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Vehicle Load Optimisation in Structural Bridge Design

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Class summary

- This class will examine the difference between the traditional methods used to calculate traffic load effects on bridge structures and a load optimisation methods that we use in Autodesk Structural Bridge Design.

- We will examine the techniques and parameters that the program uses to define the most adverse loading patterns according to the specification of a variety of bridge design codes.

Agenda

- Short Introduction
- Basic Theory of Influence diagrams and how to create them in Autodesk Structural Bridge Design
- Load models for different design standards
- Load optimisation - parameters, analysis and results
- Demonstration of workflow

Key learning objectives

At the end of this class, you will be able to:

- Understand the techniques behind the method of load optimization
- Have a basic understanding of a variety of load models for different design standards
- Correctly set the optimisation parameters for efficiency and accuracy and check results efficiently.
- Use load optimisation to improve the workflow for bridge girder design.

Introduction

What is Traffic Load Optimisation and does it have any benefits?

What are the issues
What is the current solution
A new Approach
The benefits

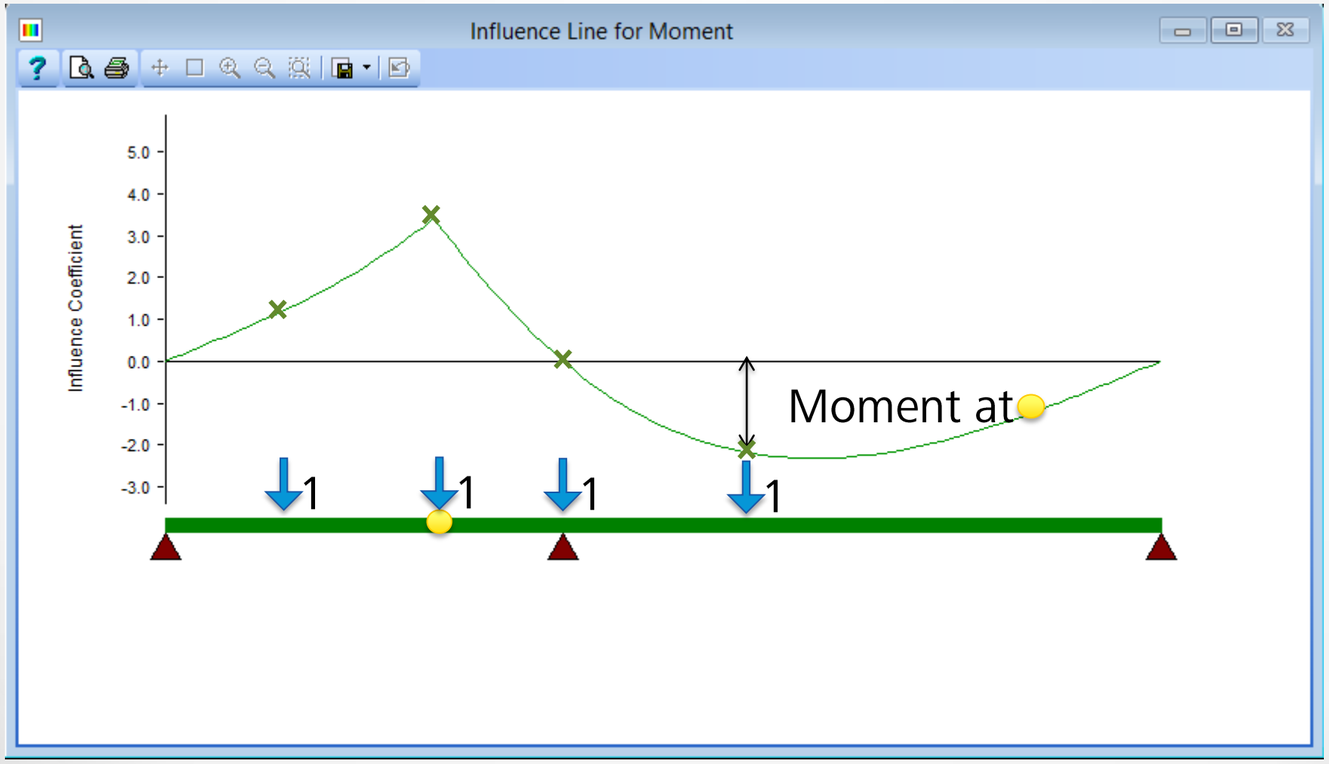
Influence Lines and Surfaces

Basic Theory

- An influence diagram describes the "effect", at a particular point in the structure, due to a **unit point load** being applied anywhere on the structure.

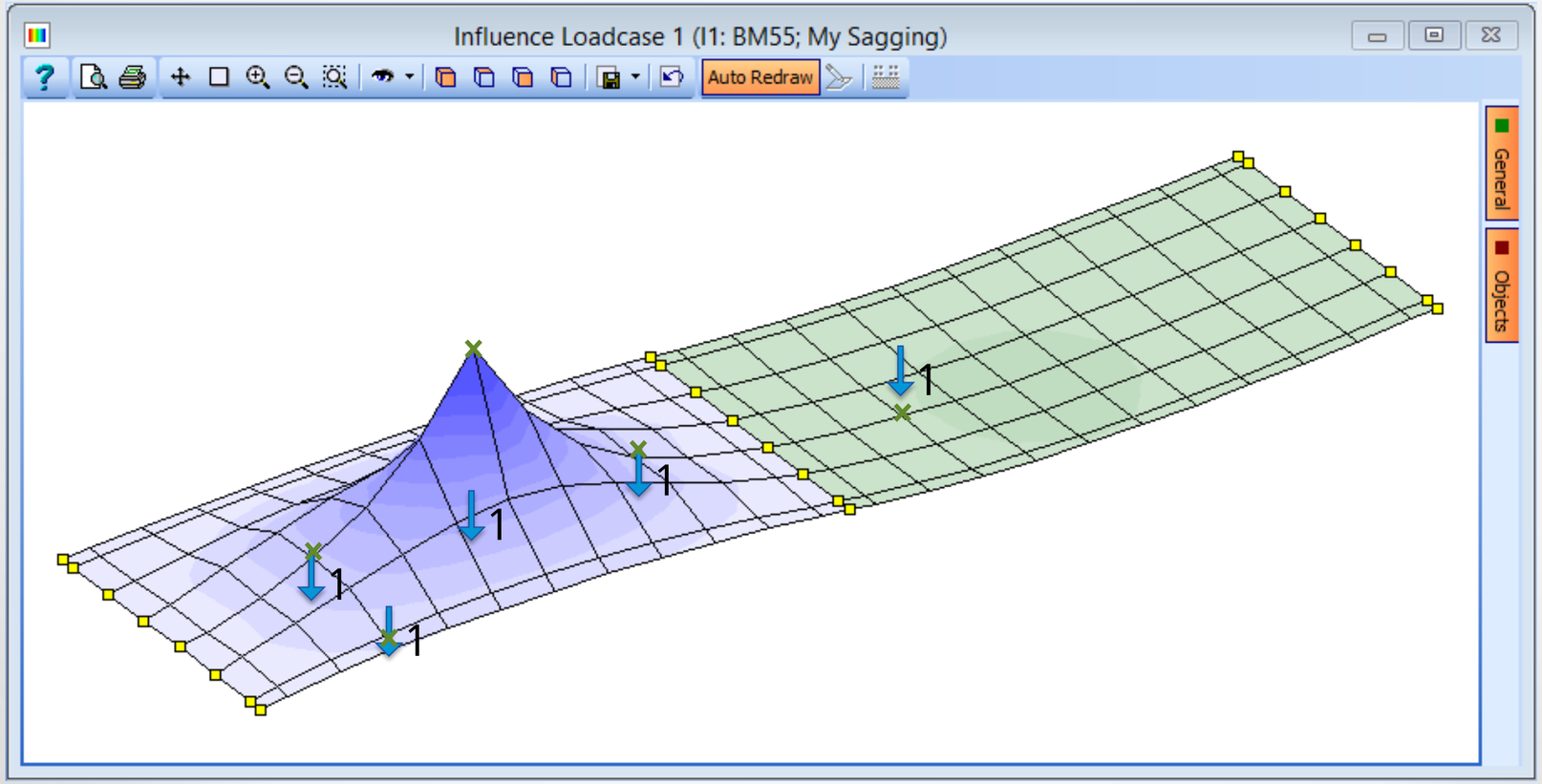
Basic Theory

- If we consider a two span line beam and plot the bending moment at a point ● due to a unit point load applied at any point along the beam



Basic Theory

- Consider a grillage beam 2 representing the sagging of a longitudinal deck. Apply a series of positive unit loads as before.



Influence of Axle type loads

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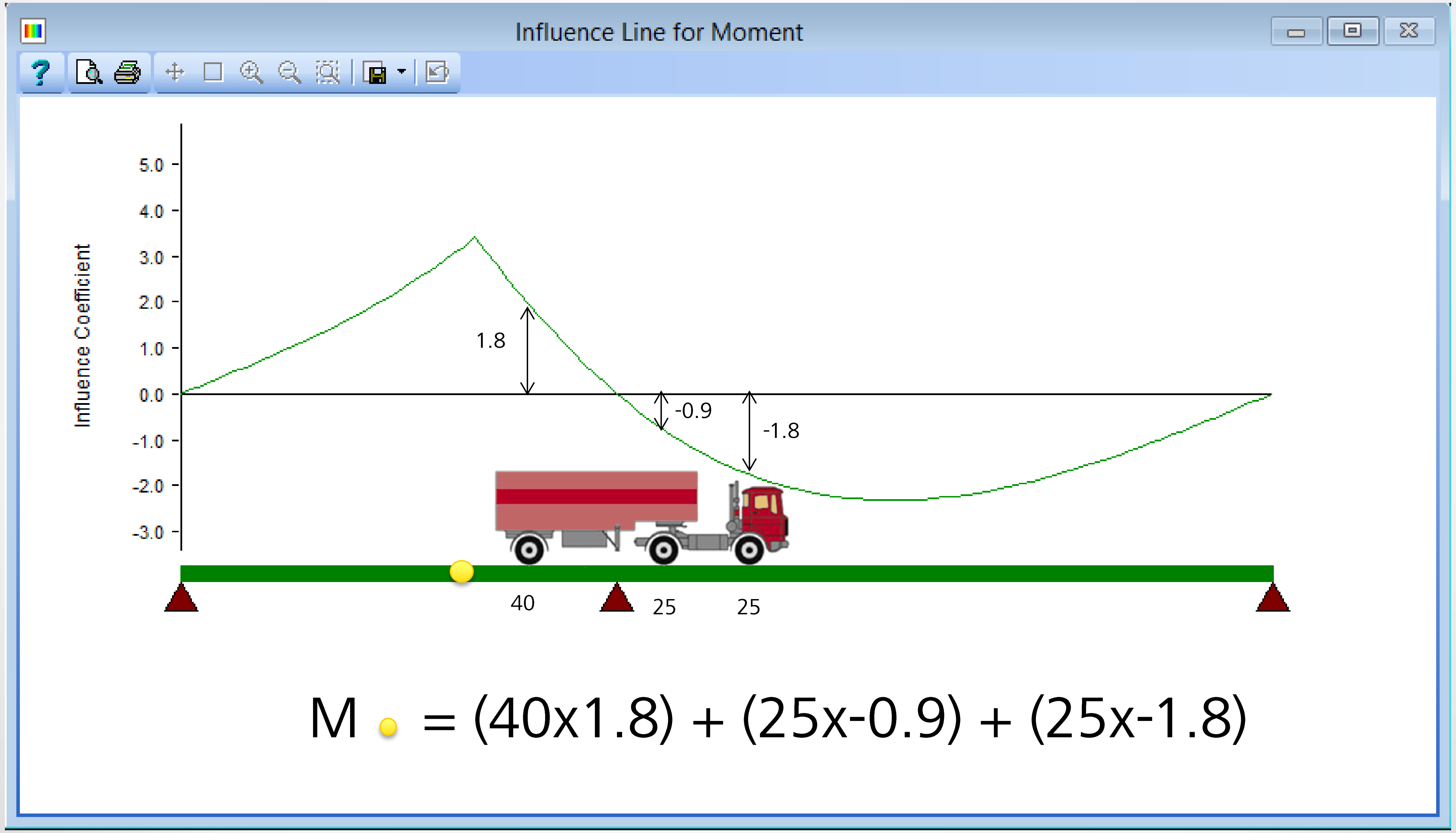
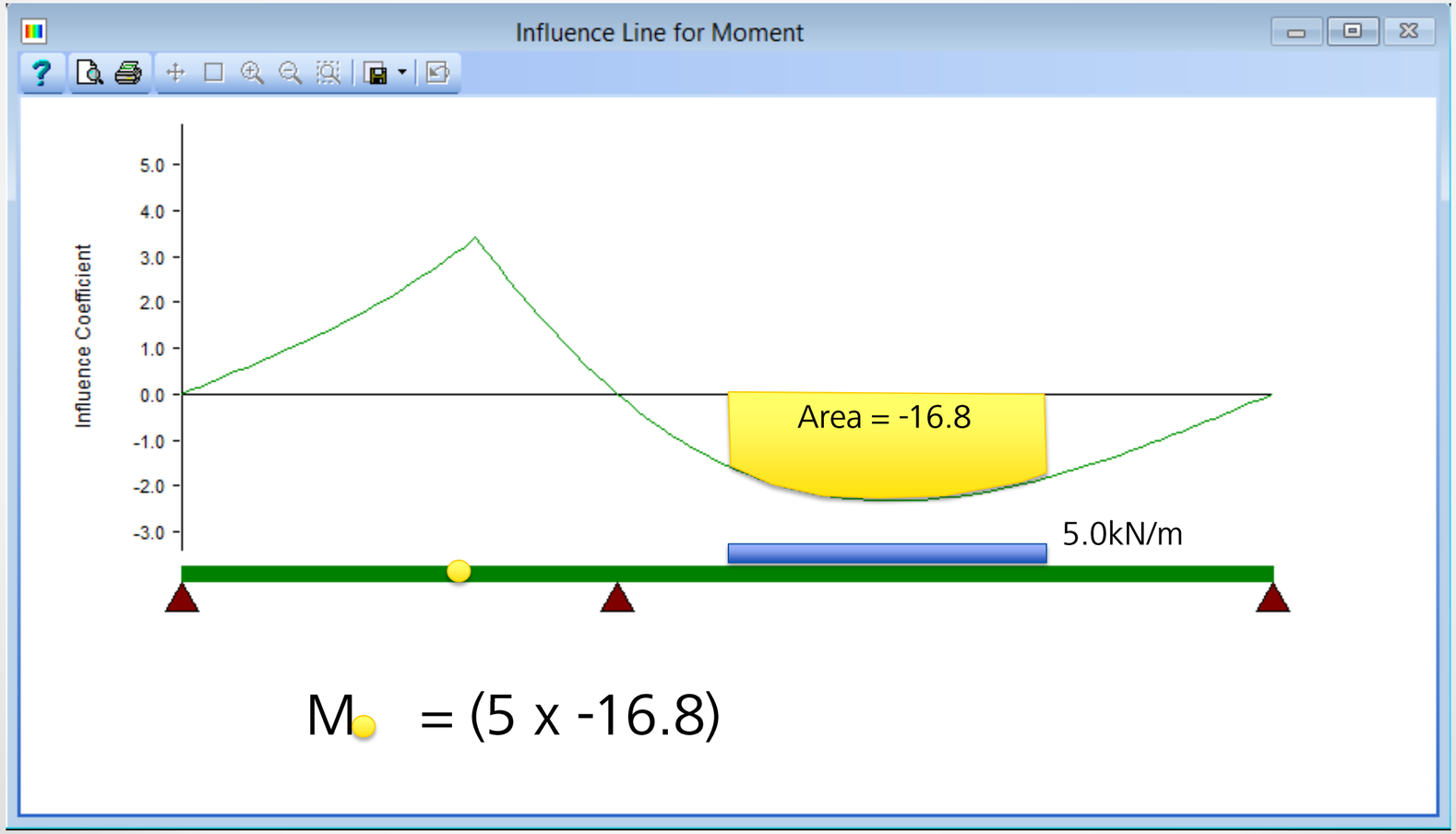


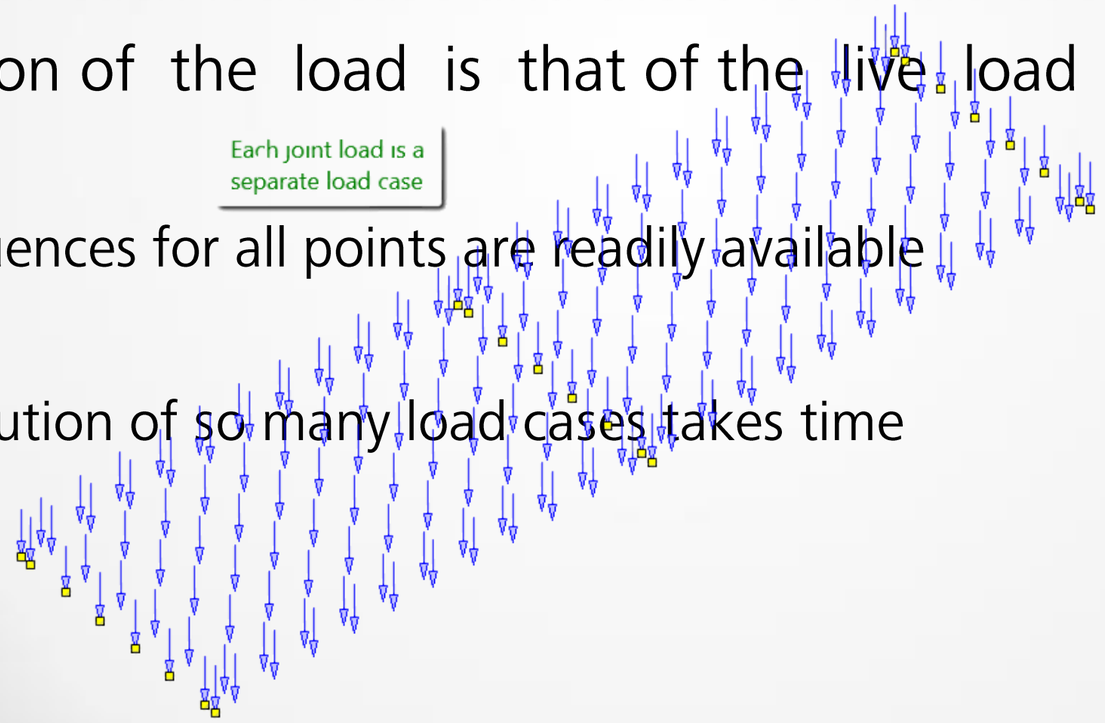
Influence of UDL loads

- For uniformly distributed loads (UDL) applied over a specified length of beam the influence is determined by the area under the influence line being loaded.



Methods of Creating Influence Lines/Surfaces

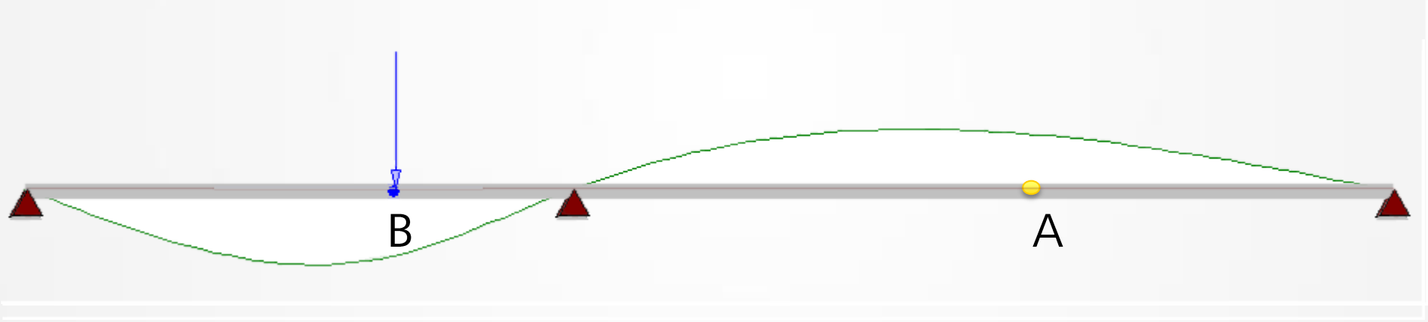
- Direct Method
  - This applies a unit point load to all joints in the bridge deck that form the influence surface. The results for a particular design detail are then obtained for each load case and these form the coefficients of influence.
  - The direction of the load is that of the live load to which it applies.
  - Pros
    - All influences for all points are readily available
  - Cons
    - The solution of so many load cases takes time



Methods of Creating Influence Lines/Surfaces

- Indirect Method
  - Clerk-Maxwell's reciprocal theorem state that:

    "In a linearly elastic structure, the deflection at any point. A due to a load applied at some other point B will be equal to the deflection at B when the same load is applied at A."



  - This implies that we can create the influence line for deflection at a specific point by solving just one load case of an applied unit load at the point

Methods of Creating Influence Lines/Surfaces

- Indirect Method
  - Muller Breslau principle state that:

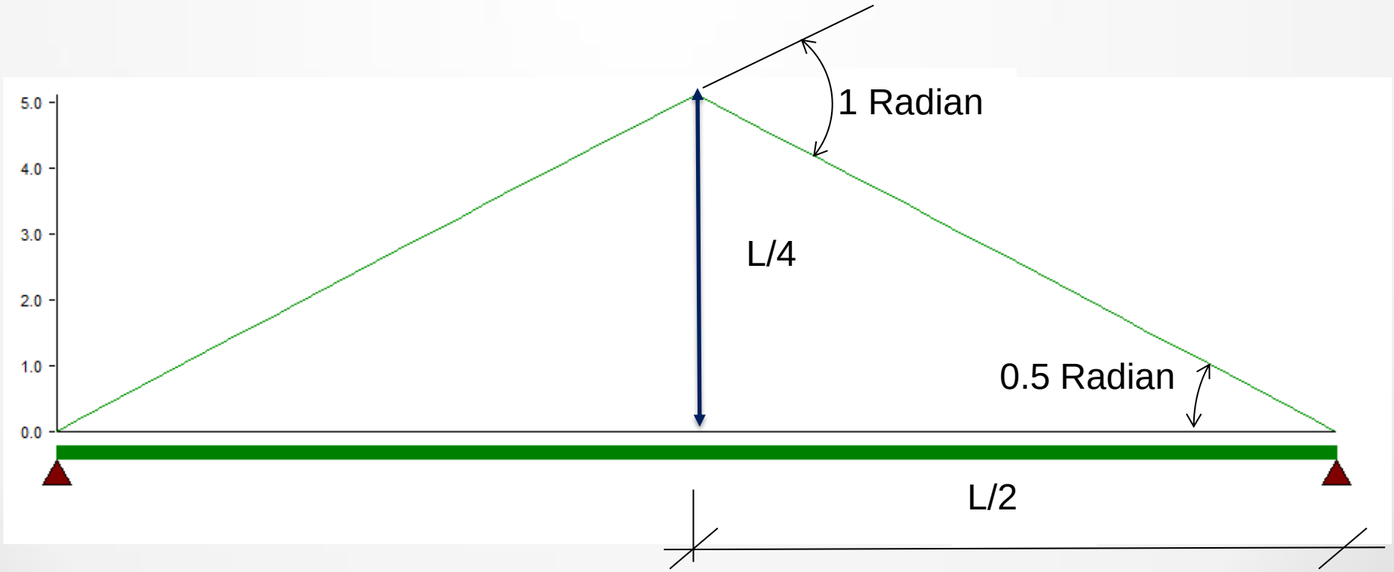
"The ordinates of the influence line for force or moment in any element of a structure are equal to those of the deflected shape of the structure when the action under consideration is replaced by a force or moment whose value is such that the displacement or rotation in its direction and at its point of application is unity".

Methods of Creating Influence Lines/Surfaces

- Indirect Method
- Consider a simple example:

  Take a simply supported beam and apply a kink in the beam at mid span, such that the beam distorts by an angular rotation of 1 radian

  By simple mathematics and considering small displacement theory we can see that the resulting displaced shape is that of the influence of bending



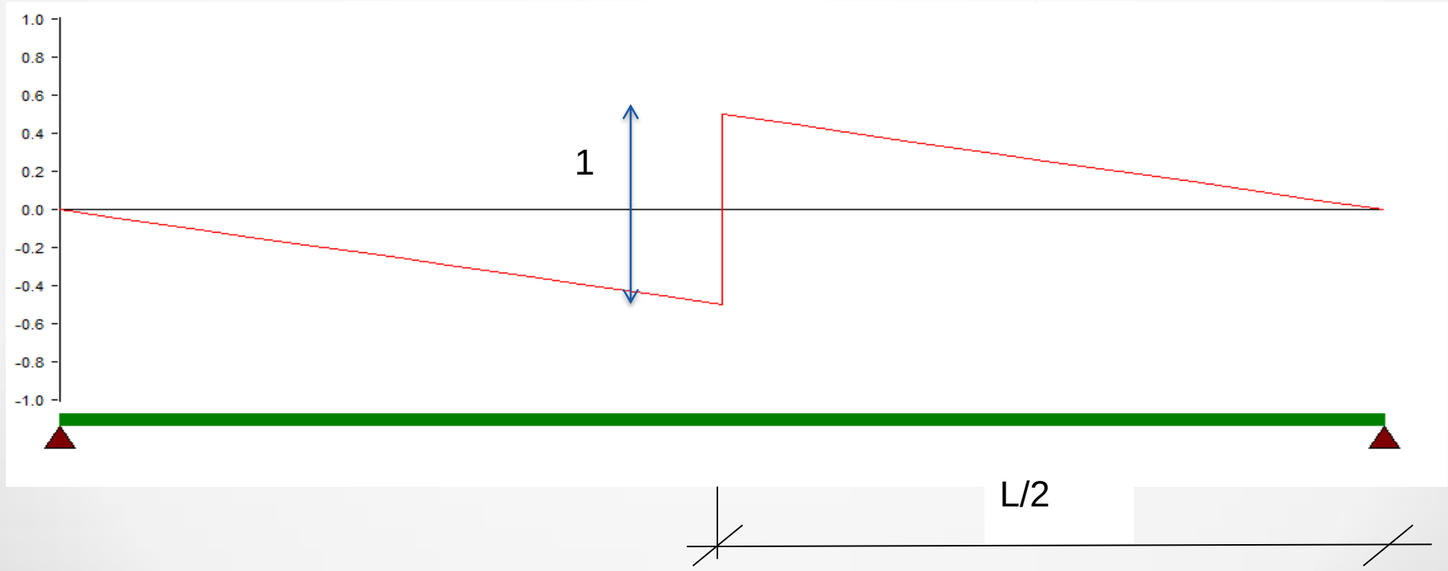
Methods of Creating Influence Lines/Surfaces

- Indirect Method
- Another example may be Shear:

  The reciprocity between shear and transverse displacement

  The displacement is not a deflection at that point but a lateral distortion

  Consider a simply supported beam and apply a lateral distortion of 1 at mid span



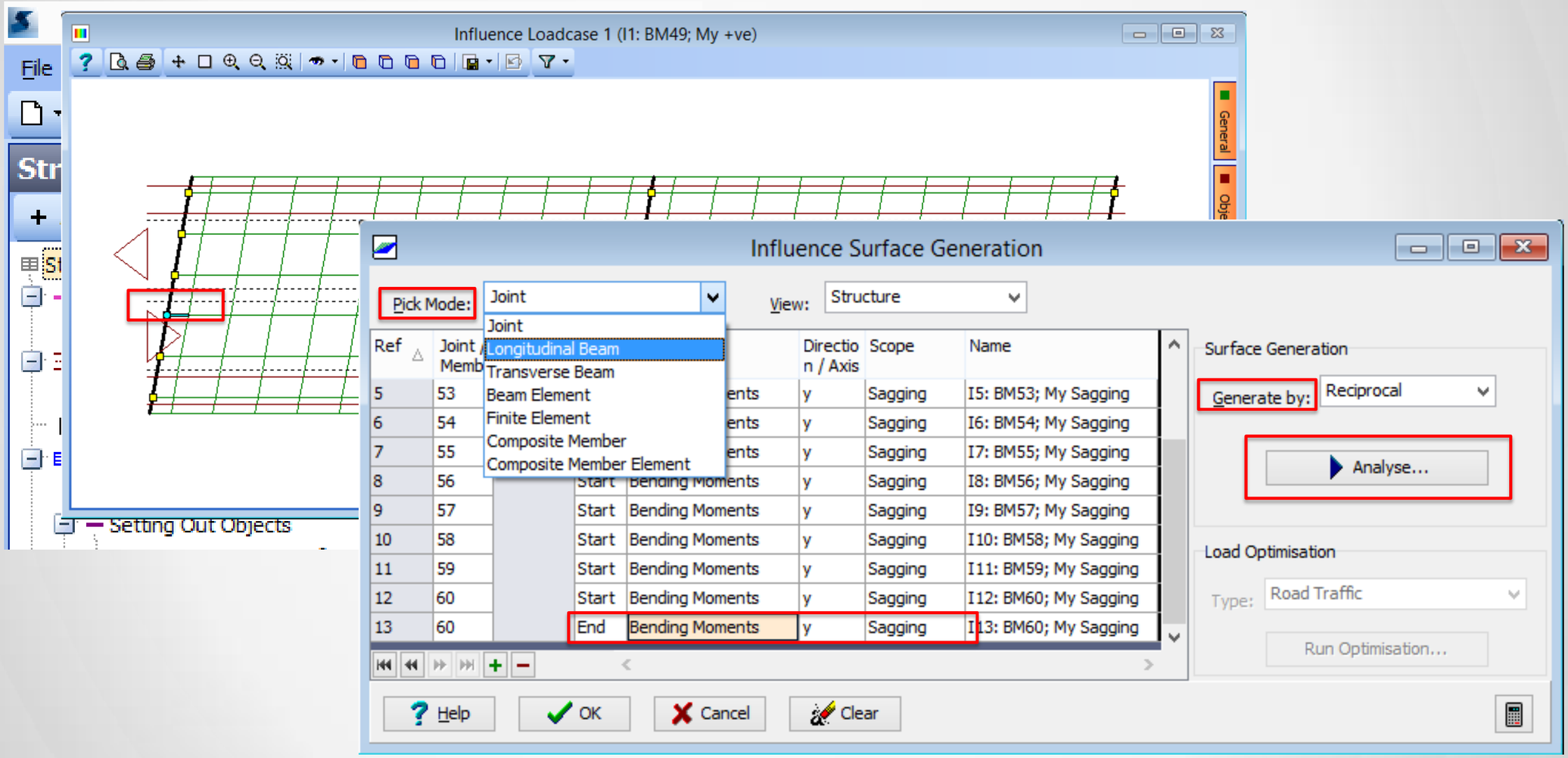
Methods of Creating Influence Lines/Surfaces

- Indirect Method
- In fact most design effect have a reciprocal value

Influence For	Applied Action
Moment	Unit Rotation Distortion
Shear	Unit Transverse Distortion
Axial Force	Unit axial Distortion
Deflection	Unit direct Force
Rotation	Unit applied Moment
Reaction	Unit Initial Displacement

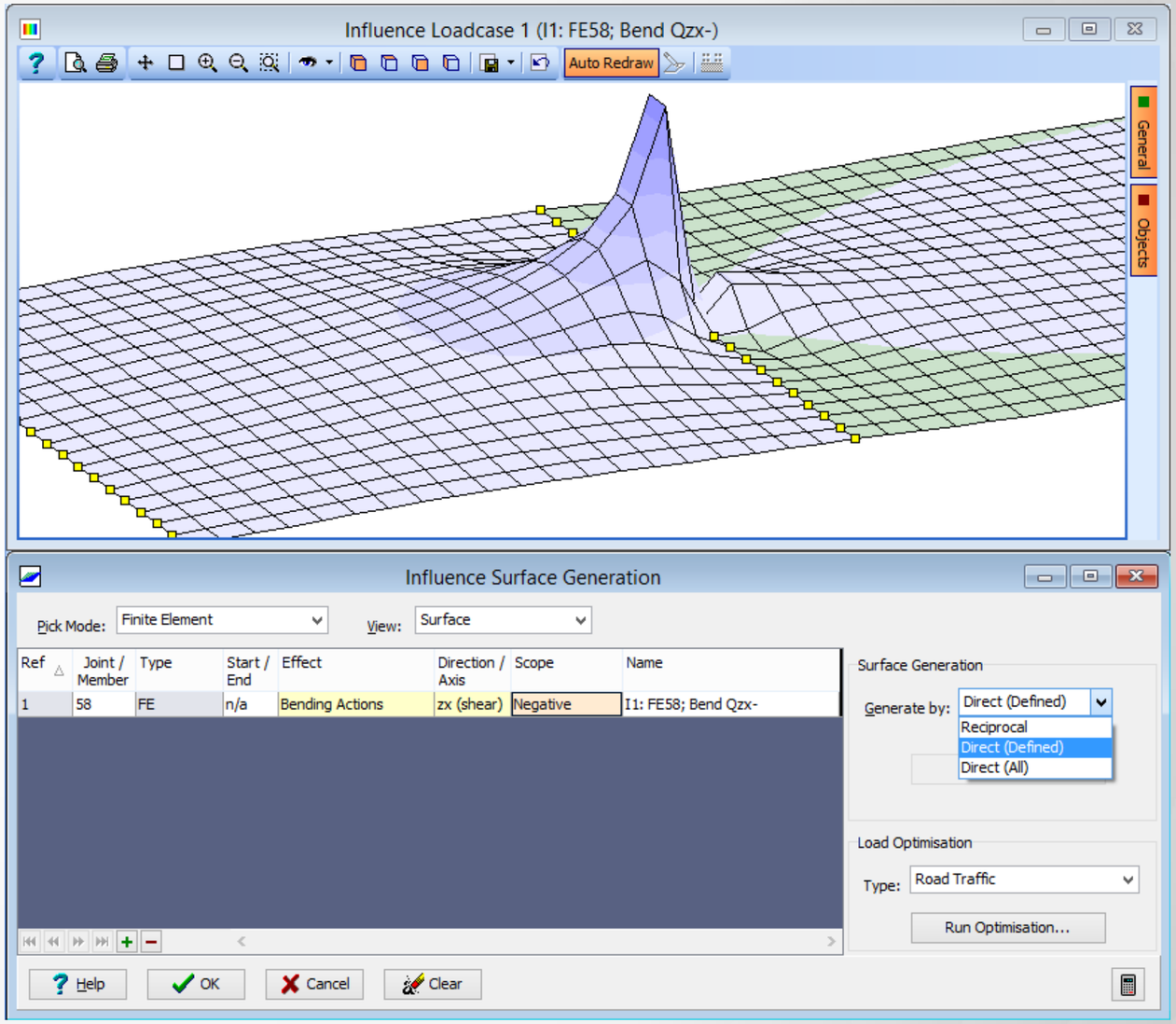
Creating Influences in Structural Bridge Design

- For Grillages and Frames



Creating Influences in Structural Bridge Design

- For Shell Finite Element Structures
  - Direct method is necessary
  - Influence is for the element centroid
  - Influence is a value per unit width
  - The effect for shear appears as a bending effect



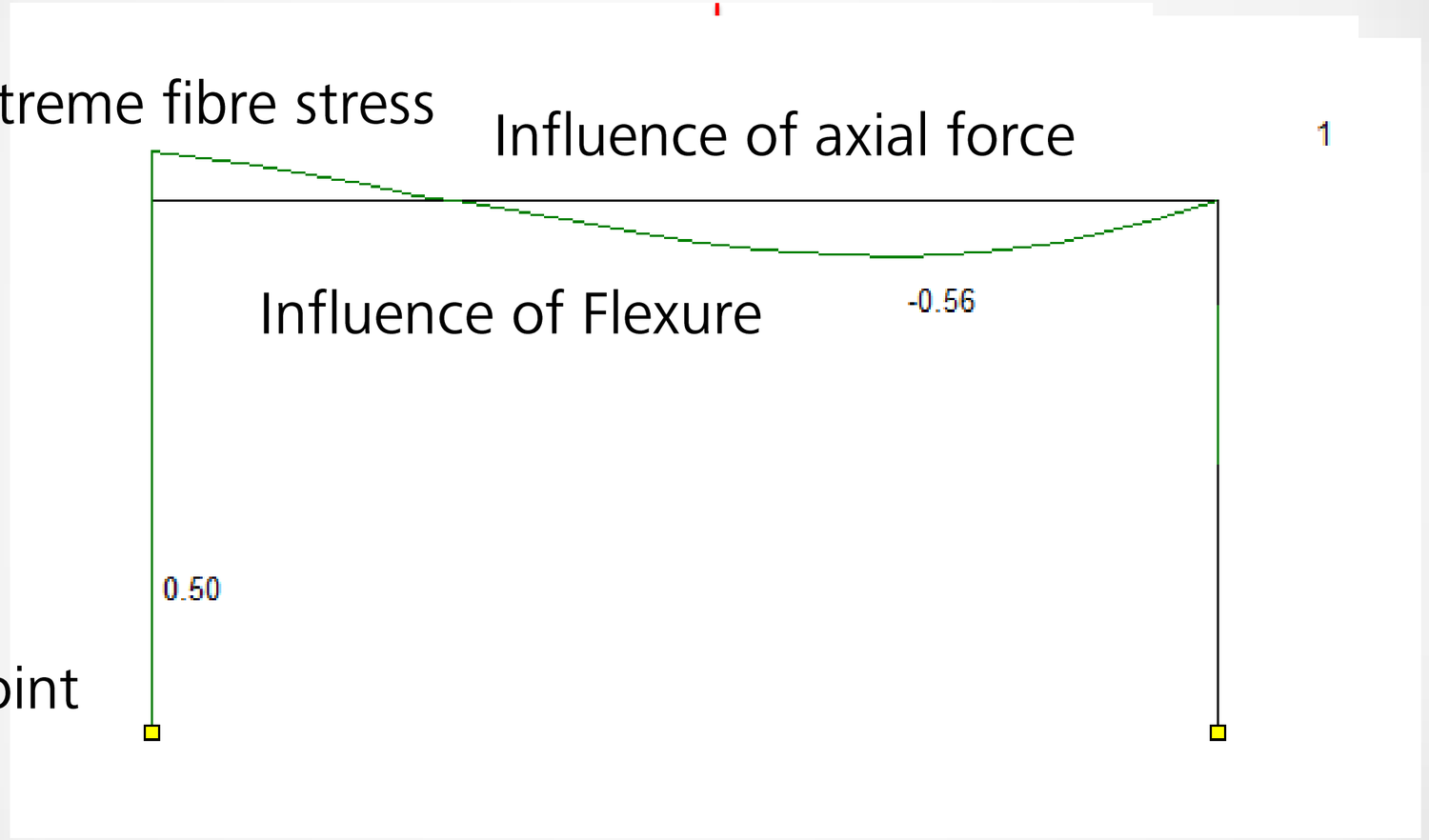
Combining Influences

- If a particular design detail can be defined as a linear function of any of the main design components listed in the previous slide, then individual influences can be factored and combined to produce an influence for the design detail.
- For example, if a structural component resisted both flexure and axial force we may want to produce an influence for extreme fibre stress which can be defined as:

$$\sigma_{top} = F/A + M/Z$$

where A is the section area and Z is the section modulus

Combining Influences



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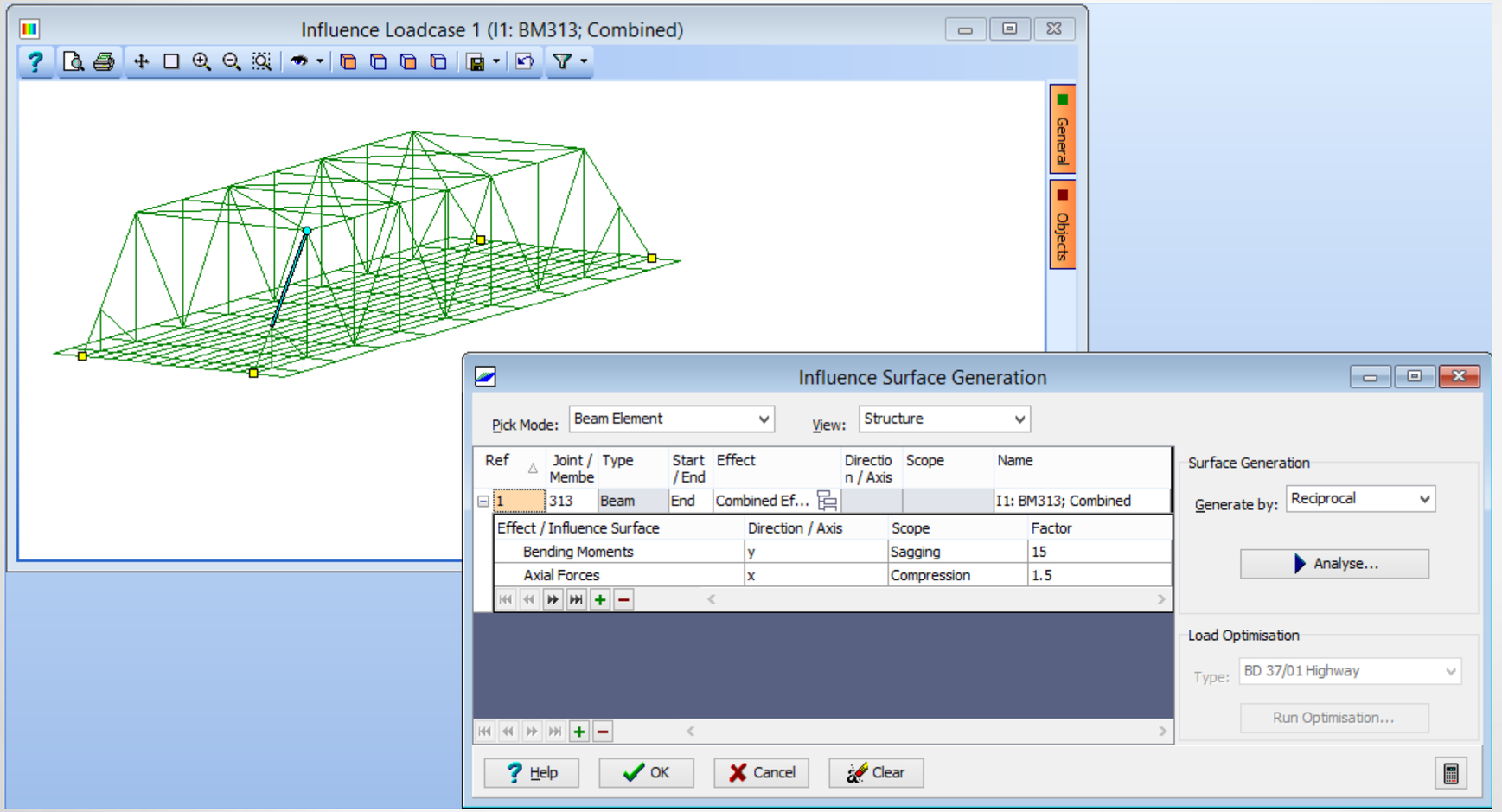

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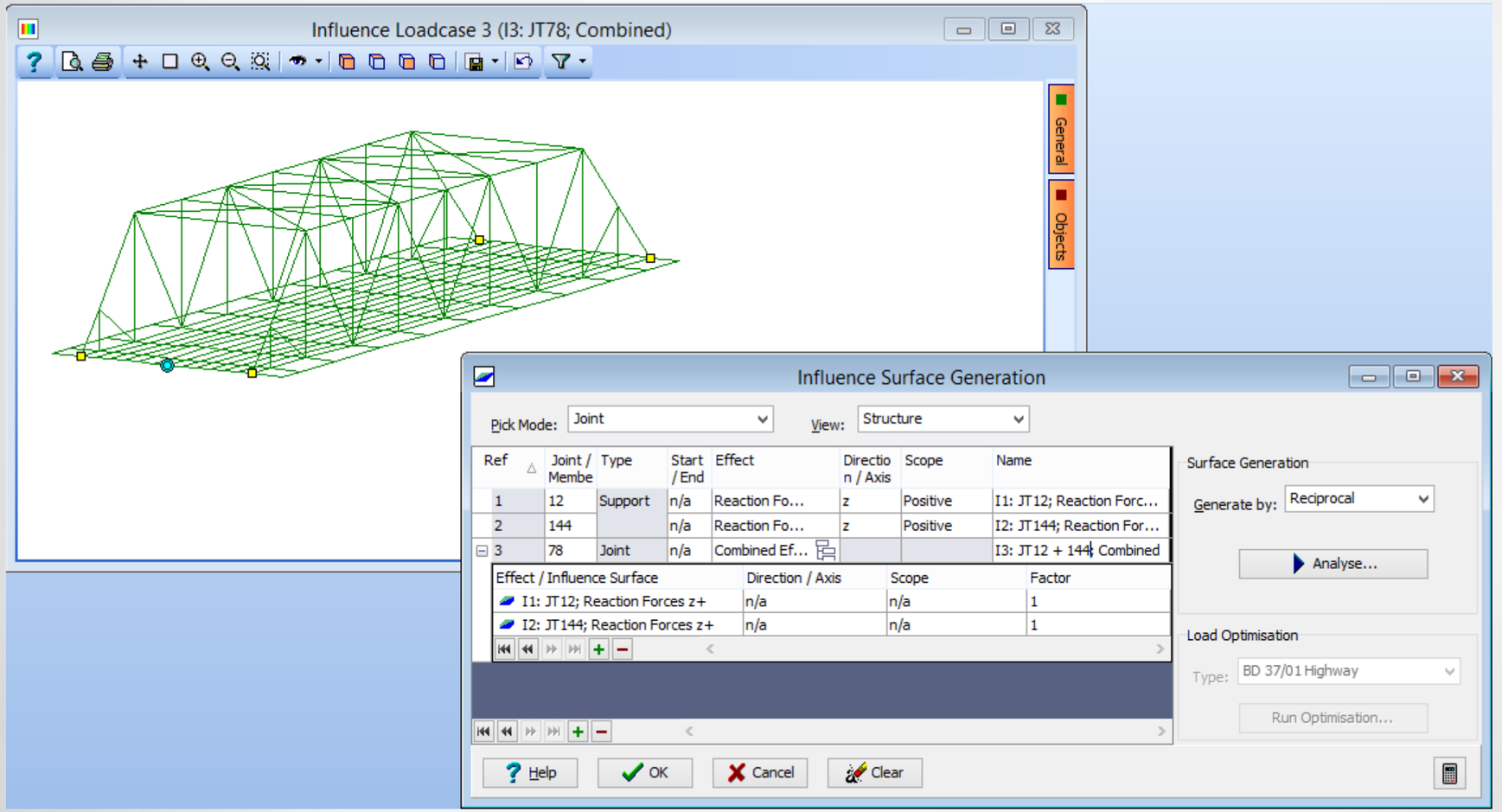


Traffic Loads for different National Standards

Loading Model Considerations

- Traffic Loading is complex and a few things that need considering when design a traffic model scheme are:
  - It can generally be considered to act in Lanes
  - The Loading is Dynamic
  - There will be normal and abnormal loading conditions
  - The intensity in each lane is based upon extensive statistical research
  - Traffic load content may be very different for different highways and different regions around the world

Highway Traffic Load models

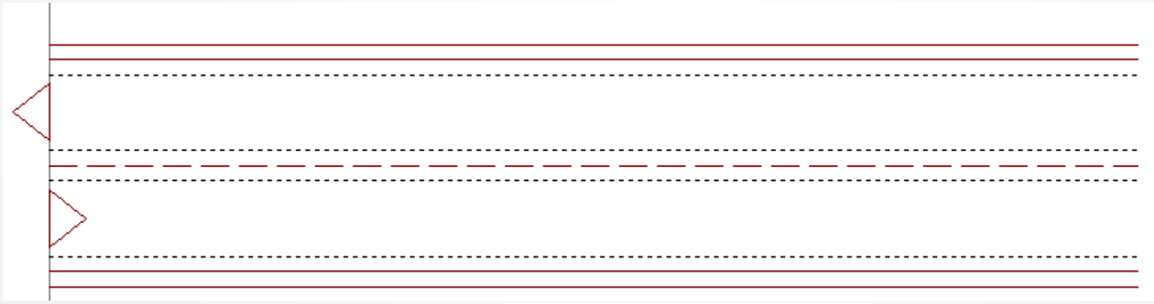
- Highway traffic load models can be very different for different countries and these are reflected in the various national design standards
- In the next few slides we will briefly examine the models in:
  - AASHTO LRFD6
  - BS5400
  - Eurocodes
  - AS5100
- And for each we will consider
  - Notional lane positioning and multiple presence factors
  - The normal load models
  - And how they are combined to form the design loading patterns

ASSHTO LRFD6

- Roadway Configuration

Carriageway width w in ft	Number of design Lanes	Width of a design Lane
12ft ≤ w < 20ft	n = 1	w
20ft ≤ w < 24ft	n = 2	w/2
24ft ≤ w	n = Int(w/12)	w/n

Number of loaded Lanes	Multiple Presence Factor
1	1.2
2	1.0
3	0.85
>3	0.65



- Traffic loads occupy a loaded width of 10ft within the lanes and will be located transversely so as to produce the most adverse effect

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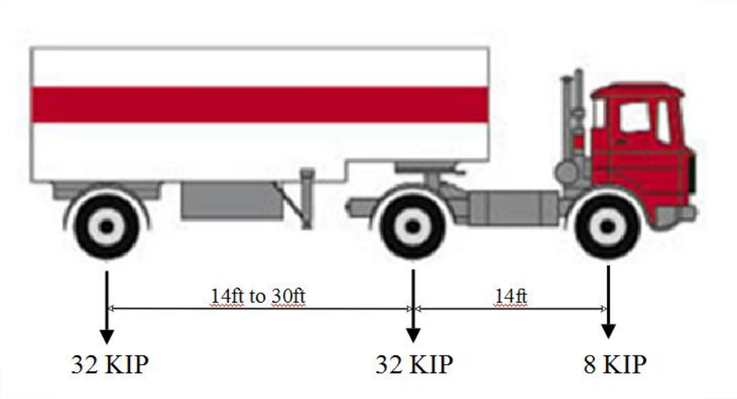
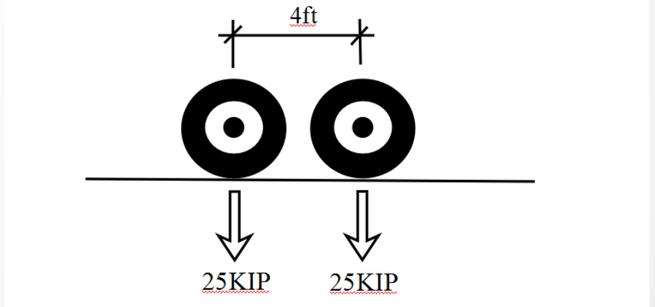
- Load Models consists of three components

1. UDL of 0.64KLP over 10ft width

1. A Design truck with 6ft between wheels



2. A Design Tandem (6ft width between wheels)



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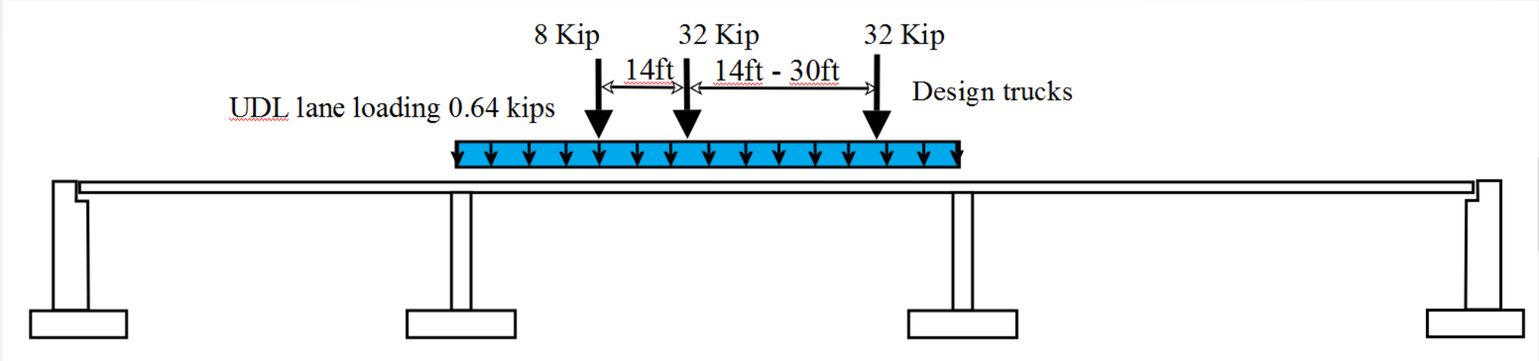
- Application of Load Models on Roadway
  - Generally each design lane is loaded with either:



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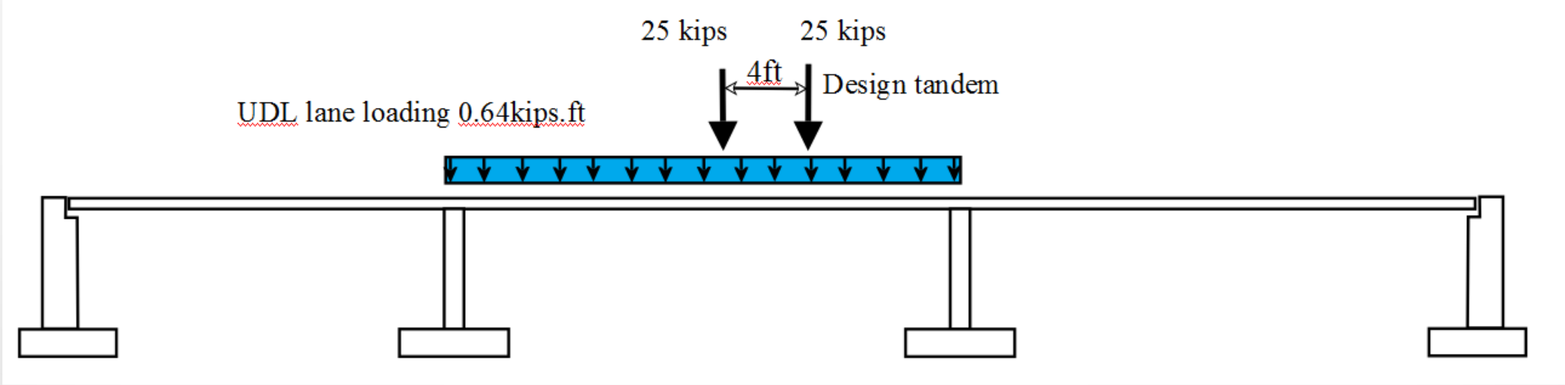

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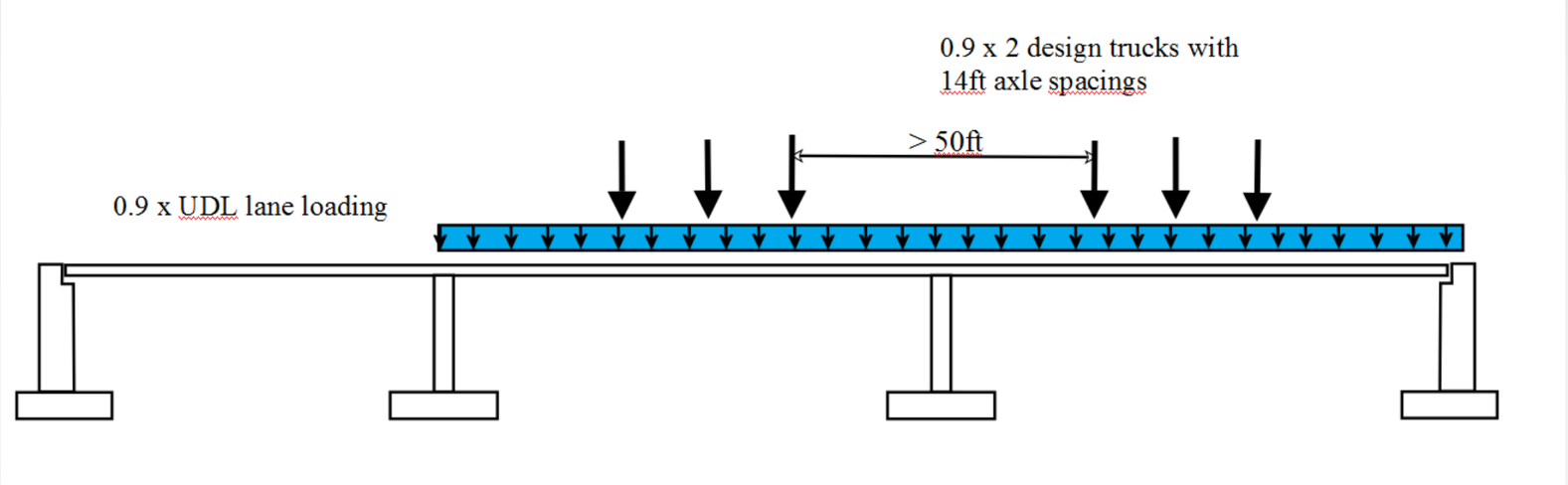
- Application of Load Models on Roadway
  - For negative moment and support reactions of piers and abutments either:



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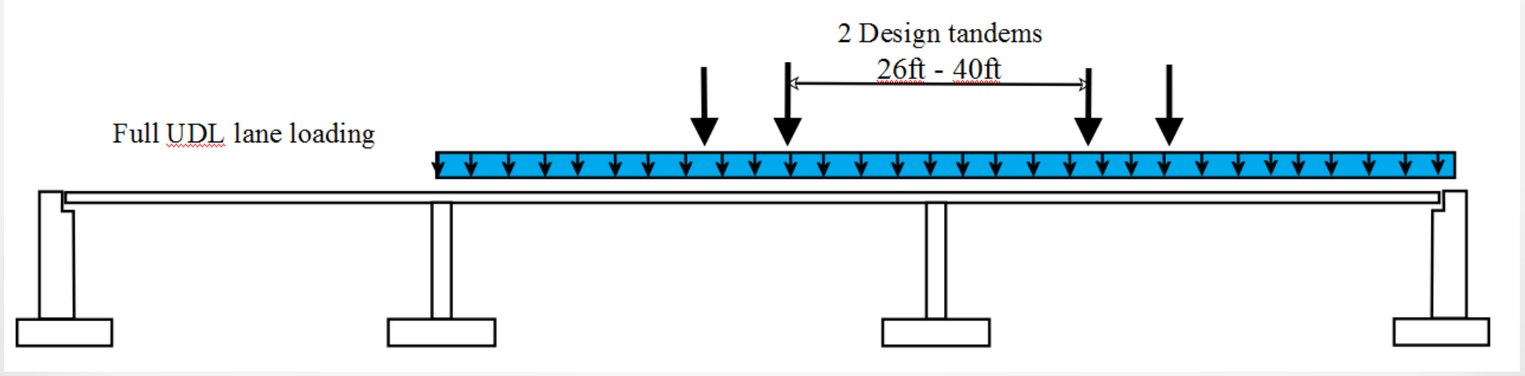
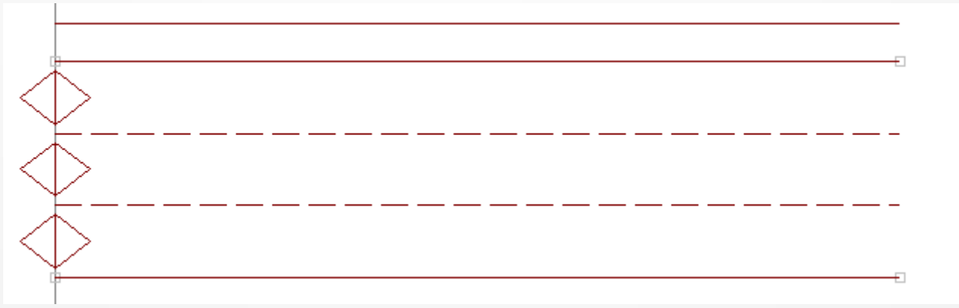


BS5400

- Carriageway Configuration

Carriageway width w in m	Number of notional lanes	Width of a notional lane
2.50m ≤ w < 5.00m	n = 1	2.5m
5.00m ≤ w < 7.50m	n = 2	w/2
7.50m ≤ w < 10.95m	n = 3	w/3
10.95m ≤ w < 14.60m	n = 4	w/4
14.60m ≤ w < 18.25m	n = 5	w/5
18.25m ≤ w < 21.90m	n = 6	w/6



BS5400

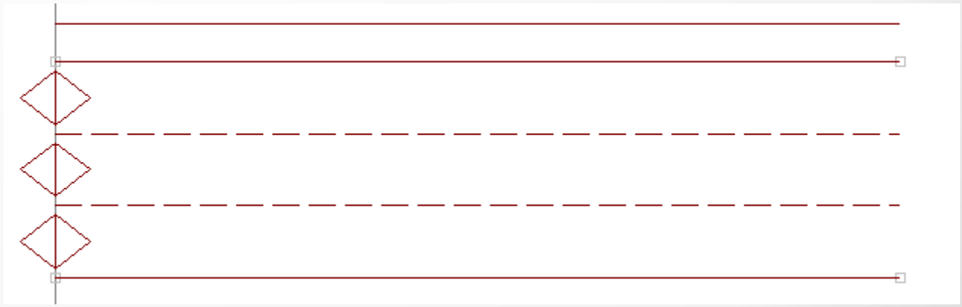
- Lane Factors

Loaded length L m	First Lane Factor β_1	Second Lane Factor β_2	Third Lane Factor β_3	Forth and subsequent lane factors β_n
$0 < L \leq 20$	α_1	α_1	0.6	$0.6\alpha_1$
$20 < L \leq 40$	α_2	α_2	0.6	$0.6\alpha_2$
$40 < L \leq 50$	1.0	1.0	0.6	0.6

$\alpha_1 = 0.27b_L$ but must be less than 1.0

$\alpha_2 = 0.0137\{b_L(40\text{-}L) + 3.65(L\text{-}20)\}$

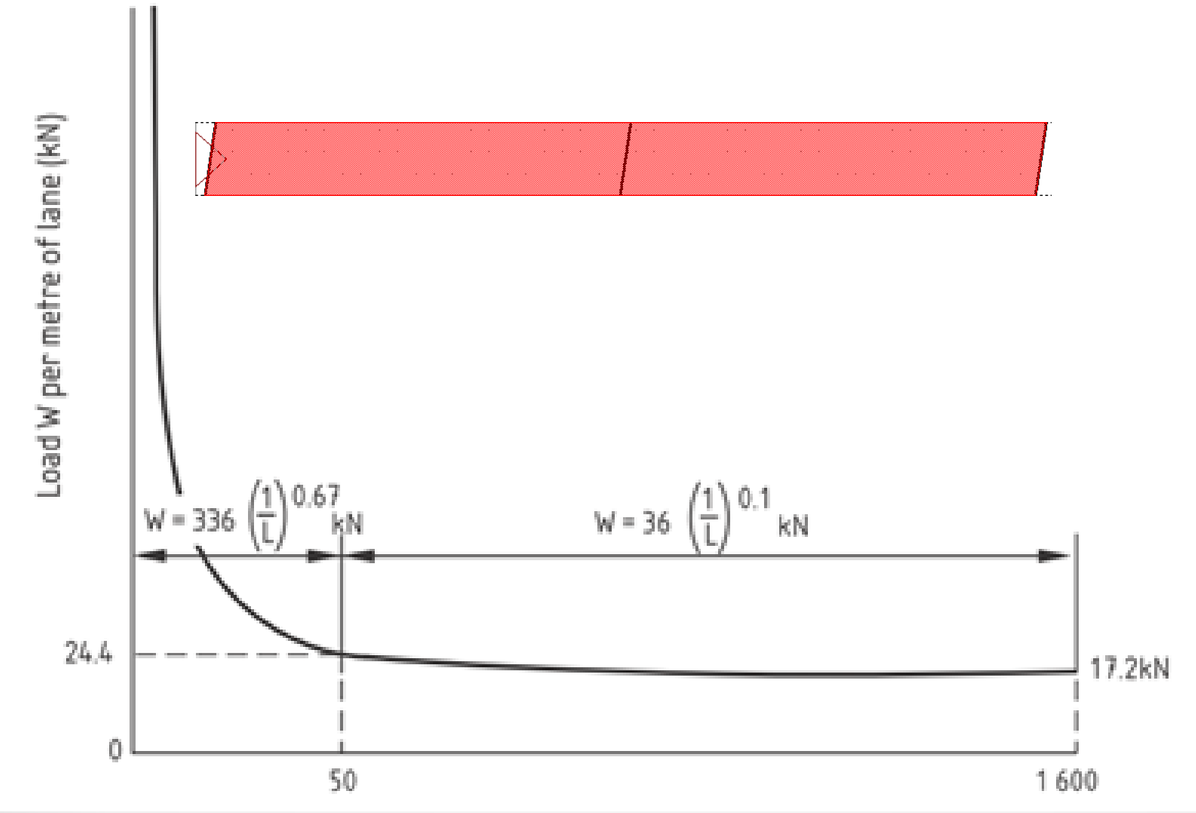
b_L = the notional lane width (m)



BS5400

- 2 Load Models consists of three components

1. HA Uniformly distributed load with a varying intensity based on the loaded length

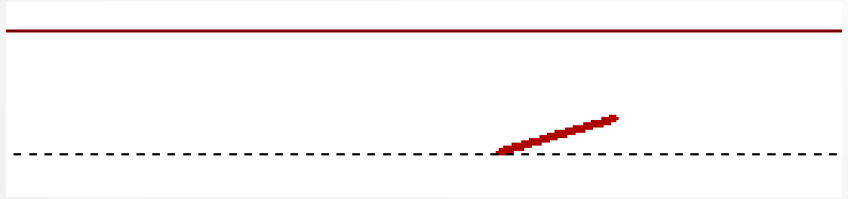


BS5400

- 2 Load Models consists of three components

2. HA Concentrated knife edge load of 120kN having a length of the notional lane width

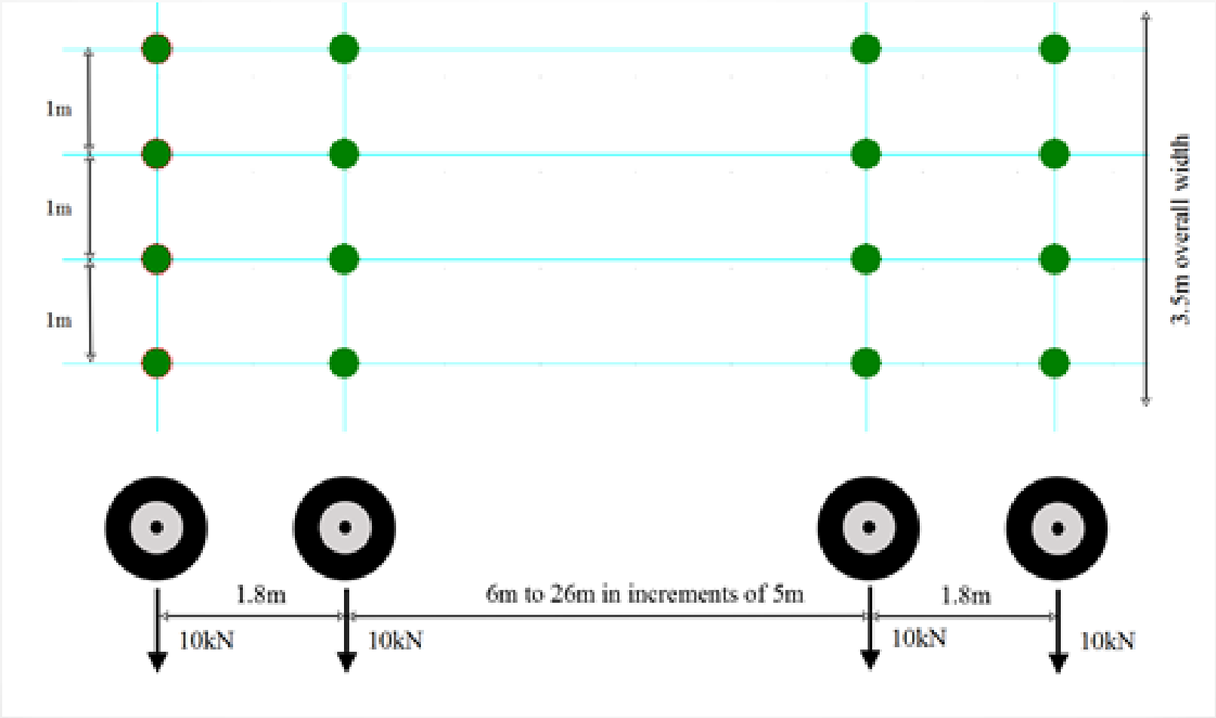
For certain design effects, such as bending of a transverse cantilever slab, the KE load should be orientated and positioned laterally to give the worst effect



BS5400

- 2 Load Models consists of three components

3. HB - A notional representation of a multi axle tractor and trailer vehicle used to convey heavy loads. It has four axles with four wheels on each axle and has a unit axle load of 10kN. It is normal to apply 30 to 45 units depending on the roadway type.



BS5400

- Application of Load Models on Carriageway
  - There are two main combinations of traffic load that we generally consider and each one should be tested for the worst effect

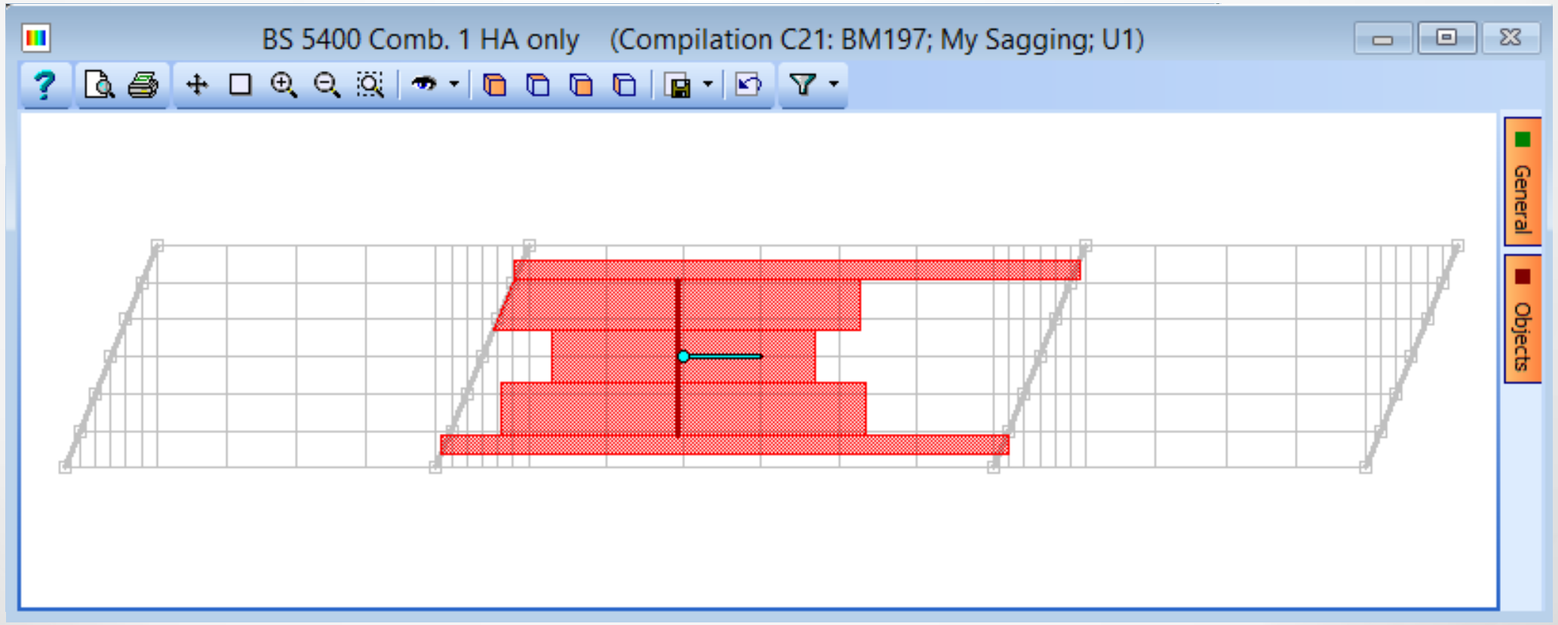
1. HA UDL + HA KE loads only
2. N units of HB Load with associated HA UDL + HA KE loads

  - These may or may not be combined with thermal loads, with different factors, forming combinations 1 and 3 according to BS5400 part 2

BS5400

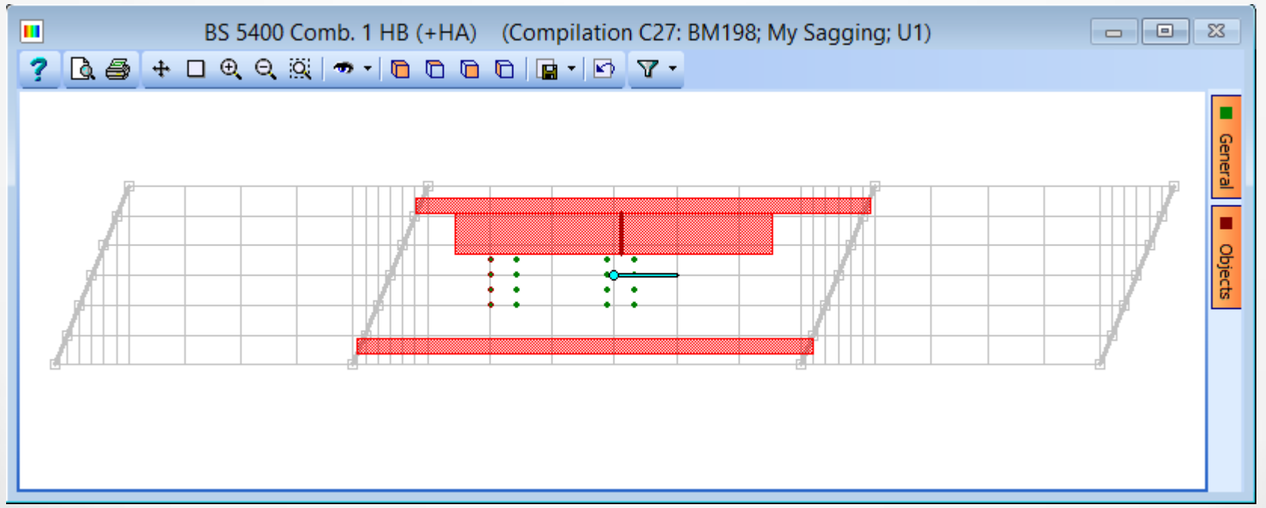
- Application of Load Models on Carriageway
  - HA Loading Only

    Simply a UDL and a KEL in each lane but only applied to the adverse areas of the influence diagram. The intensity of the UDL will depend on the loaded length which is calculated from the total adverse length of influence on the deck – reduced to take into account any cusped shape of the influence diagram.



BS5400

- Application of Load Models on Carriageway
  - HB Loading with associated HA Loading
    - The deck is loaded with HA(plus KE) first and then an HB load is applied anywhere on the deck, irrespective of the notional lanes. The HB load displaces the HA + KE load such that:
      - In lanes where the HB load is encroaching then the KE load will be removed
      - In lanes where the HB load is encroaching, then, if the remaining HA width is less than 2.5m then the UDL will be truncated 25m in front and behind the HB vehicle in those lanes.



Eurocodes

- Carriageway Layout
  - The number and widths of lanes is shown below

Carriageway width w	Number of notional Lanes	Width of a notional Lane	Width of the remaining area
w < 5.4m	n1 = 1	3m	w-3m
5.4m ≤ w < 6m	n1 = 2	w/2	0
6m ≤ w	n1 = Int(w/3)	3m	w-(3 x n1)m

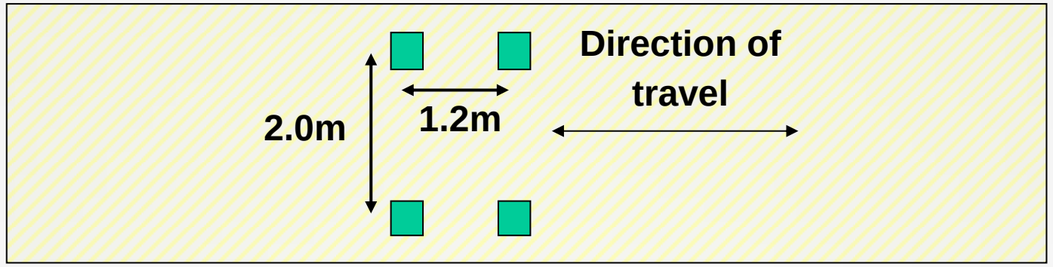
- The full width is loaded
- Positioned transversely for max effect
- There will generally be a remaining area
- The lanes are ranked in order of effect

Eurocodes

- Load Models
  - There are 4 load models specified for testing
    - LM1 – a UDL and tandem System
    - LM2 – a single axle load generally used for local verification
    - LM3 – Special Vehicles
    - LM4 – Crowd Loading

Eurocodes

- LM1



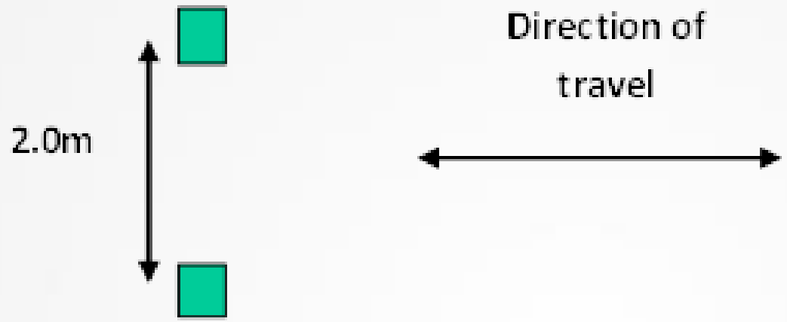
  - Each axle has a total load of $\alpha_{Qi}Q_{ik}$
  - The UDL has a value of $\alpha_{qi}q_{ik}$

Lane	Q_{ik} kN	Table A.2	q_{ik} kN/m2	α_{qi} Table A.2
1	300	1.0	9.0	0.61
2	200	1.0	2.5	2.2
3	100	1.0	2.5	2.2
Other Lanes	0	0	2.5	2.2
Remaining Areas	0	0.0	2.5	2.2

  - α_{Qi} and α_{qi} are nationally determined parameters (above are for UK)

Eurocodes

- LM2

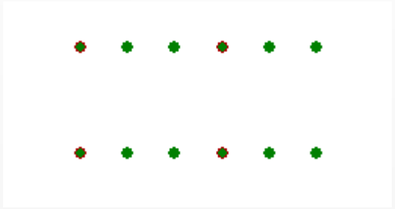


  - The axle has a total load of $\beta_Q Q_{ak}$
  - Q_{ak} has a value of 400kN
  - β_Q is a nationally determined parameters (1.0 for UK)

Eurocodes

- LM3
  - Special Vehicle
  - Recommended vehicles and application are given in Annex A of EN1991-2
  - Most National Annexes have very specific special vehicles defined
  - The UK NA has about 40 different vehicles ranging from

  - To

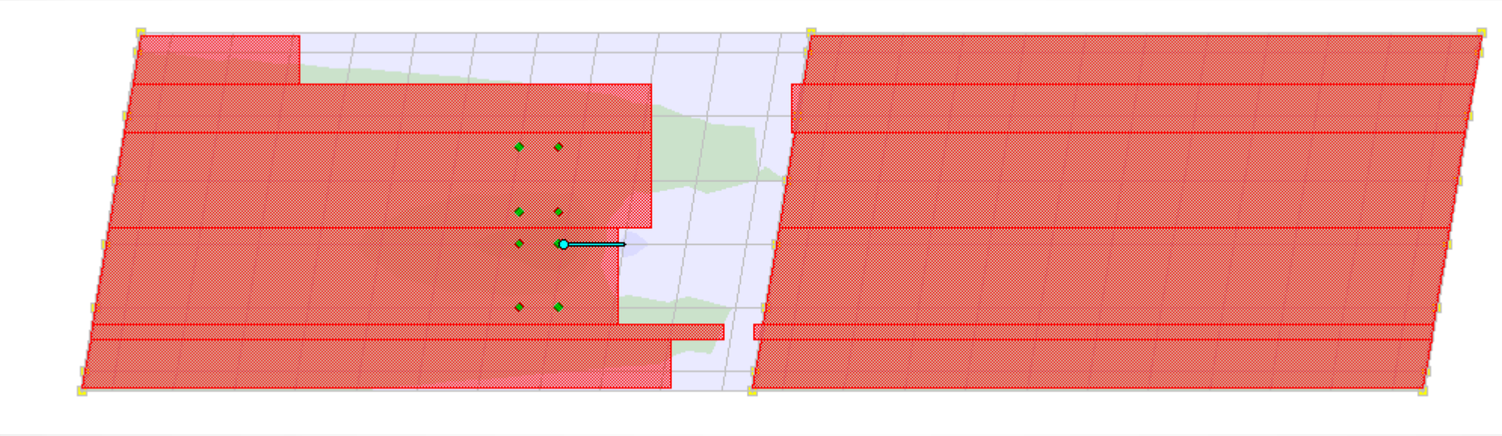


Eurocodes

- Application of Load Models on Carriageway
  - Load models are applied to the carriageway in certain combinations defined in EN1992-2
  - For vertical load it is normal to examine 3 combinations
    1. Gr1a – considers LM1 in each design lane + remaining area and footways
    2. Gr1b – considers LM2 applied anywhere on the carriageway with wheels possibly hard up against the kerb and relieving wheels removed – local verification
    3. Gr5 – is a combination of LM3 (special vehicles) and a reduced value of LM1
    4. For global design of flexure and shear it is normal to consider Gr1a and Gr5

Eurocodes

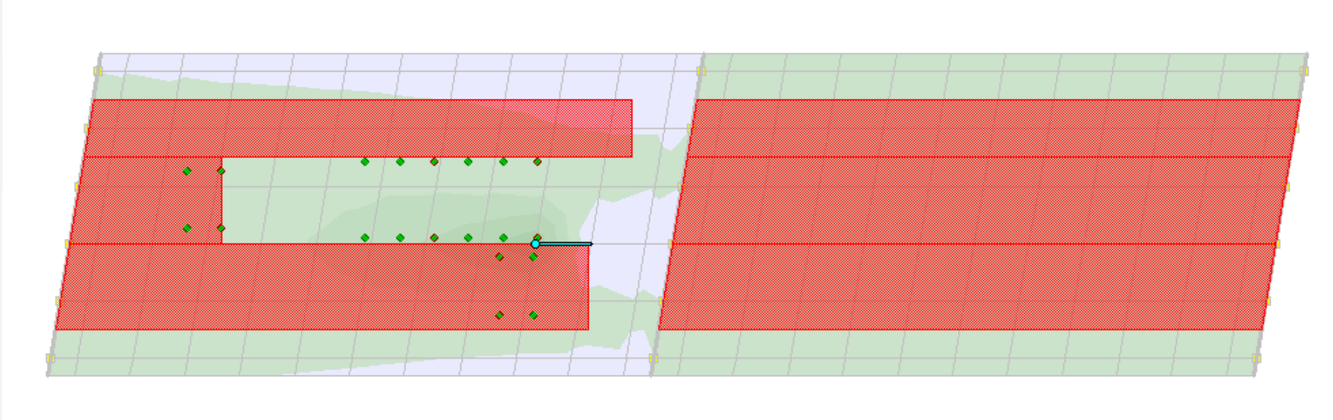
- Application of Load Models on Carriageway
  - Gr1a



  - UDL only in adverse areas – one tandem per lane
  - Lateral position of lanes adjusted to give maximum effect
  - Footway loading applied in adverse areas
  - Lane numbering defined to give max effect

Eurocodes

- Application of Load Models on Carriageway
  - Gr5



  - Only One LM3 on the structure
  - LM1 loading reduced to from characteristic to “frequent” values
  - LM3 vehicle can straddle lanes but may reduce LM1 effects
  - Clear distance in front and behind of LM3
  - No footway loading

AS5100 (Australian)

- Design Lanes on Roadway
  - The number and widths of lanes is shown below

Road width w	No. of notional Lanes	Width of lane
w > 3.2m	n = int(w/3.2)	3.2m

  - The lanes shall be position laterally to produce maximum effect
  - Remaining areas are unloaded
  - For some loads (A160, M/S1600) there are accompanying lane factors

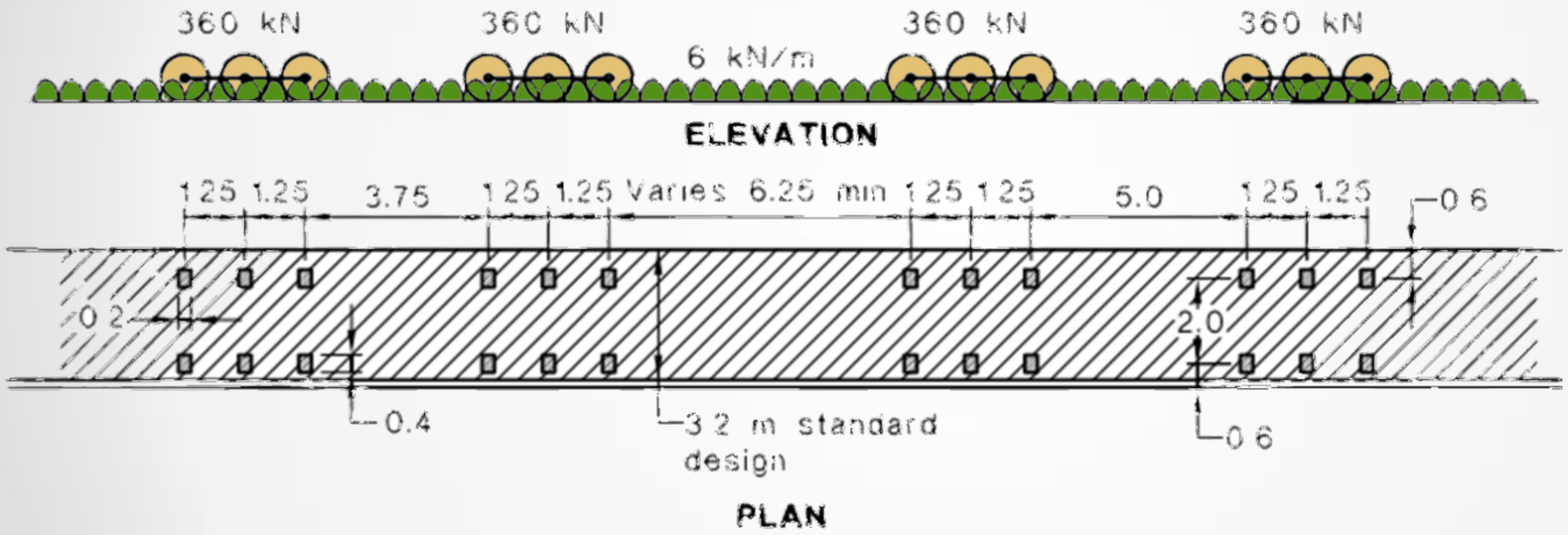
Standard Design Lane number n	**Accompanying Lane Factor ALF**
1 Lane Loaded	1.0
2 Lanes Loaded	1.0 for first lane , and 0.8 for second lane
3 or More lanes loaded	1.0 for first lane 0.8 for second lane 0.4 for third and subsequent lanes

AS5100 (Australian)

- Load Models
  - There are 5 load models specified for validation
    - W80 – a single Wheel Load of 80kN
    - A160 – a single axle of 160kN with two wheels 2m apart
    - M1600 – Moving Traffic Load
    - S1600 – Stationary Traffic Load
    - HLP320/400 – Heavy Load Platform

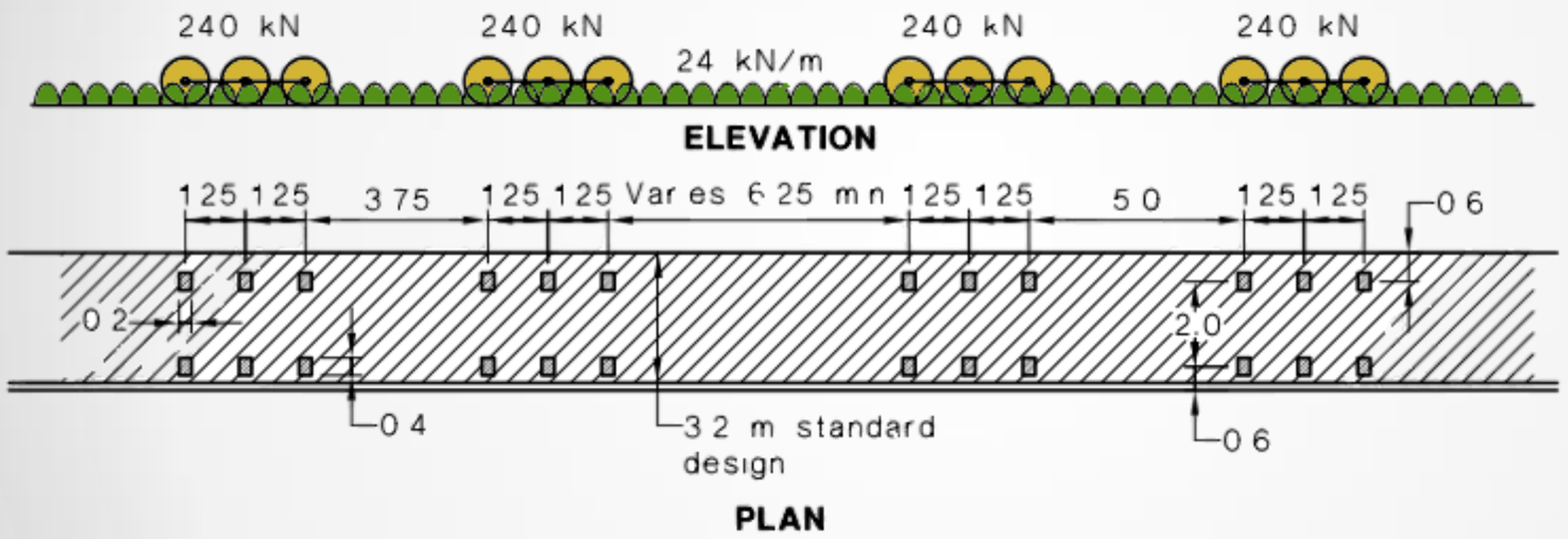
AS5100 (Australian)

- Load Models – M1600



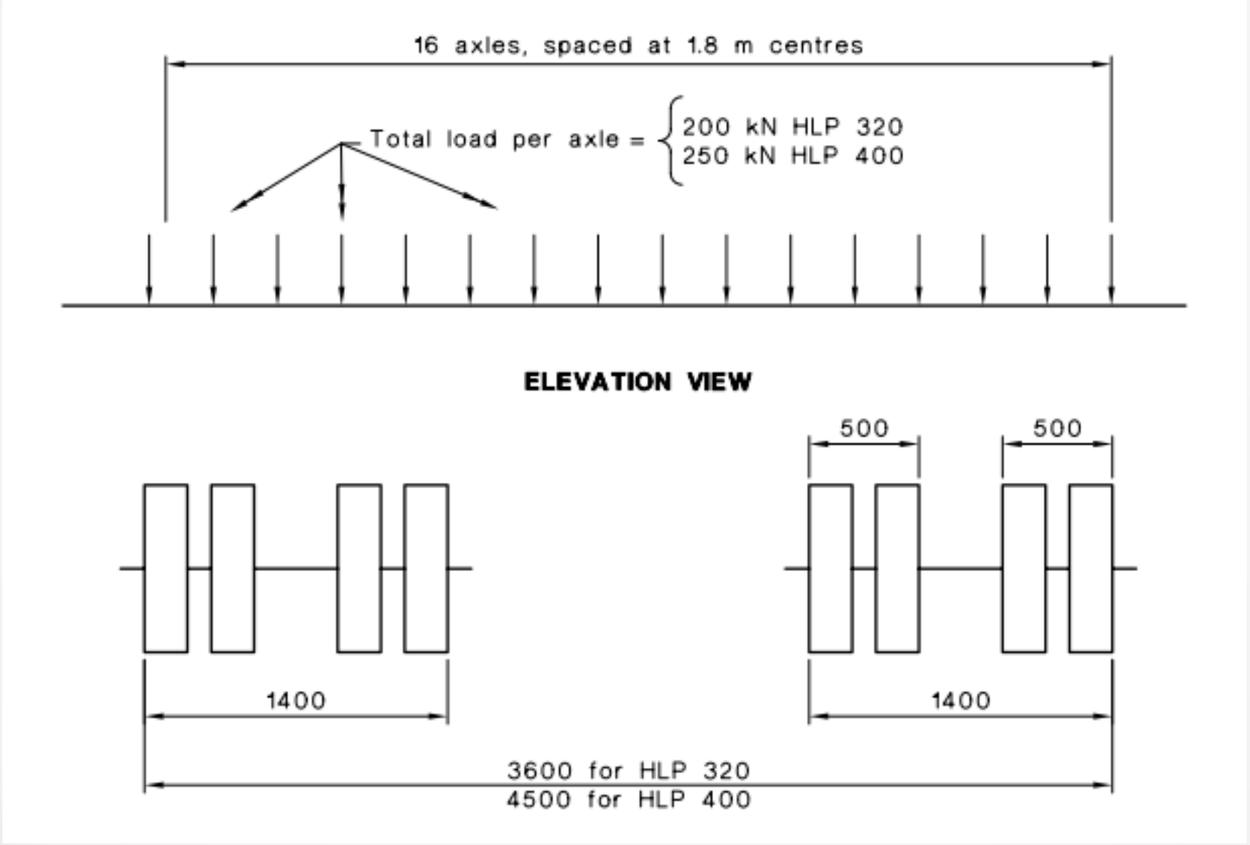
AS5100 (Australian)

- Load Models – S1600



AS5100 (Australian)

- Heavy Load Platform HLP320 or HLP400
  - My be specified by authority but configuration specified in AS5100.7

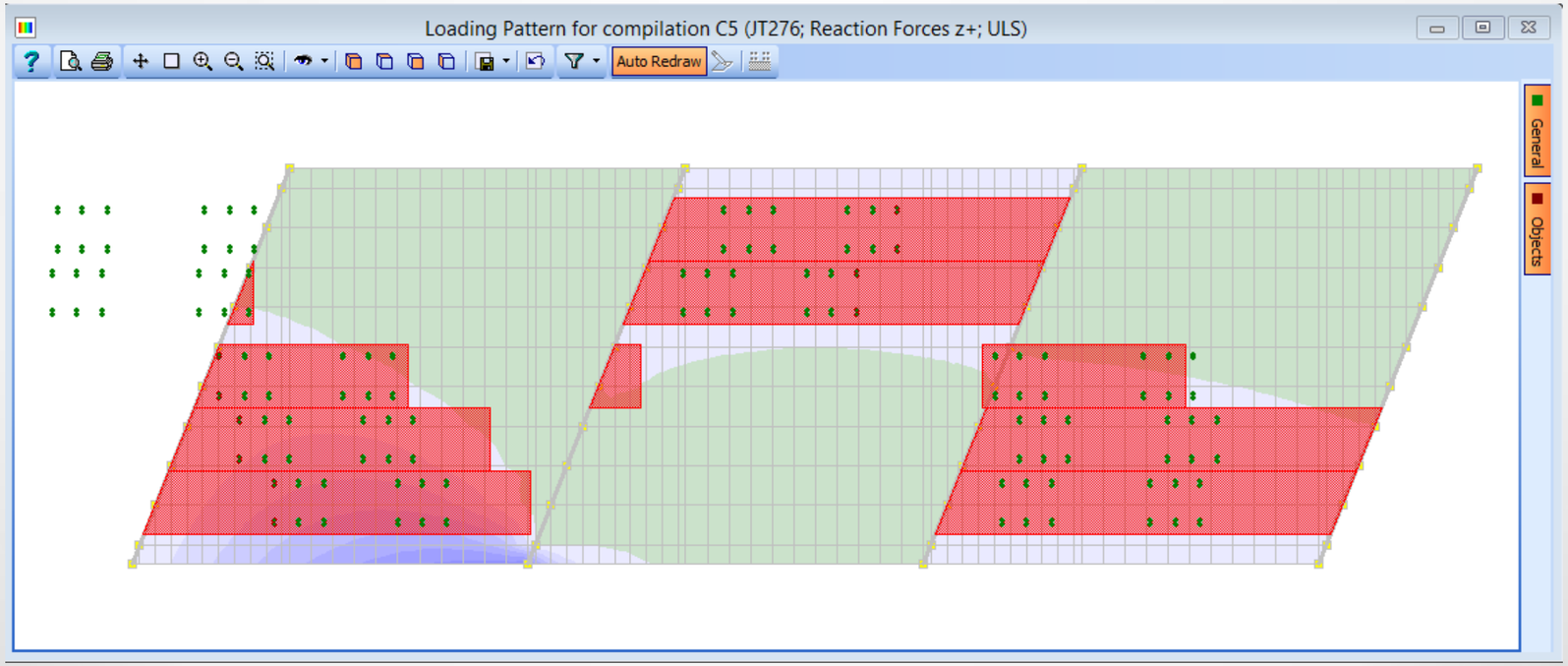


Eurocodes

- Application of Load Models on Roadway
  - Load models are applied to the carriageway in certain combinations defined in AS5100.2 section 22
  - For Ultimate Limit State footway and traffic are treated separately
  - For Service Limit States they are combined with a factor
  - Each Traffic model is applied in turn and the most adverse selected
    - The W80 wheel load is applied once anywhere on the roadway with an appropriate DAF
    - The A160 axle load is applied once in each design lane with a DAF with the lanes in the most adverse lateral position and the most adverse number of lanes loaded should be considered

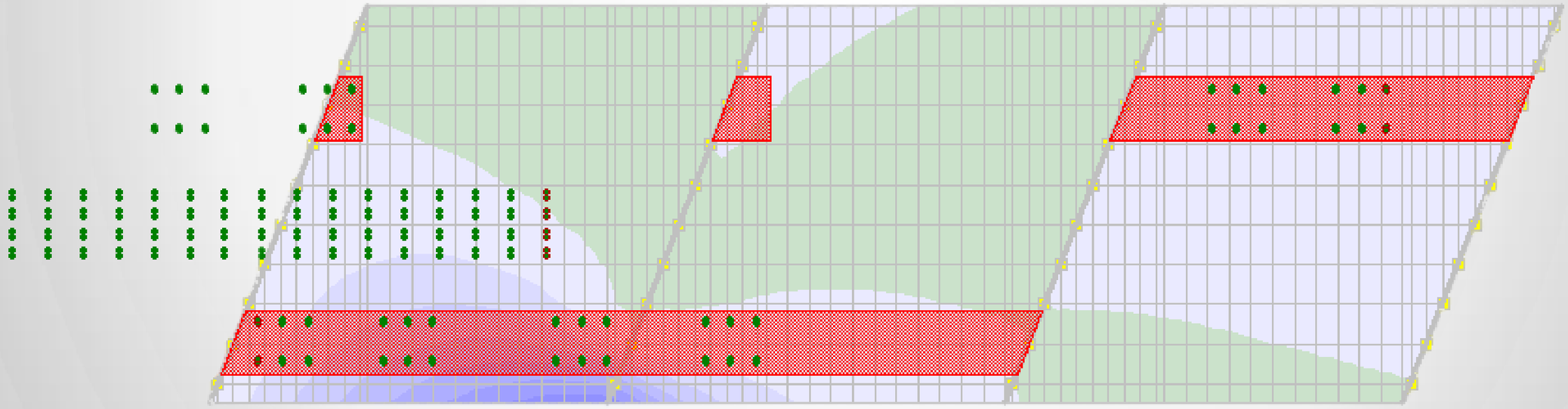
Eurocodes

- Application of Load Models on Roadway
  - The M1600 or S1600 Truck is applied in each design lane with the variable spacing of the axes set to give the most adverse effect
  - The UDL shall be place only in adverse areas of the influence diagram
  - The number of lanes loaded should be chosen to give the most adverse effect



Eurocodes

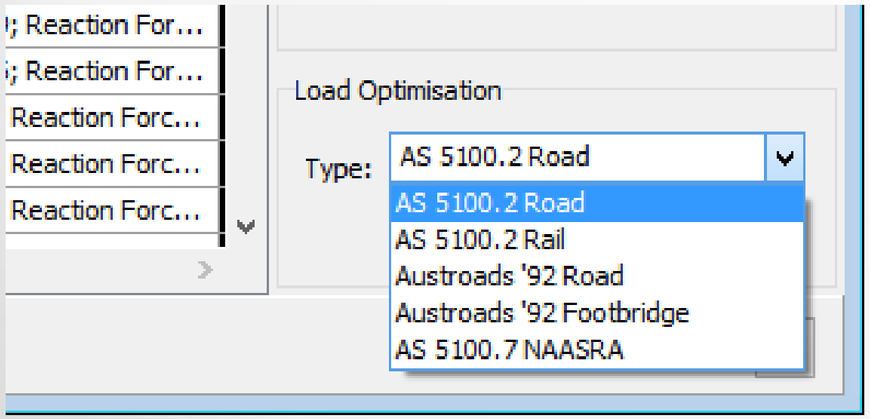
- Application of Load Models on Roadway
  - The HLP loads shall be positioned laterally (+/- 1.0m) as specified by the authority and is assumed to occupy two design lanes.
  - Any unobstructed lanes should be loaded with M/S1600 loading unless the authority specifies otherwise
  - For continuous decks the HLP should be split into two with variable spacing.

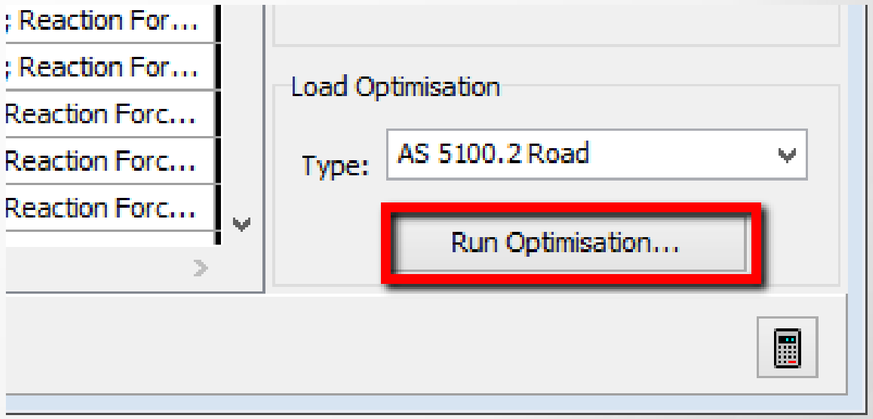


Traffic Load Optimisation in Structural Bridge Design

General Procedure

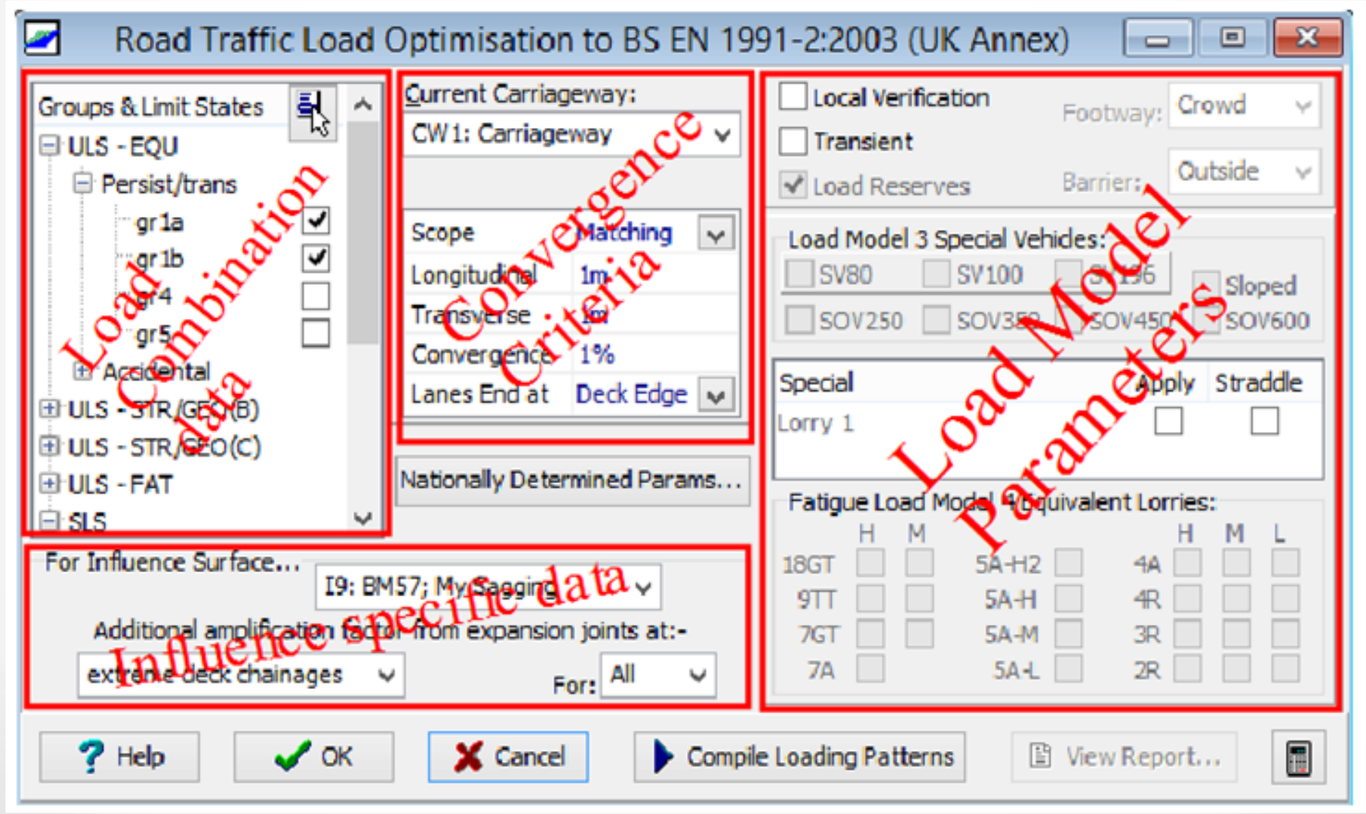
- Selecting a set of influences
  - Influences can be analysed one by one but it is more usual to specify a group that relate to a particular set of design features for a particular component of the structure. For example, the moment analysis for all points along a girder in a particular span.
  - Once the influences surfaces have been produced we open the Load Optimisation form by selecting the “Type” and then clicking on the “Run Optimisation” button





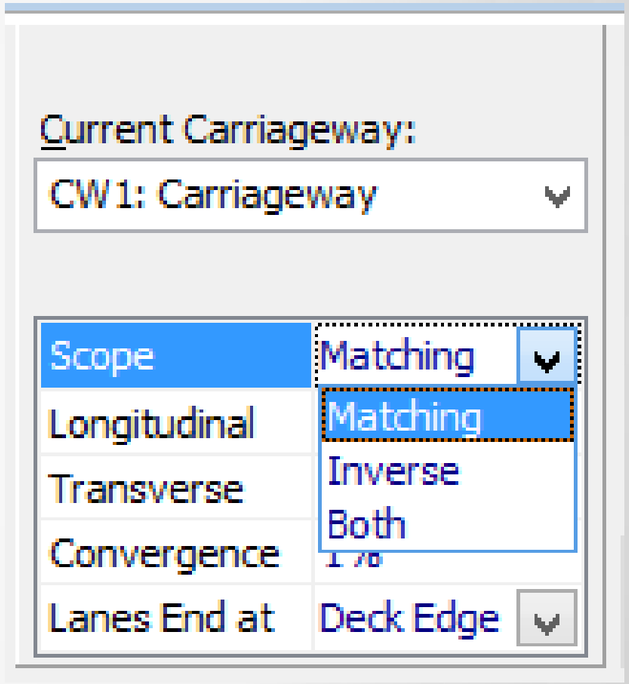
General Procedure

- Setting the parameters
  - Many of the parameters are design code specific and the form may look different for each standard, but, the form is generally arranged so that certain parameters are in groups, as shown below

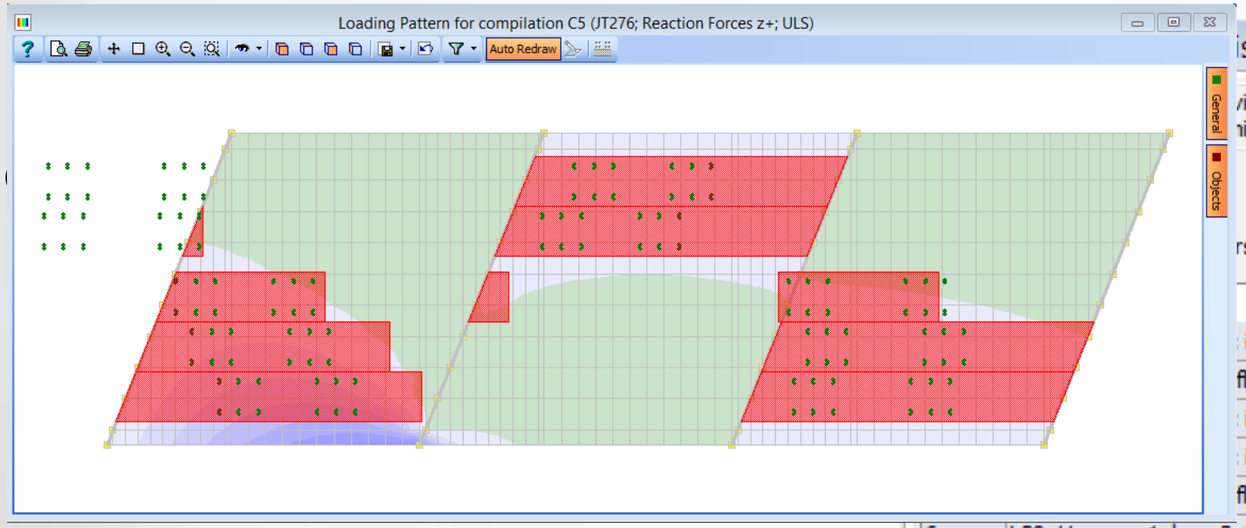


General Procedure

- Convergence parameters
  - Carriageway selection if multi defined
  - Scope – matching, inverse, both
  - Initial Longitudinal increment of vehicles
  - Initial transverse increment of vehicles
  - Convergence – criteria for accuracy
  - Lane loading extends to either deck ends or span end lines



General Procedure

- Analysis and Results
  - Once the parameters are set then then clicking on “Compile Loading Patterns” will start the optimisation process for all the influences in the influence table.
  - 

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7	L40: LL: span 2: lane 3: infl	1.8	1	0.4
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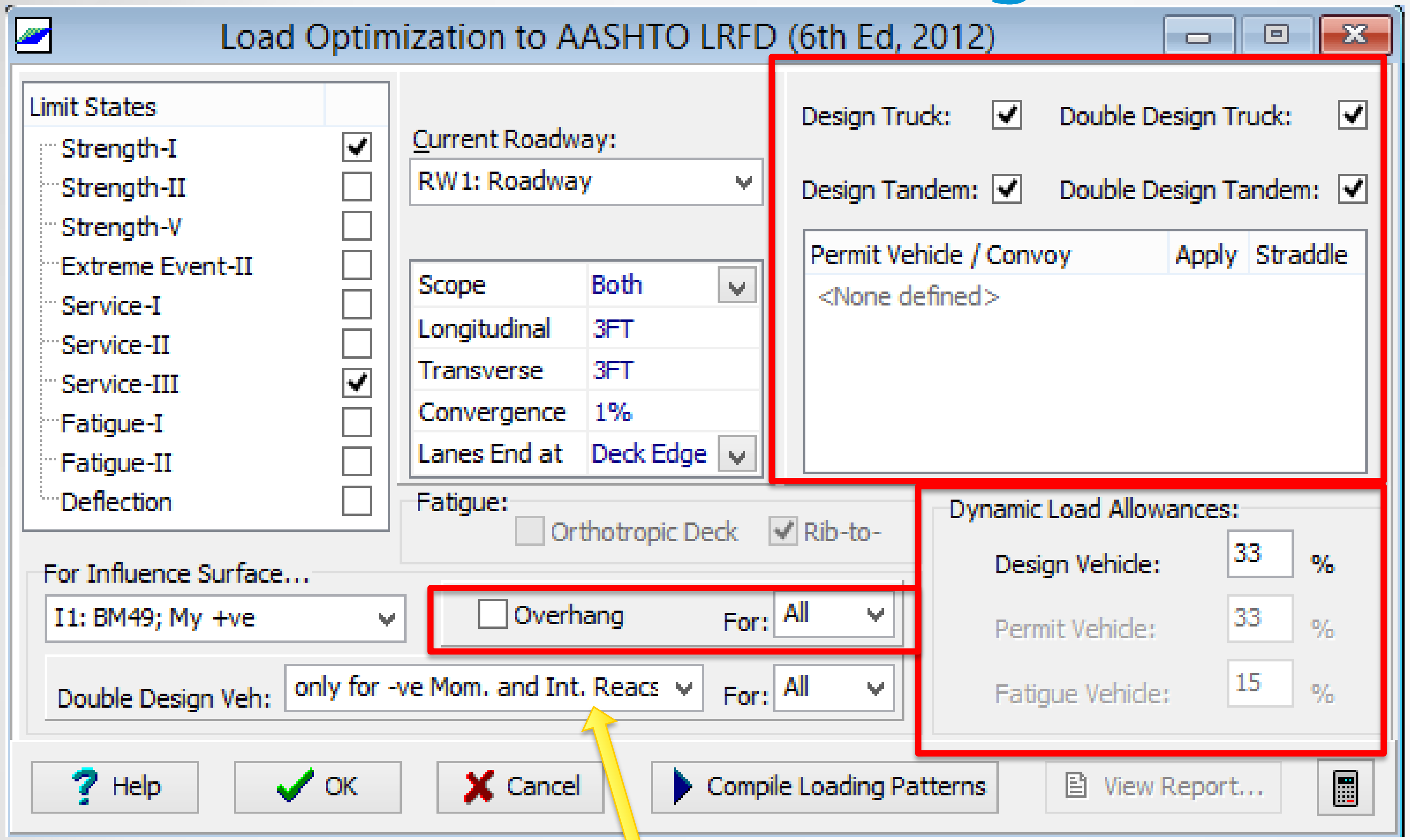
Parameters for AASHTO Bridges



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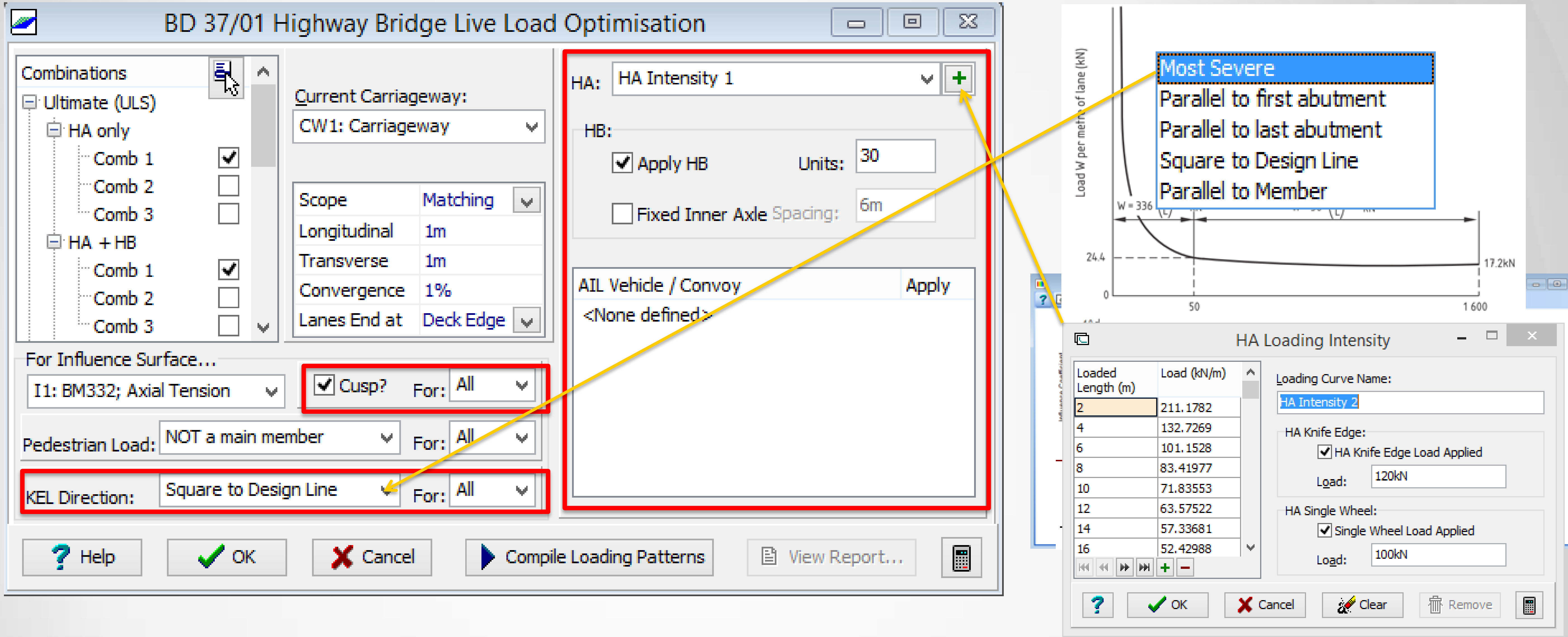

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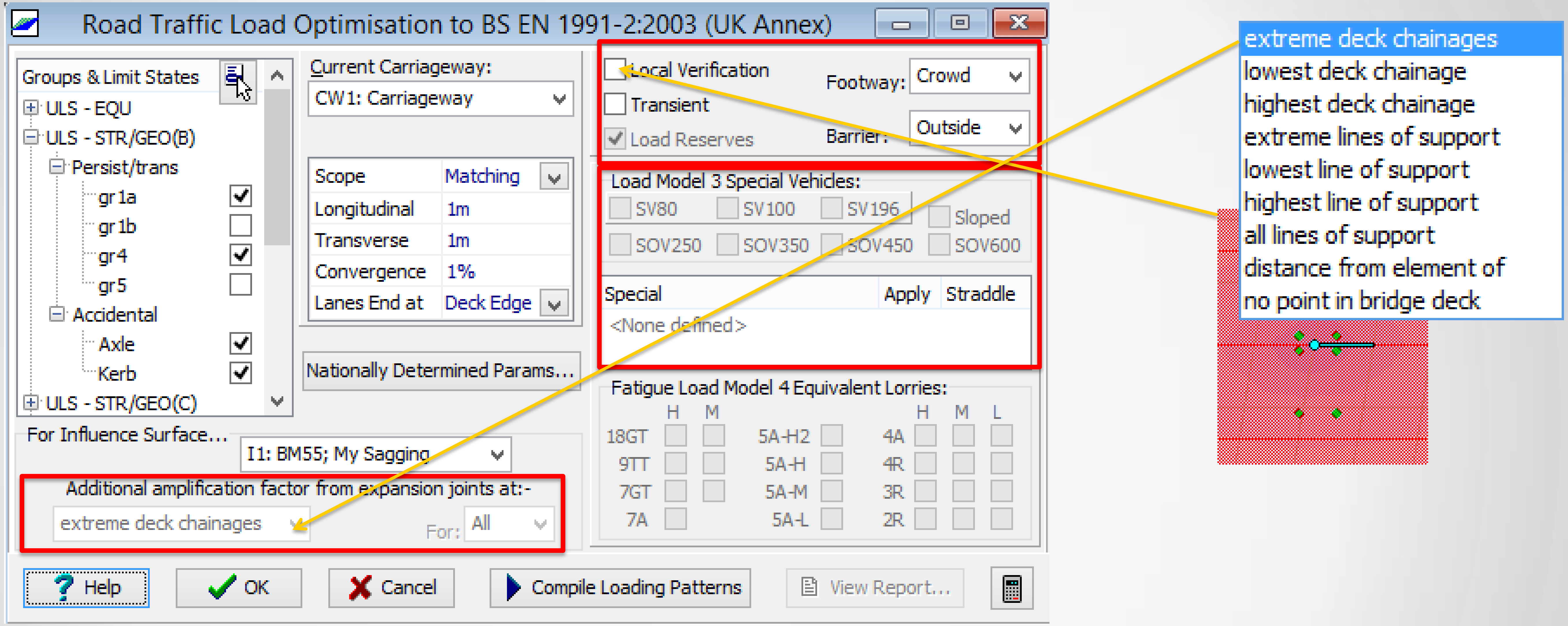
Parameters for Eurocode Bridges



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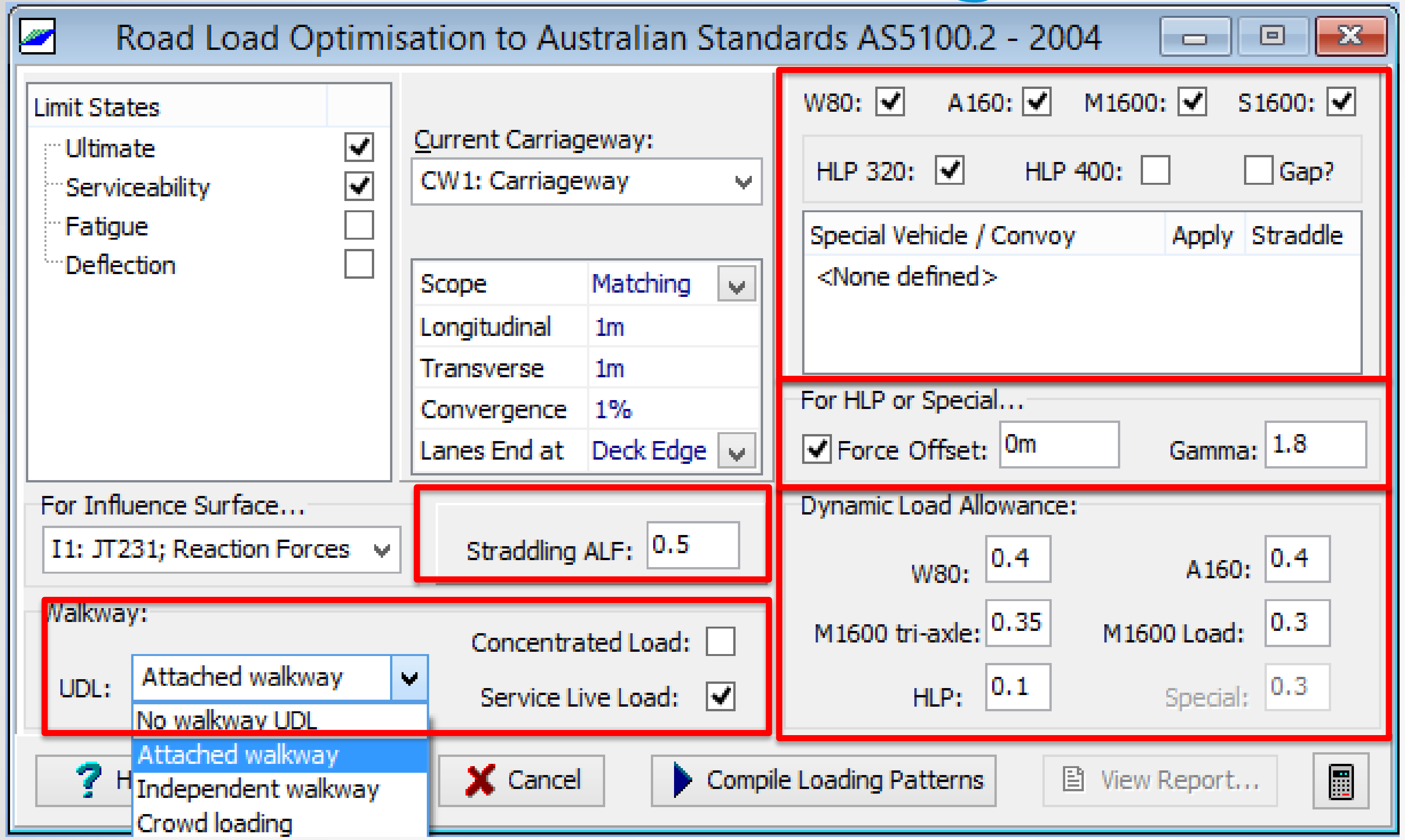
Parameters for AS5100 Bridges



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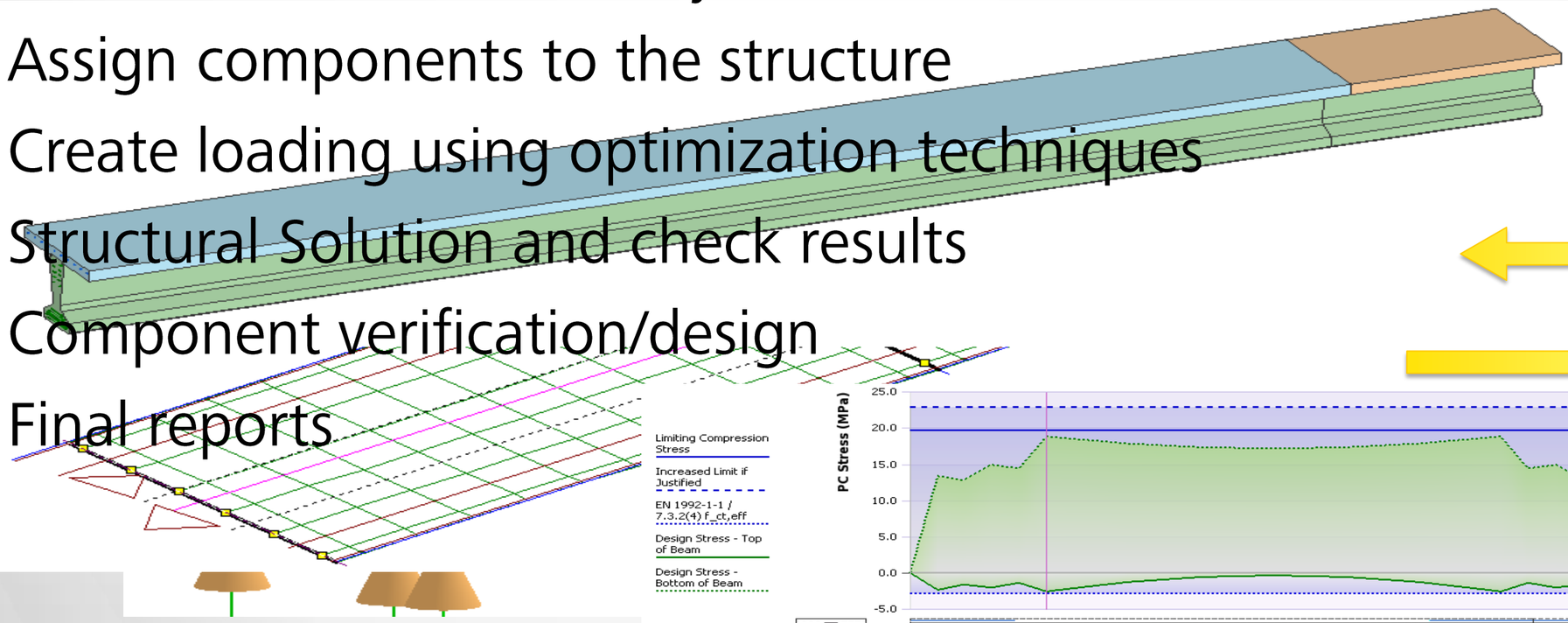
The General Design Workflow Using Load Optimisation

General Workflow

- Define structural design components
- Create structural model layout
- Assign components to the structure
- Create loading using optimization techniques
- Structural Solution and check results
- Component verification/design
- Final reports



Demonstration

Summary

- Bridge Loading models around the world are relatively complex and varied
- Influence line methods provide a powerful way to understand structural behaviour and to apply traffic loads acurately
- Load optimisation techniques provide efficiencies in the analysis/design workflow

- Thank you for your attention

Session Feedback

- Via the Survey Stations, email or mobile device
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- Instructors see results in real-time

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