

Connected BIM for Structures

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Key Learning Objectives

After this class you will be able to...

- position the products in the AEC Collection with each BIM Project Lifecycle phase
- understand efficient workflows from design to analysis to fabrication
- choose the right tool for the integration of design and data between each engineering BIM phase
- understand how BIM360 Design and Document Management helps the digitization process



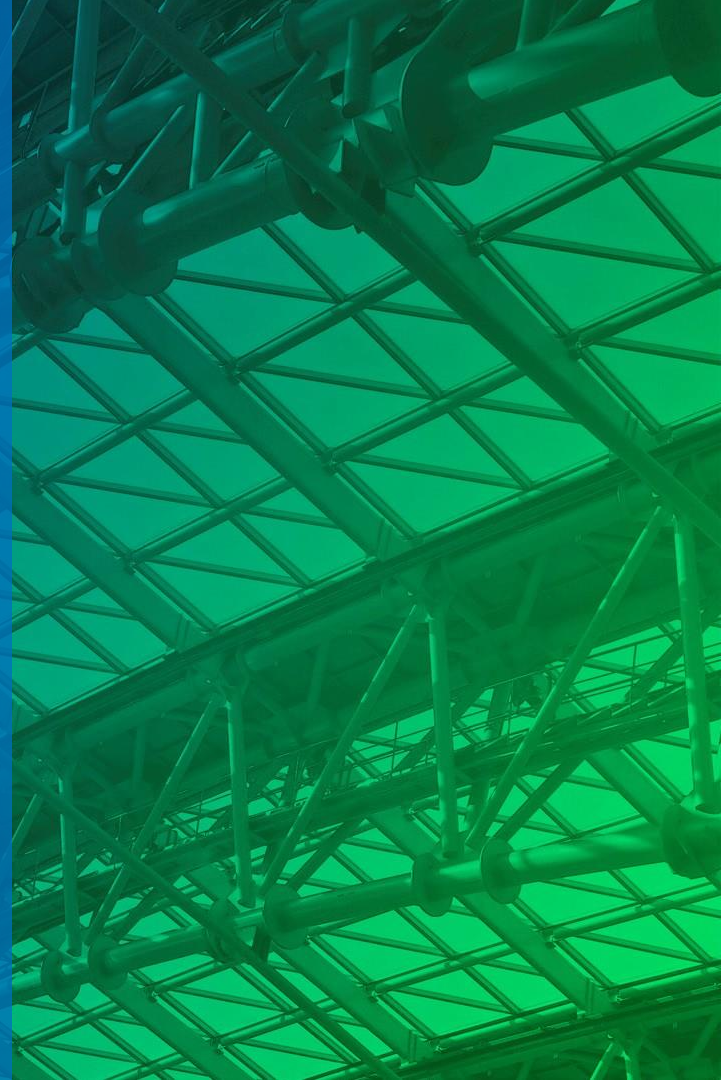
Connected BIM

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Industry Challenges

Structures. Why Important for AEC?

- **Most** critical part of building design for ensuring occupant safety
- **10%** of construction costs are for structure
- **1st** on site to build foundations and building core, setting overall schedule
- **14+** “structural” materials used on projects
- **Offsite/prefab** is a growing opportunity WW with precast and timber



Challenges for Structural Industry



Increasing project complexity



Disconnection between design and detailing



Great diversity in structural materials and methods



Material waste and delays on the jobsite

Industry Change and Opportunity

ENGINEERS

TRADE CONTRACTORS



DETAILING & FABRICATION

EXTENSION OF SERVICES

EXTENSION OF SERVICES

Common structural “material types”



Foundations



Concrete Formwork



Concrete Rebar



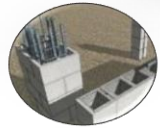
Concrete Mix



Stressing Tendons



Precast Concrete



Concrete Masonry

Structural Steel



Cold-formed Steel



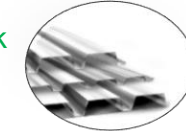
Interior Stud Walls



Metal Buildings



Steel Joists



Metal Deck



Cold-formed Steel

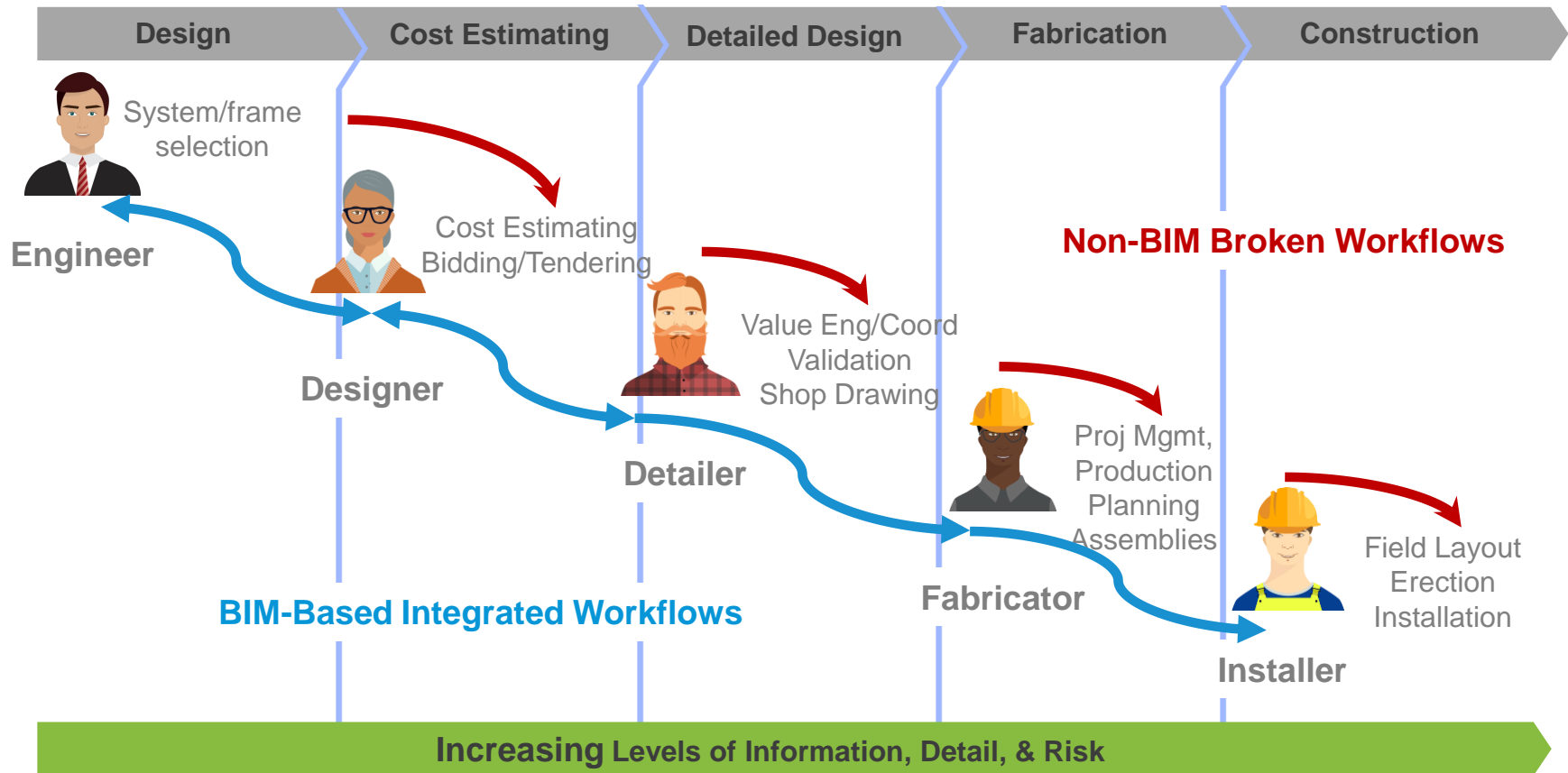


Timber

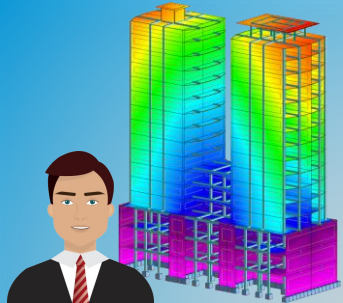


Structural Personas

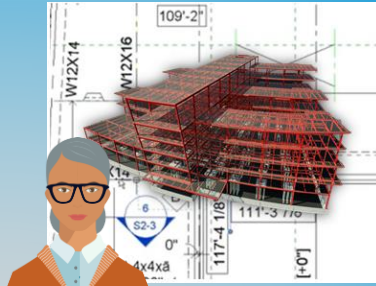
Structure Industry Workflows & Personas



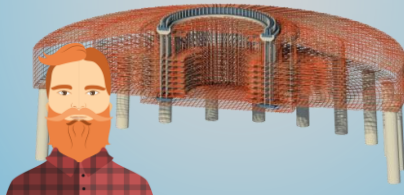
Structural Industry Personas



Structural Engineers

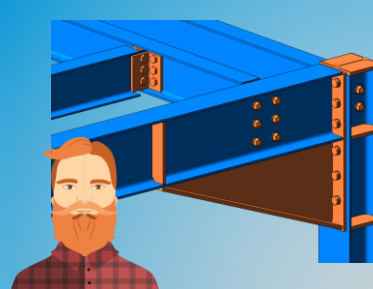


Structural Designers

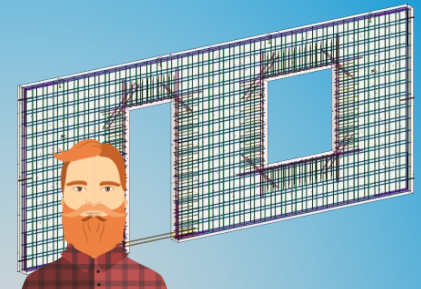


Rebar Detailers

Engineering Service Providers
Design, Analysis & Detailing



Steel Detailers



Precast Detailers



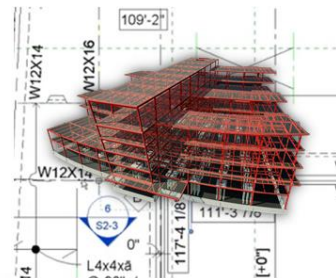
Fabricators

Building Products Manufacturing
Detailing & Fabrication

Persona: Structural Designer



Collaborates tightly with the Engineer



Needs to deliver

- ☐ Structural system concept
- ☐ Design of the structural layout
- ☐ Detailing the structure
- ☐ Documentation drawings of the structure
- ☐ Material Take-Offs of the structure

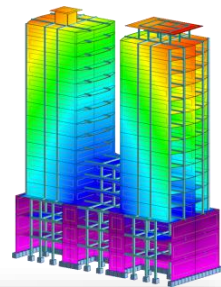
Struggles with

- ☐ Being in between different design disciplines
- ☐ Rework due to changes by other disciplines
- ☐ Collaboration with other stakeholders
- ☐ Different construction methods for structures
- ☐ Inaccuracies of MTOs in CAD environment
- ☐ Creation of MTOs on time

Persona: Structural Engineer



Communicates with the Designer and Detailer



Needs to deliver

- ☐ Verification of the structural layout
- ☐ Analysis of the structure
- ☐ Sizing of the structural elements
- ☐ Preliminary design of critical steel connections
- ☐ Definition of required concrete reinforcement
- ☐ Checks performance against local codes

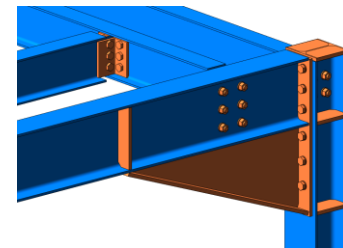
Struggles with

- ☐ Project complexity
- ☐ The use of disparate tools
- ☐ Non-integrated workflows
- ☐ Inefficient review methods
- ☐ Sharing designs with architects & fabricators

Persona: Structural Steel Detailer



Employed mostly by the fabricator



Needs to deliver

- ☐ Increase of the LOD of the structural model
- ☐ Single part drawings
- ☐ Assembly drawings for structures
- ☐ Structure erection drawings
- ☐ Optimized workshop deliverables
- ☐ Bill of Materials

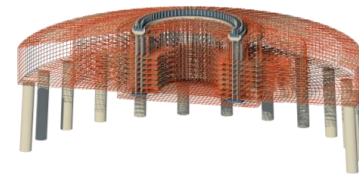
Struggles with

- ☐ Using the design model
- ☐ Training staff on highly specialized tools
- ☐ Repetitive tasks / Automation
- ☐ Rework due to non-integrated solutions
- ☐ Lack of digital information

Persona: Structural Rebar Detailer



Gets input from the structural engineer



Needs to deliver

- ☐ Increase of the LOD of the structural model
- ☐ Optimized workshop deliverables
- ☐ Concrete formwork drawings
- ☐ Reinforcement drawings
- ☐ Rebar bending schedules
- ☐ Bill of Materials

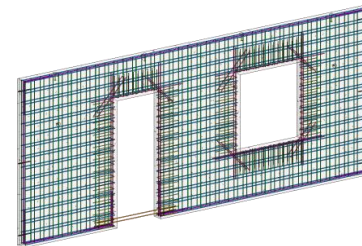
Struggles with

- ☐ Using the design model
- ☐ Repetitive tasks / Automation
- ☐ Rework due to changes
- ☐ Lack of digital information
- ☐ Inaccurate metrics for BOM creation

Persona: Structural Precast Detailer



Employed mostly by the BPM



Needs to deliver

- ☐ Increase of the LOD of the structural model
- ☐ Optimized workshop deliverables
- ☐ Assembly drawings for precast elements
- ☐ Concrete formwork drawings
- ☐ Reinforcement drawings
- ☐ Bill of Materials / Bending schedules

Struggles with

- ☐ Non-constructible design model
- ☐ Repetitive tasks / Automation
- ☐ Rework due to non-integrated solutions
- ☐ Lack of digital information

Persona: Fabricator



Gets input from designer/engineer/detailer



Needs to deliver

- ☐ Procurement of the structural building
- ☐ BIM fabrication models with a high LOD
- ☐ Fabricated & assembled structural elements
- ☐ Accurate cost calculation of the structure

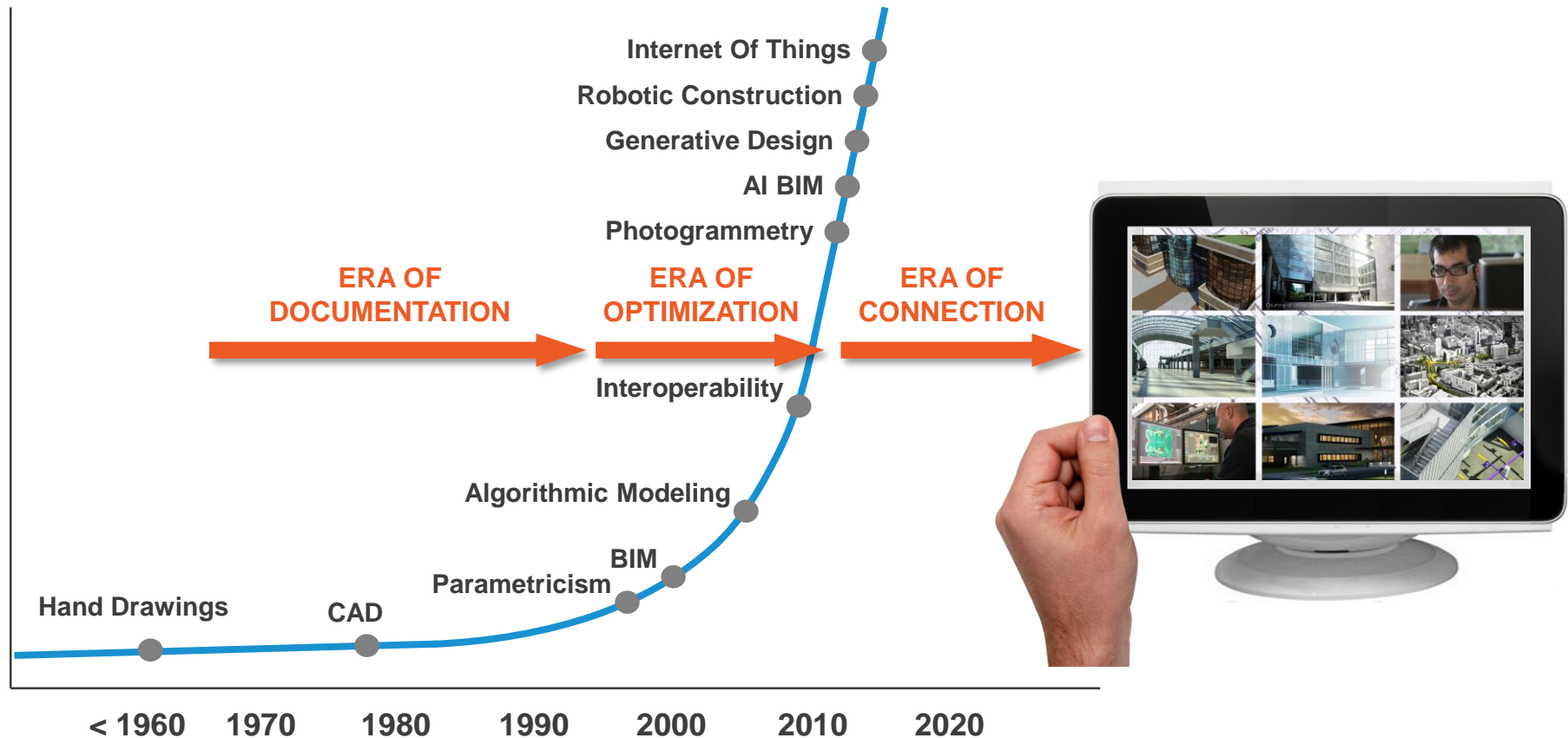
Struggles with

- ☐ Selling design-assist services
- ☐ Process automation
- ☐ Lack of digital data
- ☐ Global competition
- ☐ Accurate estimations for bidding
- ☐ Risk management

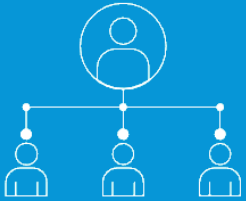
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Era of Connection

Accelerating Growth in AEC Technology



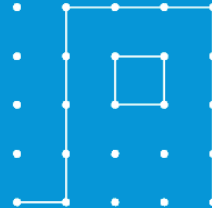
Connected technology



Connecting
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Connecting
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Connecting
outcomes



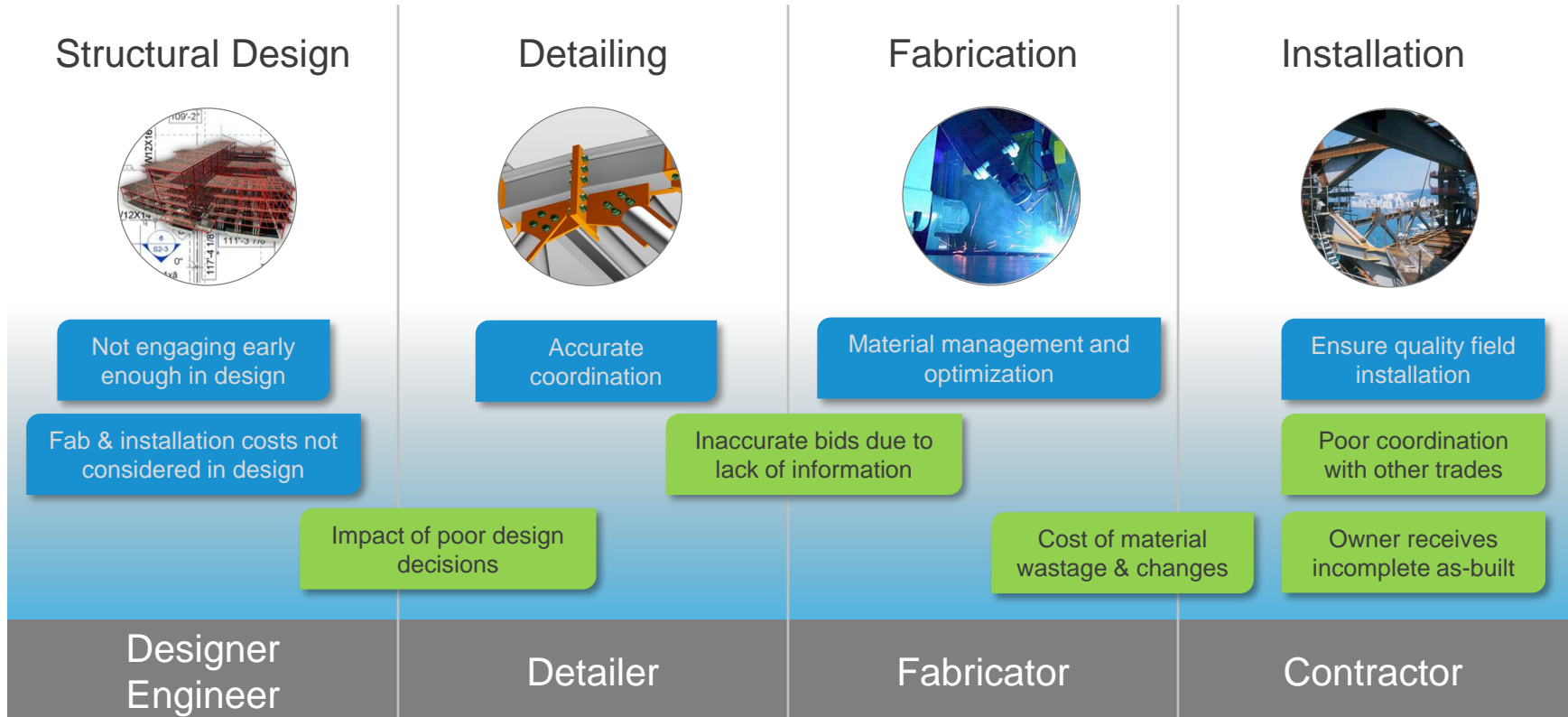
Connecting
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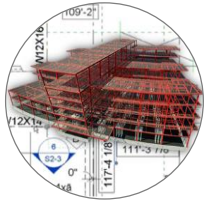
Connected BIM In Practice

Challenges & Cost Impact in a project lifecycle

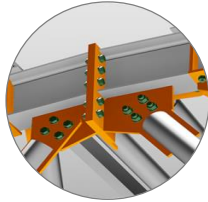


Benefits of BIM enabled workflows

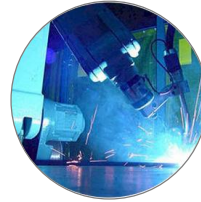
Structural Design



Detailing



Fabrication



Installation



Collaborate in a dynamic environment

Reduce errors in shop fabrication

Extend fabrication to the field

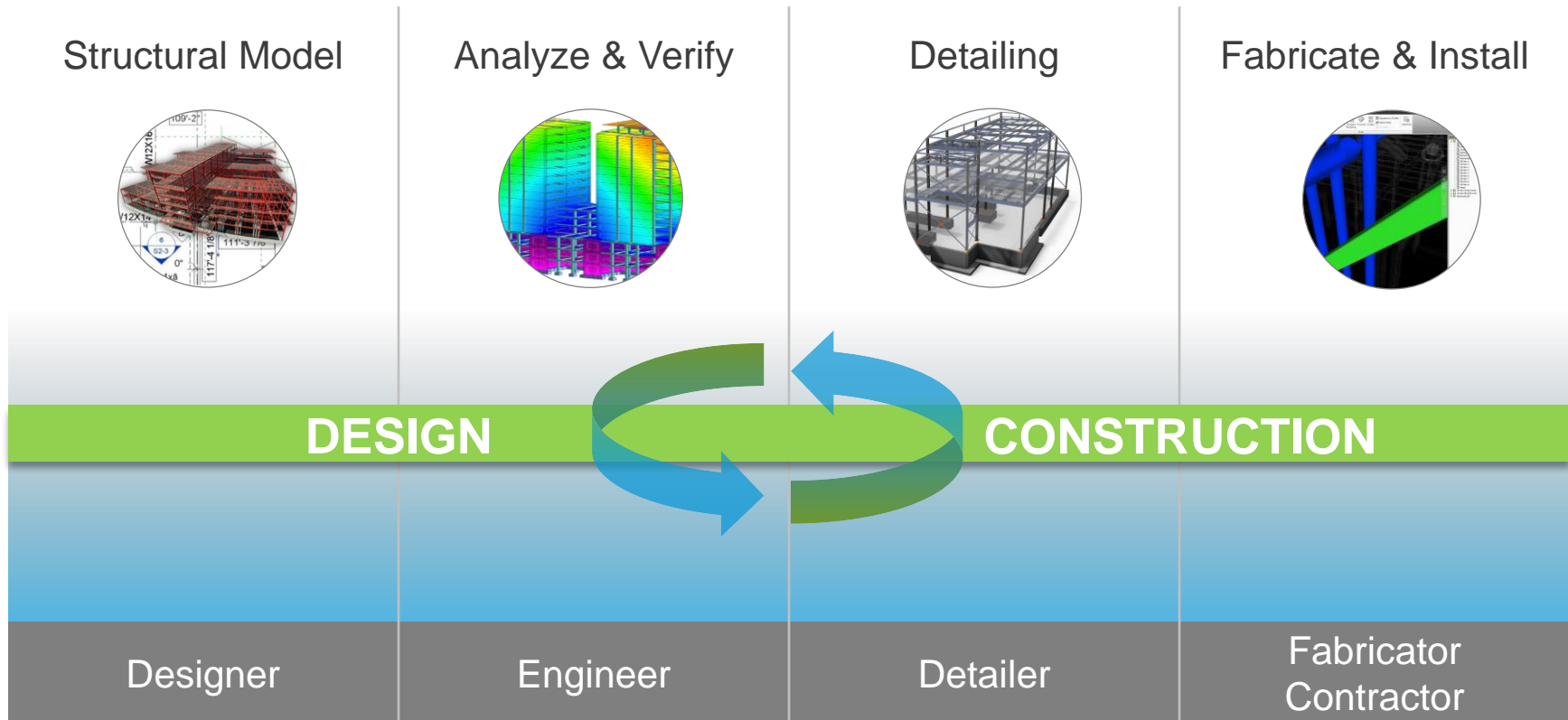
Designer
Engineer

Detailer

Fabricator

Contractor

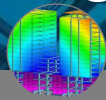
Connecting Design & Construction



Structural Engineering Portfolio



Structural Model



Analyze & Verify



Detailing



Fabricate & Install



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Products in the AEC Collection
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Workflows

Connected BIM

Practical Workflow

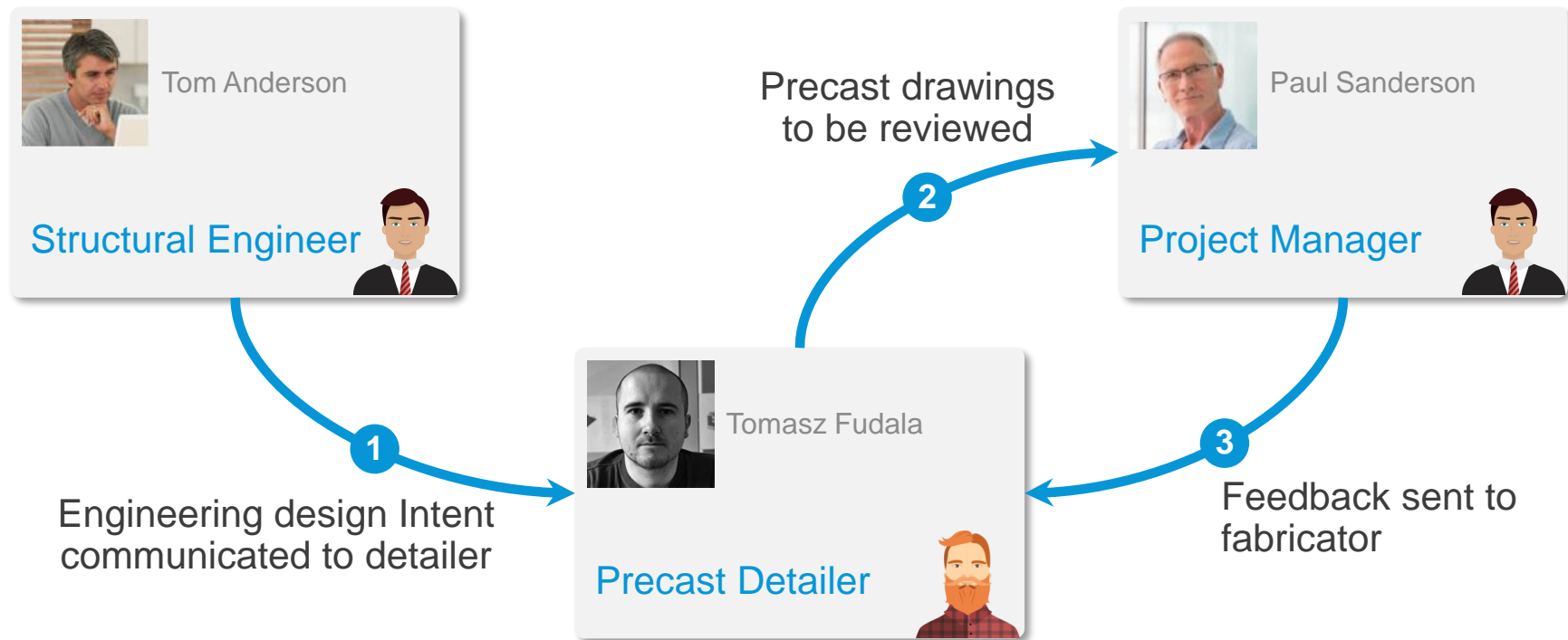
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Connecting Insight	WF 3 - Integration of BIM and Analysis
Connecting Outcomes	WF 4 - Structural Optimization of Constructions
Connecting Delivery	WF 5 - Connect design to fabrication for steel structures



CONNECTING TEAMS

Connected BIM for Concrete Structures

Connected Teams - Workflow 1



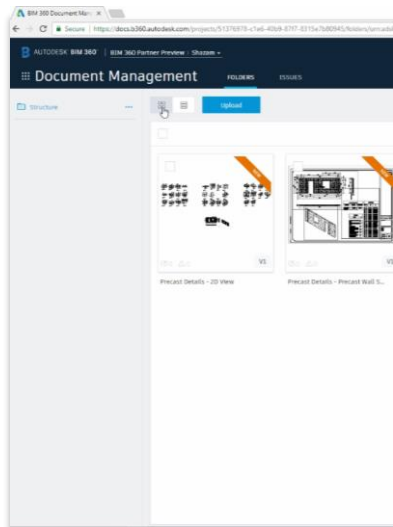
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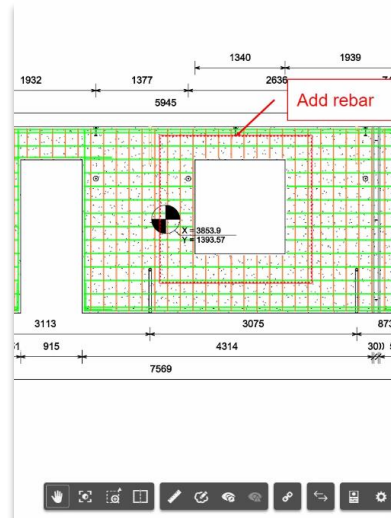
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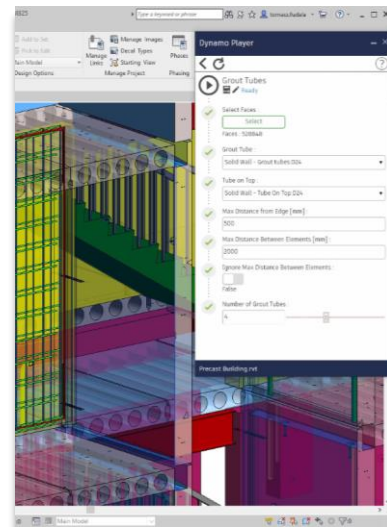
Communication of
initial design



Creation of detailed
design LOD 400



Review of detailed
design



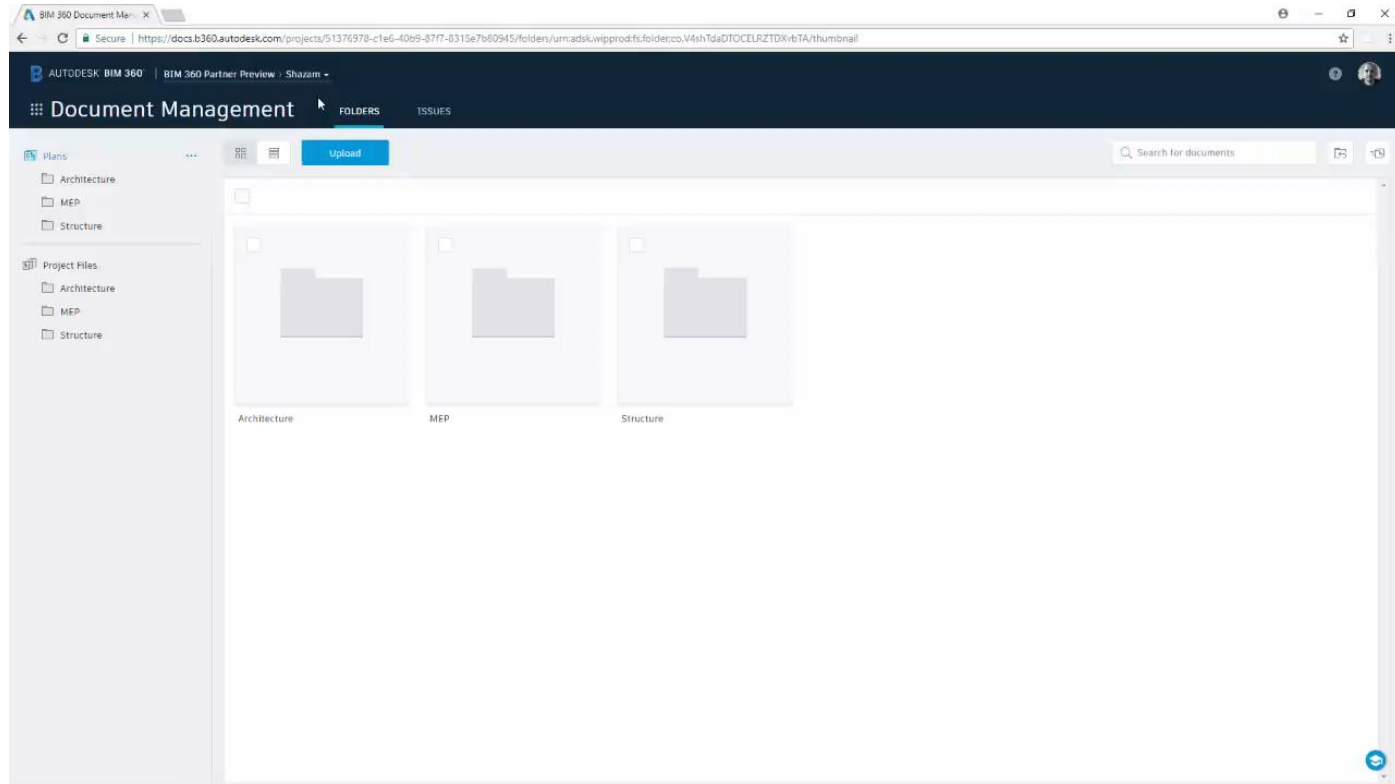
Update based on
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Communication of Designs using BIM 360 Docs



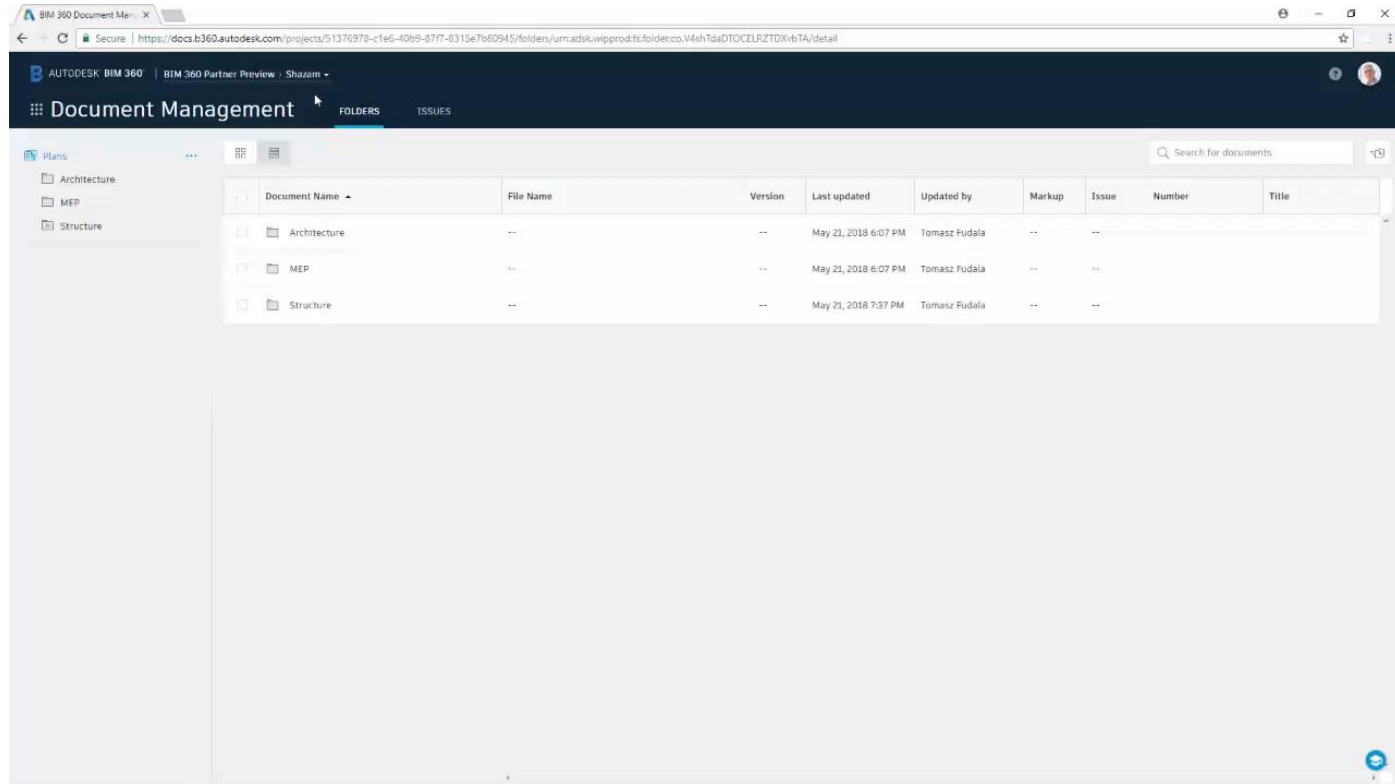
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Creation of LOD 400 model



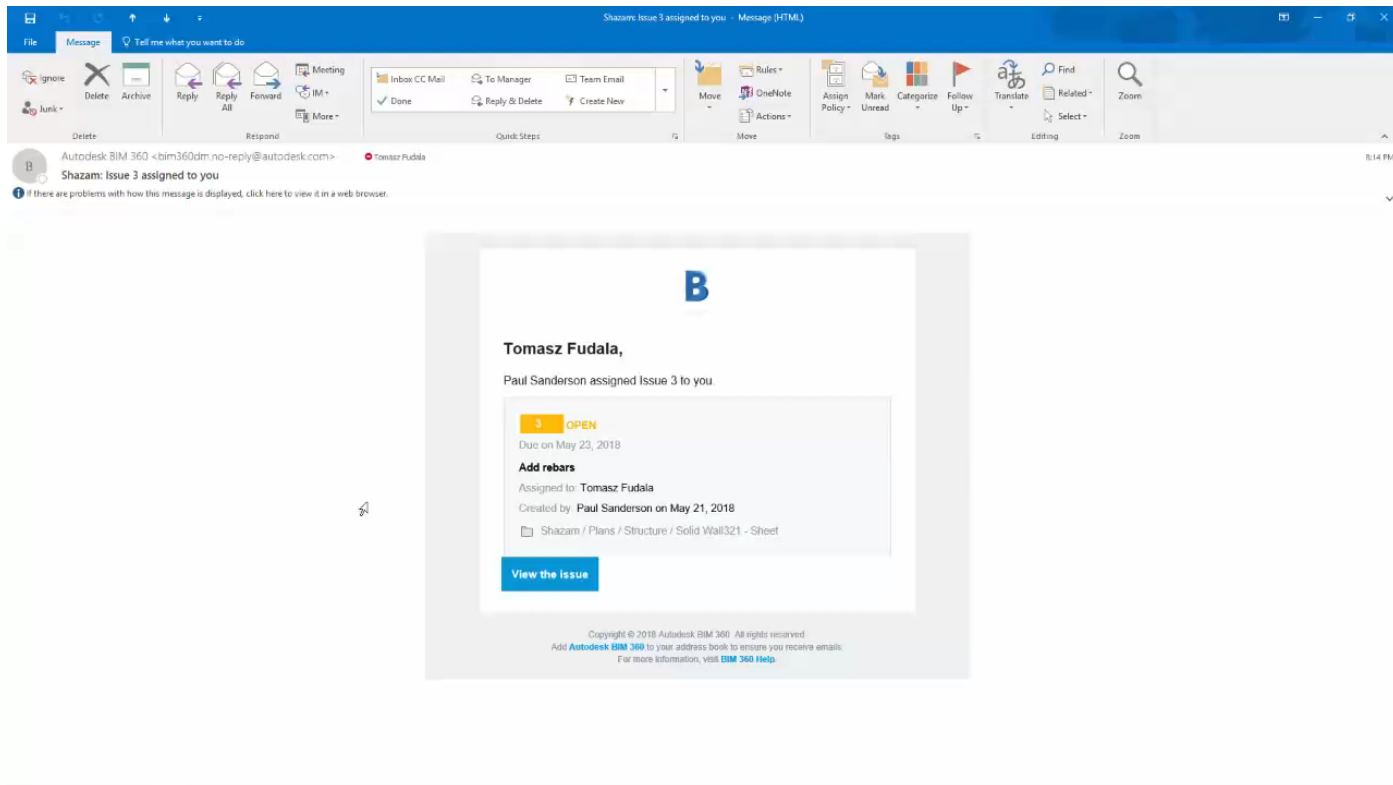
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Design Review Process



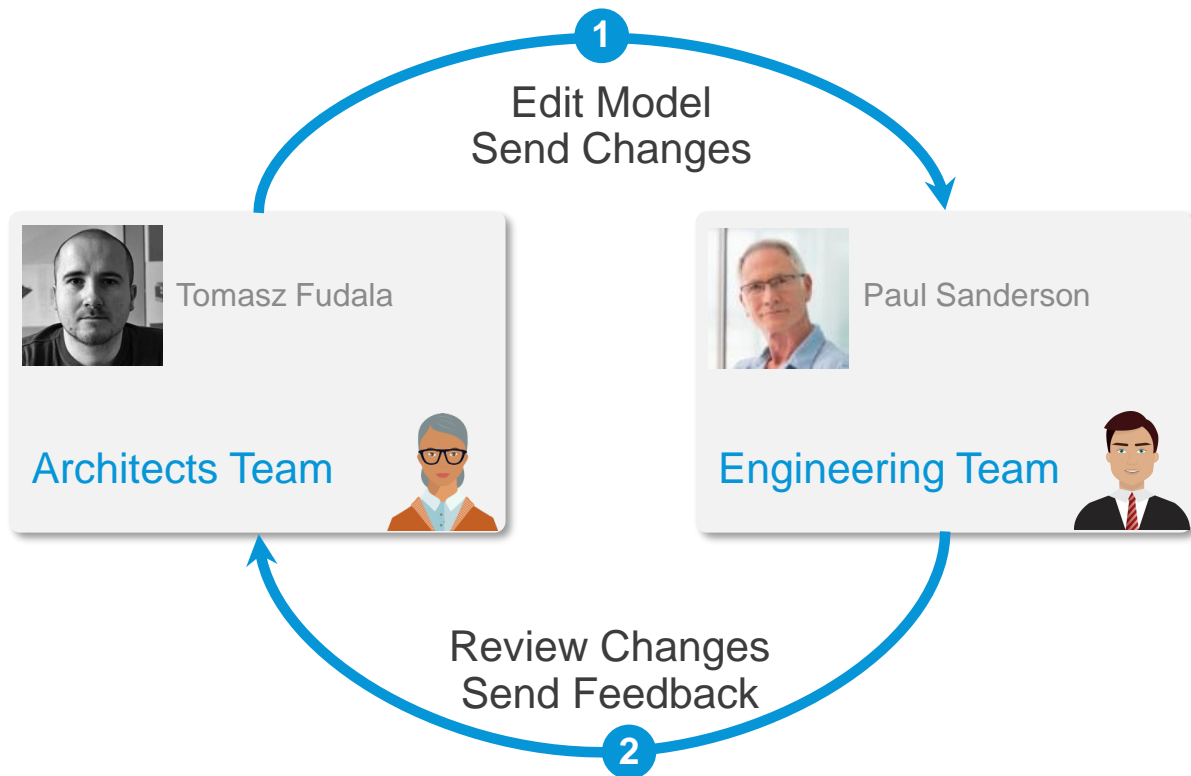
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Update Design



Collaboration with Multi-Disciplinary Teams

Connected Teams - Workflow 2



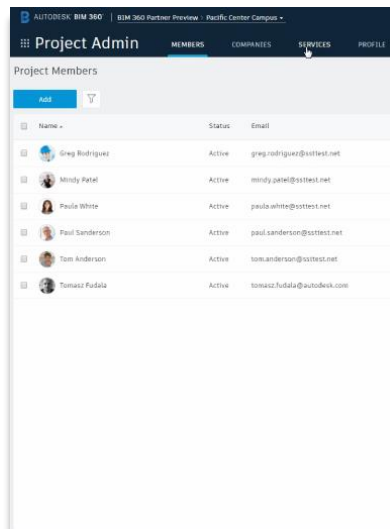
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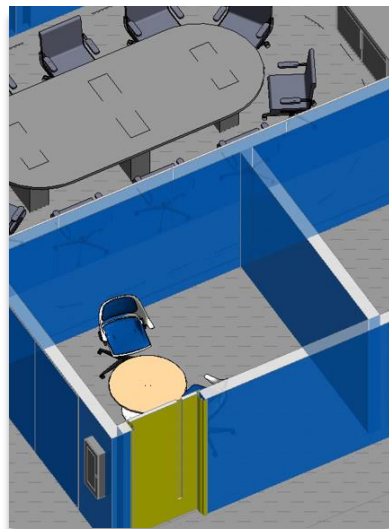
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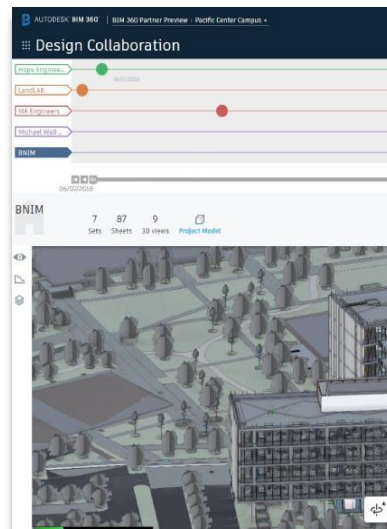
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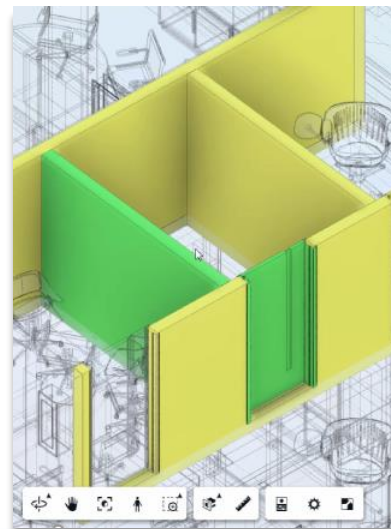
Setup Project Teams



Architects Team
Edit & Update Model



Communication
between teams



Engineers Team
Review Changes

Collaboration with Multi-Disciplinary Teams

Setup Project Teams

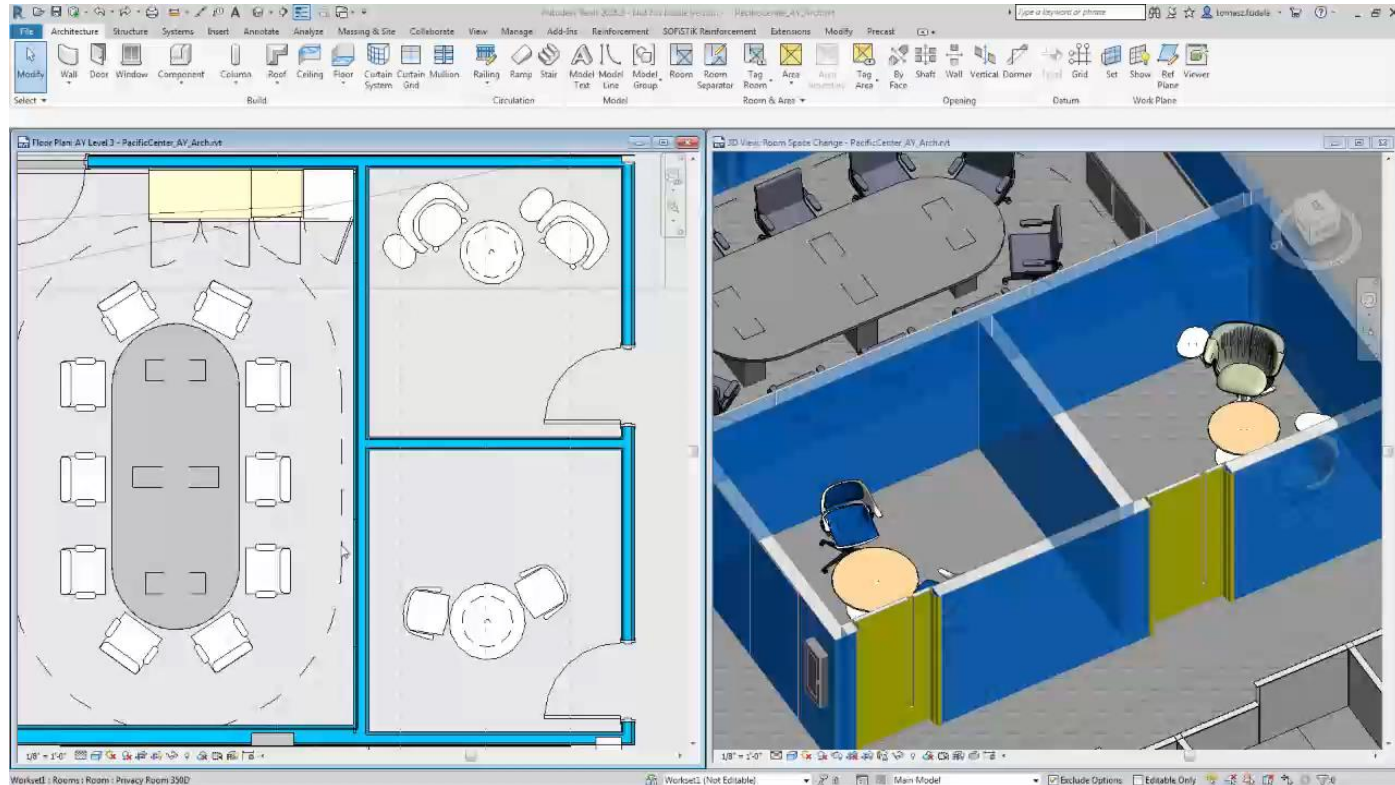
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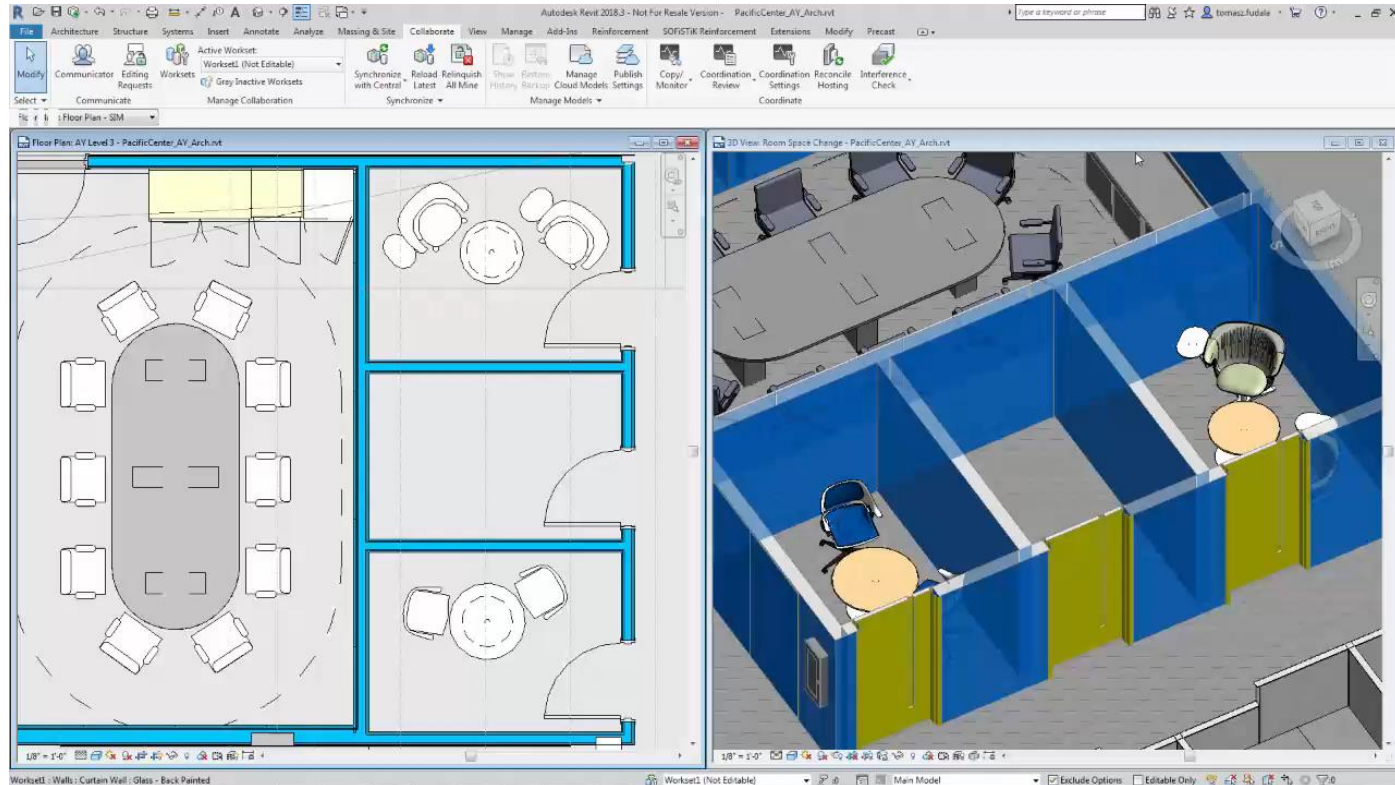
Collaboration with Multi-Disciplinary Teams

Architects team edits & updates model to BIM 360



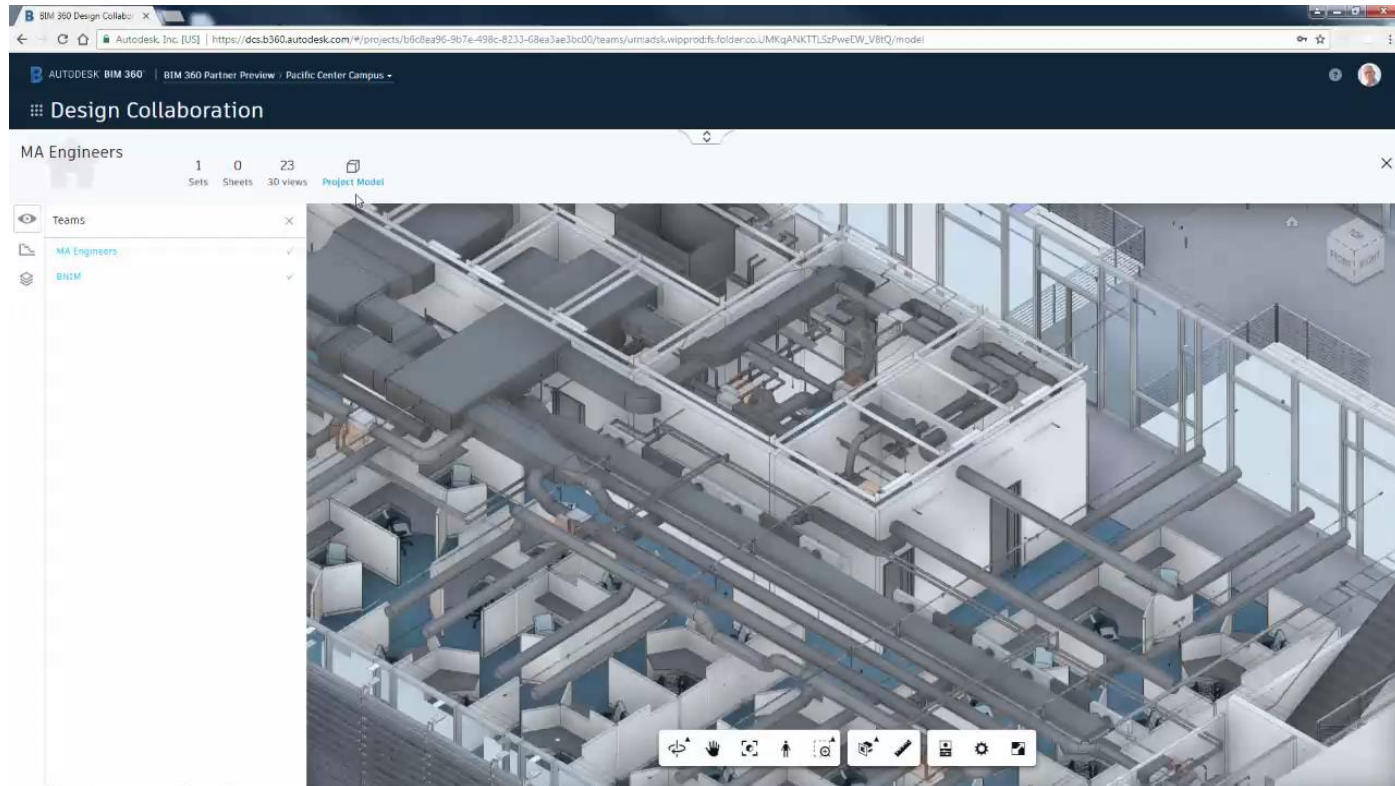
Collaboration with Multi-Disciplinary Teams

Communication of changes between teams



Collaboration with Multi-Disciplinary Teams

Engineers team reviews changes





CONNECTING INSIGHT

Integration of BIM and analysis

Connecting Insight - Workflow 3

Creates physical model,
including analytical
properties

1



Tomasz Fudala

Structural Designer



2

Share model with
structural engineer

Performs structural
analysis and optimization
on the building

3



Paul Sanderson

Structural Engineer



5

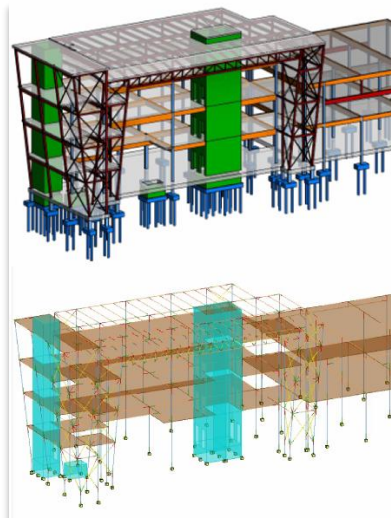
Compares changes

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Update the model
Share with designer

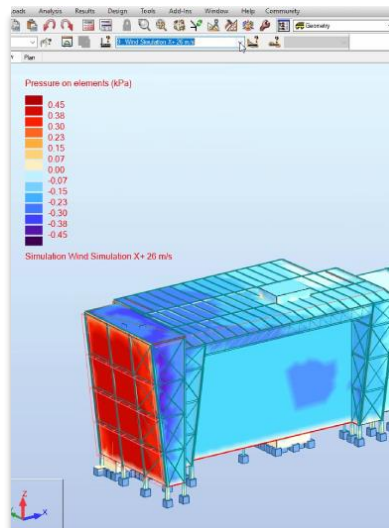
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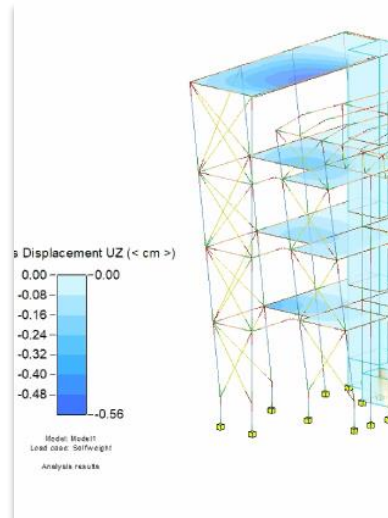
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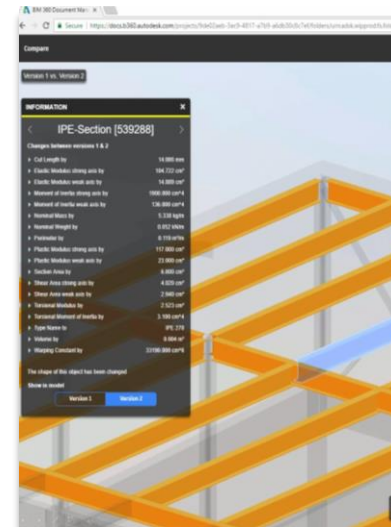
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Review Final
Engineering Model

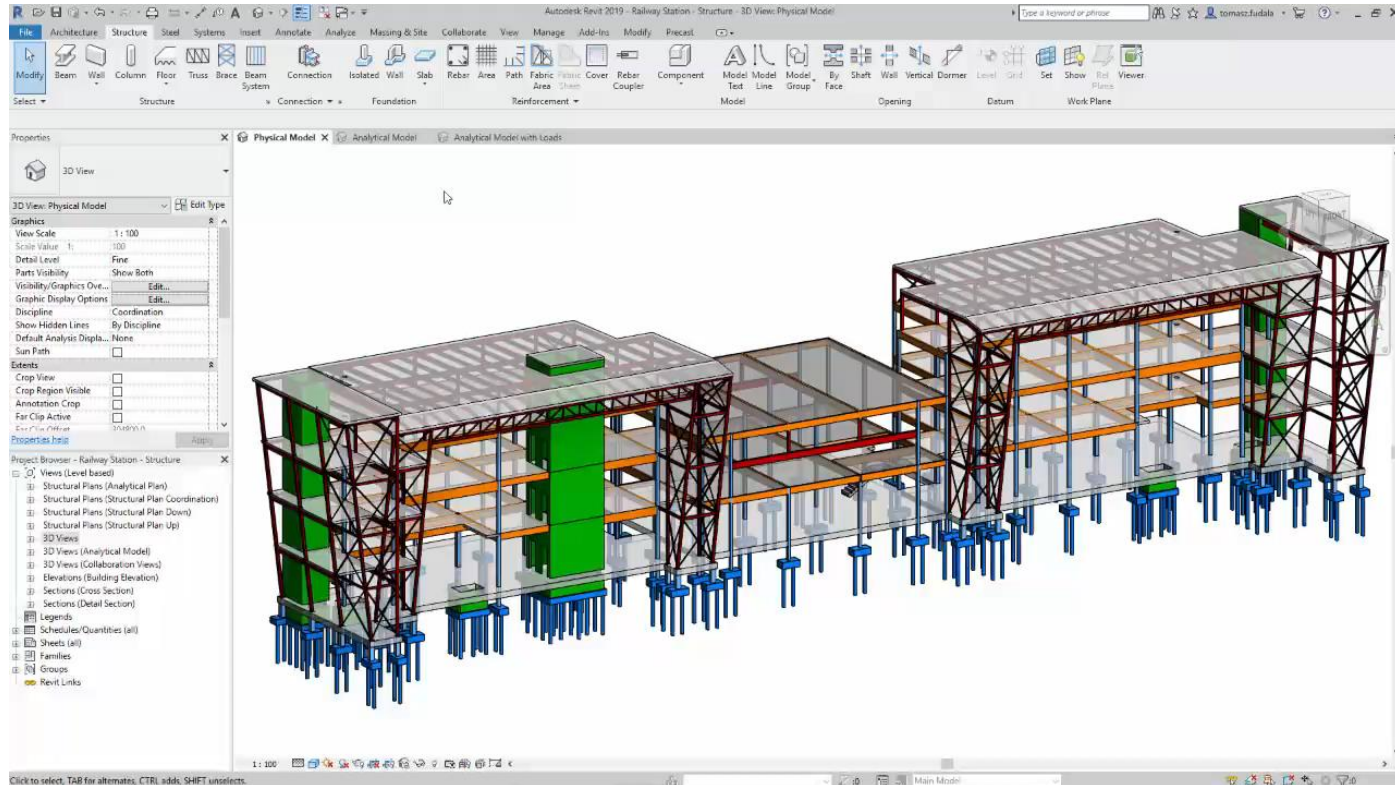
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Compare Changes

Integration of BIM and analysis

Creation of structural model: physical and analytical



Integration of BIM and analysis

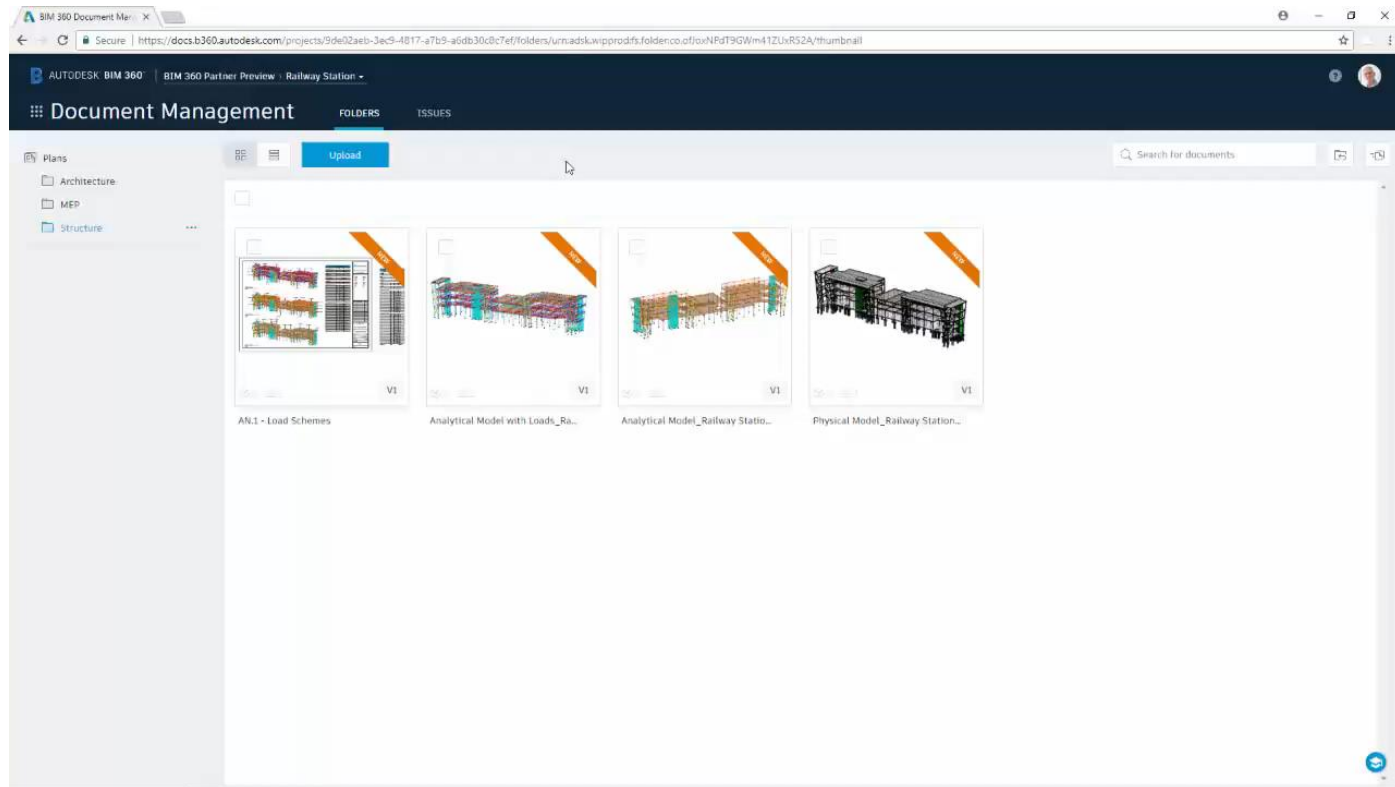
Structural analysis by the engineers

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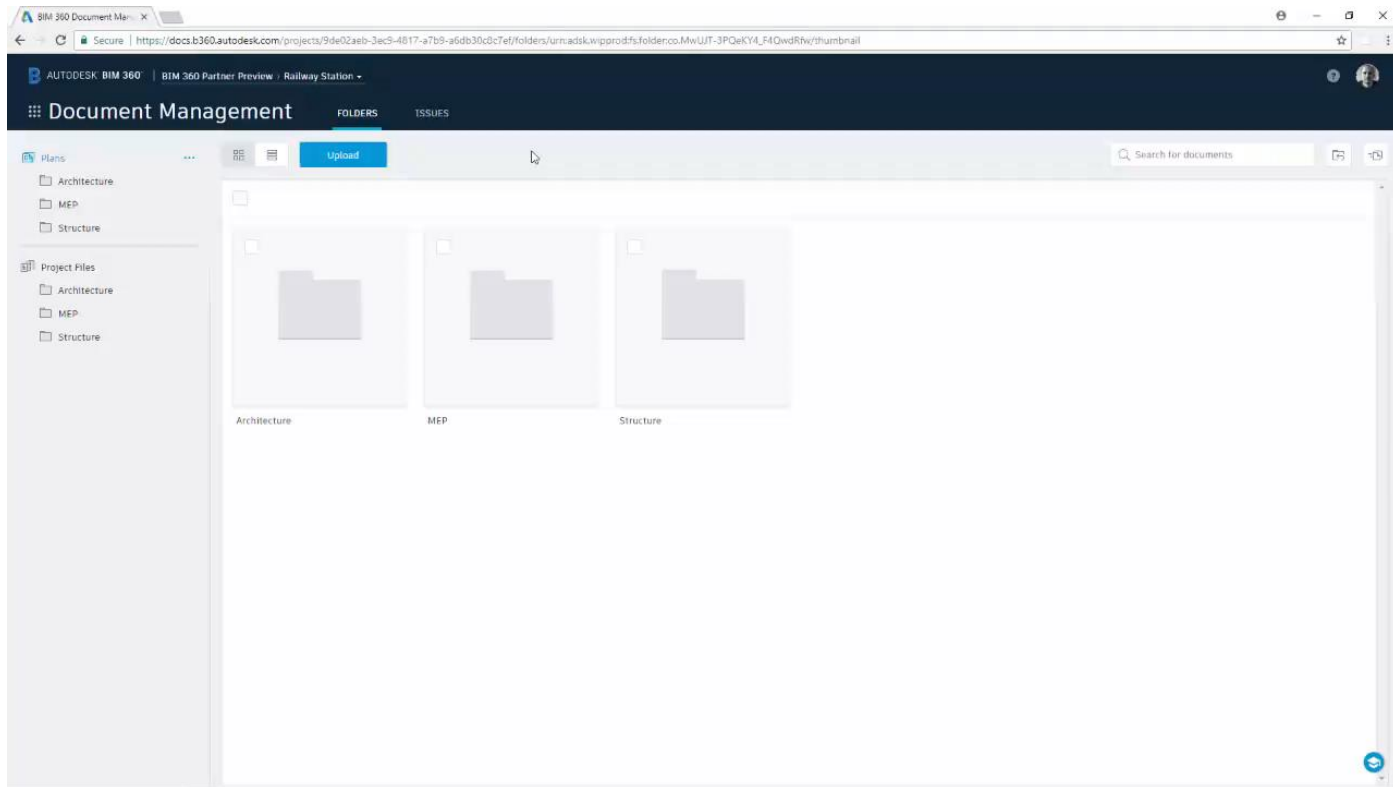
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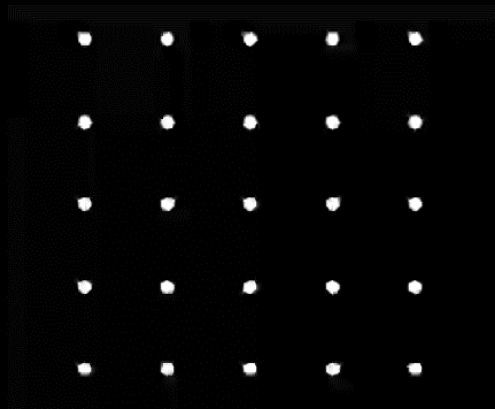
Review final engineering model



Integration of BIM and analysis

Compare changes after engineering updates





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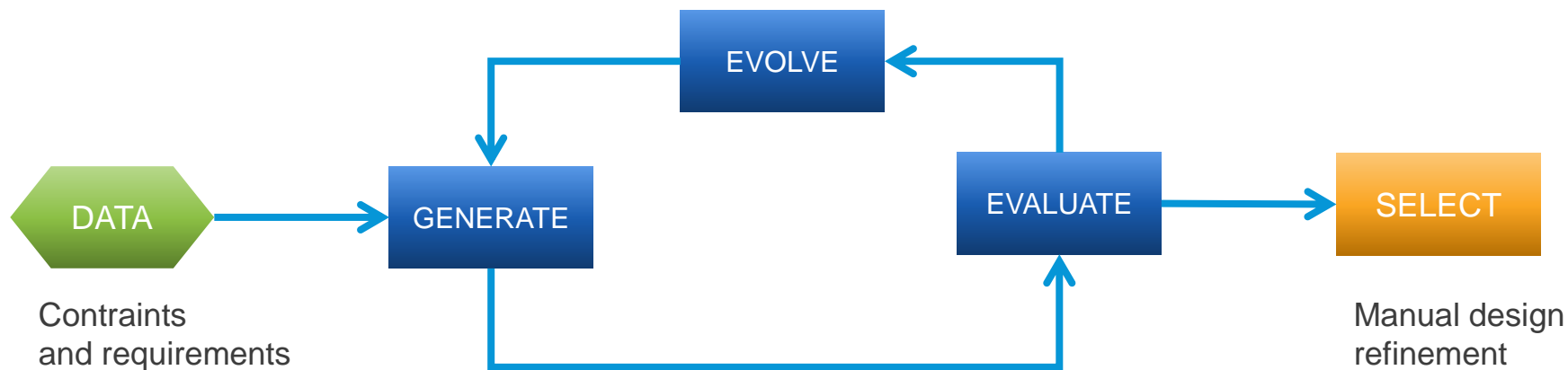
Structural Optimization of Constructions

Connecting Outcomes – Workflow 4

Initialization

Generative Design

Post-Processing



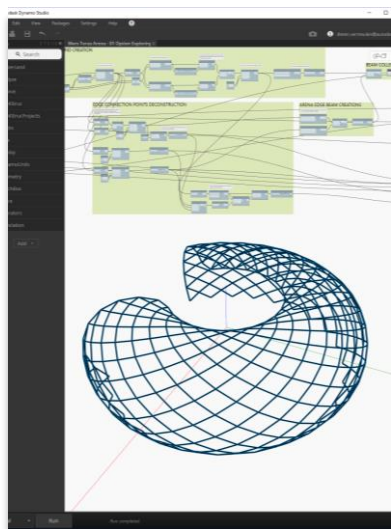
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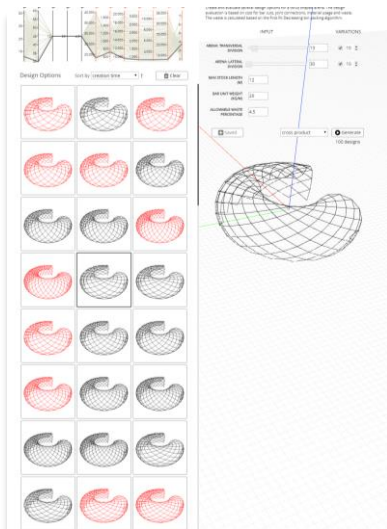
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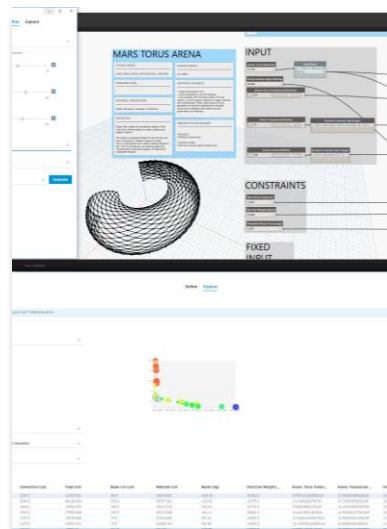
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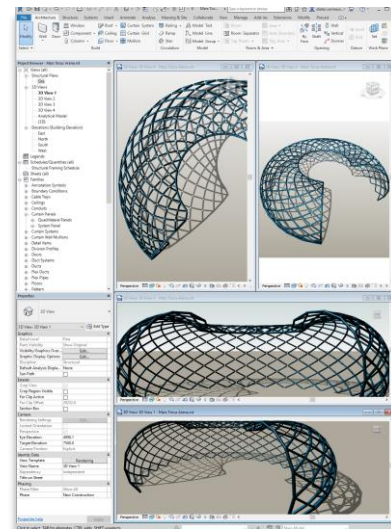
Computational Model



Option Generation



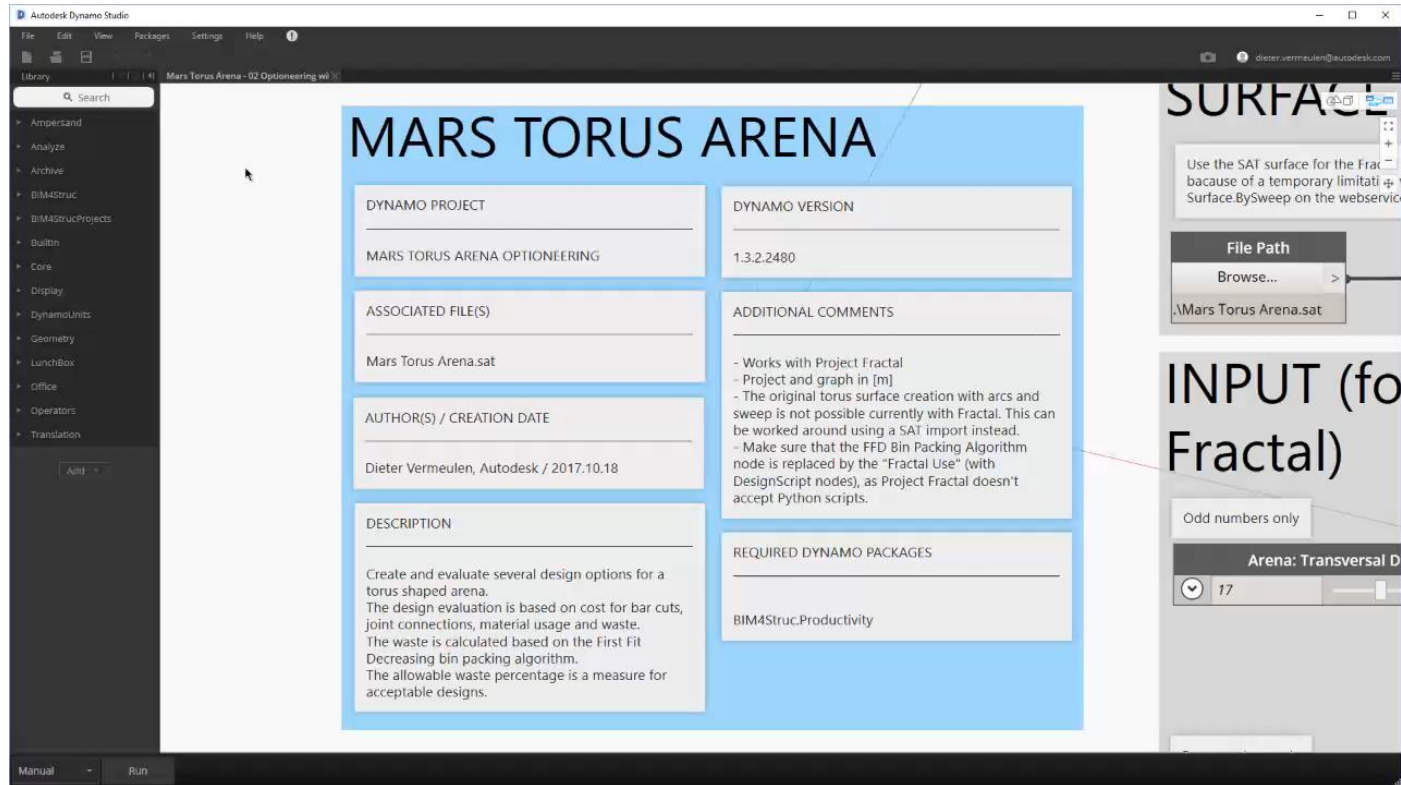
Optimization with
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Connect to
structural model

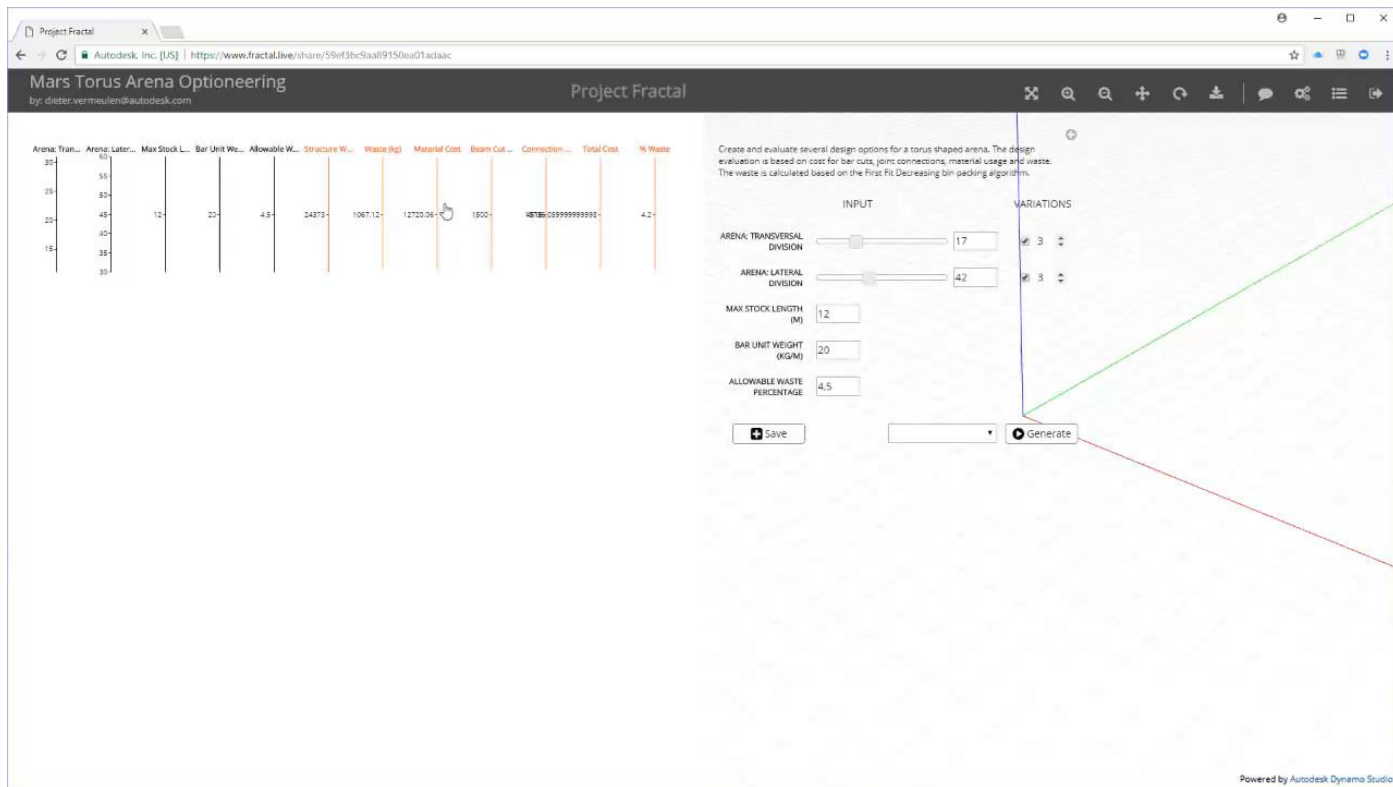
Structural Optimization of Constructions

Definition of computational model with Dynamo



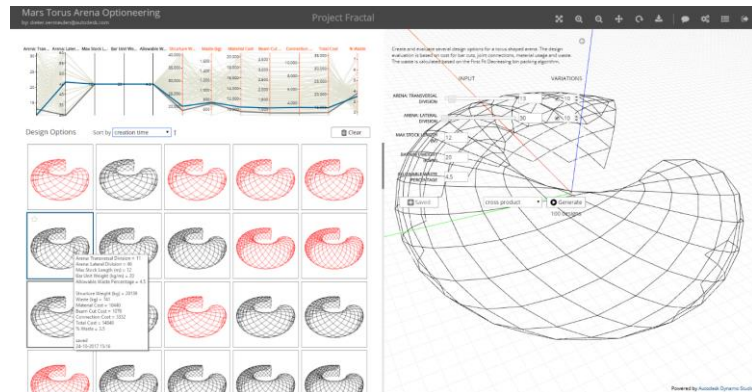
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Generation of options with Project Fractal

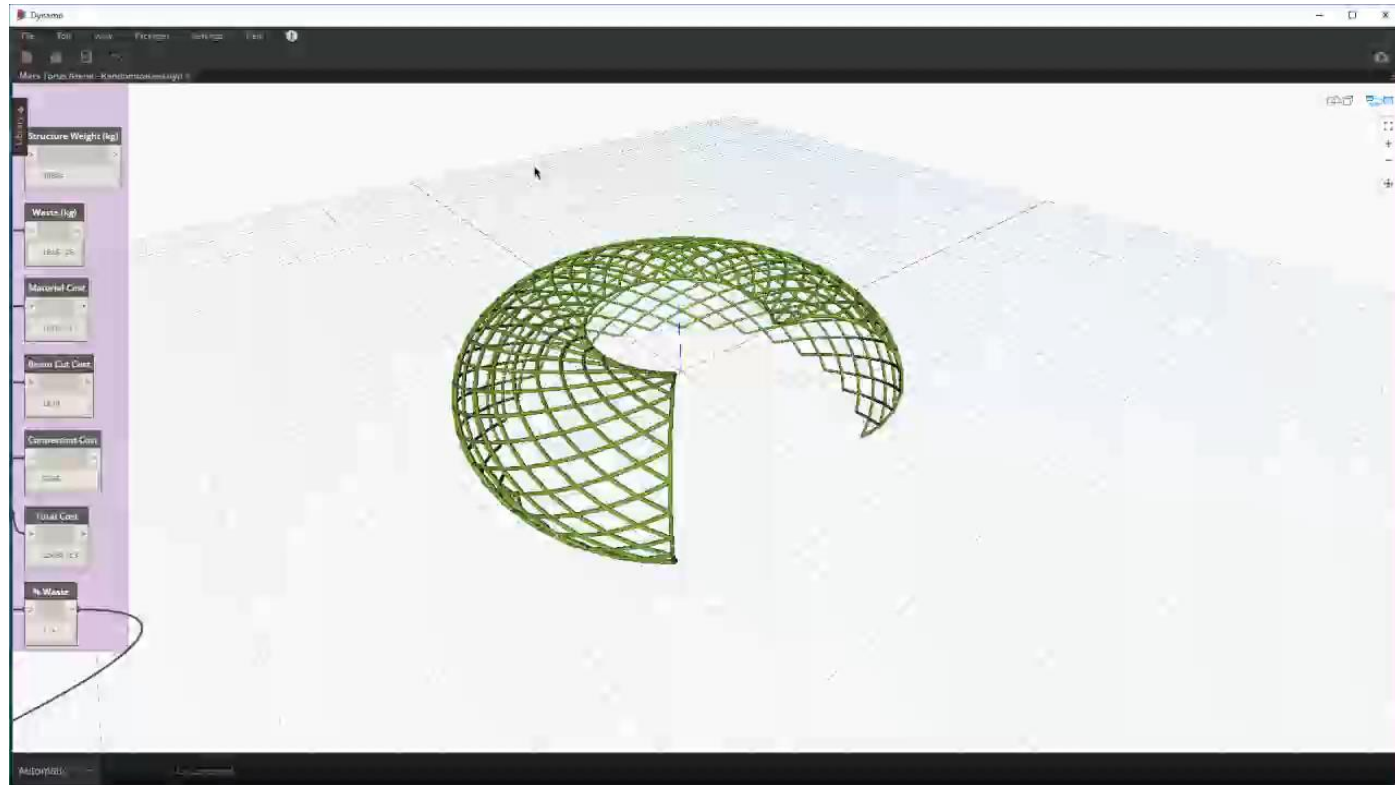


Beta Preview: Project Fractal

- Not a commercial service or product
- Only for testing purposes / feedback gathering
- Connects with Dynamo Studio
- Design Exploration software that supports optioneering workflows
- Request access through this link:
<https://home.fractal.live/>

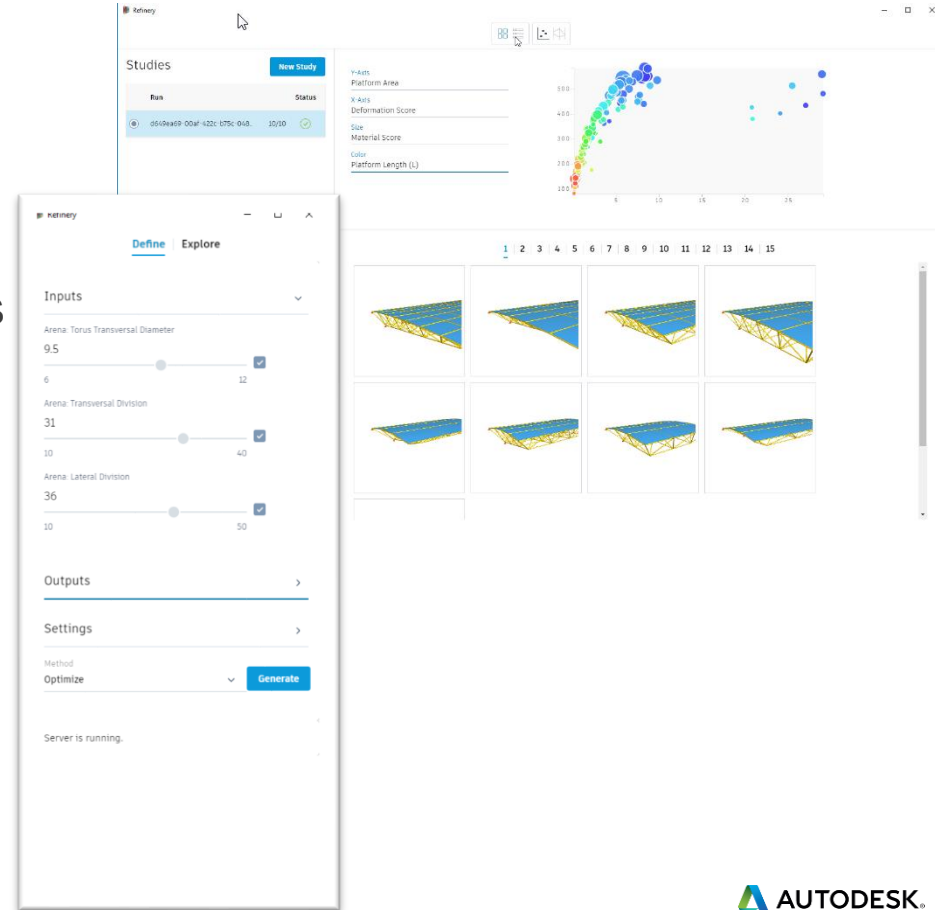


Finding the optimal solution with Refinery



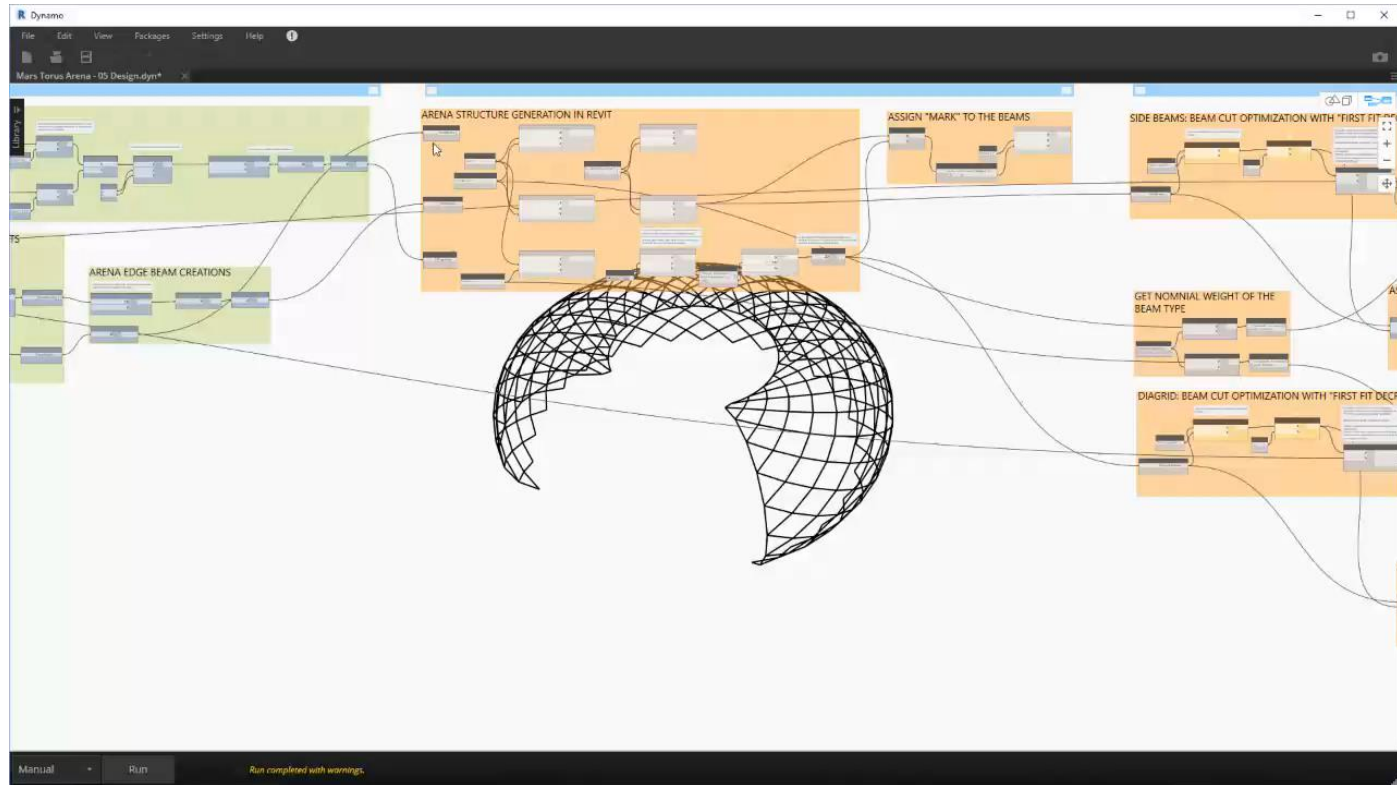
Preview: Optimization with Refinery

- Connects with Dynamo 2.0
- Design Exploration software
- Optioneering and Optimization workflows
- Advanced results display
- Syncing selected option back to Dynamo
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Optimization of Structures

Generating Structural Model

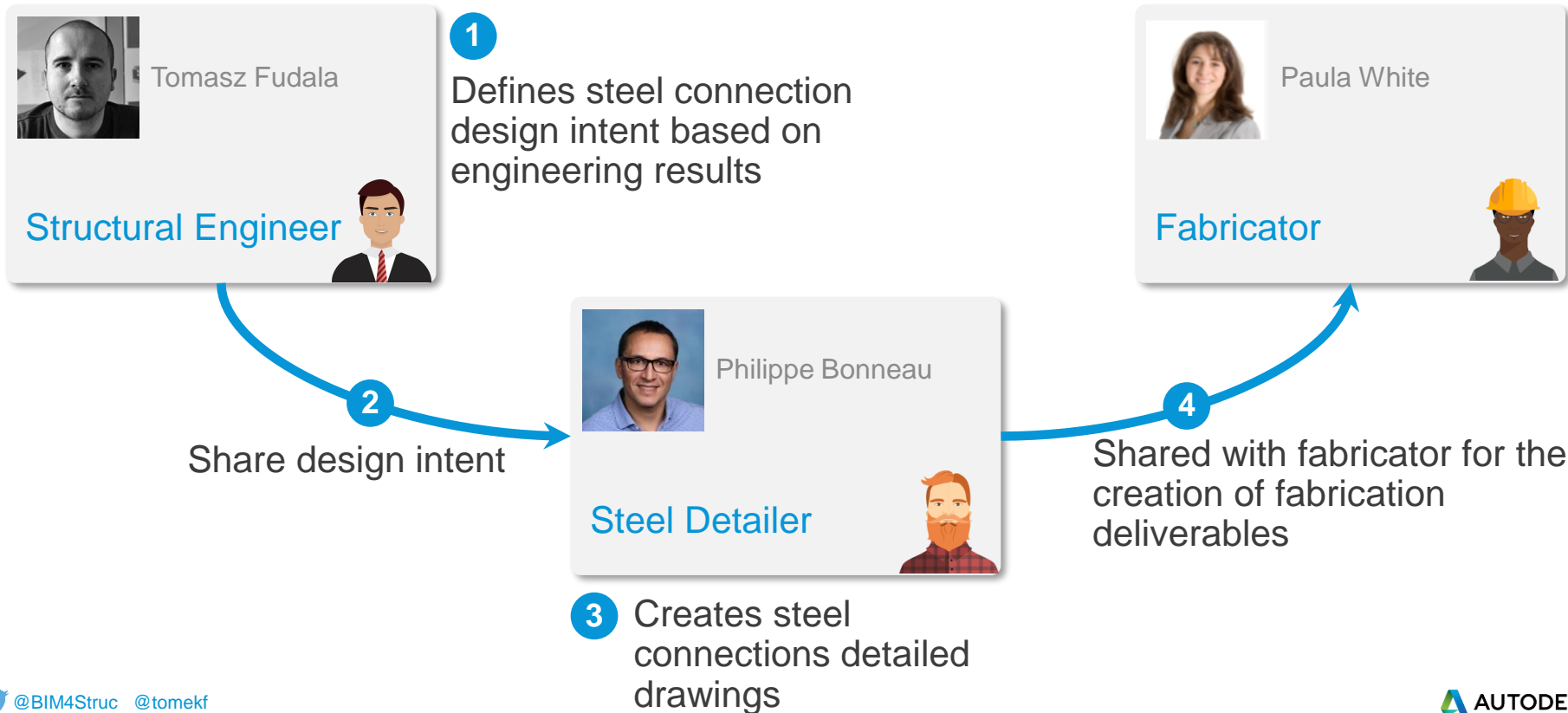




**CONNECTING
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Connect Design to Fabrication

Connecting Delivery – Workflow 5



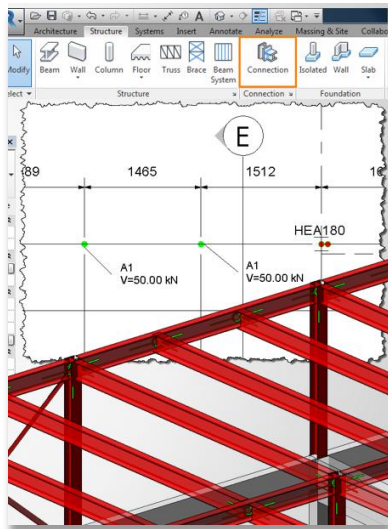
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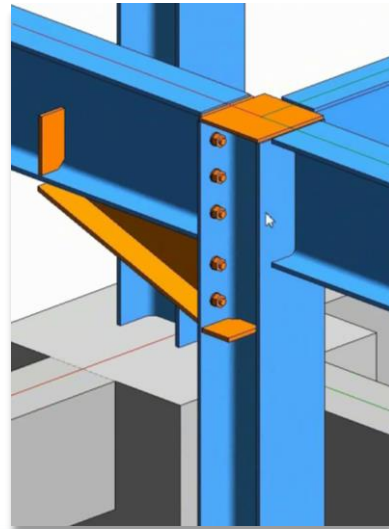
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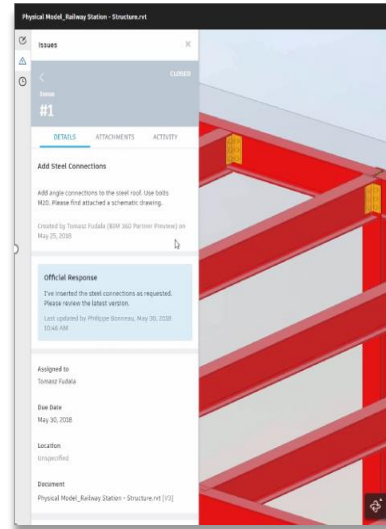
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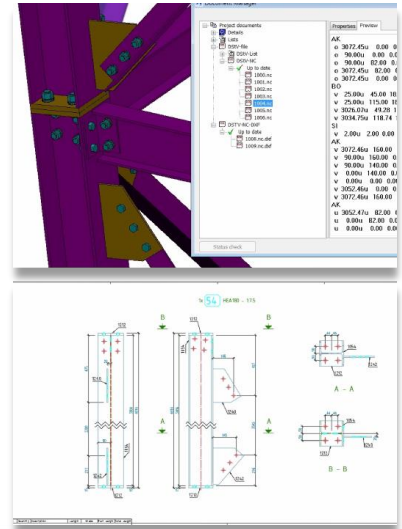
Steel Connection
Design Intent



Steel Connection
Detailing



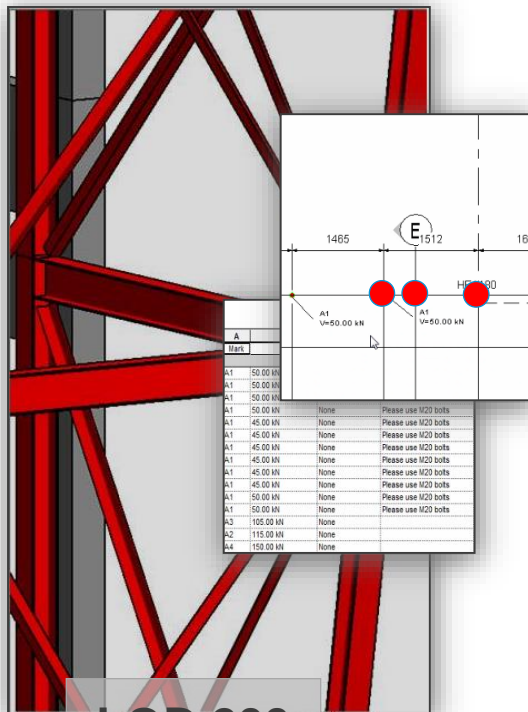
Communication of
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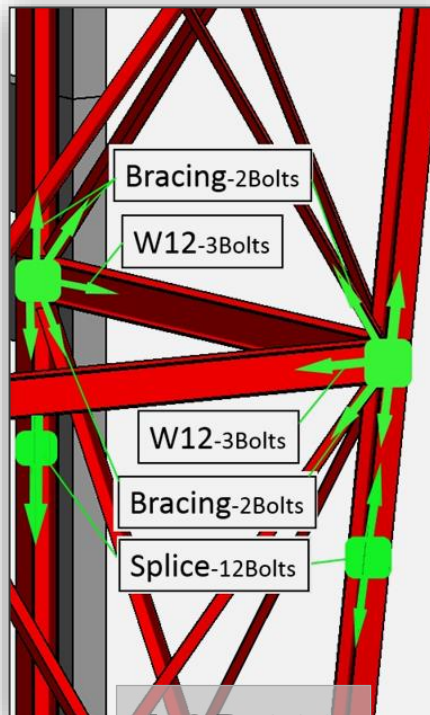
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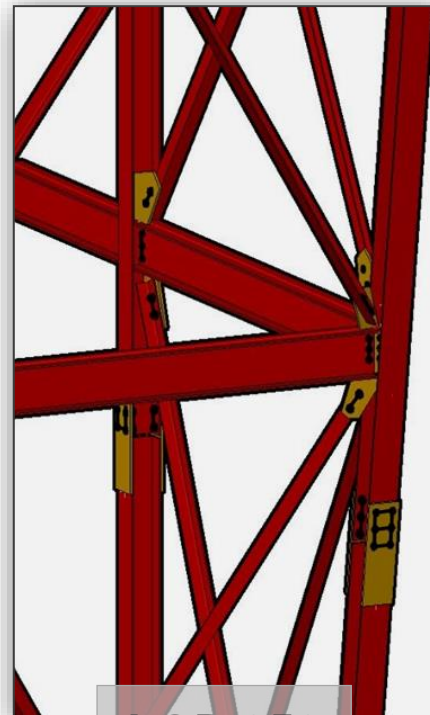
Increasing LOD for Steel Connections



LOD 200



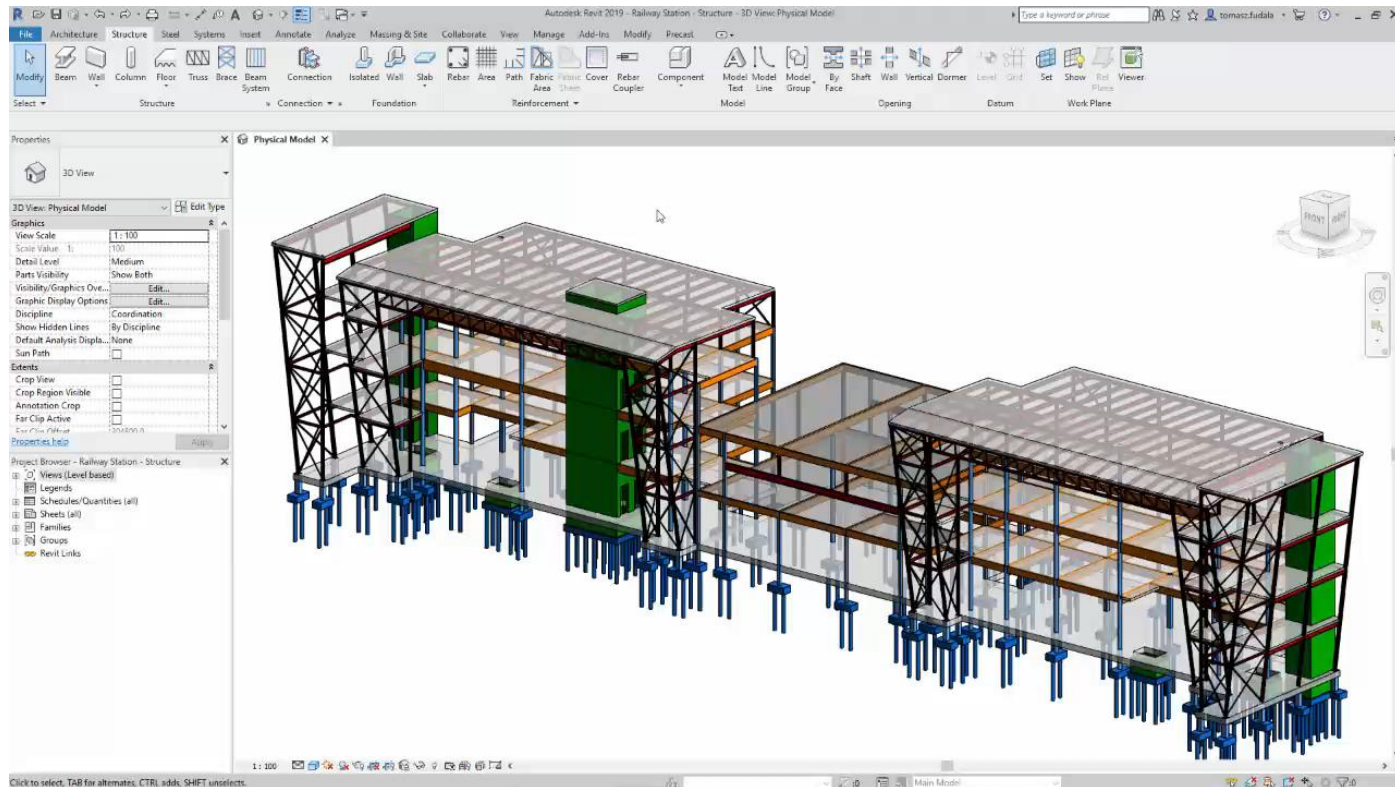
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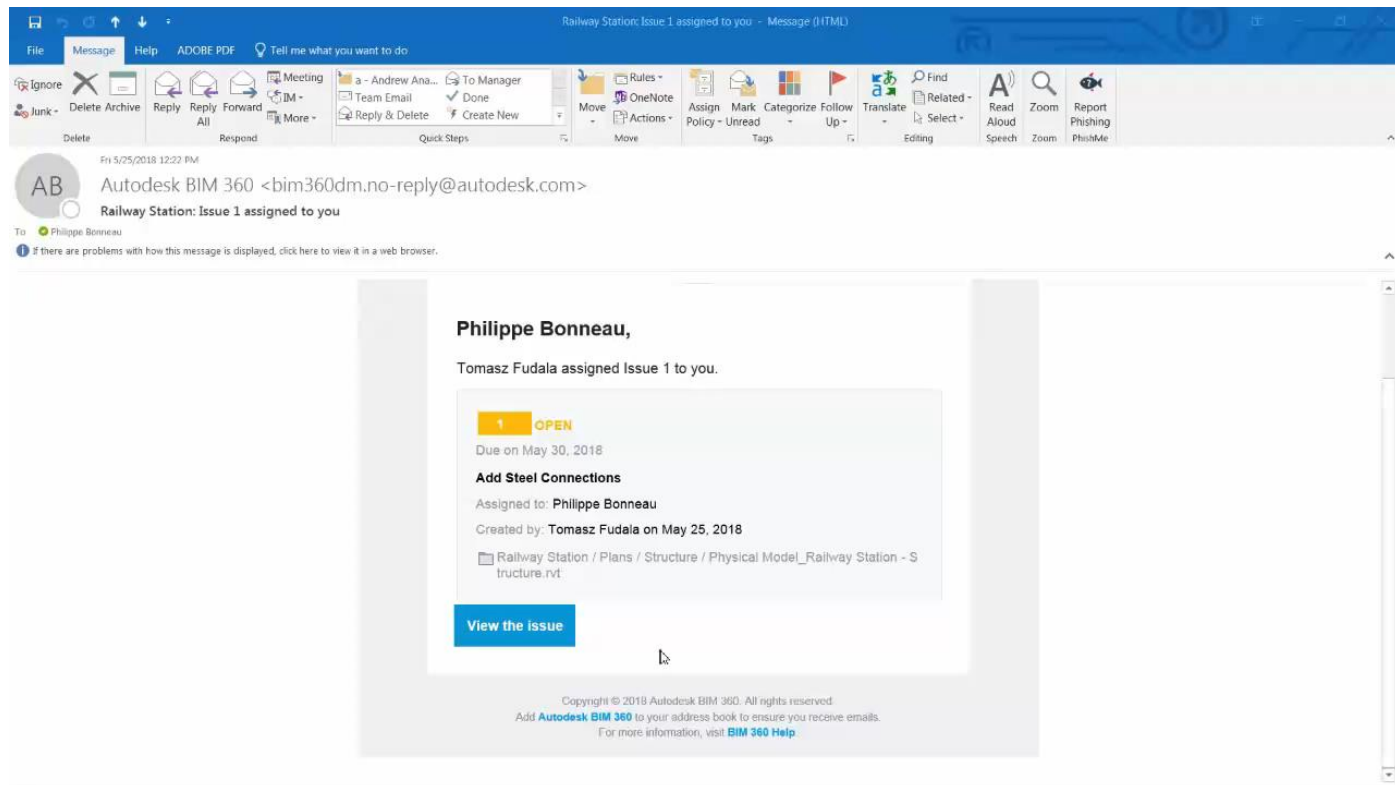
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Steel Connection Design Intent based on Engineering



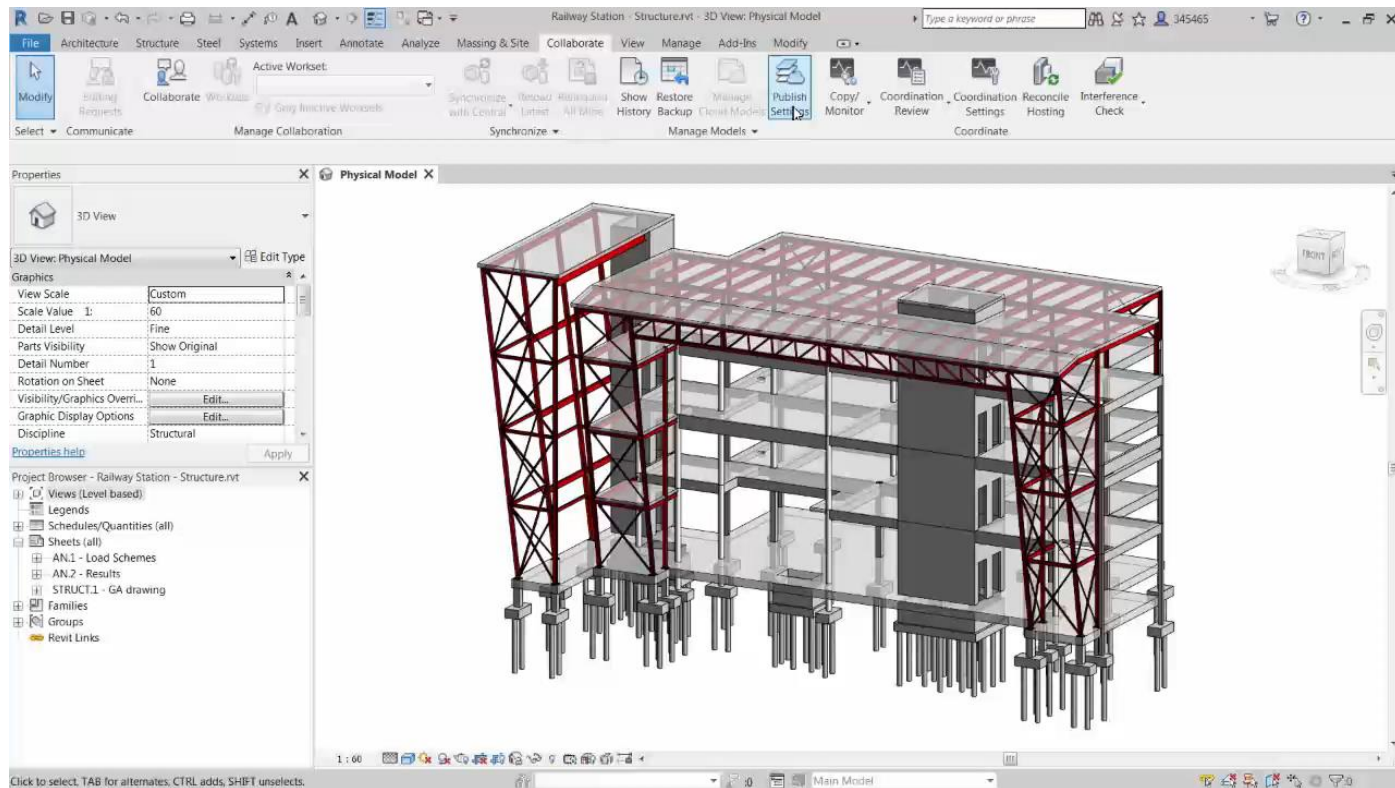
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Steel Connection Detailing in Revit



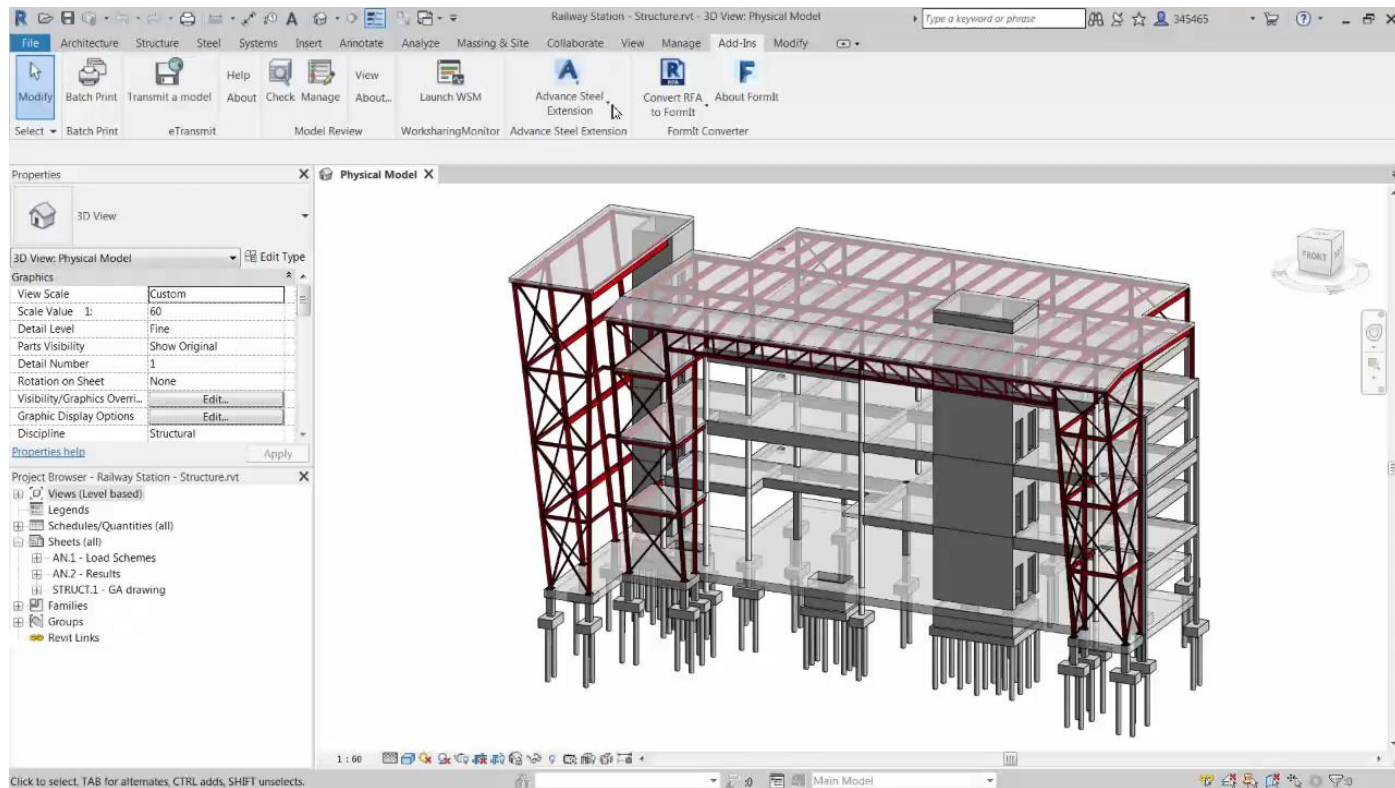
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Communication of design intent with BIM 360 Docs



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Steel connection fabrication deliverables with Advance Steel





Business values of the AEC Collection

Value Proposition of AEC Collections

Structural Rebar Design & Detailing

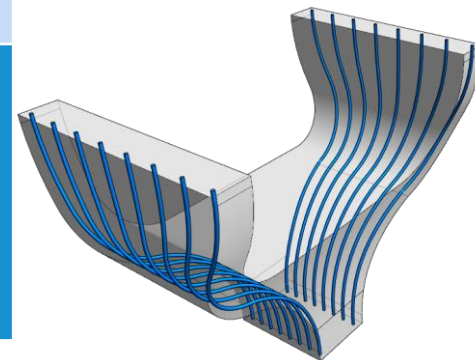
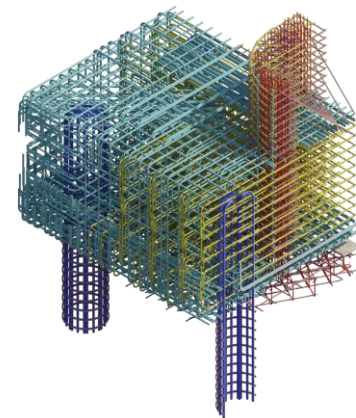


BENEFITS

- Create detailed and accurate 3D reinforcement designs
- Create shop drawings and bending schedules
- Check collisions between reinforcements
- Design to Detailing workflow
- Collaborate in a multi-user and multi-disciplinary 3D model environment
- Interoperability with Infraworks for concrete bridge detailing

BUSINESS VALUES

- Reduce clashes both in the preconstruction and site execution phases
- Deliver accurate 3D models, 2D drawings and schedules
- Minimize model rework through better collaboration in design
- Working in a collaborative environment
- Reduce waste and field issues



Value Proposition of AEC Collections

Structural Steel Design

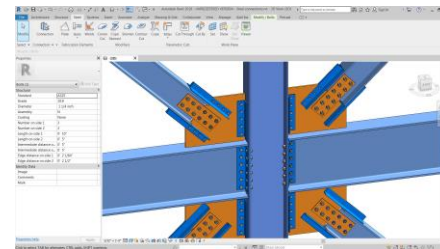
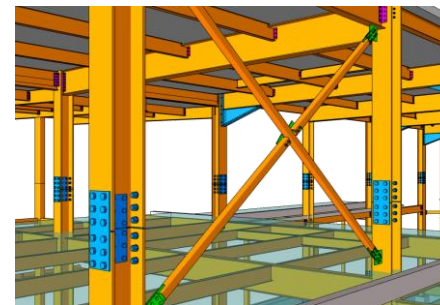


BENEFITS

- BIM-centric steel design & detailing
- Physical and associated analytical model are created concurrently
- Views and schedules are direct presentation of the underlying database
- Cloud based analysis from within the product
- Structural design creates main connections
- Export connections to fabrication software
- Connect Design with Construction

BUSINESS VALUES

- Lower costs and increase margin by reducing rework
- Saving time with automation
- Minimize errors and omissions with deliverables
- Win more work by extending service offerings
- Better coordinate and manage design changes



Value Proposition of AEC Collections

Structural Analysis

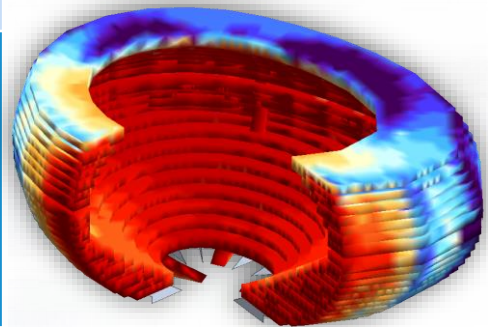
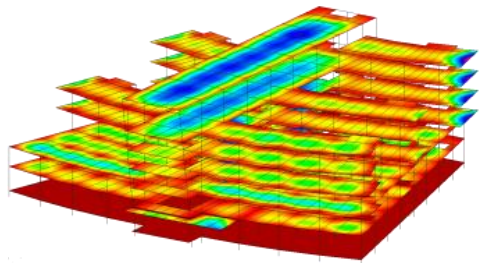
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BENEFITS

- Use bidirectional links with Autodesk Revit
- Embrace Building Information Modeling (BIM)
- Minimize inefficiencies with better analysis and design
- Powerful analysis with finite element auto-meshing capabilities
- More efficient nonlinear and dynamic algorithms
- Design codes and capabilities for widely used structural materials
- Delivers more flexibility for a broad range of structures

BUSINESS VALUES

- Faster calculation and simulation of complex models
- Minimizes inefficiencies by enabling analysis and design to stay synchronized
- Enhances collaboration and structural workflows from design to analysis



Value Proposition of AEC Collections

Structural Steel Detailing & Fabrication



BENEFITS

- Integrates tightly with Revit
- Familiar AutoCAD based platform
- Extends Revit LOD for engineers
- Direct interface with CNC machines
- Automated connection detailing
- Publish fab models to Navisworks

BUSINESS VALUES

- Lower costs and increase margin by reducing rework
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Value Proposition of AEC Collections

Structural Precast Detailing

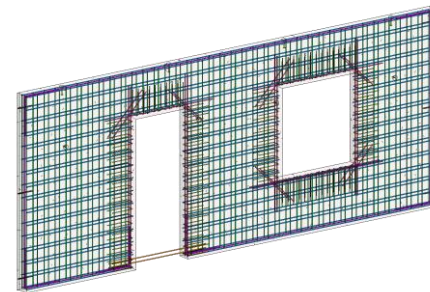


BENEFITS

- Support for multiple stages of the precast workflow
- Applicable for planar building elements
- Automated rule based model segmentation
- Fabrication focused authoring tools
- Shop drawing generation
- Connect to Fabrication automation with CNC

BUSINESS VALUES

- Precast modeling in a single BIM Authoring tool
- More effective collaboration and interaction based on workflows and project requirements
- Coordination between design and fabrication model
- Reduce modeling and detailing time



Value Proposition of Computational Design

Dynamo for Revit

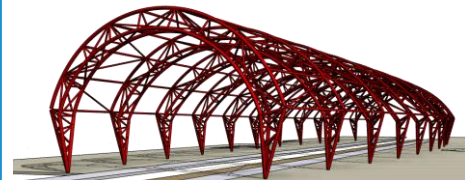
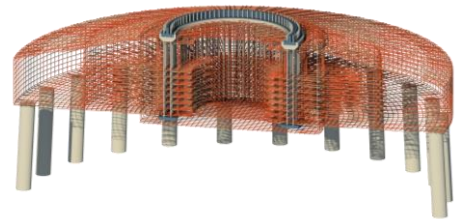


BENEFITS

- Enables BIM-connected computational design (link with Revit)
- Extend and customize BIM-connected model behavior in a simple environment
- Quickly explore parametric design concepts
- Solve complex geometric problems from simple data, logic and analysis
- Evaluate designs and analyze geometry

BUSINESS VALUES

- Study more design options in less time
- Manage risk by exposing tradeoffs and understanding systems and connections at the conceptual phase
- Gain more projects with a high degree of complexity
- Greater design insight with less manual effort
- Gain time by automating repetitive tasks
- Communicate your work easily and efficiently with project teams with shareable content



Value Proposition of Collaboration for Engineering

BIM 360 Design & BIM 360 Docs

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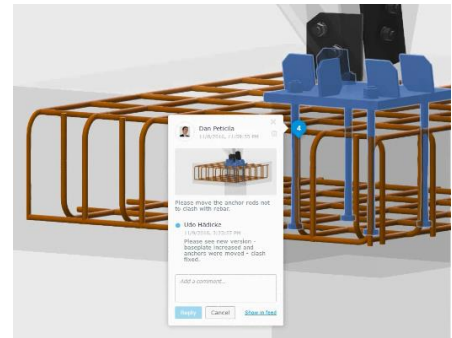
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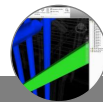
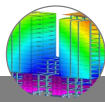
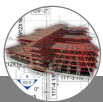
- Centralized access to project data for all team members
- Use latest and correct version of documents and plans
- Audit trail
- In-context communication
- BIM 360 Integration for better team collaboration
- Connect external team members and project contributors
- Collaborative viewing, markup and issue management
- Web and mobile access to all project plans, models and docs

BUSINESS VALUES

- Minimize complex and costly IT setup and maintenance
- Save time and reduce risk
- Eliminate errors in construction projects
- Access to your data anytime and anywhere



Benefits of the Structural Solutions Portfolio



Structural Model	Analyze & Verify	Detailing	Fabricate & Install
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Create multi-material structural models + Automate tasks and design workflows + Explore parametric conceptual designs + Collaborate with other design stakeholders + Keep all designs within the same design environment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Seamless connection between design and analysis + Conduct advanced analysis + Easily visualize detailed analysis results + Pull quantities and value engineer from the design model + Optimize structure running code checking + Guarantee safety and human comfort 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Carry engineering intent from design to detailing + Optimize design around constructability factors + Merge design changes with better accuracy and keep documentation up to date + Model structural details + Automate shop drawings, NC files and reports 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Drive workshop processes using model data + Plan construction sequencing + Perform clash detection + Verify field as-builts, track materials with BIM 360 + Share as-built model with contractor and owner + Use point data from the model to drive field layout (with robotic instruments)
Designer	Engineer	Detailer	Fabricator Contractor

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