

An aerial photograph of a bridge construction site. The image shows a complex network of steel beams, girders, and concrete structures. Numerous workers in high-visibility vests are scattered across the site, some standing on walkways and others near machinery. A large blue tarp is visible on the left side. The scene is brightly lit, suggesting a sunny day. The background shows a body of water and some trees.

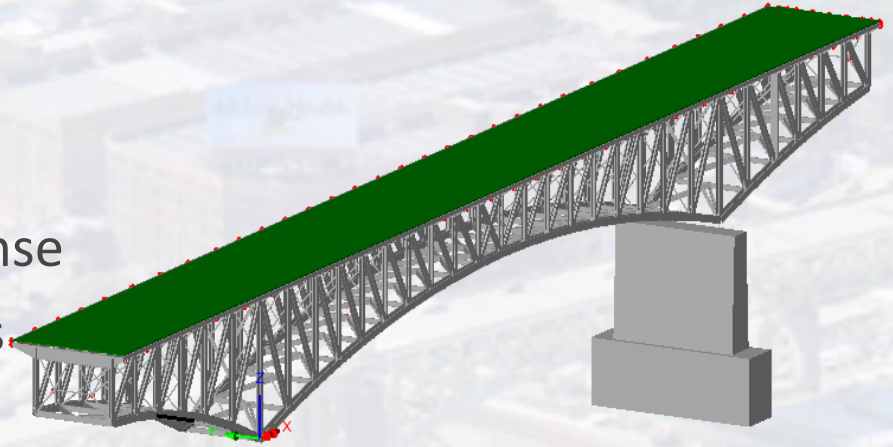
Liberty Bridge Fire Event: Response Evaluation for Jacking Operations and Ratings

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Presentation Outline

- The Structure
- The Fire and Immediate Response
- Repair Development and Issues
- MM's role
 - 3D Structure Model
 - Rating Scenarios
 - Evaluating Bridge Response during Jacking
 - Evaluation of Final Condition



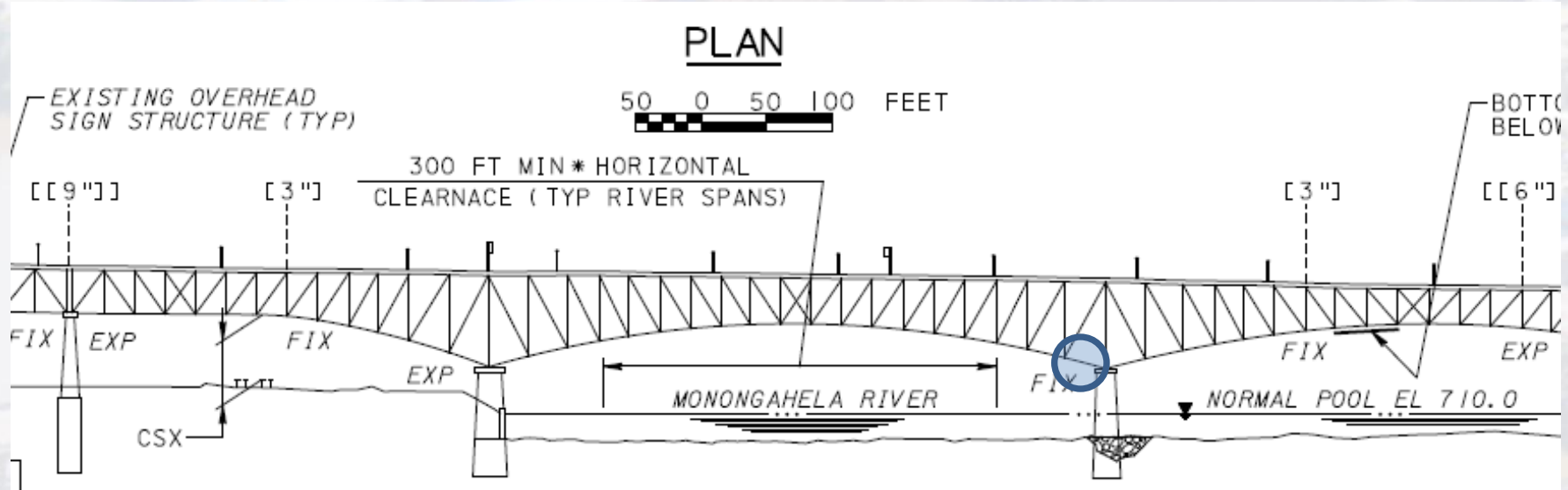
The Liberty Bridge



- Completed 1928
- Key route into downtown Pittsburgh
- 8-Span steel truss
- 470'-6" main span



The Liberty Bridge



Pier 6

Pier 7

The Liberty Bridge



Rehab Work

- Engineer - HDR
 - Deck Replacement, bridge painting, and miscellaneous structural steel repairs
- Contract Value: ~\$80 million
- Prime Contractor: JB Fay
- Contractor's Engineer: SAI
- Let Date: 6/25/15, NTP: 8/19/15
- Completion: 7/27/18

Deck Replacement Operations



Deck Replacement Operations



The Fire

- Started Sept. 2, 2016, 1:00pm



The Fire



- ▶ Extinguished ~30 min. after arrival of City of Pittsburgh Fire Dep.

The Fire Damage



The Fire Damage



The Fire Damage



Immediate Response

- Night of Sept. 2, 2016
 - Bridge remained closed
 - HDR performed safety assessment of bridge
 - Monitoring of bridge movements (survey)
 - Starting of designs to repair structure (SAI/HDR)

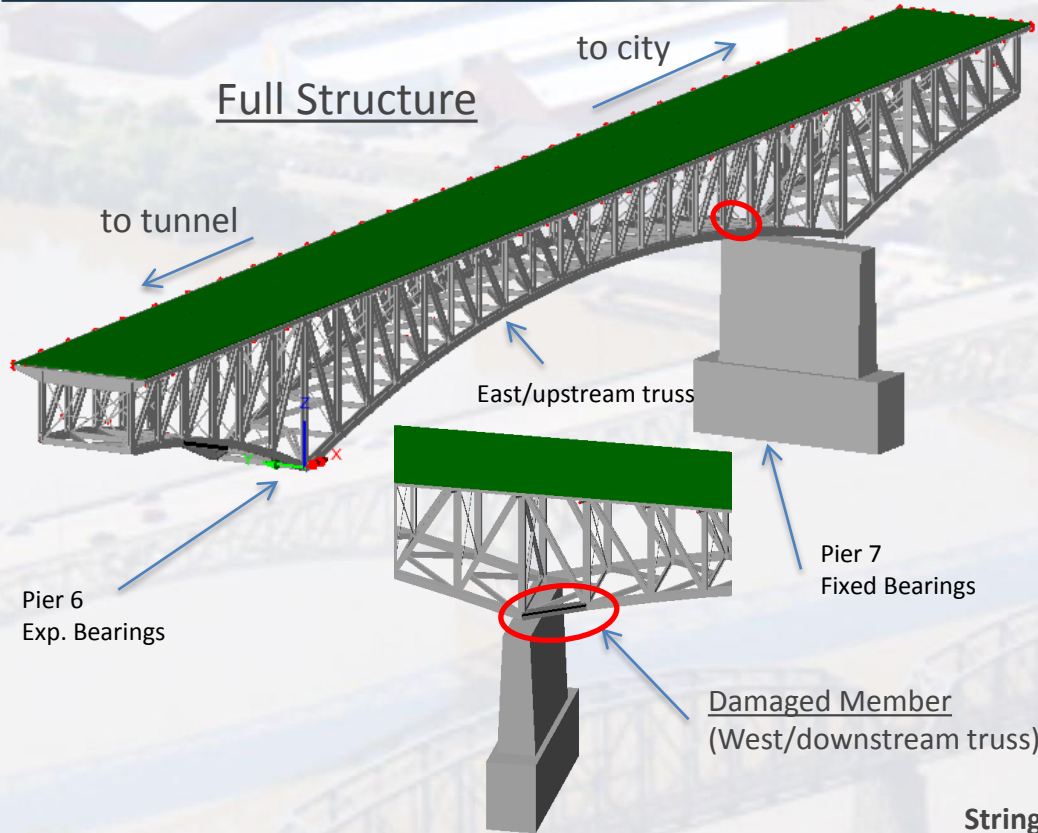


MM's Role

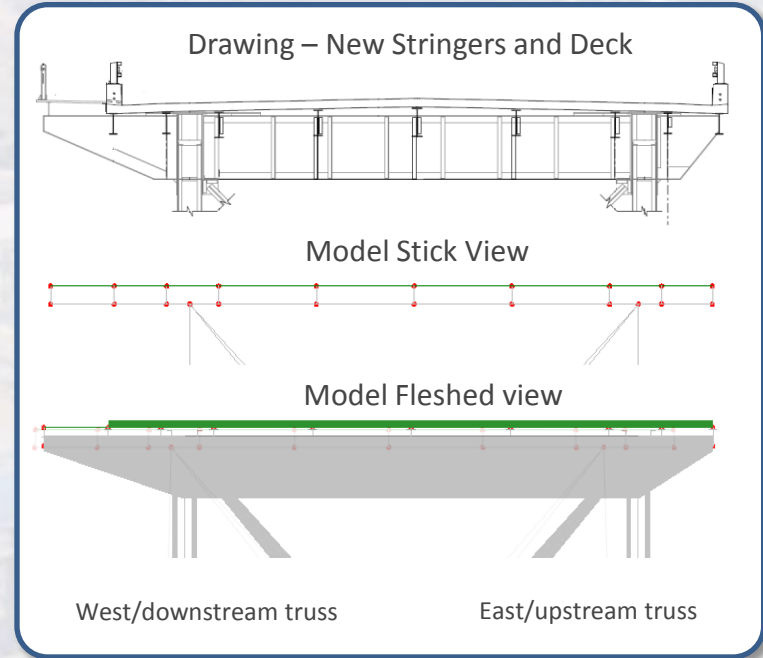


- Tasks focused on examining how the rest of the truss was affected by the fire damage to L31L32W
 - Determine ratings factors for post-fire condition
 - Evaluate effectiveness of jacking operations to restore truss to pre-fire condition
 - If truss geometry not fully restored, is the bridge ok? If not, how many repairs required?
 - Provide updated ratings after jacking
 - Post-process field data to update calculations.
 - Determine if safe to reopen the bridge immediately after jacking.

3D Structure Model



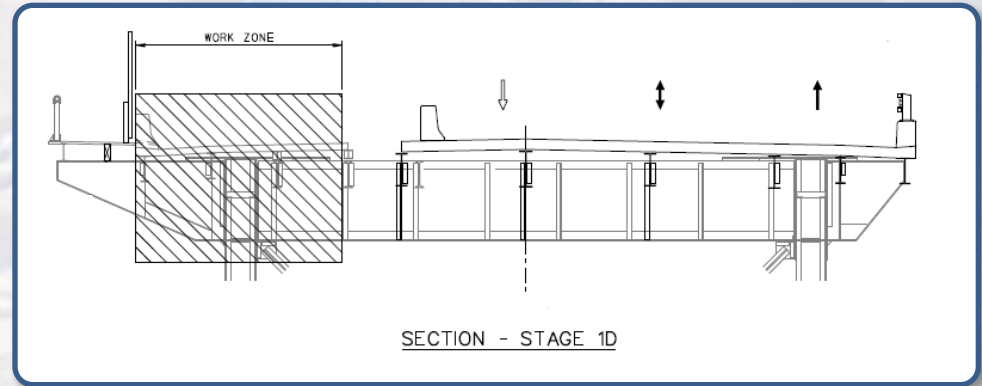
Deck System



Shell Elements – Deck
Stringers, Floorbeams, Truss Members and Pier – Beam Elements

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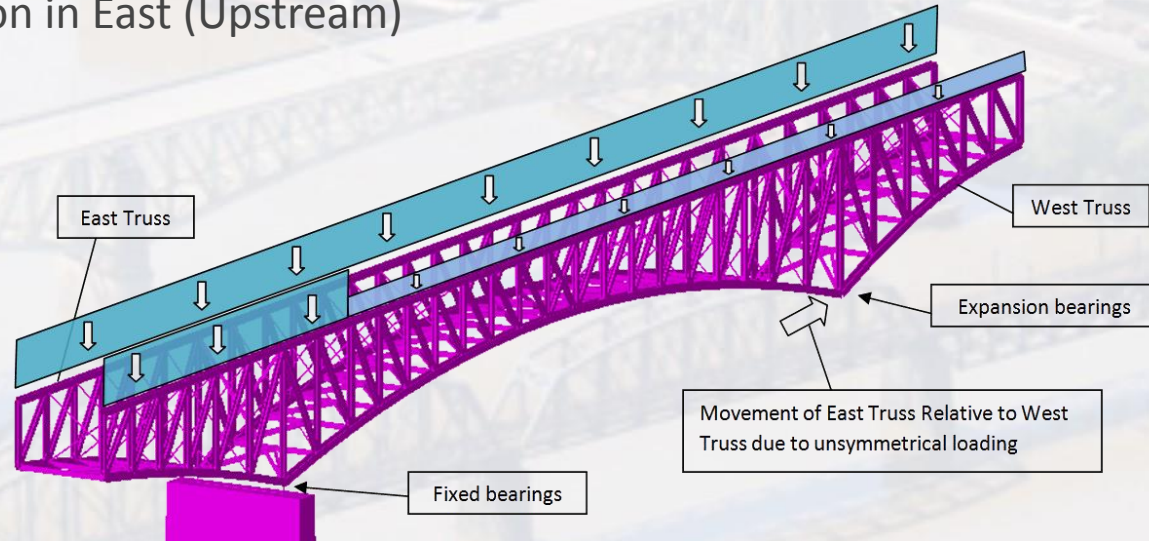
- Modeling of dead load
 - PP7-PP31 – Stage 1D
 - PP31-PP38 – New deck system
 - Results verified by comparison w/HDR model
- Modeling effect of fire damage on rest of truss
 - Apply temperature load to L31L32W to achieve desired displacement of L31W
- Variations to consider
 - Deck behavior – composite vs. non-composite action w/ truss
 - Pinned joints vs. fixed joints
 - Boundary conditions at expansion bearings and ends of cantilever span



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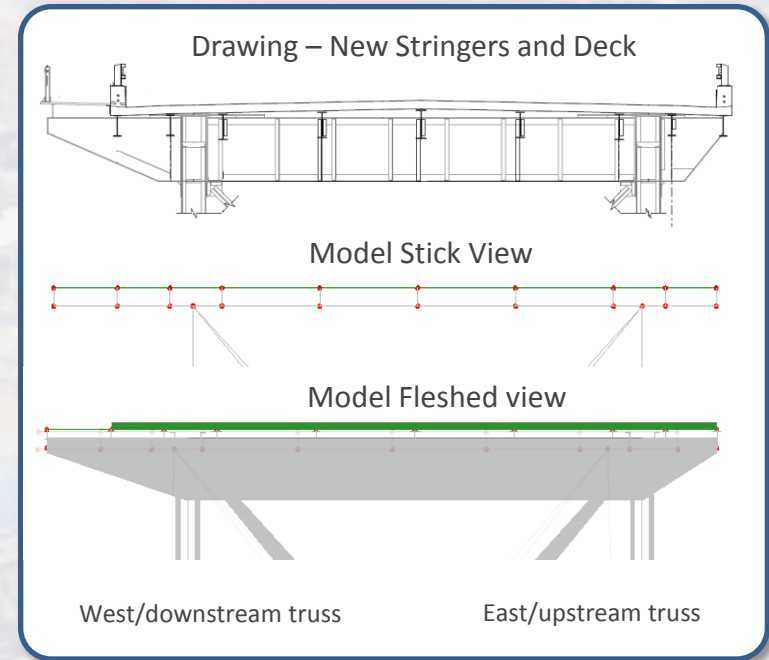
- 3D dead load effects
 - Unequal loading of truss lines causes loads in bottom lateral system and increased compression in East (Upstream) Truss

Member	2D Analysis DL (separate truss lines)	3D Analysis DL
L31L32 East	2353 k	2609 k
L31L32 West	2483 k	2003 k



3D Structure Model – Deck Action

- Deck action significantly changes the behavior of the structure
 - Stiffness Comparison - Movement of L31N along L31L32N
 - w/deck stiffness, ~1100 k/in.
 - w/o deck stiffness, ~460 k/in.
 - Displaced Shape
 - w/ deck stiffness, much smaller lateral movements, more of a localized response
 - Lateral Bracing and Sway Bracing Forces
 - Structure much stiffer w/ deck active, larger forces developed
- So how did the actual structure behave?



3D Structure Model – Deck Action

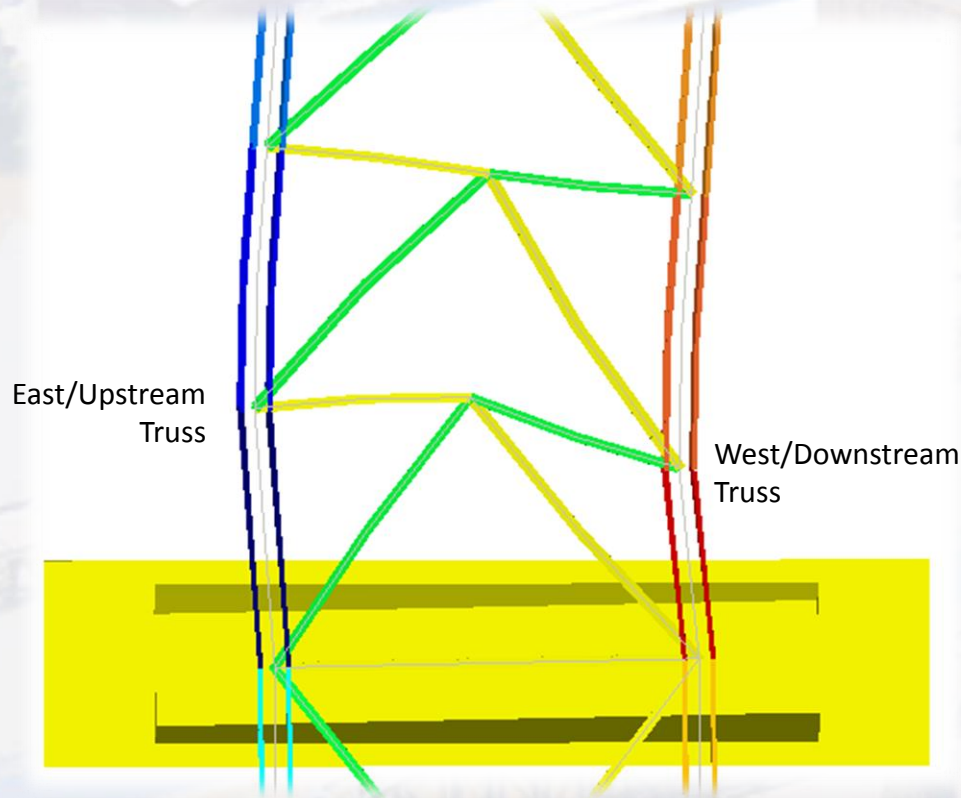
- Comparison of sway bracing expected deformations

Location	Composite Deck	Non-Composite Deck	Field Observations of Buckling (Visual)
	P/P _{cr}	P/P _{cr}	
PP26	2.47	0.25	
PP27	3.19	0.31	(moderate)
PP28	4.16	0.44	(moderate)
PP29	4.58	0.61	(severe)
PP30	1.62	0.96	
PP31	3.52	0.39	(severe)
PP32	0.36	0.01	
PP33	0.35	0.05	
PP34	1.12	0.00	(minor)
PP35	1.12	0.00	
PP36	0.74	0.00	(minor)
PP37	0.85	0.00	(minor)



Buckled Sway Bracing near Pier 7

3D Structure Model – Deformations

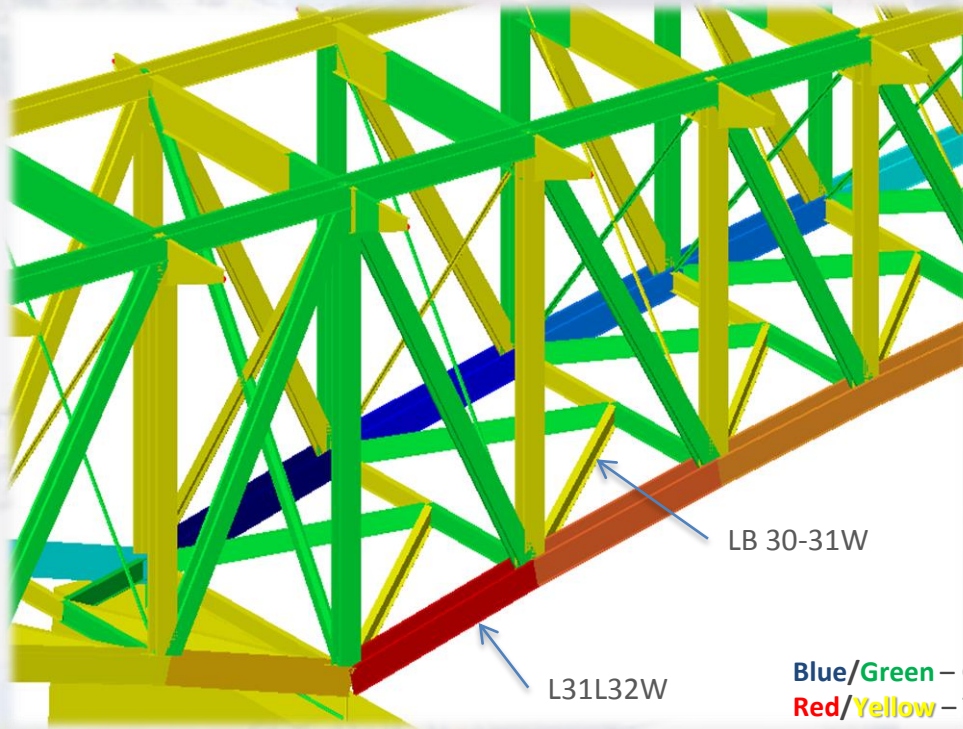


- Exaggerated deformed shape of bottom chords and lower lateral system due to shortening of L31L32W

Blue/Green – Compression added
Red/Yellow – Tension added

3D Structure Model – Load Shedding

- Change in axial load due to shortening of L31L32W



Member Dead Loads

Member	P (pre-fire)	P (post-fire*)	DL FS (C/DL)
L31L32E	-2609 k	-4565 k	1.22
L31L32W	-2003 k	~0 k	Buckled
LB 30-31E	-9 k	-435 k	-
LB 30-31W	9 k	435k	-
L29L30E	-1468 k	-2730 k	1.07

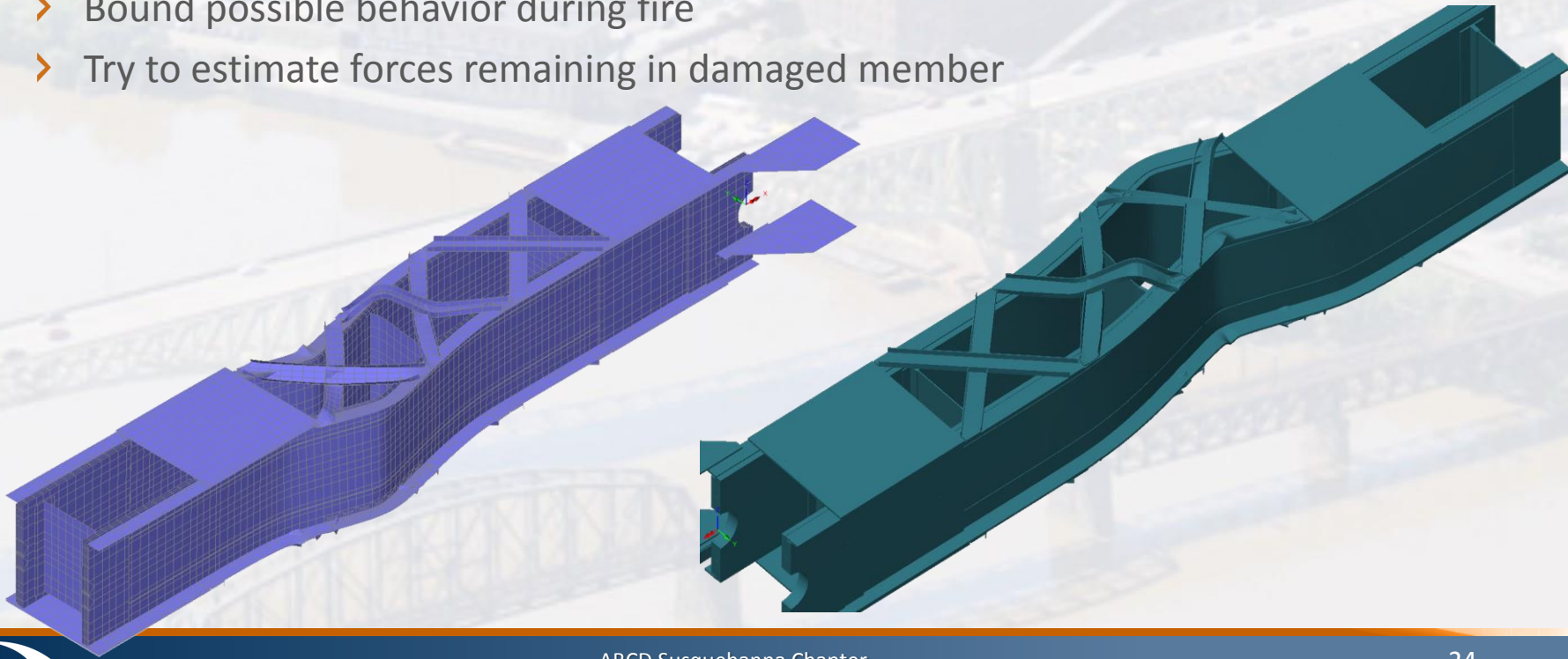
*Post-fire = 1.88" movement of L31W towards L32W

Estimated Load shift of ~2000 k from West (downstream) truss to East (upstream) truss

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Red/Yellow – Tension added

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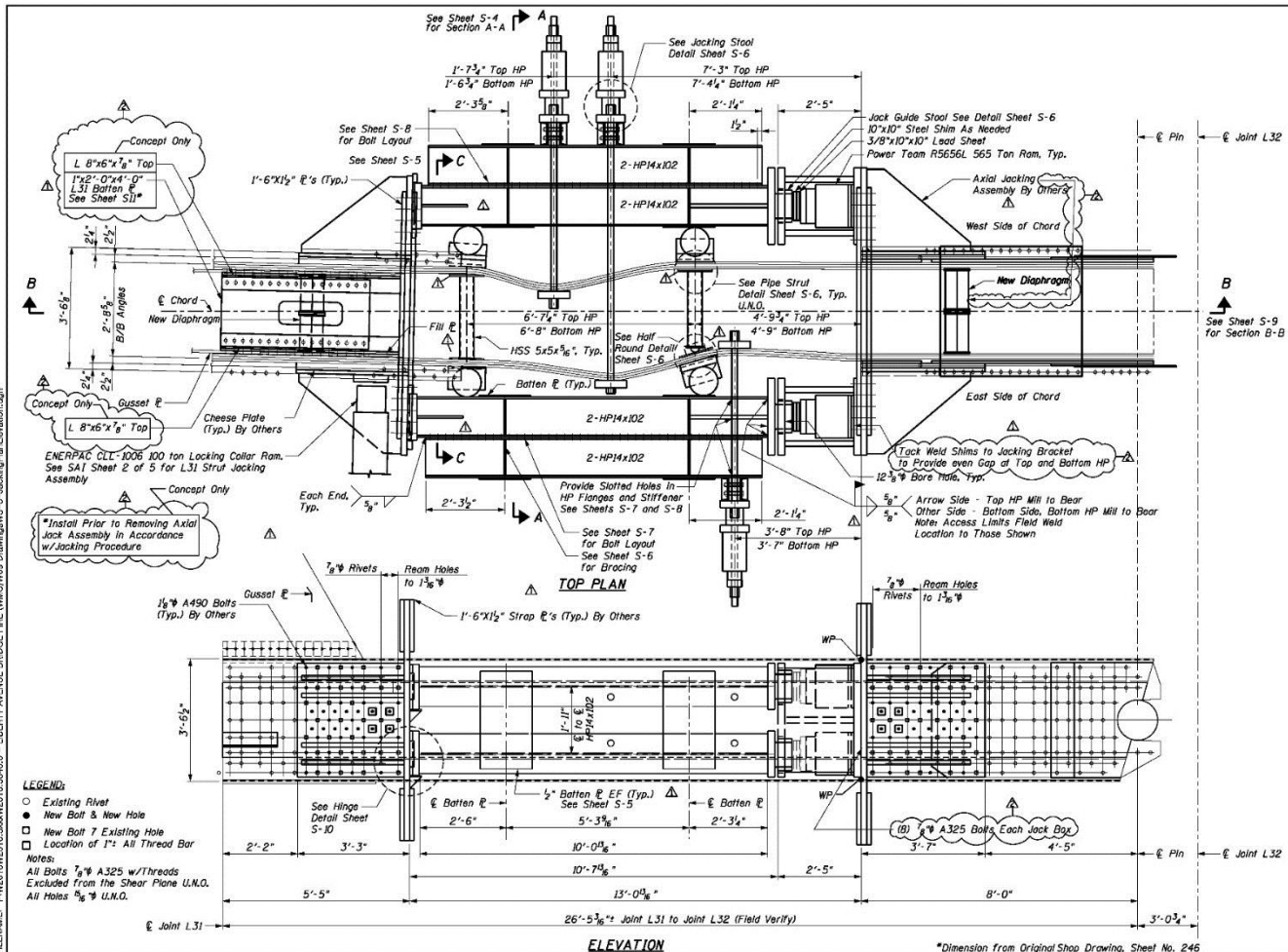
- Refined Local Analysis of Damaged Member
 - Bound possible behavior during fire
 - Try to estimate forces remaining in damaged member



Can the truss be fully restored to the pre-fire condition?

- Plastic axial strains became a point of discussion
 - Plastic hinges forming under compression result in net axial compressive strains
 - In order to recover all the axial displacement, need to straighten member under significant tension loads
- Would jacking procedure accomplish complete axial recovery?
 - Conclusion (from Lehigh and MM work) – full recovery unlikely
- What effect would an incomplete recovery have on the ability of the structure to carry live loads?
 - Need to determine this and develop approach to rapidly update results based on actual response of bridge

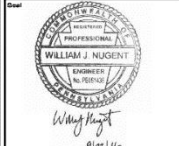
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**Liberty Bridge
L31-L32 West Truss
Retrofit**

Owner: _____

PennDOT District 11-0

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Project No. 2016.5340
Date: 9/22/2016

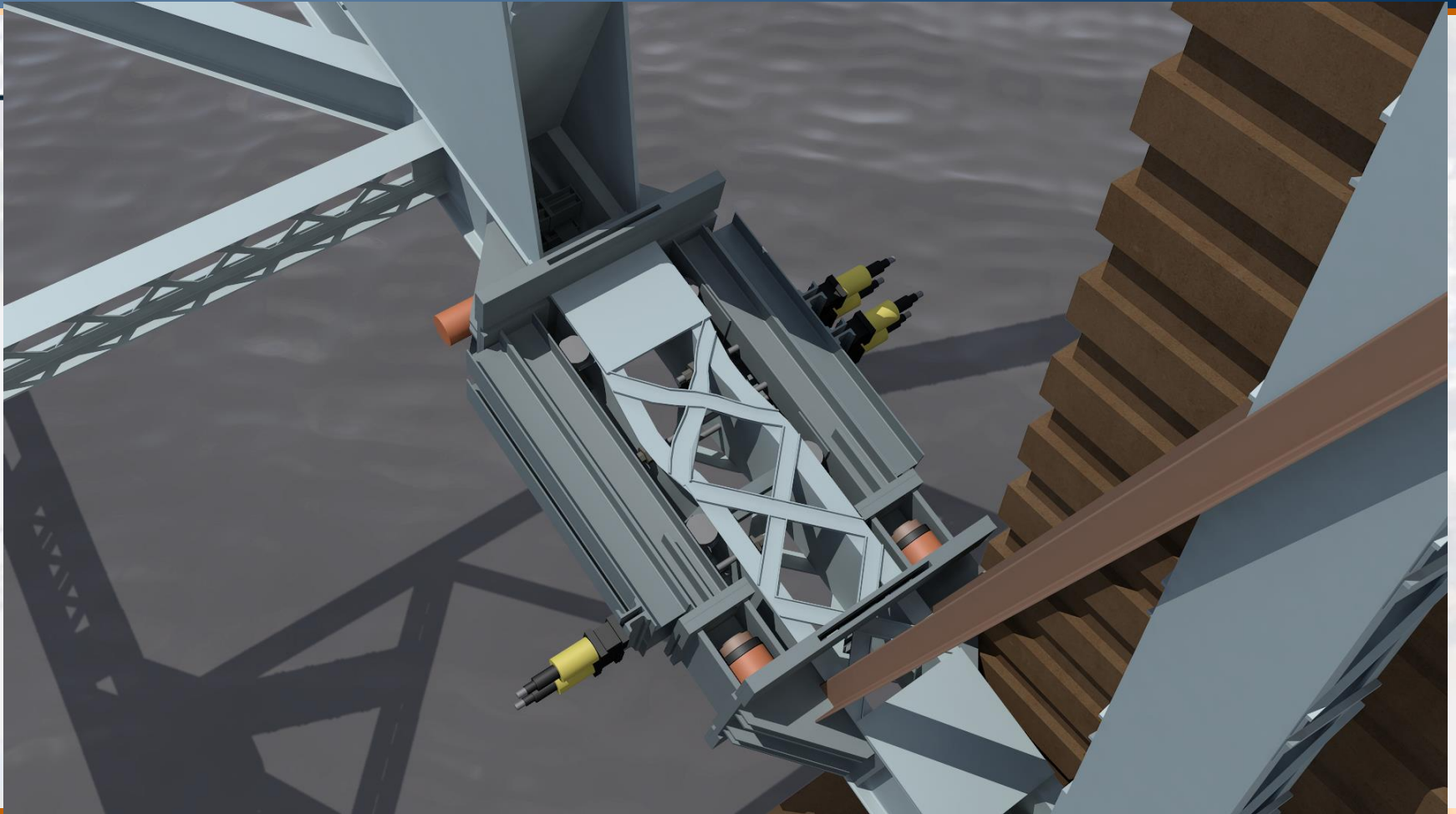
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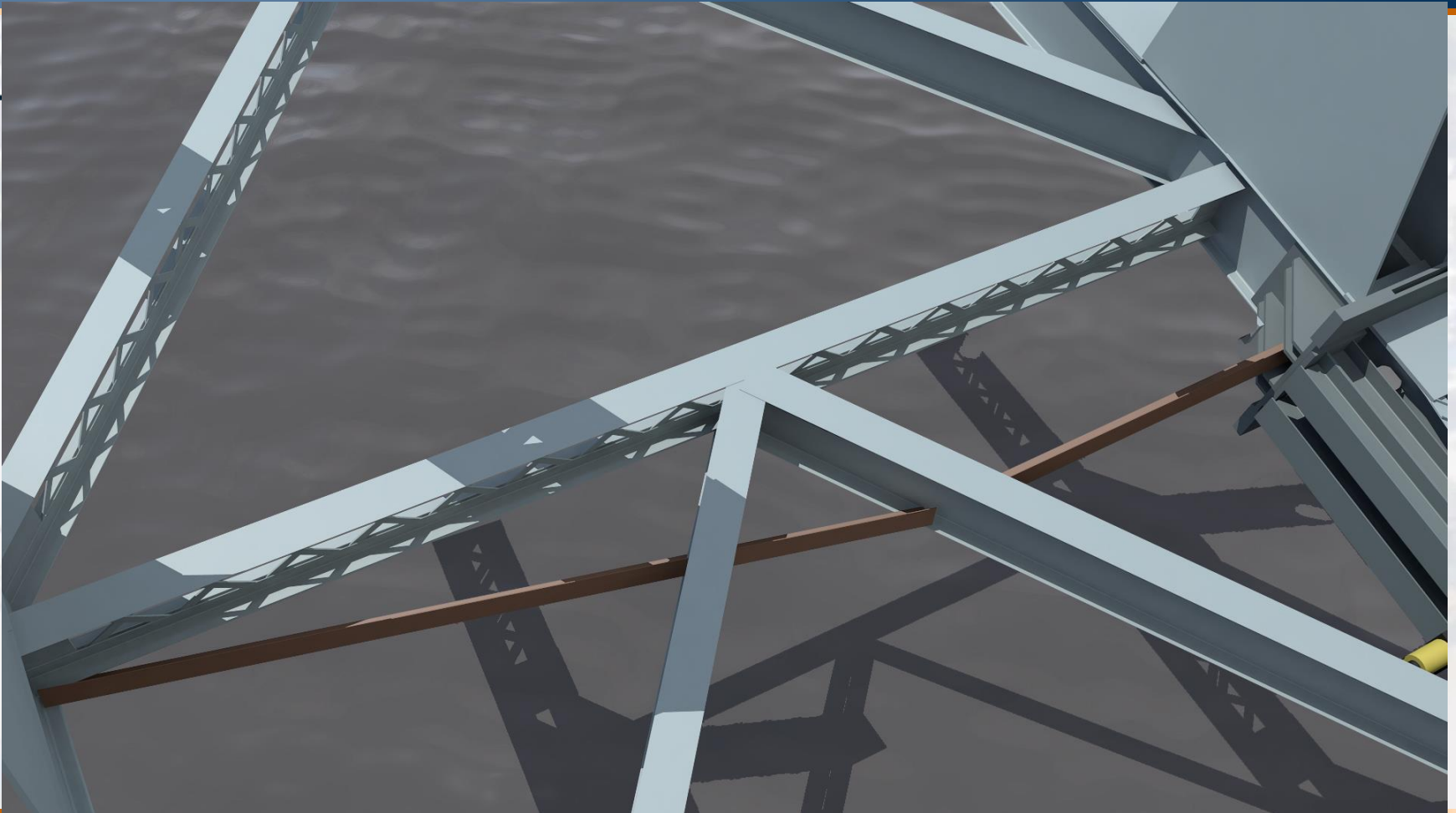
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Initial Ratings (Pre-jacking)

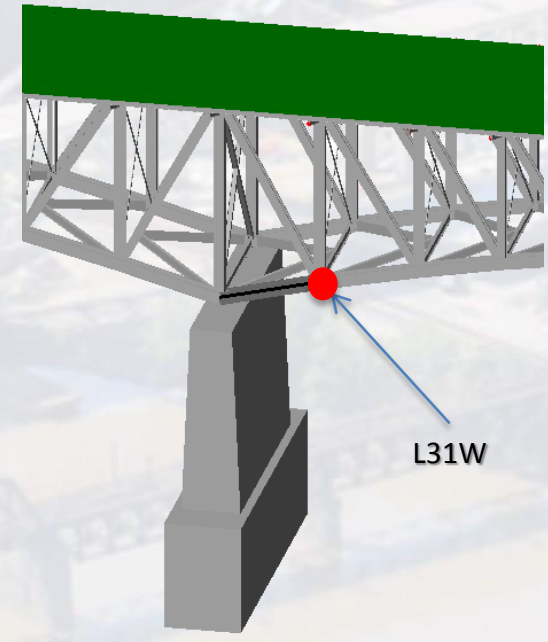
- IR and OR factors:

$$RF = \frac{C - 1.3(DL + 3D + \Delta P)}{(1.3 \text{ or } 2.17)(LL + IM)}$$

- Fire shift forces (ΔP) and construction ($3D$) effects treated as DL
- Loading Conditions:
 - Temporary Construction Stage 1D (asymmetric load $\rightarrow 3D$ effects)
 - Final Condition
- Repair Sequence considered:
 - Strengthening plates assumed to resist only loads applied after installation
 \therefore Terms in rating equation normalized with respect to the corresponding effective areas

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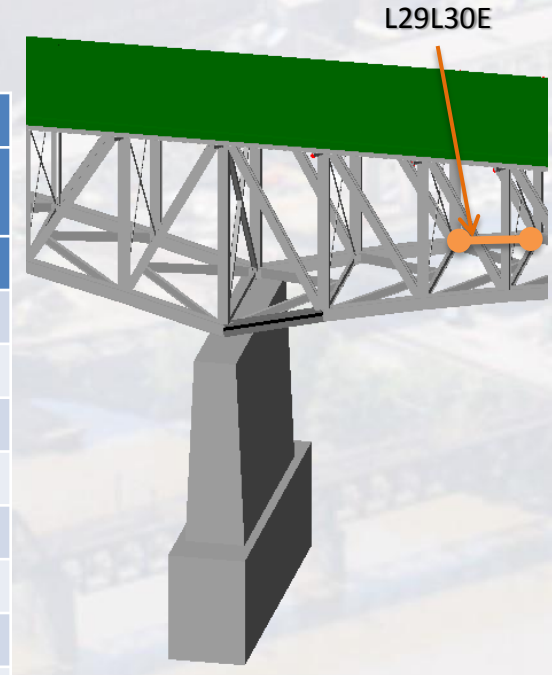
- Restored displacements of 1" to 1.88", in 0.125" increments:
 - A_s req'd → 30 Ton HS20 OR in the Construction Staging Condition
 - A_s req'd → 1.50 HS20 ORF in the Final Condition
 - Number of members requiring retrofit
- Goal → get the bridge open to traffic



Initial Ratings (Pre-jacking)

- Stage 1D: HS20 OR > 30 Tons
 - Critical Member – L29L30E (upstream)

Joint L31W Restored Displ.	HS20					
	Inventory		Operating		2015 Contract Rehab Steel*	Add'l Steel Req'd for 30Tons
in.	RF	Tons	RF	Tons	in. ²	in. ²
1.00	0.13	4.8	0.22	8.1	58	258
1.125	0.19	6.9	0.32	11.5		129
1.250	0.25	8.9	0.41	14.9		60
1.375	0.31	11.0	0.51	18.3		16
1.500	0.36	13.0	0.60	21.8		0
1.625	0.42	15.1	0.70	25.2		0
1.750	0.48	17.1	0.79	28.6		0
1.88	0.54	19.3	0.89	32.2		0

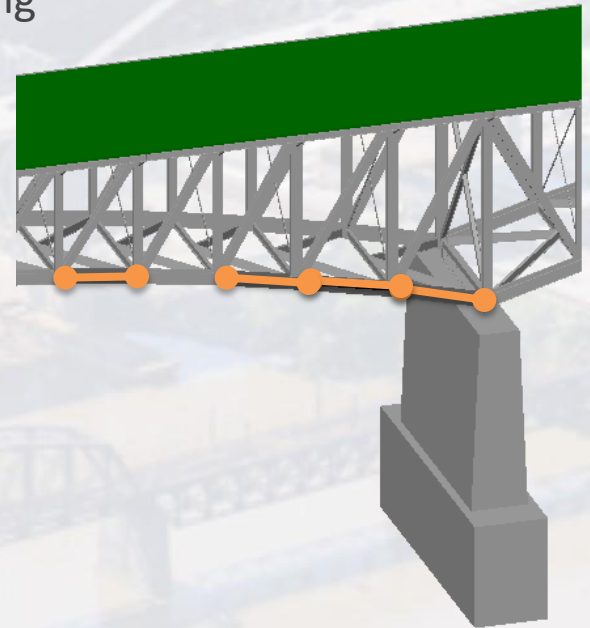


*Original design repair area for a minimum HS20 ORF of 1.5 in the final condition

Initial Ratings (Pre-jacking)

- Final Condition: HS20 ORF > 1.5
 - Four East LC members possibly require strengthening

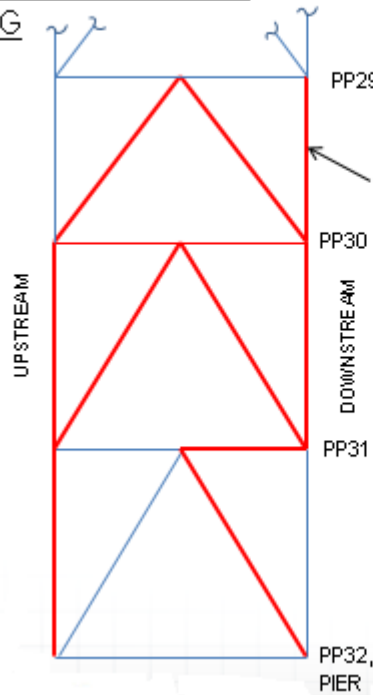
Joint L31W Restored Displ.	Add'l Retrofit Steel Area			
	L27L28	L29L30*	L30L31	L31L32
in.	in. ²	in. ²	in. ²	in. ²
1.00	8	137	41	1
1.125	5	91	19	0
1.250	1	57	1	0
1.375	0	31	0	0
1.500	0	10	0	0
1.625	0	0	0	0
1.750	0	0	0	0
1.88	0	0	0	0



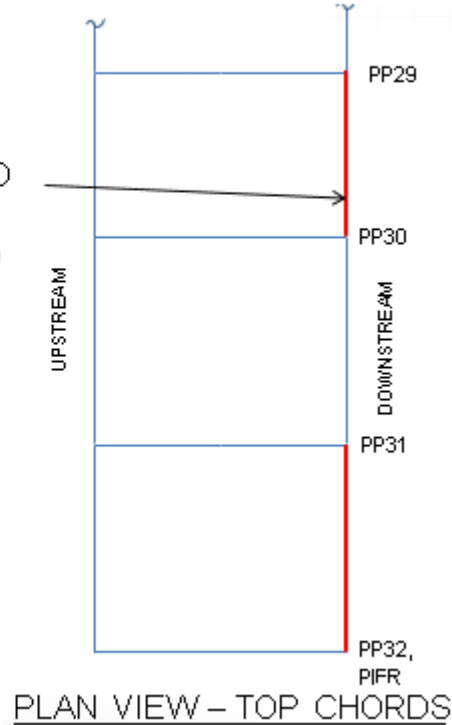
*3D effect relieved from strengthening plates if installed during Stage 1D

Instrumentation

PLAN VIEW – BOTTOM CHORDS AND LATERAL BRACING



MEMBERS STRAIN GAGED FOR AXIAL FORCE IN RED



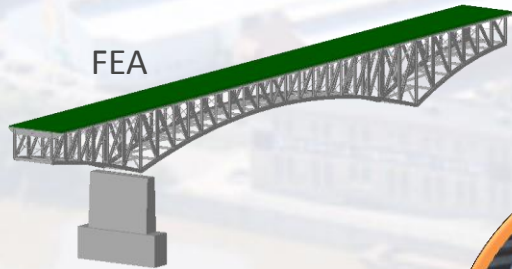
Evaluating Bridge Response During Jacking

- Goals
 - Compare bridge behavior to analysis model, ensure unexpected behaviors not occurring
 - Give go/no-go for next jacking stage



- Determine rating factors for critical bridge members as load is shifted back to pre-fire condition

Evaluating Bridge Response During Jacking



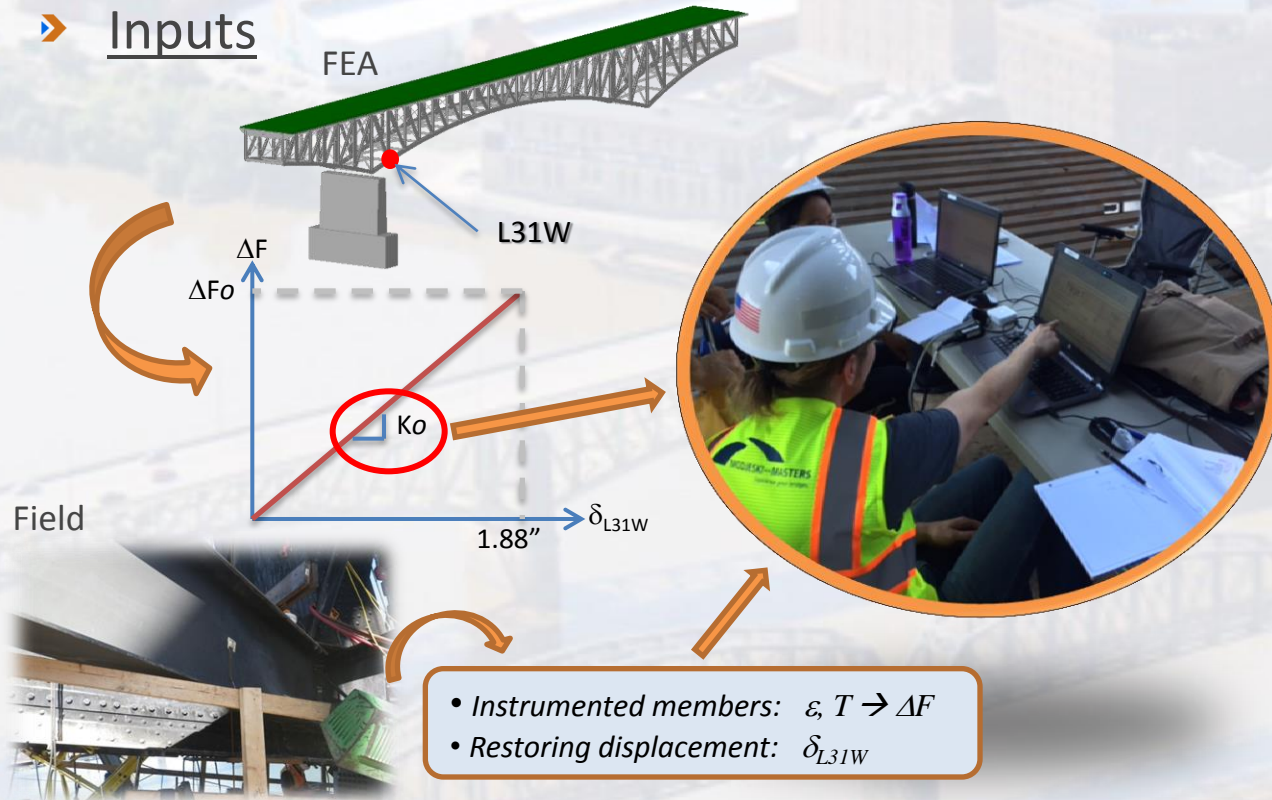
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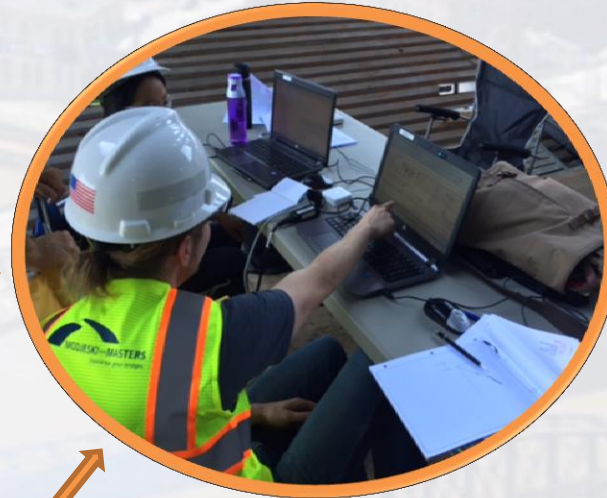
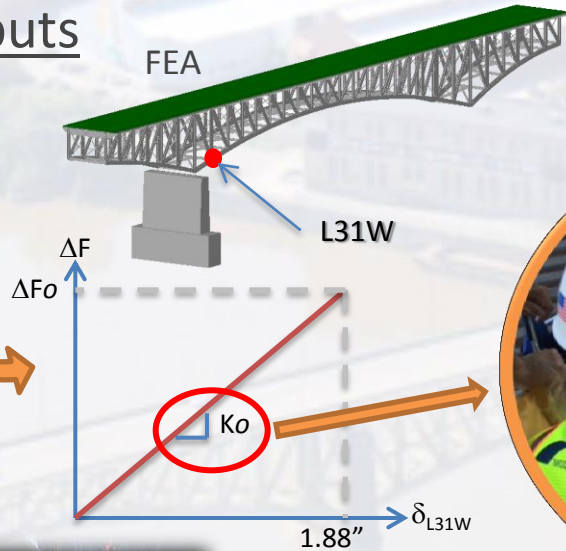
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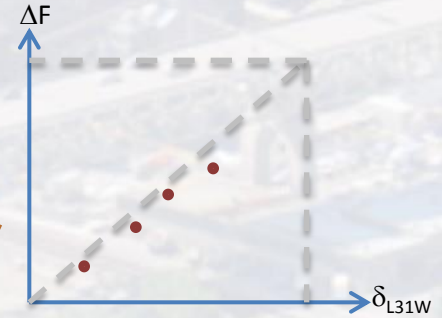


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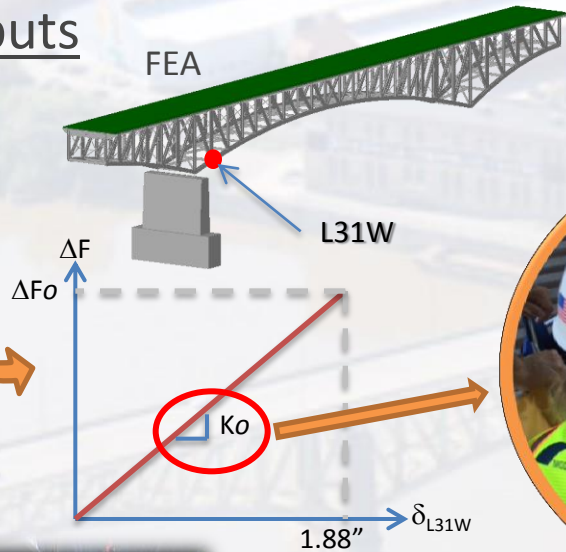
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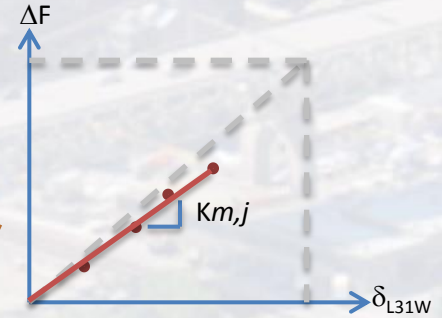


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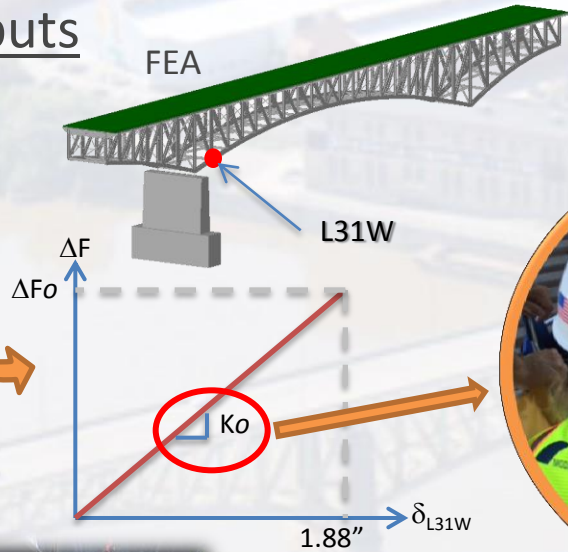
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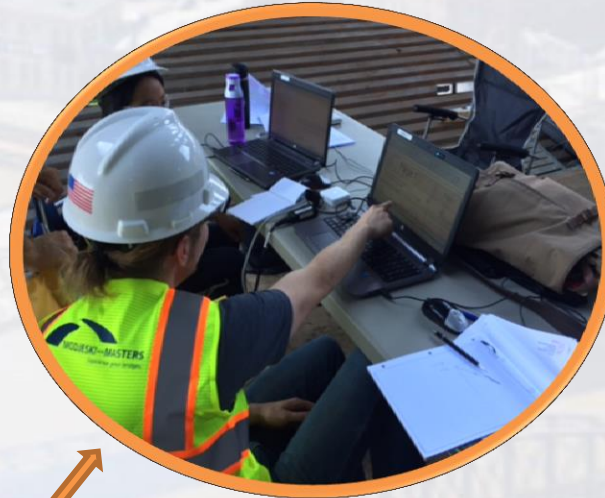
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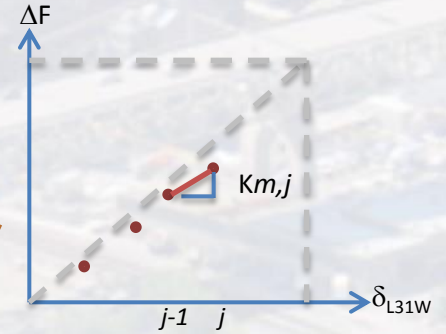


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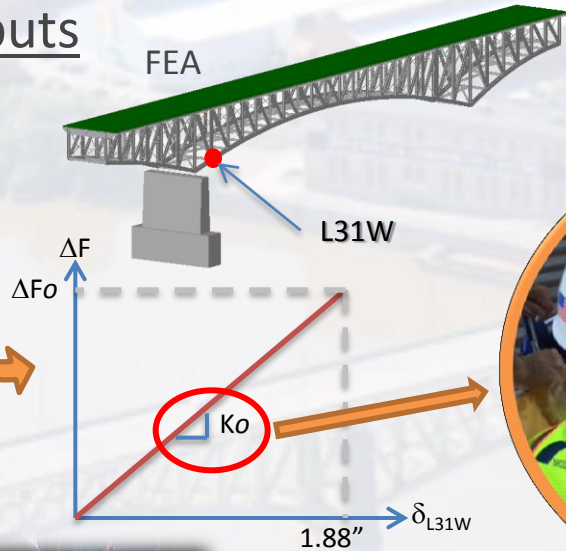
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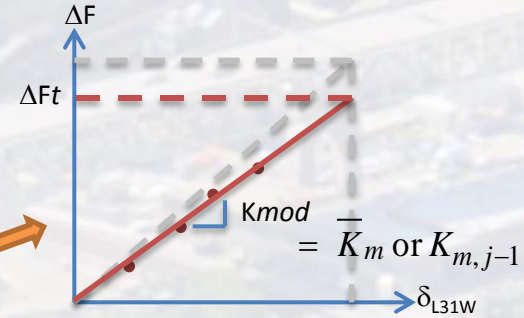


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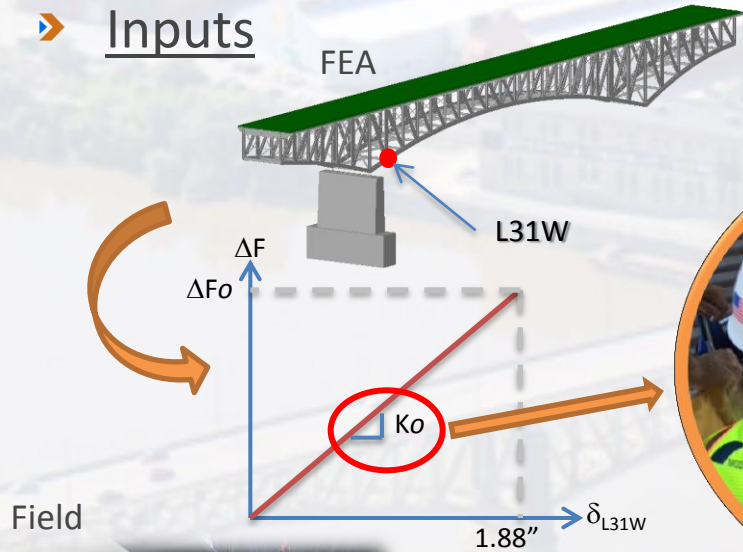
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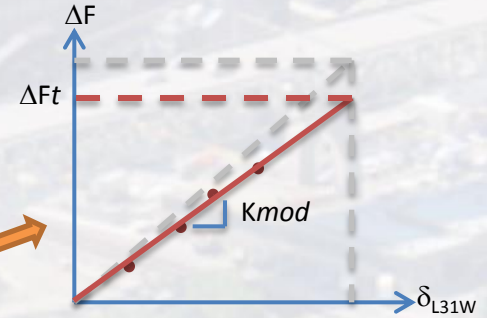


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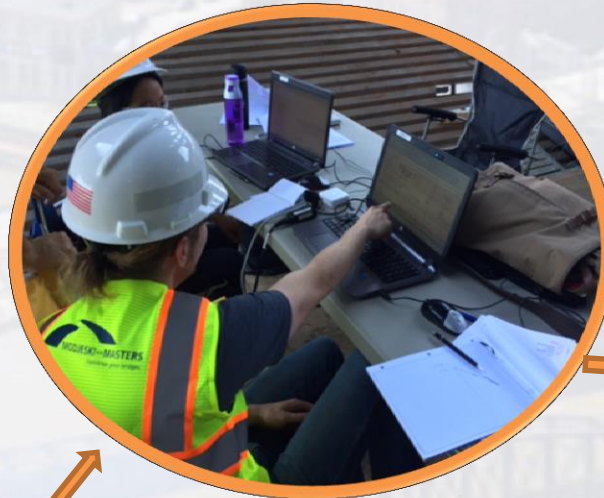
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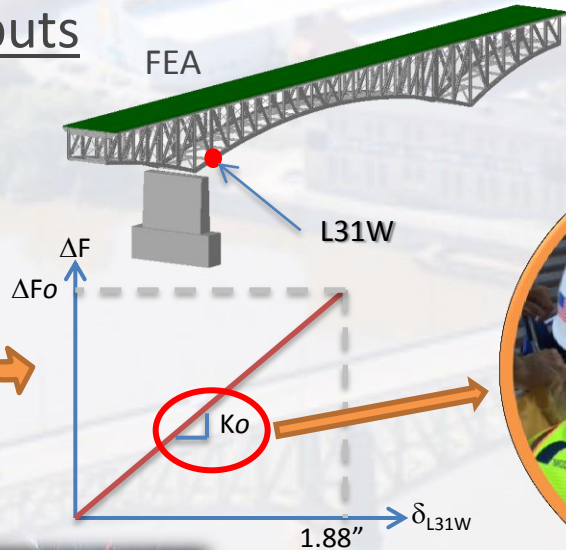
$$\Delta P_i = K_{mod} (1.88'' - \delta_{L31W,i})$$



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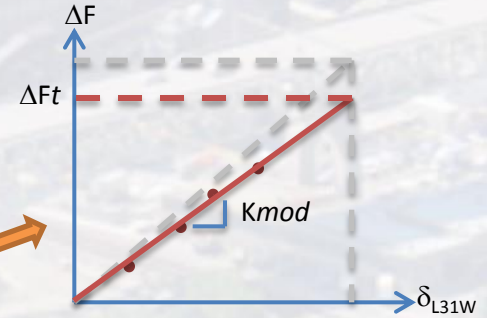
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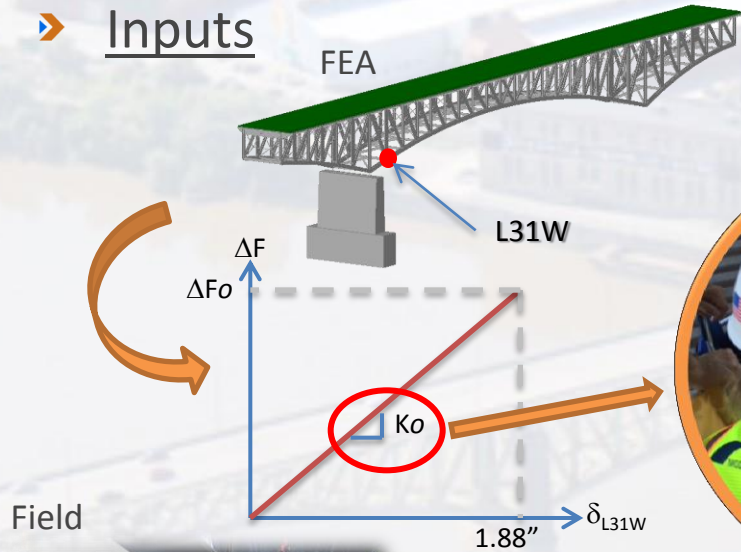


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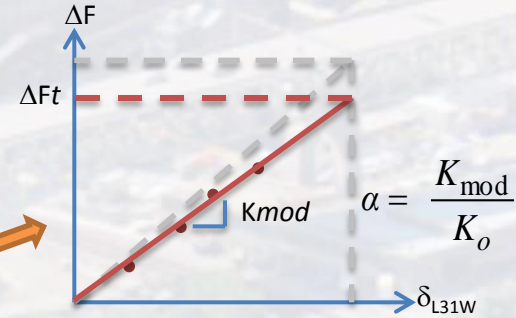
$$RF_i = f(C, DL + \Delta P_i, LL + IM)$$

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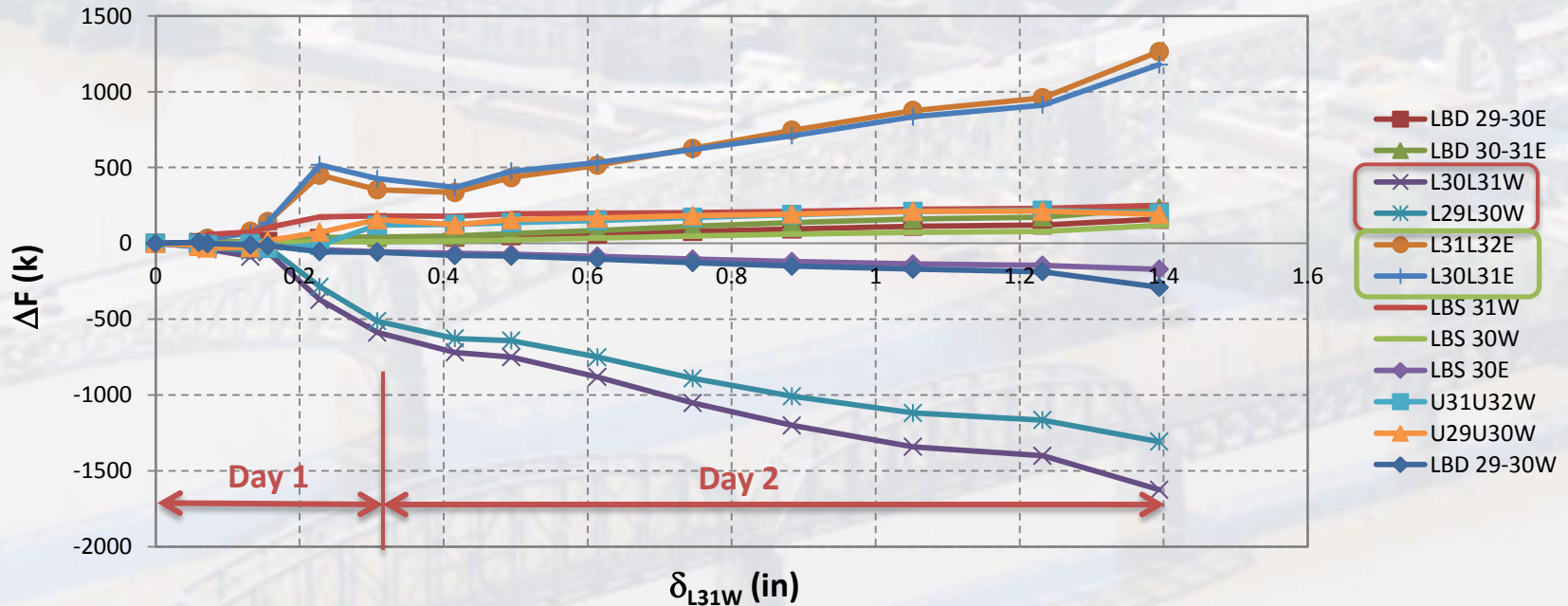
Non-instrumented members:

$$K_{m,eq} = \bar{\alpha} K_o$$



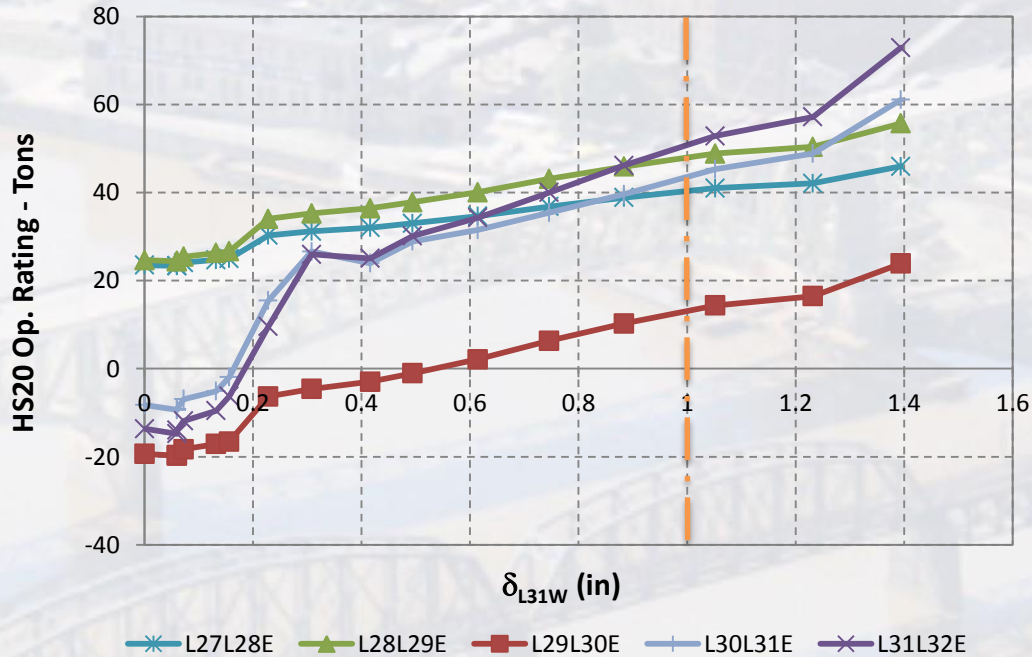
Collected Data

- Processed strain gage data (Restoring Forces) vs L31W Restoring Displacement



Real-time Ratings (During Jacking)

- Critical components = East (upstream) truss lower chord members



Web Plate Straightness



Early Jacking Stage



Later Jacking Stage

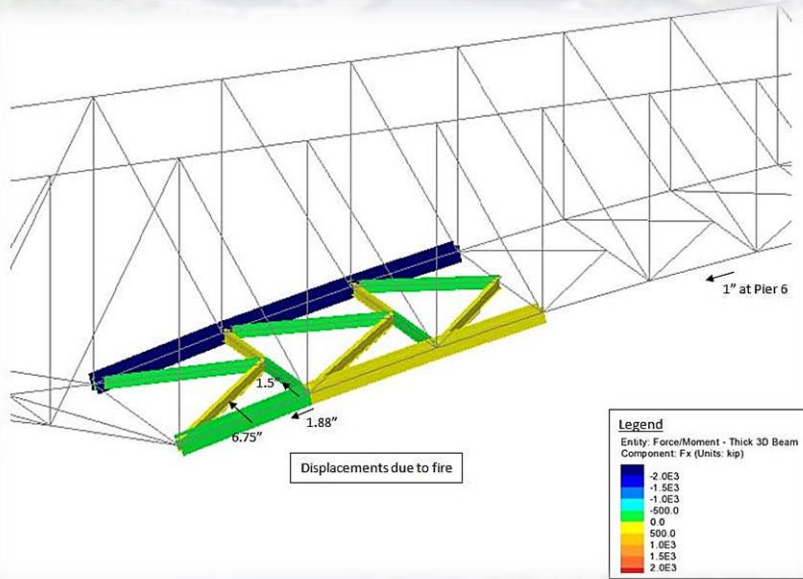
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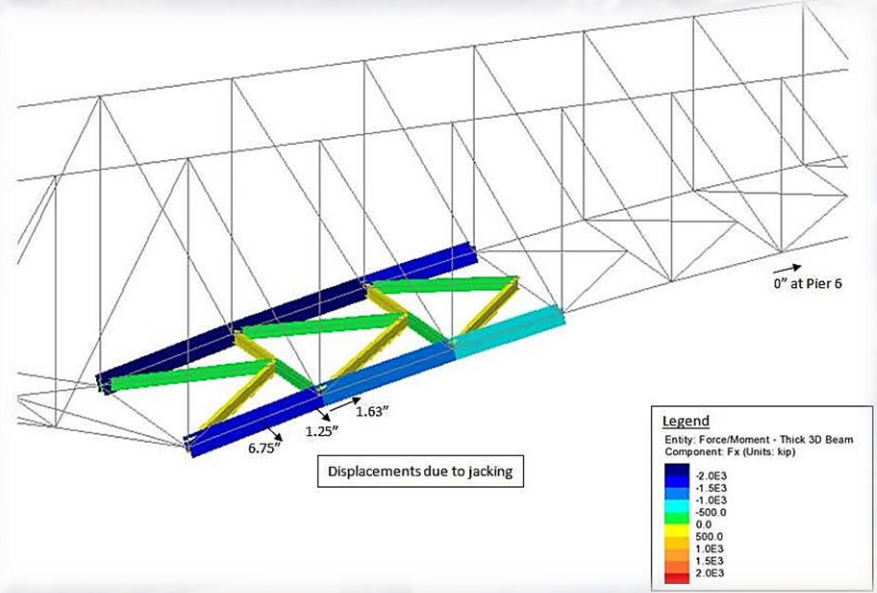
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- Maximum L31W Restoring Displacement < 1.88"



Post-fire

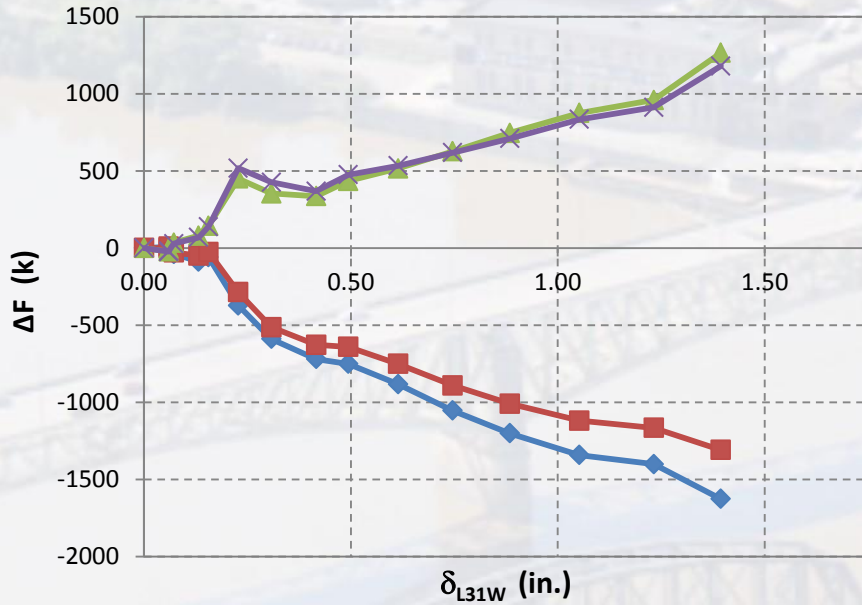


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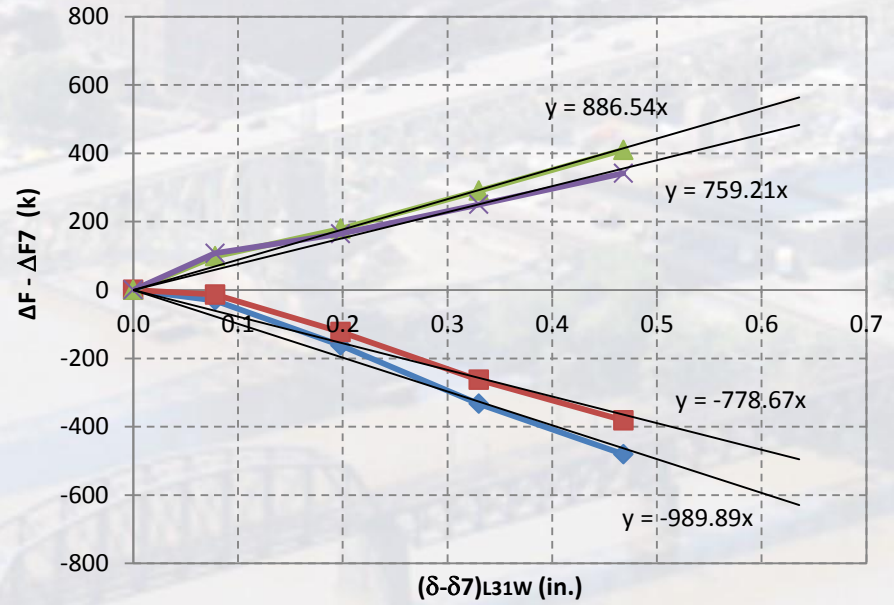
Refined Stiffness Calcs

➤ Refined post-processing after jacking:

$$K_{mod} = \bar{\alpha}K_o, \quad \bar{\alpha} \approx 1.015$$



◆ L30L31W ■ L29L30W ▲ L31L32E ✕ L30L31E



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Results Post-Processing – After Jacking

- Loads and ratings for Stage 1D using field data post-processing:

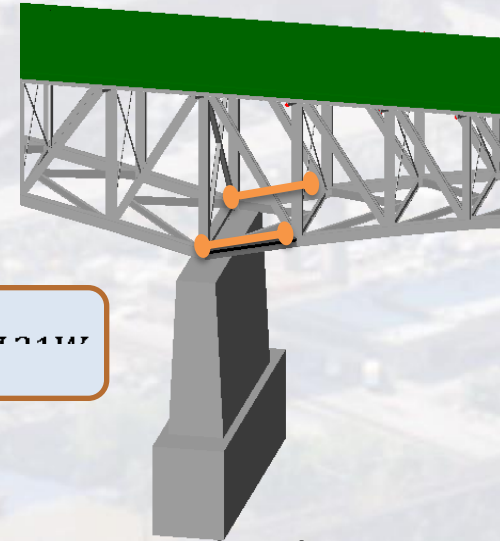
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LB 30-31W	9 k	441 k	120 k	-
L29L30E	-1468 k	-2749 k	-1799 k	18.7

Posting → 9 Ton
Bridge Re-opening
Monday, 9/26/16

- * 1.39" restored displacement (Day 2, Saturday, 9/24/16)
- Day 3 → $\delta_{L31W} = 1.63"$, HS20 OR = 21 Tons

Post-jacking Work

- 30 Ton Weight Limit Restored on 9/29/16
 - 98 in² of steel added to L29L30E



$$\Delta L \approx 3/8" \approx 1.88 - \delta_{L31L32}$$

- Jacking Removal on 3/18/17
- Final differential length between east and west L31L32 members measured on 4/25/17

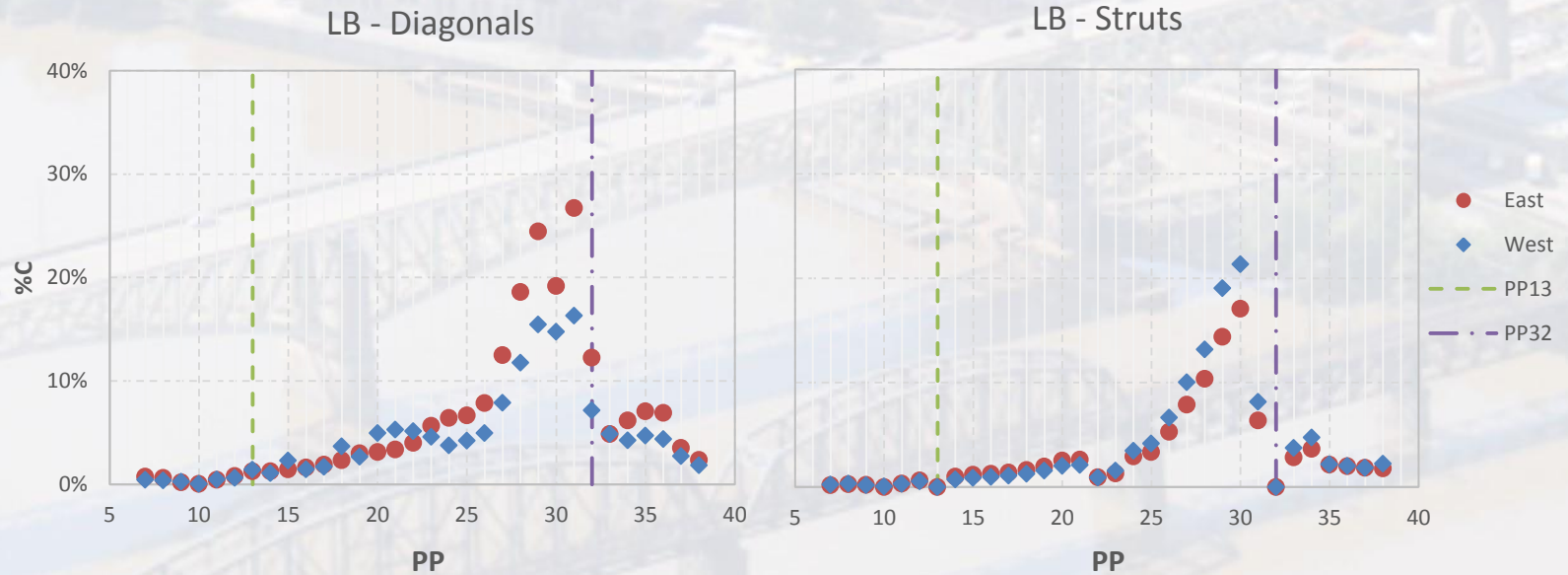
Ratings after Jacking Removal

➤ East Truss Members: HS20 ORF > 1.5

Vehicle	Inventory Rating						Operating Rating					
	RF	Tons	Stress	Member Location			RF	Tons	Stress	Member Location		
				Span	Type	ID				Span	Type	ID
H20	0.95	19.0	C	8	LC	L27L28	1.59	31.7	C	8	LC	L27L28
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TK527	1.71	68.5	C	7	LC	L8L9	2.86	114.4	C	7	LC	L 8 L 9
ML80	1.78	65.3	T	8	UC	U15U16	2.97	109.0	T	8	UC	U15U16
P82 (Single)	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.20	224.0	T	8	UC	U15U16

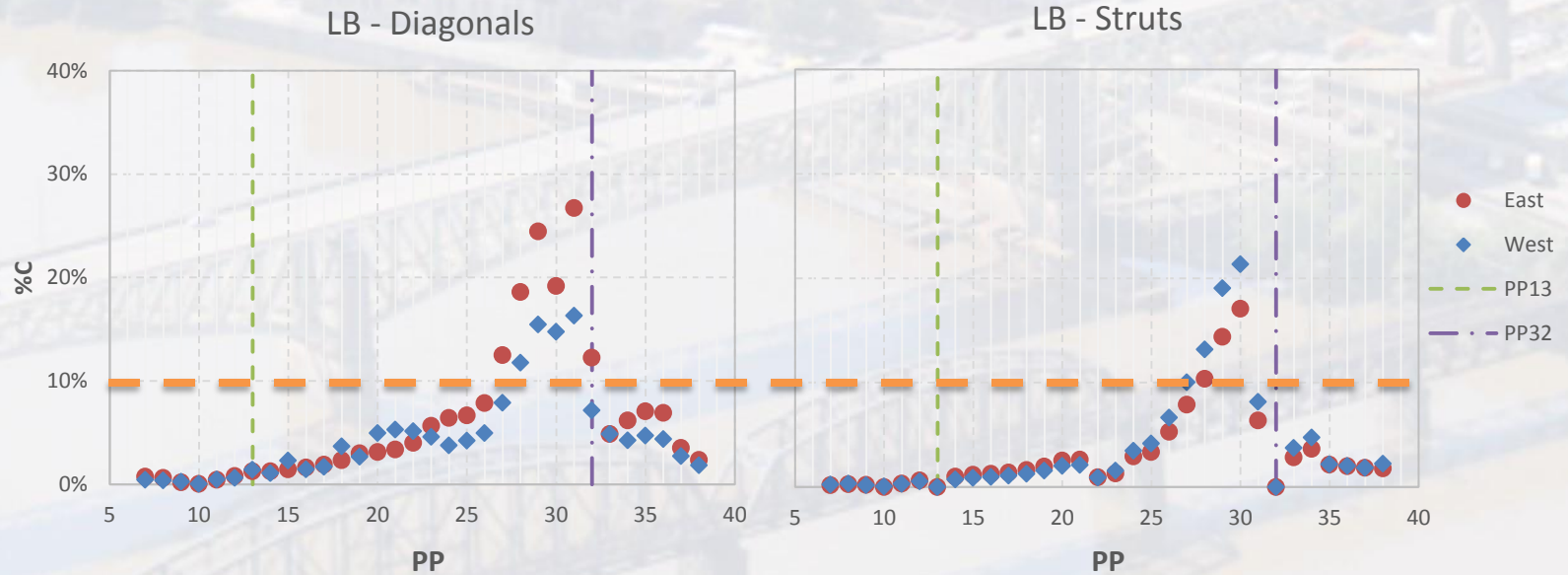
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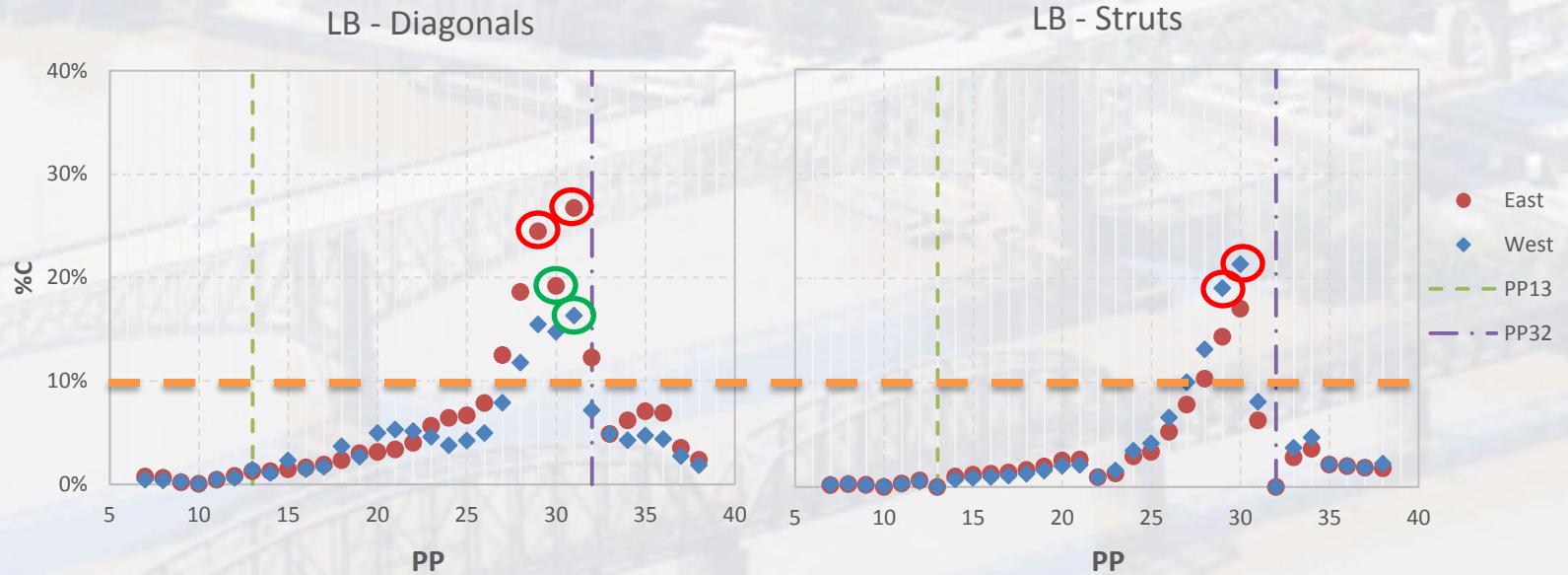
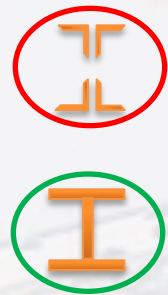
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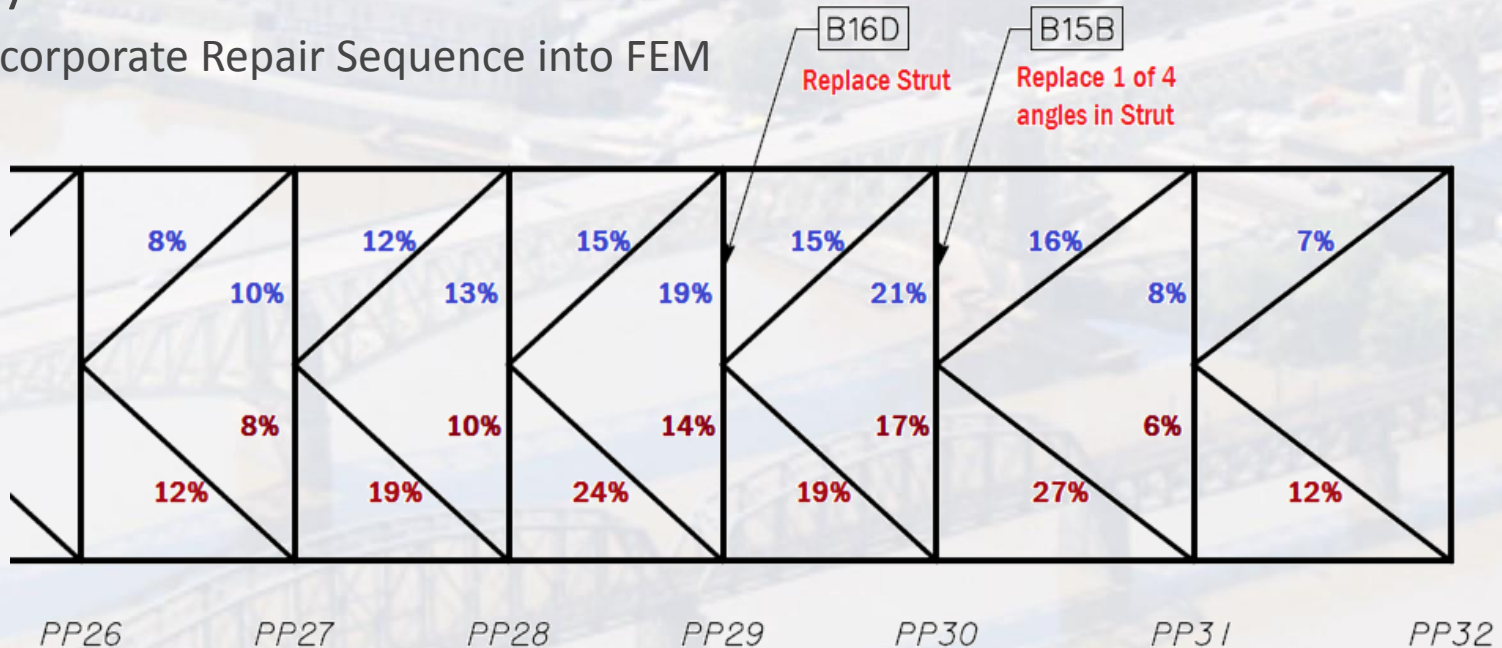
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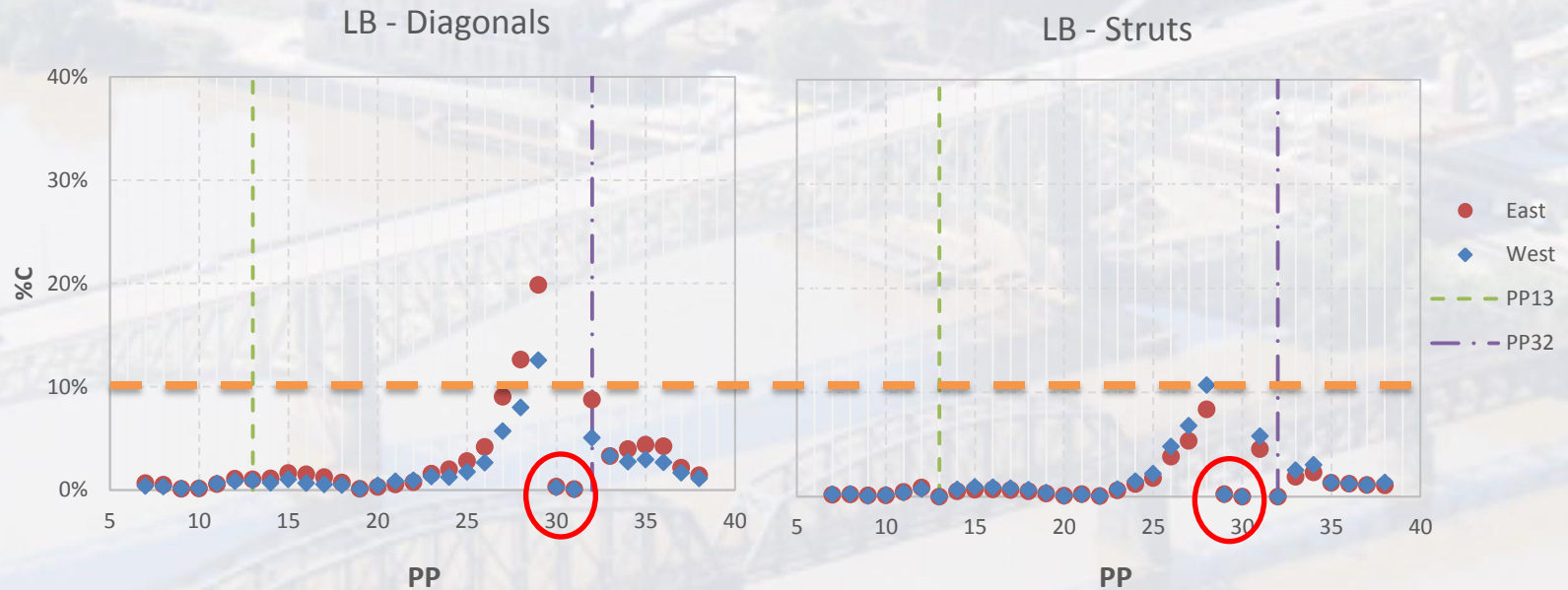
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- HDR (2015 Rehab. Engineer of Record): Effects of Upcoming Repairs on BLB system
 - Incorporate Repair Sequence into FEM



Bottom Lateral Bracing Assessment

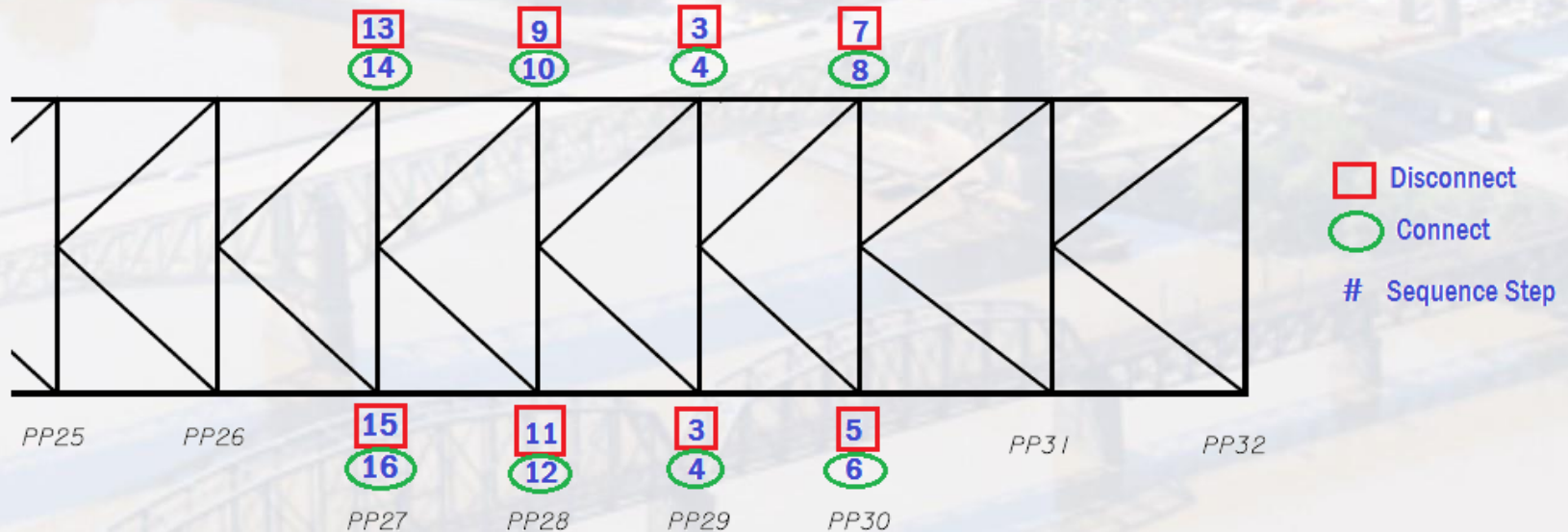
Original Repair Sequence: Remaining Effects



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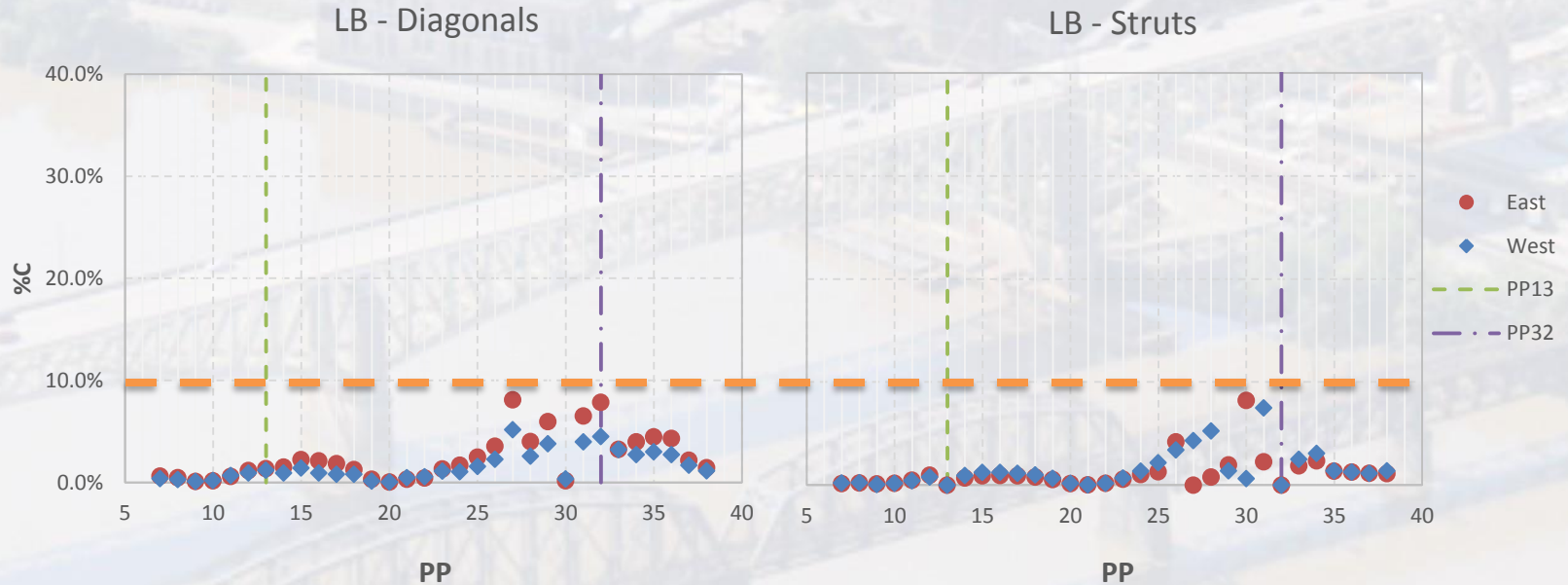
Proposed Repair Sequence:

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2. Full Width Deck



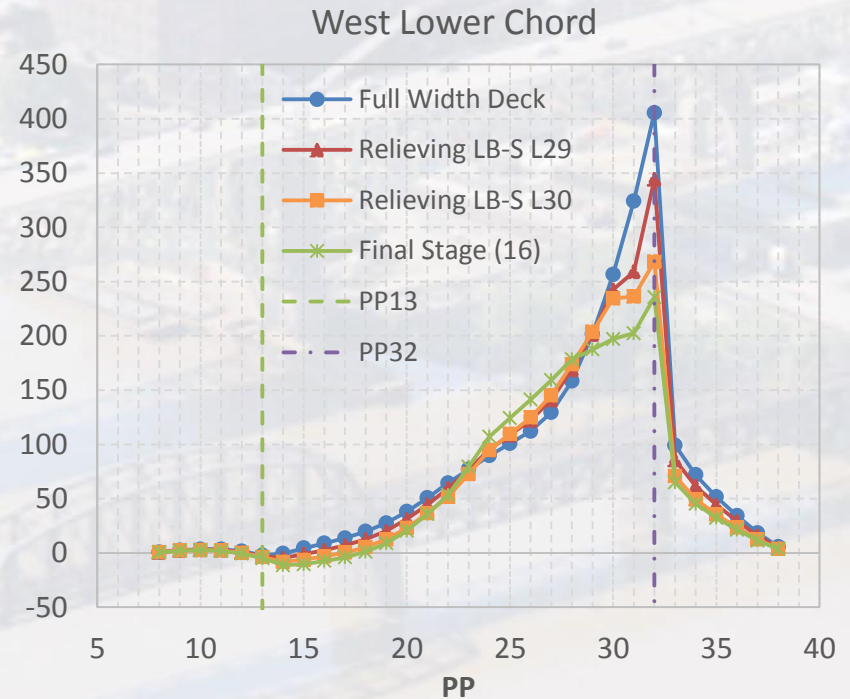
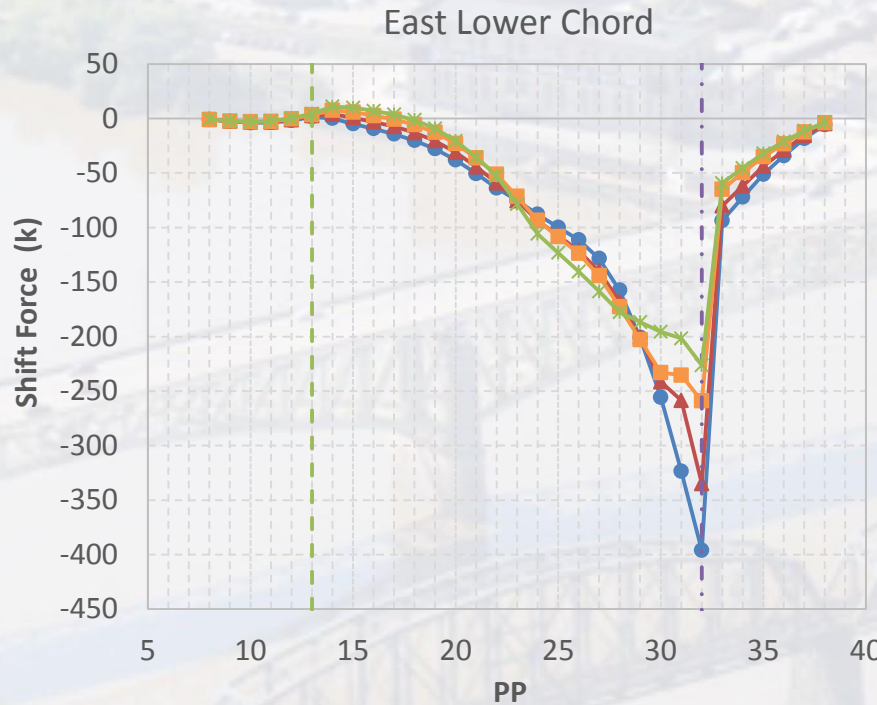
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➤ Proposed Repair Sequence: Remaining Effects



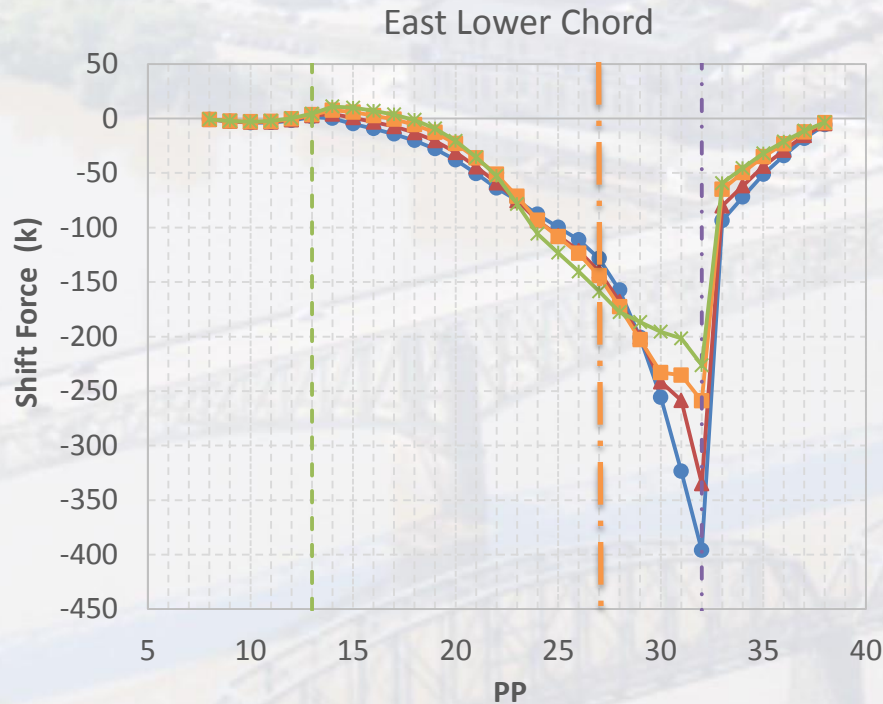
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Proposed Repair Sequence: Effects on Truss Members



Final Ratings

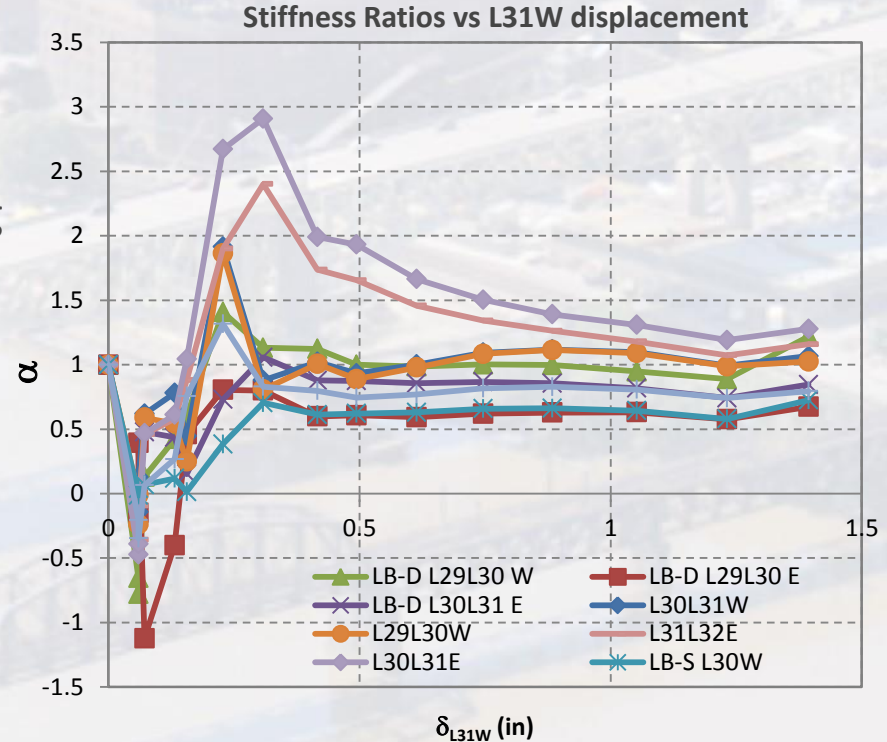
➤ East Truss Members: HS20 ORF > 1.5



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Issues Encountered

- Initial large deviations in stiffness
- Initial engagement between the jacking frame and the bridge, stabilization of instrumentation



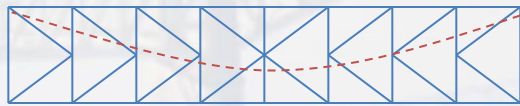
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➤ Temperature effects

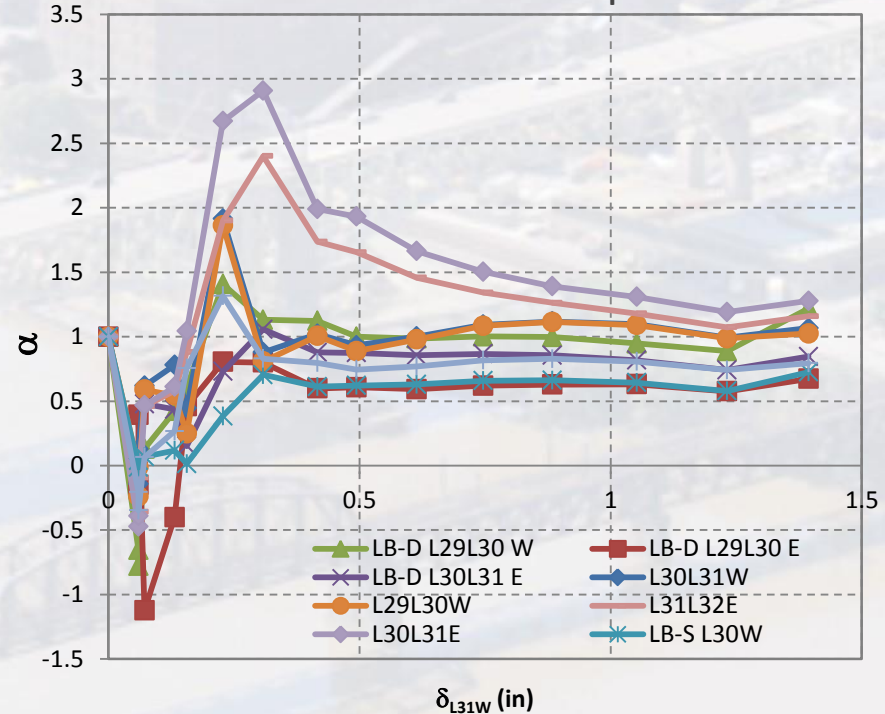
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	Morning	Evening
East Truss	102°F	88°F
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- Day 2 (9/24/16) – Overcast - measured steel temperatures relatively constant ~67°F

Stiffness Ratios vs L31W displacement

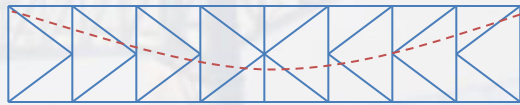


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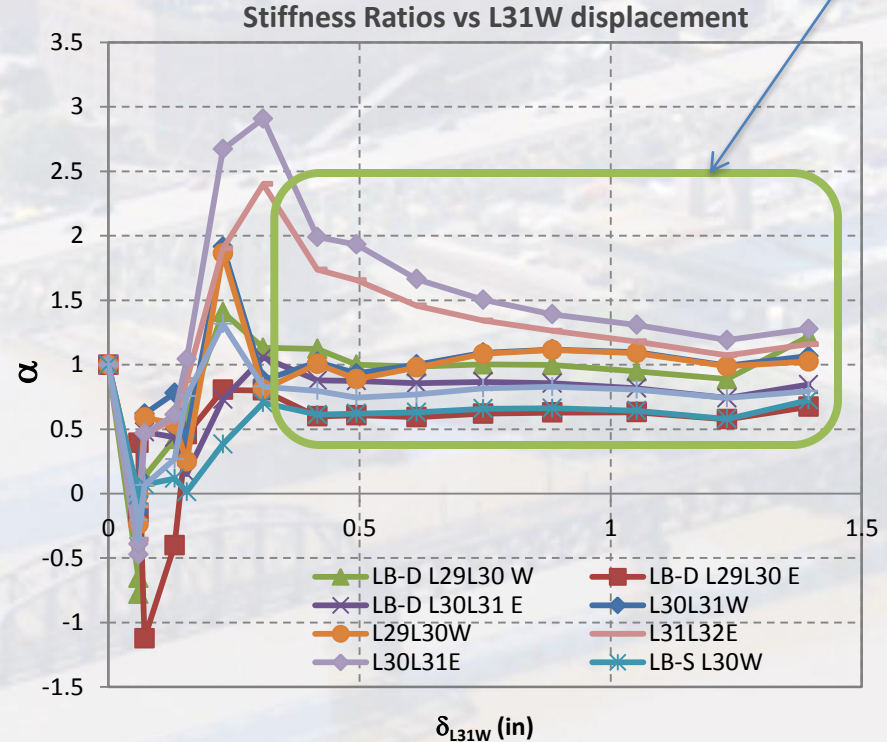
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Day 2 data used in calculation of Stiffness Ratios, α , for final post-processing of data



Issues Encountered

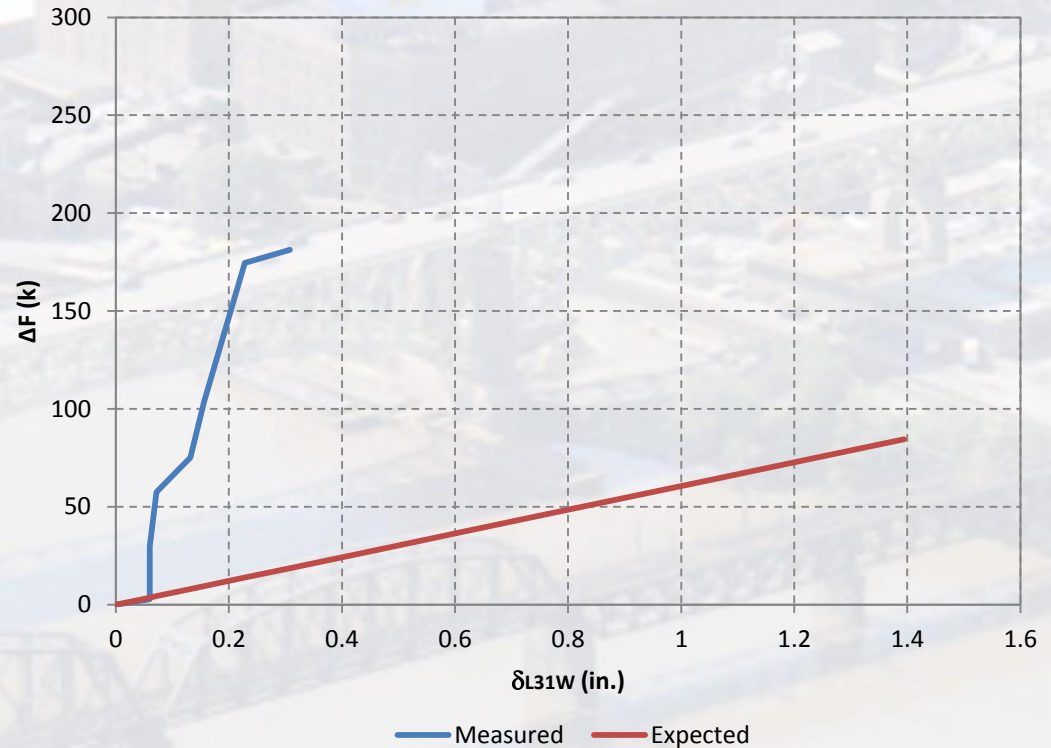
- Measurement of L31-L32W panel length
 - Value is critical to determining stiffnesses to compare w/FEA
 - Started using survey data from targets on inboard side
 - Rotation of joint due to lateral jacking influenced and caused inaccuracy of these values
 - Updated methodology to use survey measurements of targets on inboard and outboard side



Issues Encountered

➤ L31W Strut

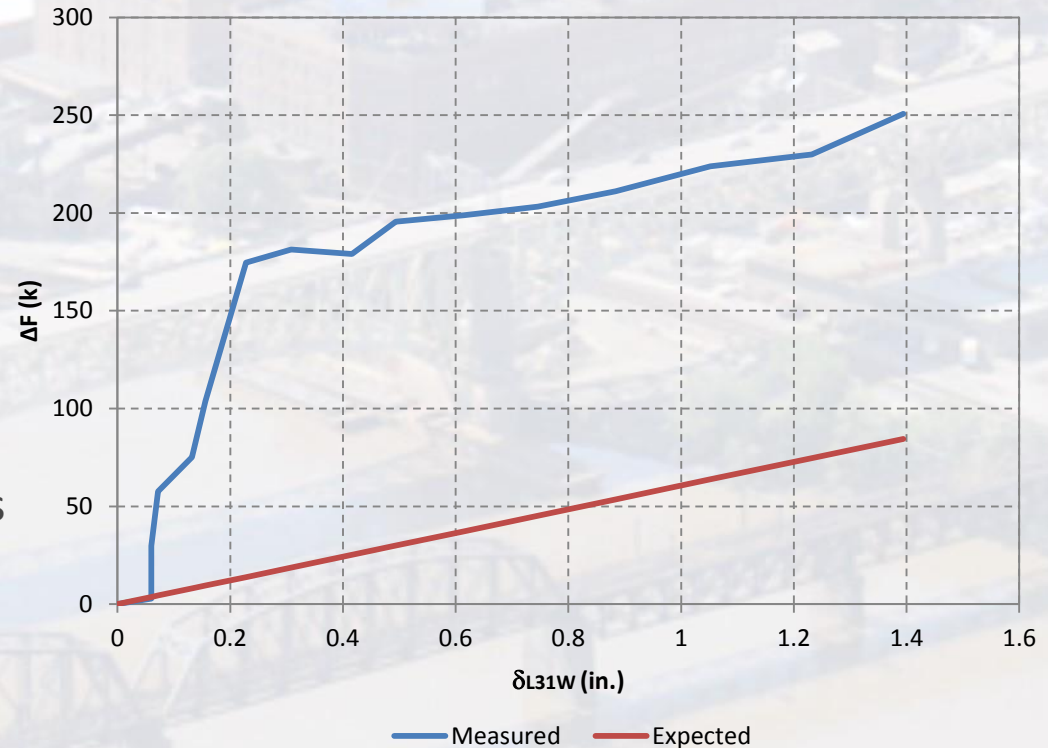
- DL in post-fire condition \approx 120 k (compression)
- Capacity \approx 320 k (tension)
- Measured vs. expected shift forces (+ = tension added)



Issues Encountered

➤ L31W Strut

- Large initial forces due to lateral jacking near L31W
- Jacking team informed to stop increasing lateral jack force
- Once lateral jacking force was backed off, stiffness closely matched expected



Concluding Remarks of MM's work

- Correlate model with field observations:
 - Deck system adds significant stiffness to structure
- Consider all sources of asymmetric conditions:
 - Loads
 - Stiffness
- Plastic deformations are difficult to recover and have to be considered in the development of the jacking operations
- Lateral bracing systems become primary members after unexpected and asymmetric events affect the structure, such as the fire on Liberty Bridge

Thank you: Truly a team effort!



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Thank you!

Questions?

If not, go grab some lunch!



Lunch delivery on the Liberty Bridge