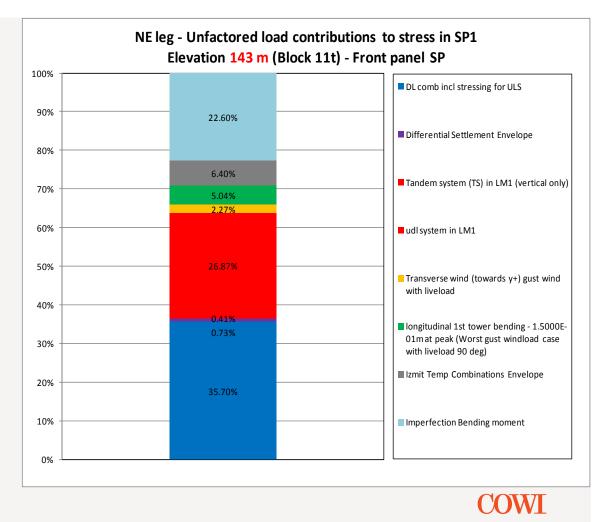
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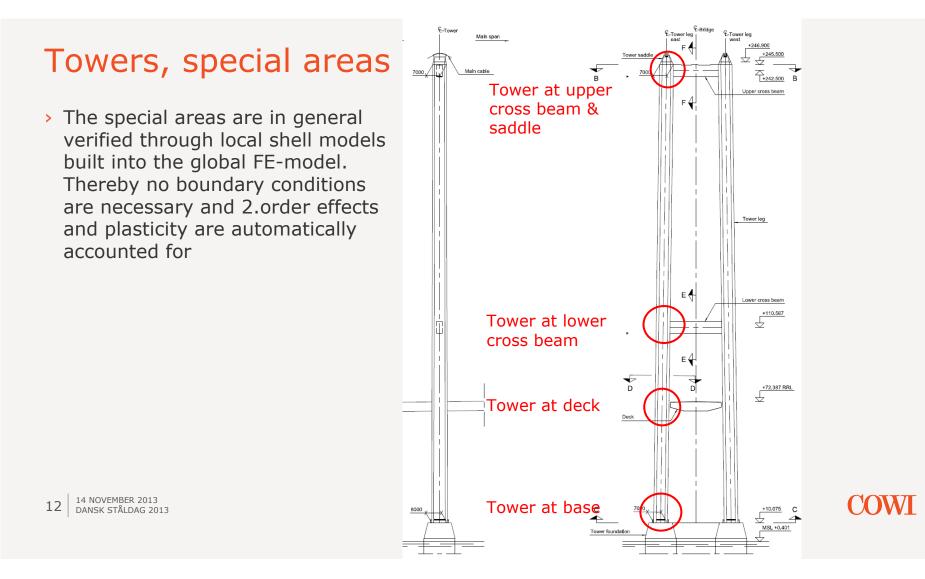




- Stress contribution in elevation 143m
- σ: Mainly from dead load, traffic load and imperfection

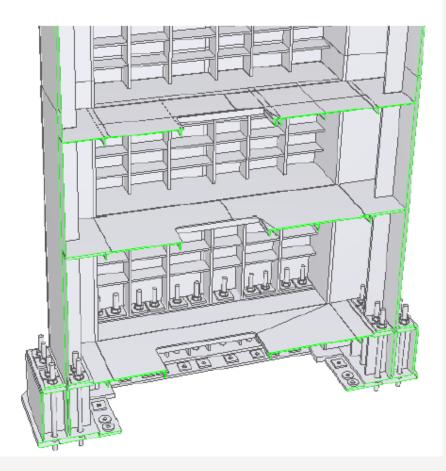
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Tower at base

- > 84 no. M110 anchor rods class 10.9, L=11m, 6MN preload
- Shear resistance achieved by friction and 34 no. M115 shear rods
- > Local ship impact of 10.5MN over 1m2
- 5 diaphragms installed due to ship impact

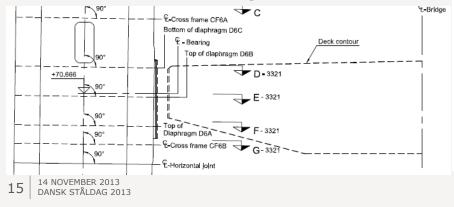


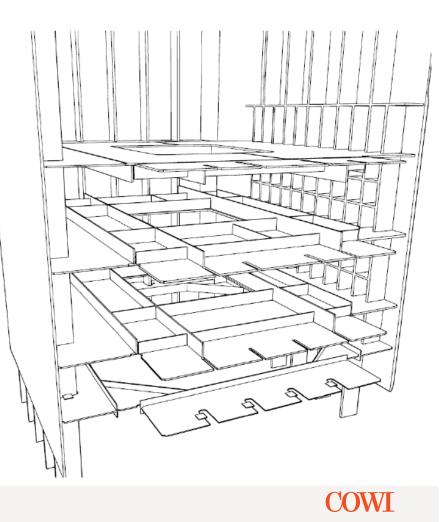
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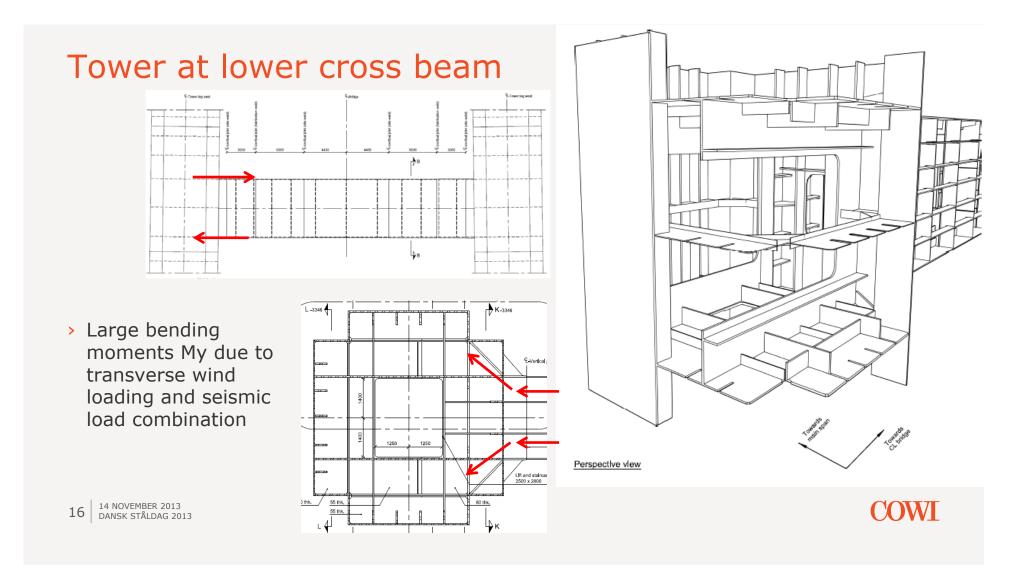


Tower at deck

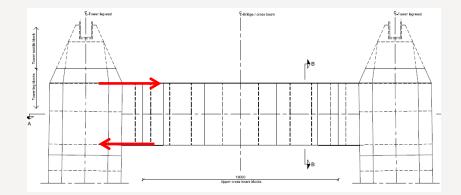
- Bridge deck is "floating" through the tower legs
- Transverse loading is taken by one bearing on each leg, designed for 13 MN in normal ULS (primary due to wind) and 35 MN in seismic load combination
- Large movements in both longitudinal and vertical directions during seismic events



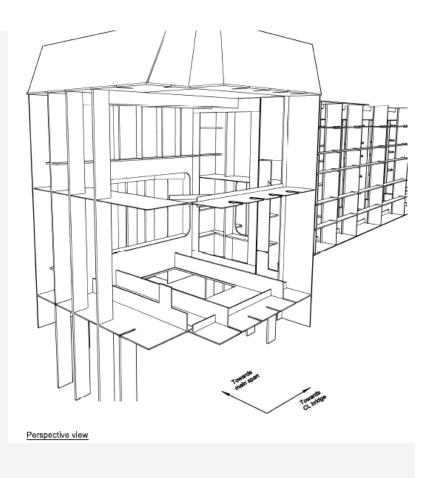




Tower at upper cross beam



- Large bending moments Mz due traffic loading giving uneven deflection of the two tower legs in longitudinal direction
- > Others as for lower cross beam







Towers, design of leg members

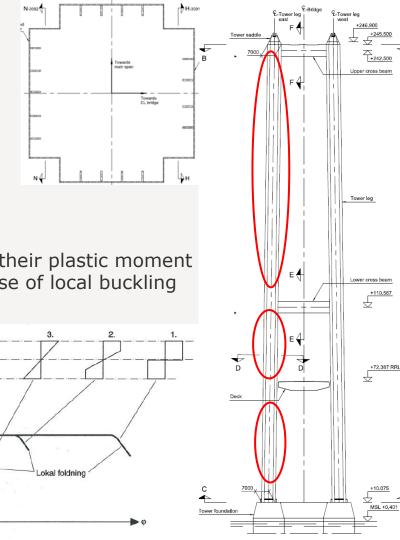
- Cross section class 1 to 3 are generally economical for compression members
- > Section class 1 and 2 have post elastic capacity
- Initial proportioning made to correspond approximately to class 2 in regions with high seismic demands
- > Class 2 cross-sections are those which can develop their plastic moment resistance, but have limited rotation capacity because of local buckling

Spænding = f,

M_{pl}

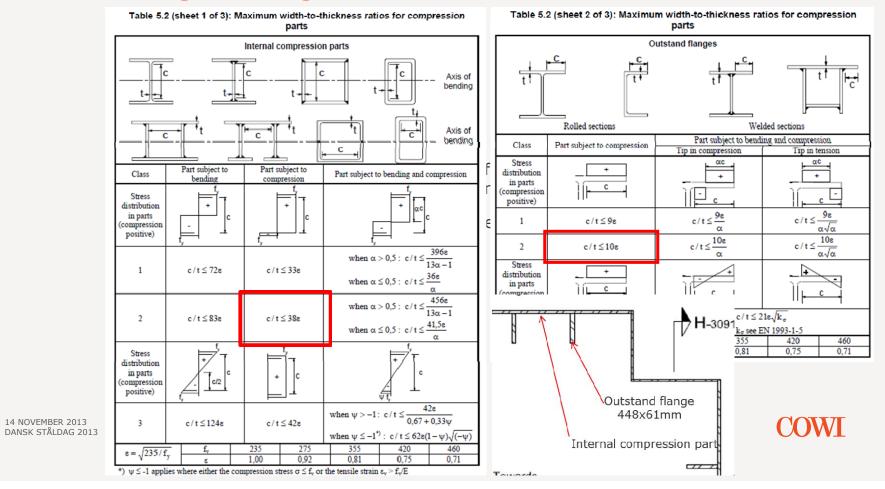
- Cross section class definition applies for members where local buckling is controlled by plate proportioning only
- For stiffened plates, transverse stiffener spacing must also be considered

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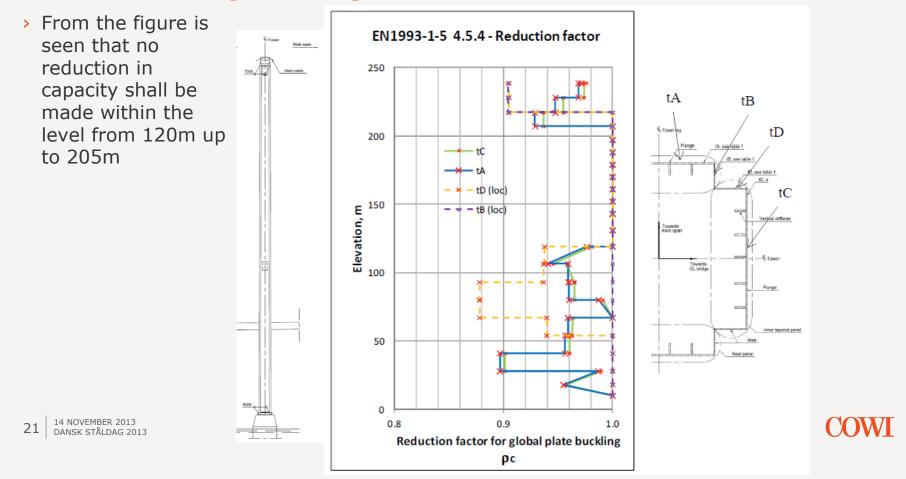
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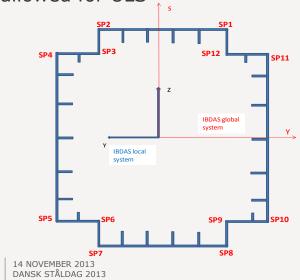
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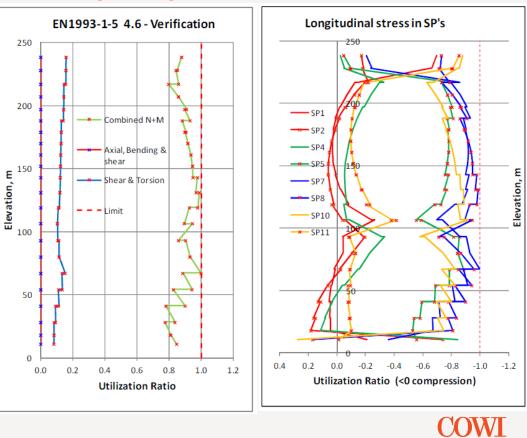


Towers, ultimate limit state (ULS)

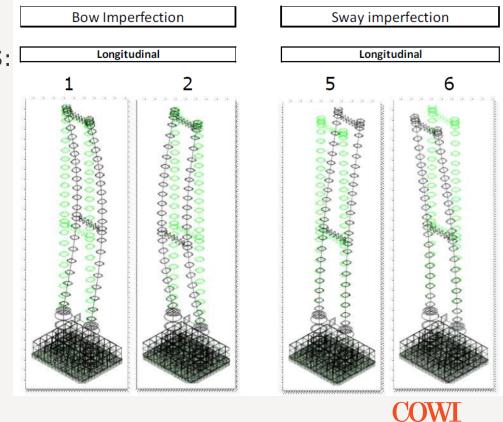
- Verification according to EN1993-1-5 considering 12 stress points in the cross section
- > All stresses are below yielding
- Plastic design generally not allowed for ULS



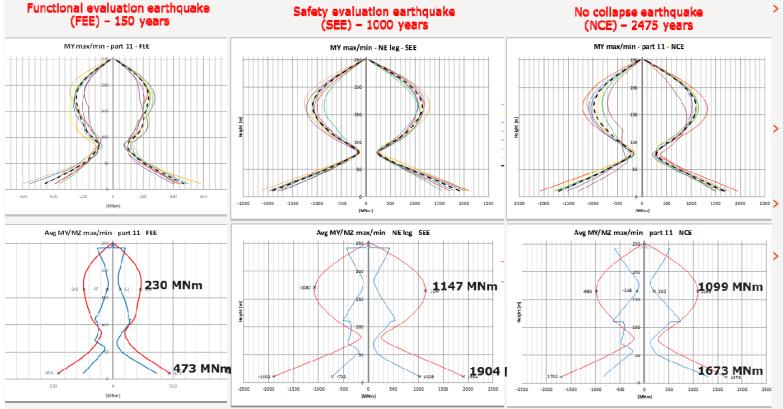
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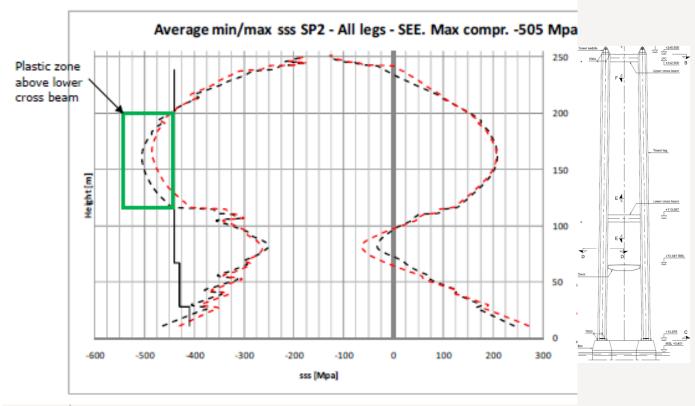
- > Seismic load case analyses in IBDAS:
 - > Non-linear time history analysis
 - > Elastic or plastic material
 - Road traffic corresponds to 20% of full traffic load
 - Second order effects included by means of global geometric imperfections



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- > 3 seismic events are shown: 150 years (FEE) 1000 years (SEE) 2475 years (NCE)
- Longitudinal bending moments for north tower
- Average of 7 time histories
- South tower less onerous due to different soil conditions
 - COWI



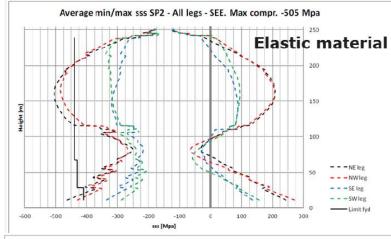
- Elastic design not sufficient to verify north tower legs
- For 1000 and 2475 year events, inelastic response is acceptable
- Limited damage, so structure can be restored essentially to its pre-seismic conditions

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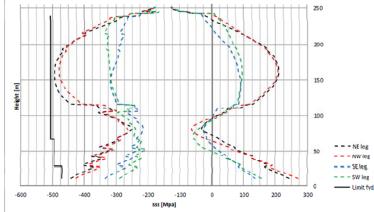
- Force demands calculated by IBDAS nonlinear, 2nd order analysis using plastic material properties
- Realistic value of yield strength to be applied to ensure that the benefit from reduction in peak moment is not taken prior to the actual formation of the plastic hinge
- > Seismic design items to be verified:
 - Verification of plastic section capacity cross section to sustain force demands
 - Verification of rotation capacity code requirement for ensuring ductility
 - Verification of global integrity done in global FEmodel ensuring no global buckling collapse
 - Verification of permanent deformations "Repairable damage" after SEE, NCE and to be restored to pre-seismic conditions

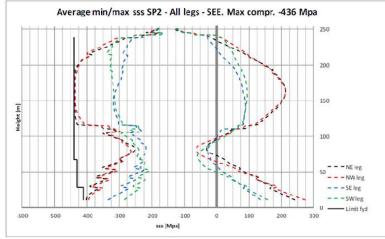
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- Elastic material A - Plastic material Plastic bending moment limited to Mpl Plastic Elastic bending moment "unlimited" Longitudinal bending moment in tower leg (principle sketch)









Plastic material – characteristic yield stress

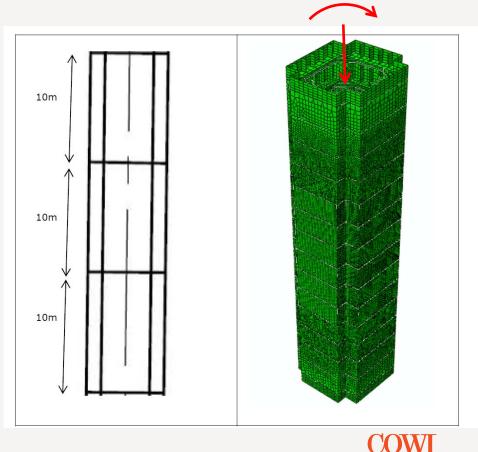
- > Plastic verification according to EN1993 part 1-1
- No guidance whether formulas are applicable for plated structural elements
- Need for FE modelling to prove plastic section capacity of tower leg cross section
- Plastic material realistic yield stress



Towers, Abaqus FE-model

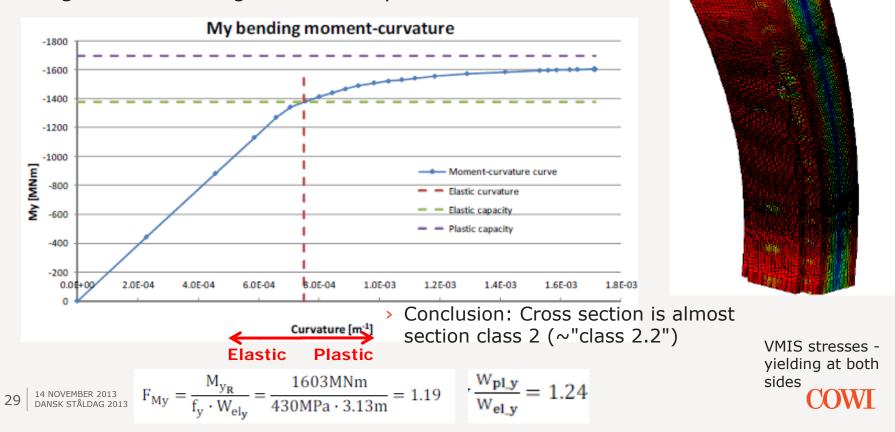
- > Scope of model
 - > Derive plastic section capacity
 - > Derive plastic rotation capacity
- > Basic model description
 - > Three blocks
 - Load (N+M) applied at the top, bending moment increased until failure
- > Equivalent imperfections
 - Accounting for structural and geometrical imperfections
- > Analyses
 - > Stain hardening
 - > 2.order with large deformations

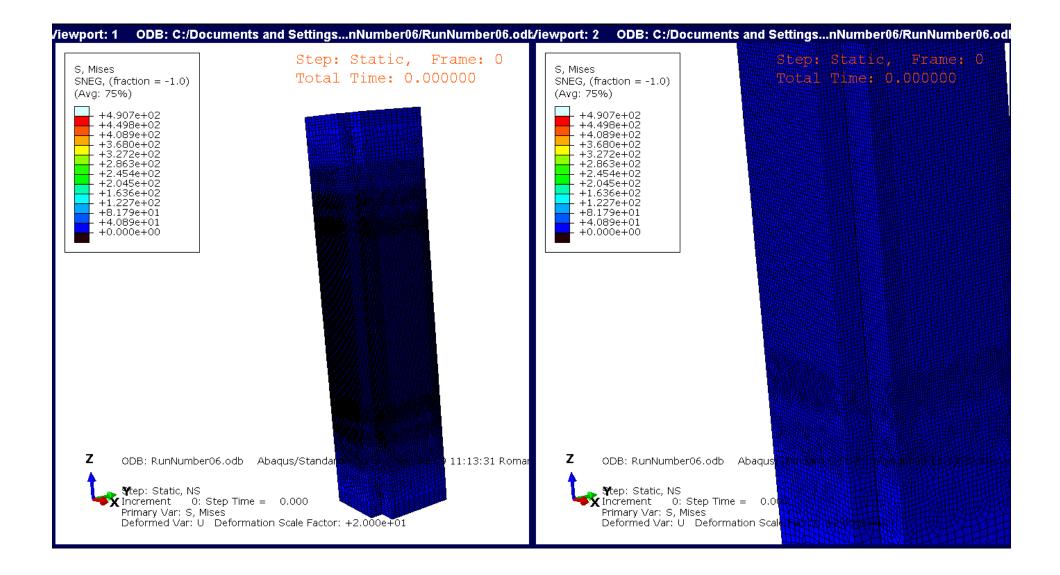
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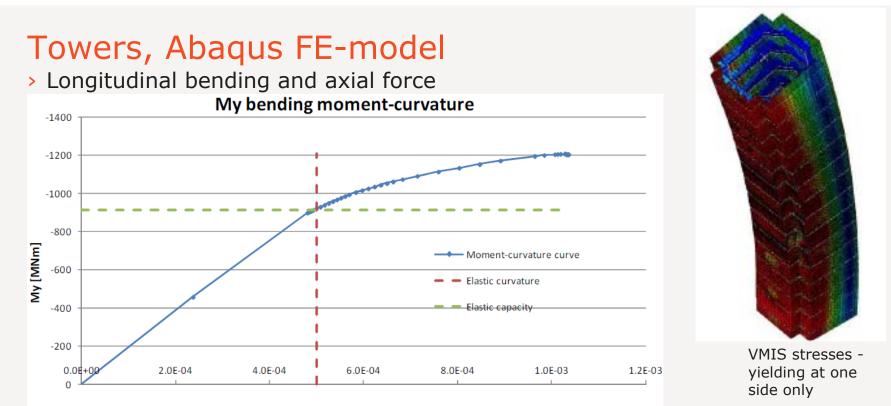


Towers, Abaqus FE-model

> Longitudinal bending moment only:







Curvature [m⁻¹]

The bending moment capacity is considerably above the elastic moment capacity of approximately 900MNm (green line):

$$\sigma = \frac{N}{A} + \frac{M_{y_{el}}}{W_{el_y}} = \frac{237}{1.6} + \frac{900}{3.13} = 148 + 288 = 436MPa$$

Bending moment resistance	Plastic curvature capacity
[MNm]	[m ⁻¹]
1206	5.3 ×10 ⁻⁴ (=1.07 × K _{elastic})

$$UR = \frac{M_{IBDAS}}{M_{Abaqus}} \cdot \alpha_u = \frac{M_{IBDAS}}{M_{Abaqus}} \cdot 1.05$$

(load magnification factor acc. to EN1993-1-5 annex C)

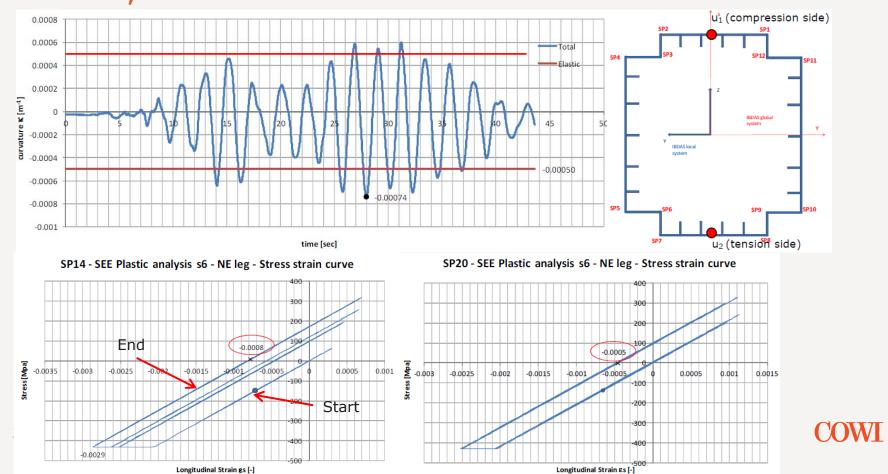
Analysis no.	Description	Imperfections	Applied axial force [MN]	ABAQUS bending moment capacity [MNm]	Bending moment capacity adjusted * [MNm]	IBDAS bending moment demand [MNm]	Section utilization [-]
6	N+M	Single bow between adjacent cross frames (2000/400=5mm) & twist (1/50) Double bow & twist	-237	1206	1248	1150	0.97

*) The bending moment capacity from Abaqus is increased by factor 1.035 as not all plates are fully modeled

> Elastic UR =1.15 (peak stress) reduced to UR~0.97 (moment capacity) by deriving the plastic capacity in Abaqus

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> It must be verified that the plastic rotation demands are less than the plastic rotation capacities divided by 1.4:

$$\kappa_{\text{plastic,E}} \leq = \frac{\kappa_{\text{plastic,u}}}{1.4}$$

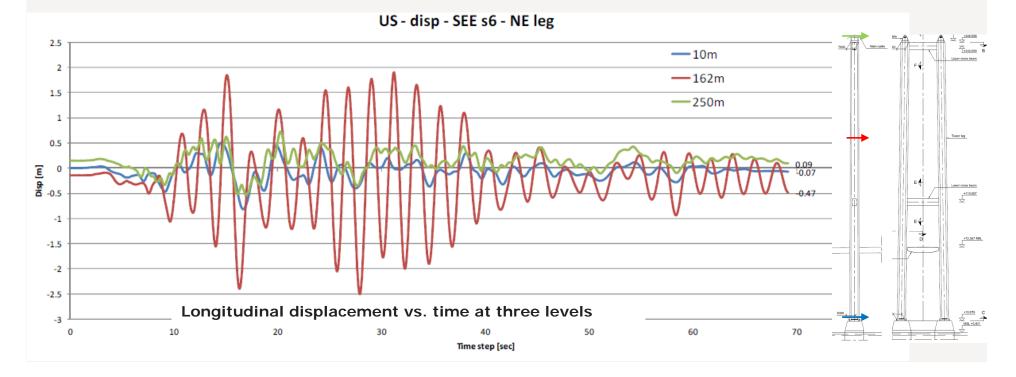
$$0.49 \cdot \kappa_{\text{elastic,E}} \leq = \frac{0.9 \cdot \kappa_{\text{elastic}}}{1.4} = 0.65 \cdot \kappa_{\text{elastic}}$$

$$0.9 \text{ is a conservative value, found to 1.07 previously}$$

$$UR = 0.49/0.65 = 0.75$$
(for single most critical time history)

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- > Tower to have "repairable damage" after event and to be restored to pre-seismic conditions
- > Result to be taken as average of 7 time histories
- > Permanent deformations becomes 50mm or 1/4850xtower height acceptable



Summary of seismic checks

Item	Criteria	Demand calculation	Capacity calculation	Result
1) Verification of plastic capacity	Safety factor of 1.05	Global FE- model (IBDAS)	Abaqus	UR = 0.97
2) Verification of rotation capacity	Safety factor 1.4	Global FE- model (IBDAS)	Abaqus	UR = 0.75
3) Verification of global integrity	No buckling collapse failure for "average time history"	Global FE- model (IBDAS)	IBDAS	All time histories pass
4) Verification of permanent deformations	"Repairable damage". Permanent deformations less than initial tower imperfections	IBDAS	-	Only 50mm permanent deformation UR = 0.20

