

# Special Elite Engineers Webinar Sequence An Insider's Perspective

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#### PAST PROJECT

- Winona Bridge and Cleveland Innerbelt Bridge Truss Rehabilitations
- Milton Madison Bridge New Truss Structure
- Multiple post-tensioned concrete and steel arch, box, and I girder bridges



#### **Learning Objectives**

At the end of the this course, participants will be able to understand:

Analysis and Modeling methods of Truss Bridges
Determining appropriate fixity conditions for truss members
When to use different modeling and analysis approaches
Application of FEA for specific regions of truss bridges





## Analysis and Modeling Approaches for Truss Bridges 7/15/15

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## **Analysis and Modeling**

- What is an idealized truss?
- Bending moments in truss bridges
- Should a truss be modeled as pinned or fixed?
- 2D versus 3D modeling
- Case study of detailed 3D modeling



### What is an idealized truss?

- A truss is a structure composed of members joined together at their endpoints. The members are joined together by smooth pins and all loadings are applied at the joints.
- Each truss member acts as an axial force member, subject to either axial tension or compression.



Source: Hibbeler, Structural Analysis, Fourth Edition, pp. 74.

#### **Forces in an Idealized Truss**



# What happens when load is applied away from a joint?



#### What happens if the joints are fixed?





#### **Primary Moments**

- Primary moments are bending moments that the truss members must develop to remain in equilibrium while carrying load.
- Since the truss is loaded away from the work point of a joint, it is said to be eccentrically loaded.



#### **Sources of Primary Moments**

- Worklines that don't meet at a single point
- Centroid does not coincide with the workline
- Loads applied away from panel points
- Member self-weight









#### **Secondary Moments**

- Bending forces in truss members that are not required to satisfy equilibrium are termed secondary moments, or secondary stresses.
- These are <u>not</u> the same as second order moments, which are caused by axial forces applied to compression members in their deflected position.





#### **Sources of Secondary Moments**

Rigid connections between members



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#### **Secondary Moments**



# Should secondary moments be considered for truss analysis?



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#### C.R. Grimm: Secondary Stresses in Bridge Trusses, 1908



Secondary stresses are calculated for gross momenta of inertia.

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#### C.R. Grimm: Secondary Stresses in Bridge Trusses, 1908

- In common cases there is no necessity for such calculations, yet in particular cases secondary stresses should be investigated;...where [they are] of great magnitude, or where a bridge has to carry much greater loads than those for which it has been designed."
- "The writer suggests that readers who take a particular interest in this subject...examine trusses and publish their results".

### Sciotoville Bridge, 1916





#### **Gustav Lindenthal**



### Sciotoville Bridge, 1916

- "This was done by cambering the trusses for full dead load plus one-half the live load...but assembling and erecting them so that the angles between the members...would correspond to the geometric form of truss."
- "This is the first bridge, in which this method of reducing secondary stresses in all members has been used".

Source: *The Continuous Truss Bridge Over the Ohio River at Sciotoville, Ohio, of the Chesapeake and Ohio Northern Railway*, by Gustav Lindenthal, ASCE Transactions, 1922.

#### J. Parcel and E. Murer: *Effect of Secondary Stresses Upon Ultimate Strength*, 1934



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- General analysis and laboratory tests
- "For most bridge members...the ultimate strength is practically unaffected, even by high secondary stresses".
- "It is evident that the secondary bending was relieved by the plastic condition on the compressive face...A complete re-adjustment resulting in a nearly uniform distribution over the section was the final state of stress."

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#### R.M Korol, et al., *On Primary and Secondary Stresses in Triangulated Trusses*, 1986

- General analysis and laboratory tests
- "It appears that Parcel and Murer's work was taken by the profession as the final word on the subject of secondary stresses in steel trusses".
- "Continuity at the joints added 5% and 7% to the carrying capacity of two trusses as computed by simple statics".

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#### R.M Korol, et al., *On Primary and Secondary Stresses in Triangulated Trusses*, 1986





#### **Current Practice**

- "Where loads, other than the self-weight of the members and wind loads there on, are transmitted to the truss at panel points, the truss may be analyzed as a pin-connected assembly"
  -AASHTO LRFD 4.6.2.4
- "Stresses due to the dead load moment of the member shall be considered, as shall those caused by eccentricity of joints or working lines. Secondary stress due to truss distortion or floorbeam deflection need not be considered in any member whose width measured parallel to the plane of distortion is less than one-tenth of its length." -AASHTO LRFD 6.14.2.3



#### **Current Practice**

 "[Secondary stresses] have little effect on the buckling strength (and tensile strength) of truss members.

Because of local yielding of extreme fibers of the members near the joints, the secondary moments gradually dissipate as the truss is loaded to its ultimate strength. They can therefore be neglected in the buckling analysis"

-Guide to Stability Design Criteria of Metal Structures, 6<sup>th</sup> Edition, Page 50

#### Should trusses be modeled as pinned or fixed?

- Pinned = secondary moments neglected
- Fixed = secondary moments included
- Recommend pinned for strength limit state, fixed for fatigue and service limit state
- Include primary moments for all limit states



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#### **Member Length Adjustment for Camber**



Truss under no load in geometric position prior to camber length adjustment of members



Truss after camber length adjustment of members, showing in-plane moments





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### **2D Modeling**

- Conventional bridges
- Main member dead and live load axial forces
- Use lever rule for live load distribution





## **3D Modeling**

- Wind analysis
- Floor systems
- Changes to structural configuration of original bridge
- Detailed FEA of specific regions



#### **Axial Force Comparisons**



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#### **Upstream Top Chord**



#### **Axial Force Comparisons**

**Upstream Bottom Chord** 



#### Wind Load Moments





#### **Floor Systems in 3D**





#### **Floor System Deformations**





#### **Floor System Deformations**



### **Secondary Members in 3D Models**

 Laterals and floorbeams supplement top and bottom chords



## **Boundary Conditions in 3D Models**

 Consider ability of actual connections to transfer moments





#### **Detailed Modeling of Truss Bridges**



#### Detailed Modeling Case Study: Winona Bridge



- U13-L14, adjoining connections and members modeled with shell elements
- High-strength bars for U13-L14 modeled with truss elements
- Rivets modeled with beam elements and multilinear links





- Questions:
  - What are the demand/capacity ratios in adjacent members after one channel fractures?
  - Will there be large differential displacements between the end of the member and the connection?
  - Will rivets in the gusset plates fail due to large differential displacements between the member and connection?
  - Will the high-strength bars engage to carry load after one channel fractures?

- Three analysis conditions:
  - 1.25DC + 1.5DW + 1.30(90% Double Truck LL + IM) [Extreme III] before fracture
  - Extreme III after one U13-L14 channel fractures
  - Extreme III after both channels fracture





#### Shear Versus Deformation for A-141 Rivets

Source: *The Static Strength of Rivets Subjected to Combined Tension and Shear*, Munse, et. al., University of Illinois Bulletin, 1956





#### **Extreme III Stresses Before Fracture**





## High-Strength Bar Force Before Fracture



#### Rivet Shear Versus Deformation Before Fracture



#### **Extreme III Stresses After Fracture**



#### **Extreme III Stresses After Fracture**



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## High-Strength Bar Force After Fracture



## **Axial Force Distribution After Fracture**

	High Strength Bars	<b>Remaining Channel</b>
Force	285 kips	500 kips
Percent of Total Force	36%	64%
Percent of Total Area	31%	69%



## **Deformations After Fracture**





## **Deformations After Fracture**



#### **Rivet Shear Versus Deformation After Fracture**



# Summary

	Differential Displacement Between U13 and L14	
Before Fracture	1.2"	
After Fracture	1.3"	
High-Strength Bars In Place Only	3.0"	

	Force in High-Strength Bars		
Before Fracture	191 kips		
After Fracture	285 kips		
High-Strength Bars In Place Only	967 kips		

Note:  $0.8A_{bars}f_{pu} = (314.4)(4 \text{ bars}) = 1257.6 \text{ kips}$ 

# Summary

	U13-L14 Longitudinal Strain		
Before Fracture	0.0007		
After Fracture	0.001		
High-Strength Bars In Place Only	0.003		

Note:  $(0.8 f_{pu}) / E_{bar} = 0.004$ 



Figure 5.4 Effect of strain rate on stress-strain curve for A7 steel.

# Summary

	Maximum Rivet Force	Maximum Rivet Displacement
Before Fracture	18.7 kips	0.042"
After Fracture	21.9 kips	0.050"
High Strength Bars In Place Only	16.5 kips	0.037"

#### **Shear Versus Deformation for A-141 Rivets**





# Summary

- Adjacent members have D/C ratios below 1.00 for all three analysis conditions – 5% increase in D/C ratio after fracture for adjacent member
- No signs of connection distress
- High strength bars engage after fracture in proportion to total steel area
- After fracture, strain of remaining channel remains near the beginning of the plastic range
- Strain of remaining channel limited to maximum bar strain of 0.004



### Conclusions

- Use pinned ends for the strength limit state
- Consider primary moments
- 2D analysis is sufficient for main members of most truss bridges
- Use 3D when appropriate
- Be consistent with analysis and design in 3D!
- Consider detailed modeling in 3D when needed





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