



Load Rating For Two Steel Bridges

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Project Introduction



Outline

Load rating procedure:

- Determine load rating method
- Determine member condition
- General finite element analysis of demand
- Customized tool for code specified equation for capacity
- Customized tool for rating factors

LFR Load Rating of the Steel Plate Girder Bridge

SR167

15 St. SW, Auburn



Location: SR167 and 15 St. SW,
Auburn, WA

Owner: City of Auburn/WSDOT

Year built: 1995

Bridge inspection (Dec. 2010):

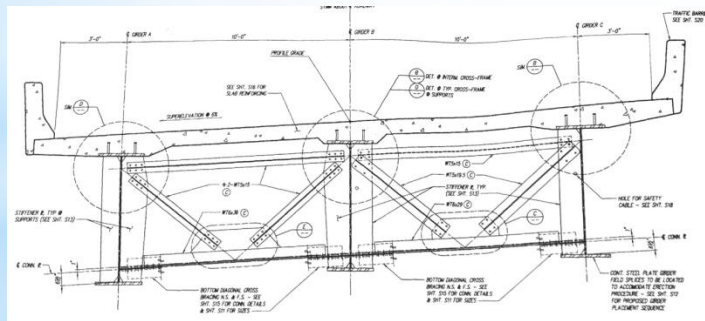
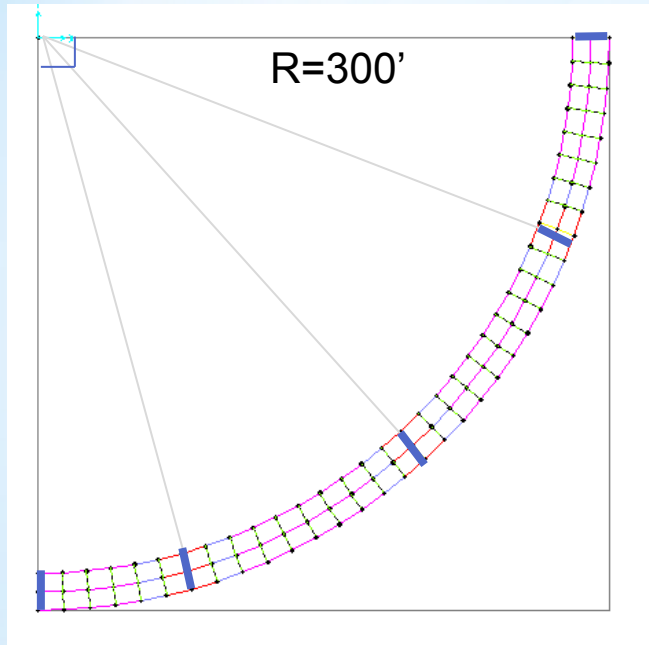
Superstructure in very good
condition (index code: 8)

Substructure in good condition
(index code: 7)

Load rating time: October 2011

Steel Plate Girder Bridge (LFR)

Structural Details

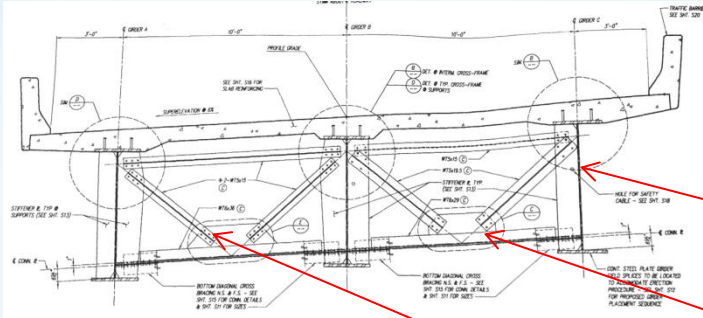


Alignment:
90 degree turn, centerline radius 300 ft.

Each span has:
3 Curved girders, web depth: 5'-6",
Flange width 2'-0"

Structural Material:
Deck and Cap Beam final cast-in-place
concrete strength, f'_c : 4 ksi
Structural steel: AASHTO M223 Grade 50,
 $F_y=50$ ksi
Steel reinforcement: ASTM A615 Grade 60,
 $F_y=60$ ksi

Rating Components

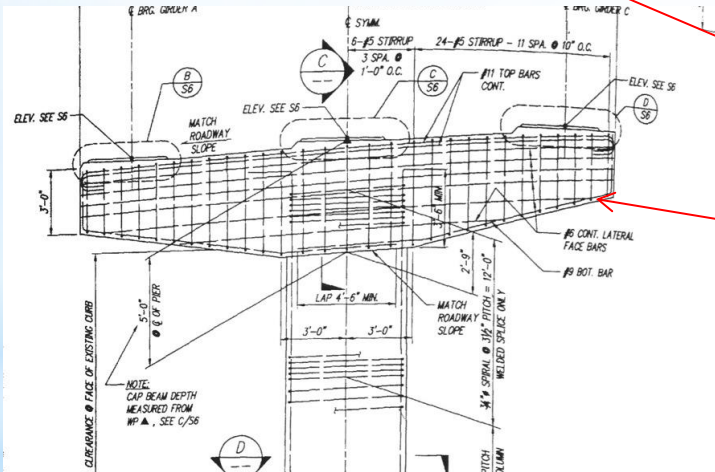


Steel Plate Girder

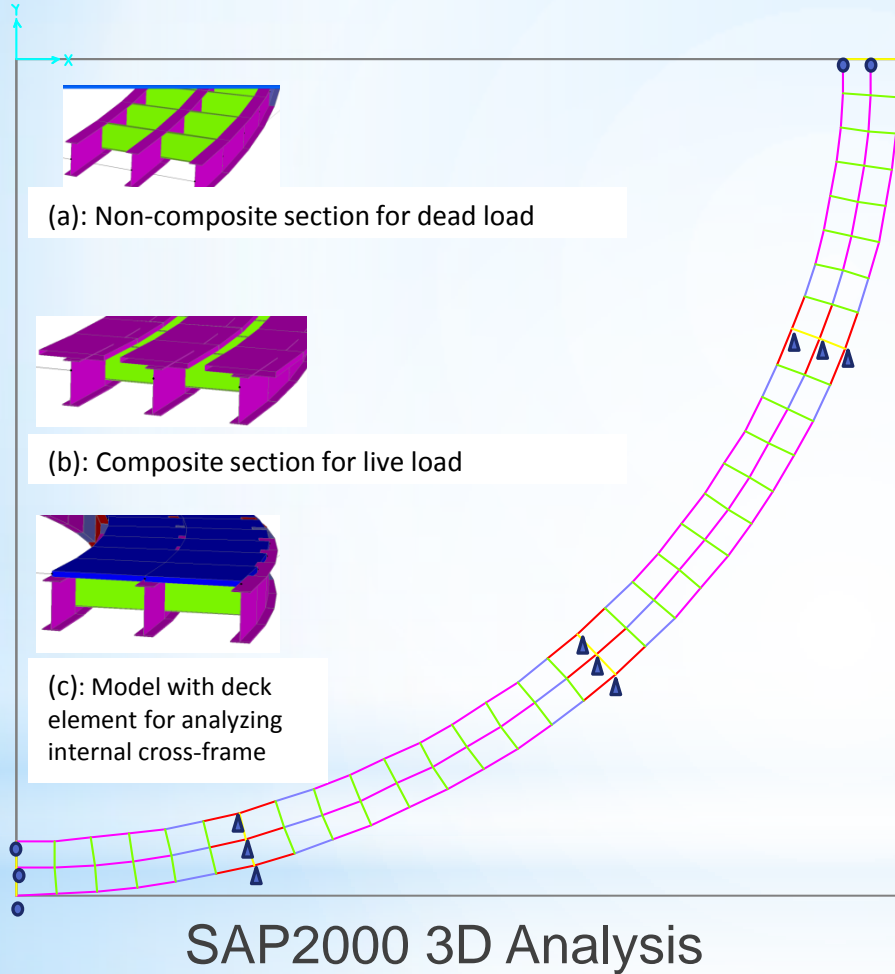
Intermediate crossbeam

Pier Crossbeam

Pier Cap beam



Global Analysis of Demand



Dead Load:

All existing components weight

Non-composite section

Live load:

Design Live Loads: HS-20

Legal Trucks: 25-40 short tons

Permit Trucks: 103.5 short tons

Composite section

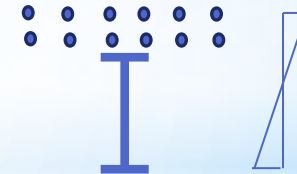
Determine Member Demand and Capacity

Component behavior:

- Plate girder positive flexure at middle span
 - Section is non-compact, use flange stress
 - Non-composite section under dead load
 - **Uncracked** composite section for live load
 - Bottom flange resistance: steel yielding

- Plate girder negative flexural at pier
 - Section is non-compact, use flange stress
 - Non-composite section for dead load
 - **Cracked** composite section for live load
 - Bottom flange compression stress:
flange and web buckling control

- Plate girder web shear: web buckling control



Determine Member Demand and Capacity

Component behavior:

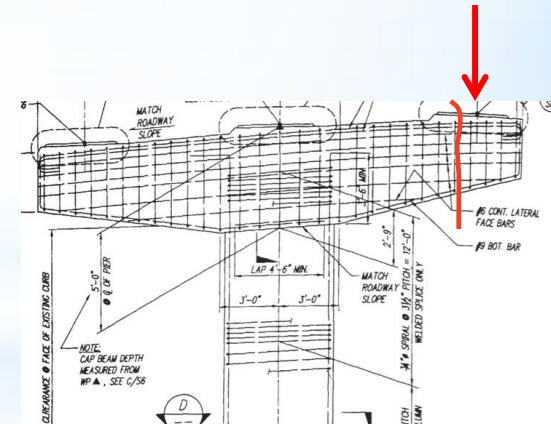
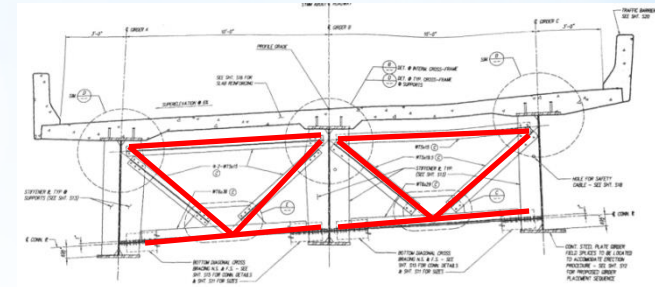
- Flange lateral bending

$$M_{lateral} = \frac{M \cdot l^2}{10 \cdot R \cdot D_{web}}$$

- Crossbeam: shear and moment

Transformed from crossbeam bracing members axial tension or compression

- Pier cap: RC concrete shear at bearing and moment at column face



LFR Rating Equation

$$RF = \frac{\phi \cdot C - \gamma_{DL} \cdot DL \pm S}{\gamma_{LL} \cdot LL(1 + IM)}$$

Member resistance according to
AASHTO Standard Specifications
for Highway Bridge, 17th edition

RF: rating factor

ϕ : Material resistance factor

$\phi=1.0$, for steel flexural and shear

$\phi=0.9$, for concrete flexural

$\phi=0.85$, for concrete shear

γ_{DL} , dead load factor: 1.3

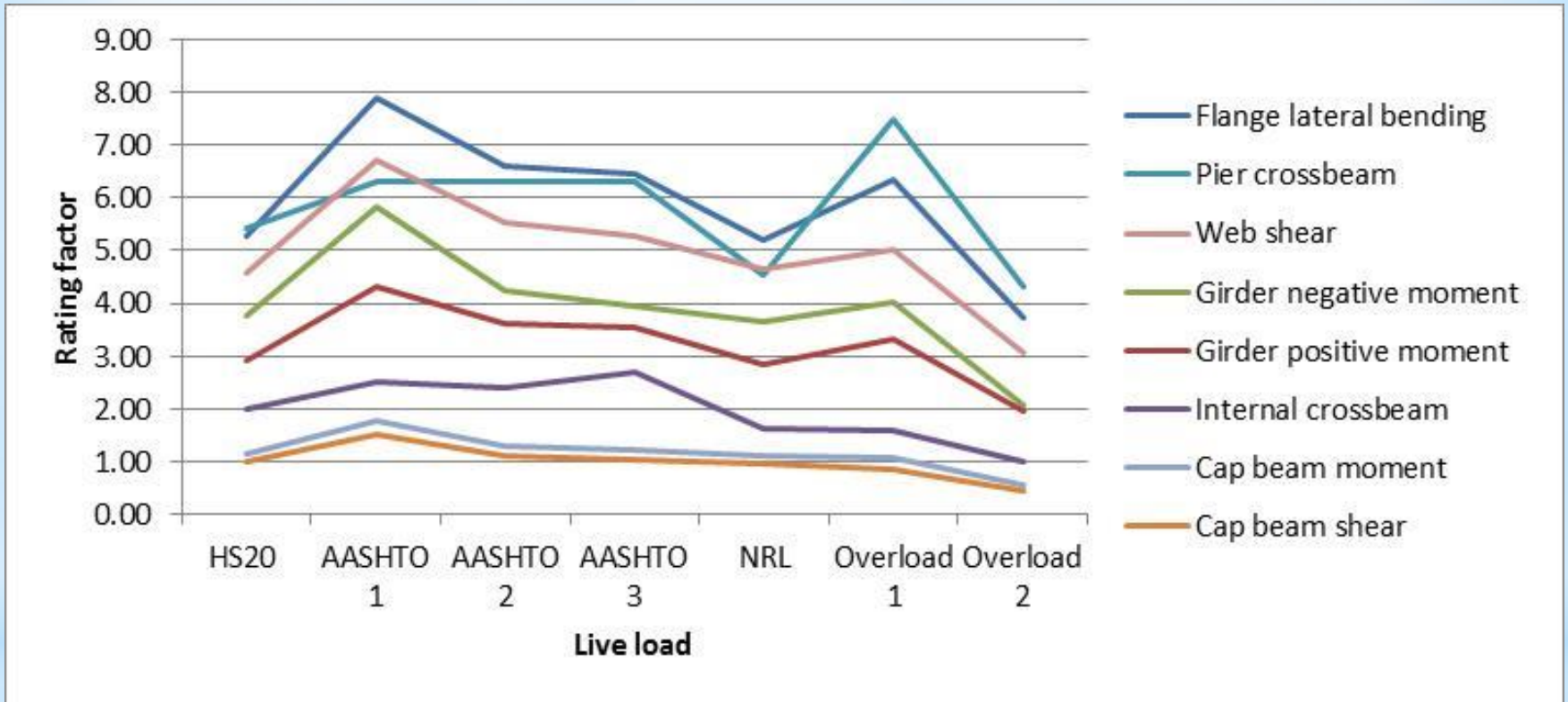
DL: dead load effect on rating
components

S=0 (no prestress effect)

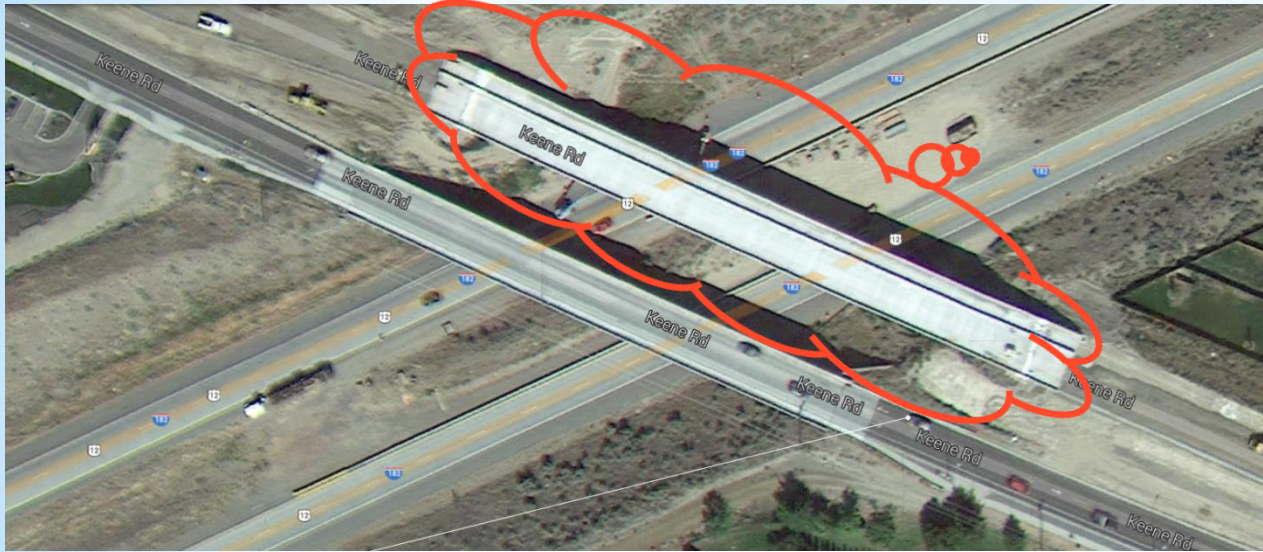
γ_{LL} , live load factor: 2.17 or 1.3

LL(1+IM): live load plus impact

Load Rating Results



LRFR Load Rating of the Steel Box Girder Bridge



Location: JCT S182 &
Keene Road, Richland

Owner: City of
Richland/WSDOT

Year built: 1982

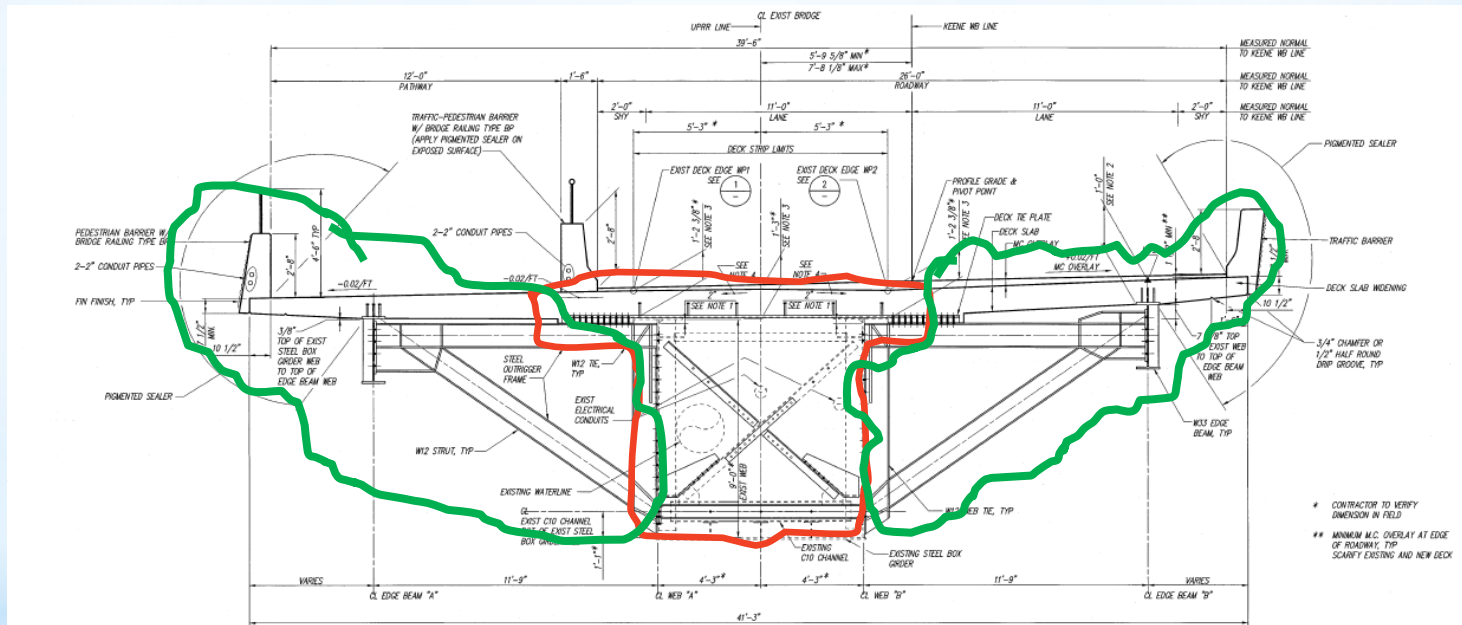
Inspection: Dec. 2008

- Superstructure in very good condition (index code: 8)
- Substructure in very good condition (index code: 8)

Year widened: 2012

Structural Introduction

Existing single steel box and deck, deck widening by bracings and edge beams



Structural Material:

Concrete strength, $f'c$: 4 ksi

Structural steel: AASHTO M223 Grade 50, $F_y=50$ ksi

Steel reinforcement: ASTM A615 Grade 60, $F_y=60$ ksi

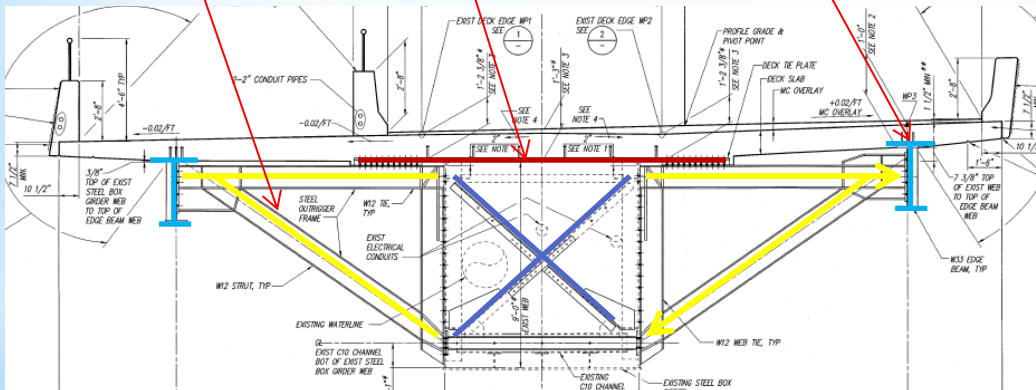
Steel Box Girder Bridge (LRFR)

Rating Components

Outrigger
bracing

Deck tie

Continuous
edge beam



Steel box girder: **top and bottom flange normal stress, web shear stress**

Splice Connections: **flexural and shear**

Crossbeam bracings: **tension or compression**

Deck tie: **tension**

Outrigger bracings: **Axial and flexural**

Edge beam: **flexural**

Steel Box Girder Bridge (LRFR)

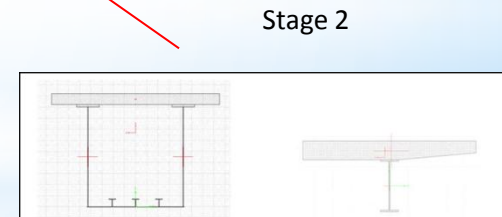
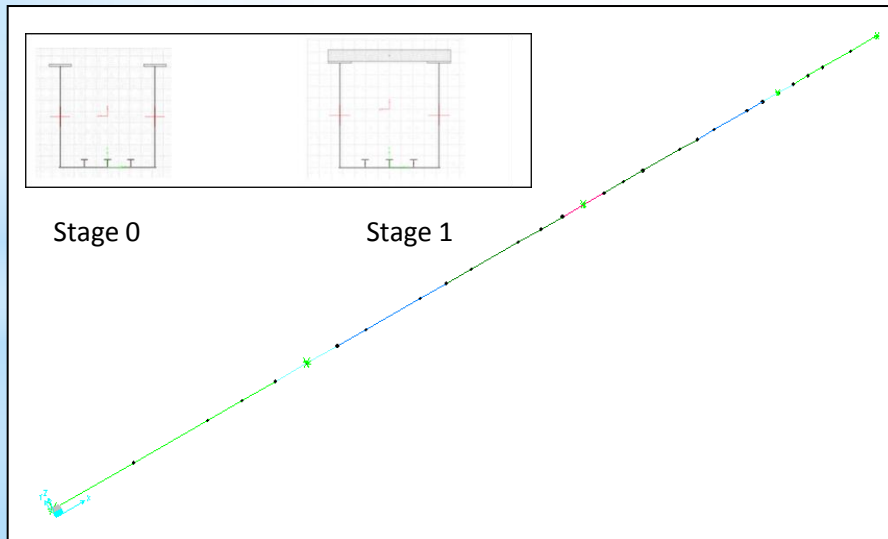
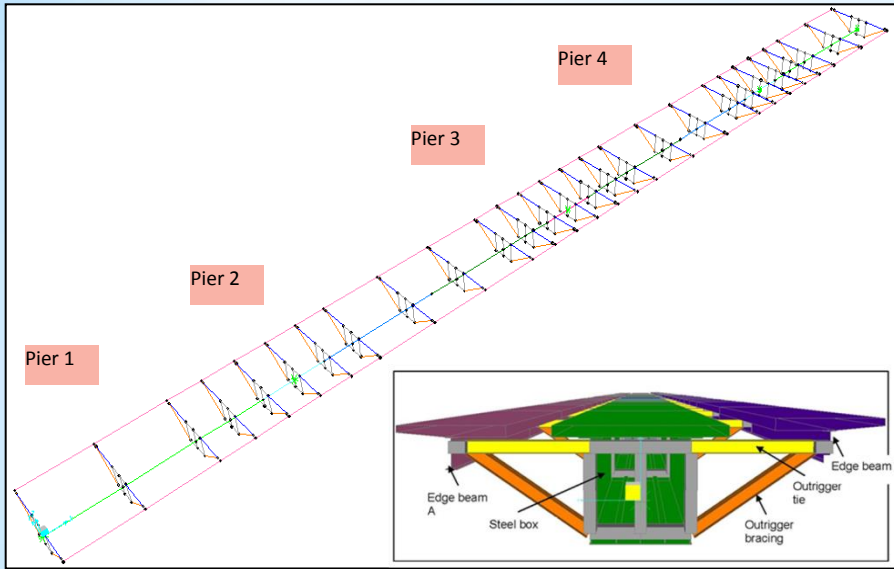
Component Demand

Demand:

SAP2000 Stick Model

Capacity:

Excel and VBA



Component resistance

Component behavior:

- Box girder top and bottom flange normal stress, web shear stress
- Box girder splices: shear and moment
- Outrigger bracing: axial and flexural
- Deck tie: axial tension
- Edge beam: flexural (non-composite section for dead load, composite section for live load)

Iteration on component resistance

Component behavior:

- Box girder top and bottom flange normal stress, shear stress

$$F_{nc} = R_b R_h F_{yc} \sqrt{1 - 3 \left(\frac{f_v}{F_{yc}} \right)}$$

$$f_v = \frac{T}{2A_0 t_{fc}}$$

- Outrigger bracing: axial and flexural

$$\text{If } \frac{P_u}{P_r} \geq 0.2$$

$$\frac{P_u}{P_r} + \frac{8}{9} \left(\frac{M_{ux}}{M_{rx}} + \frac{M_{uy}}{M_{ry}} \right) \leq 1.0$$

$$\text{If } \frac{P_u}{P_r} < 0.2$$

$$\frac{P_u}{2.0P_r} + \left(\frac{M_{ux}}{M_{rx}} + \frac{M_{uy}}{M_{ry}} \right) \leq 1.0$$

LRFR Rating Equation

$$RF = \frac{\phi \cdot C - \gamma_{DL} \cdot DL \pm S}{\gamma_{LL} \cdot LL(1 + IM)}$$

Member resistance according
AASHTO LRFD Bridge Design
Specifications, 5th edition

Strength and service limit state

Φ : resistance factor

$$\Phi = \Phi_c \Phi_s \Phi_n$$

γ_{DL} : dead load factor

DL: dead load effect on rating
components

S=0 (no prestress effect)

γ_{LL} : live load factor

LL(1+IM): live load plus impact

Material resistance factors

Behavior		Φ_n
Strength limit state	flexure	1.0
	Shear	1.0
	Axial compression	0.9
	Axial tension, fracture	0.8
	Axial tension, yield	0.95
	For bolts shear	0.8
Service state		1.0

Φ : Capacity factor

$$\Phi = \Phi_c \Phi_s \Phi_n$$

Φ_c : Condition factor

Φ_s : System redundancy factor

Φ_n : Material resistance factor

Load and Factors

Dead Load: All existing components weight

Live load:

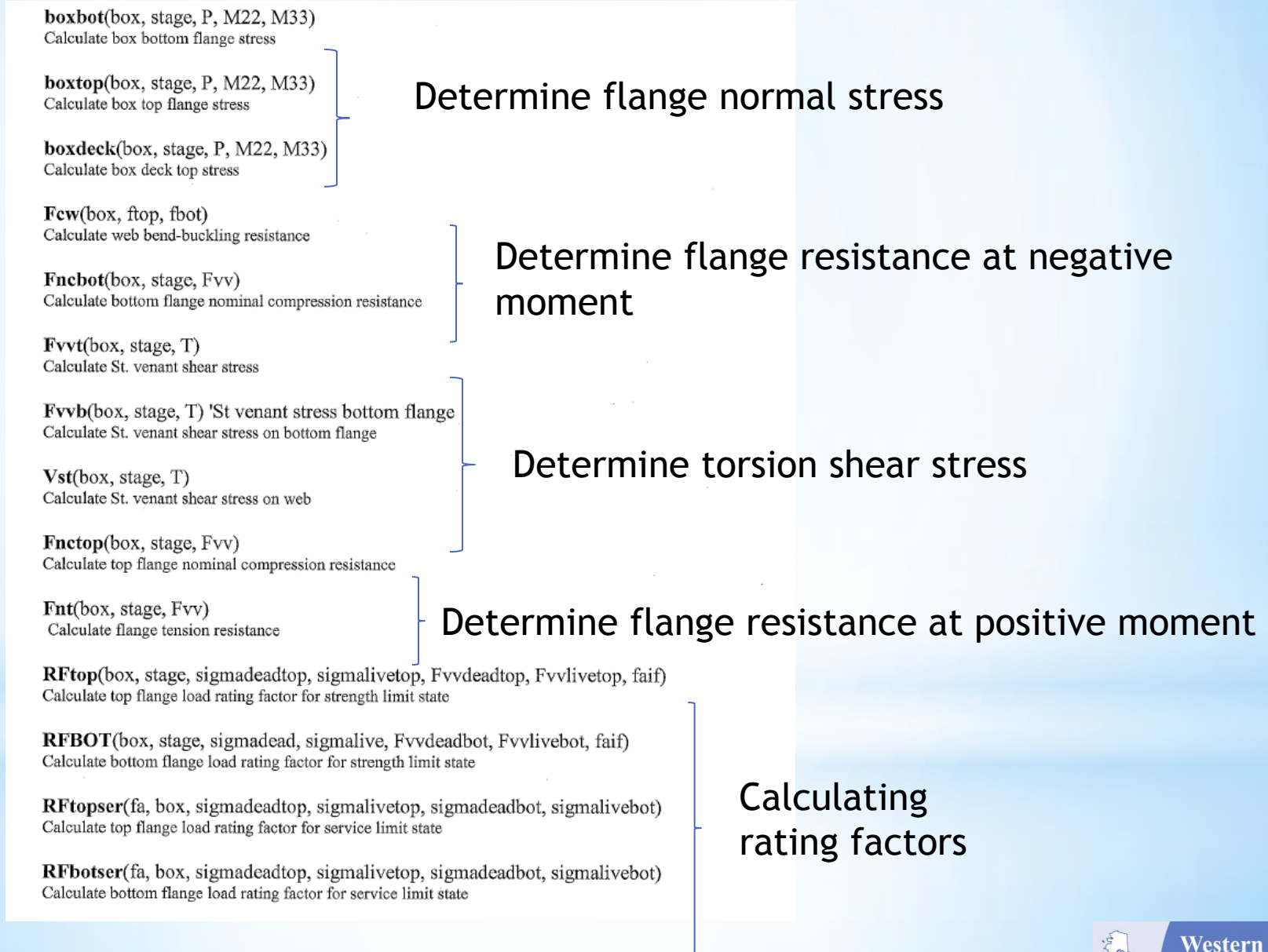
Design Live Loads: HL-93

Legal Trucks: 25-40 short tons

Permit Trucks: 103.5 short tons

Load Factors

Limit State	γ_{DC}	γ_{DW}	HL-93 Inventory	HL-93 Operating	Legal and NRL	Permit
Strength	1.25	1.5	1.75	1.35	1.8	1.5
Service	1.0	1.0	1.30	1.0	1.30	1.0



Rating Results

Bridge Name:	UPRR UXING		
Bridge Number:	182/8		
Span Types:	FOUR SPANS CONTINUOUS STEEL BOX GIRDER WITH BRACINGS		
Span Length:	81.5 FT + 124.5 FT + 124.5 FT + 81.5 FT		
Design Load:	HL-93.		
Rated By:	JJL		
Checked By:	COH/IX		
Date:	July 2011		

Inspection Report Date:	12/10/2008	Substructure Condition	8
Rating Method:	LRFR	Deck Condition	7
Overlay Thickness:	1.5 in. minimum	Superstructure Condition	8

Truck	RF	γ	Controlling Point
AASHTO 1	3.15	1.8	Cross-frame diagonal compression close to pier 1 and 5
AASHTO 2	3.11	1.8	Cross-frame diagonal compression close to pier 1 and 5
AASHTO 3	3.12	1.8	Edge beam bottom flange compressive stress at pier 3
NRL	1.97	1.8	Cross-frame diagonal compression close to pier 1 and 5
OL-1	2.51	1.5	Cross-frame diagonal compression close to pier 1 and 5
OL-2	2.10	1.5	Cross-frame diagonal compression at span 2 middle

NBI Rating	RF	γ	Controlling Point
Inventory (HL-93)	1.52	1.75	Cross-frame diagonal compression near pier 1 and 5
Operating (HL-93)	1.96	1.35	Cross-frame diagonal compression near pier 1 and 5



SUMMARY

- **3D line models with moderate complexity to analyze member demand**
Construction staging
Member resistance using Excel
- **Steel plate girder bridge (LFR):**
Pier cap beam shear controls rating factor
- **Steel box girder bridge (LRFR)**
Crossbeam diagonal compression controls rating factor
- **Development of generalized rating tools combining commercial software and Excel spreadsheets.**



QUESTIONS?

Thank you for your attention !

