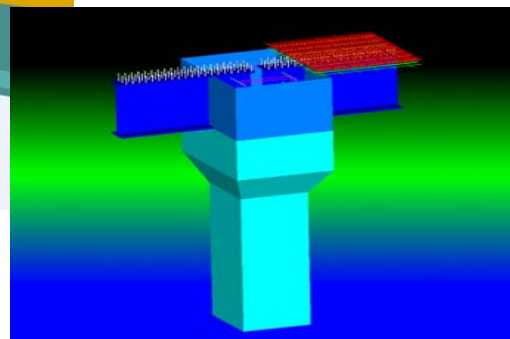
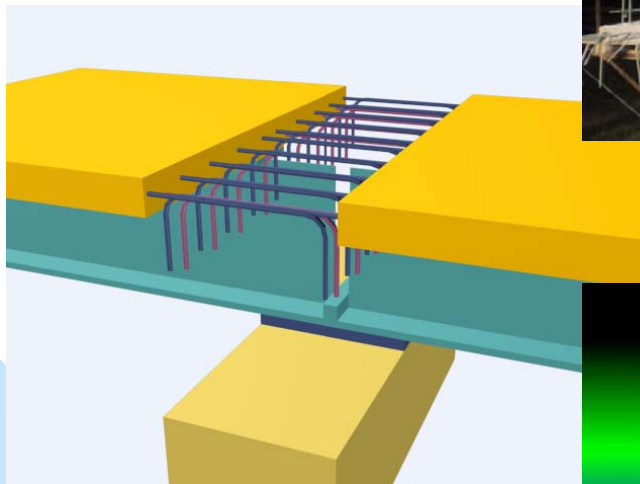


# Simple for Dead load and Continuous for Live loads (SDCL)- Steel Bridges ABC Application



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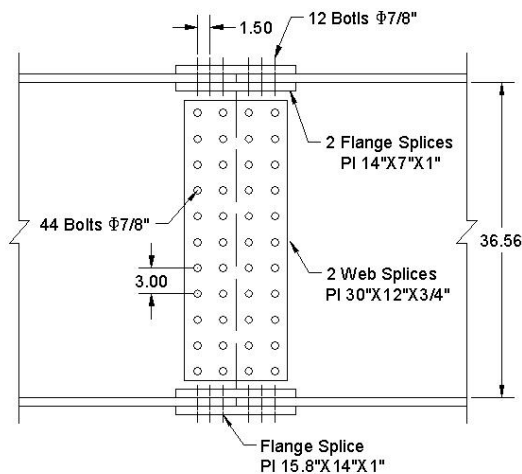
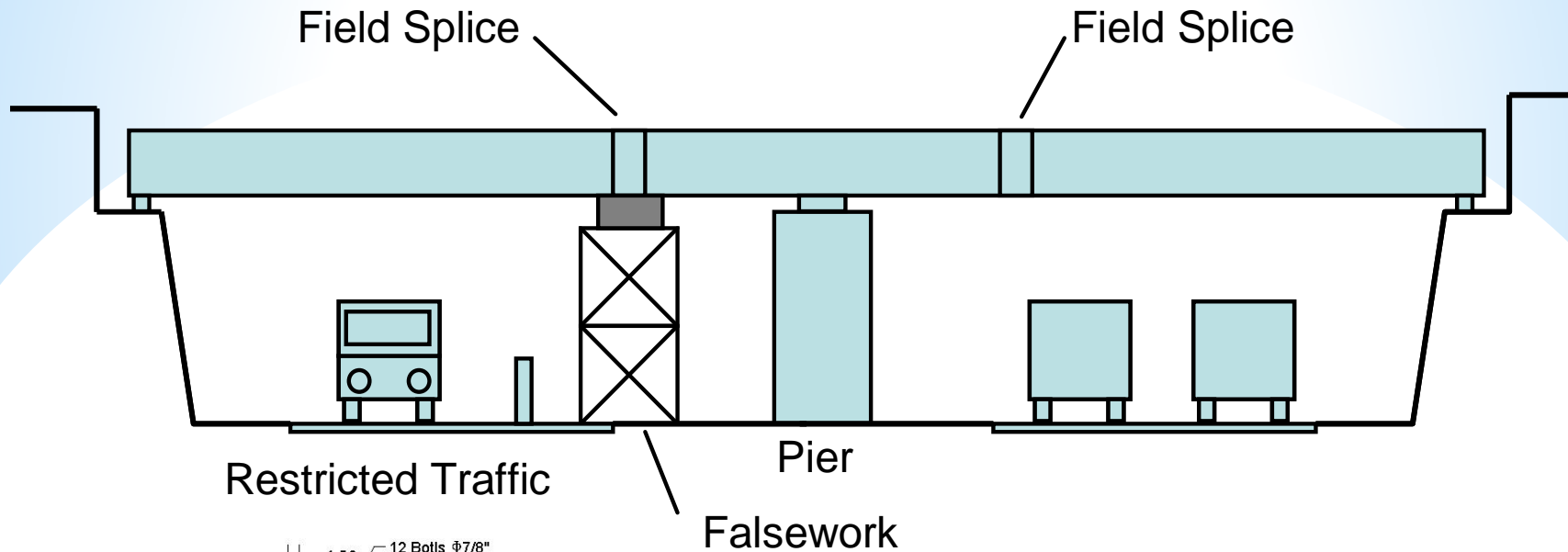
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# Typical Construction of Steel Bridges

## Continuous for Dead and Live Loads



## Typical Steel Construction - Continuous for Dead and Live Loads



Field Splice



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# **SDCL**

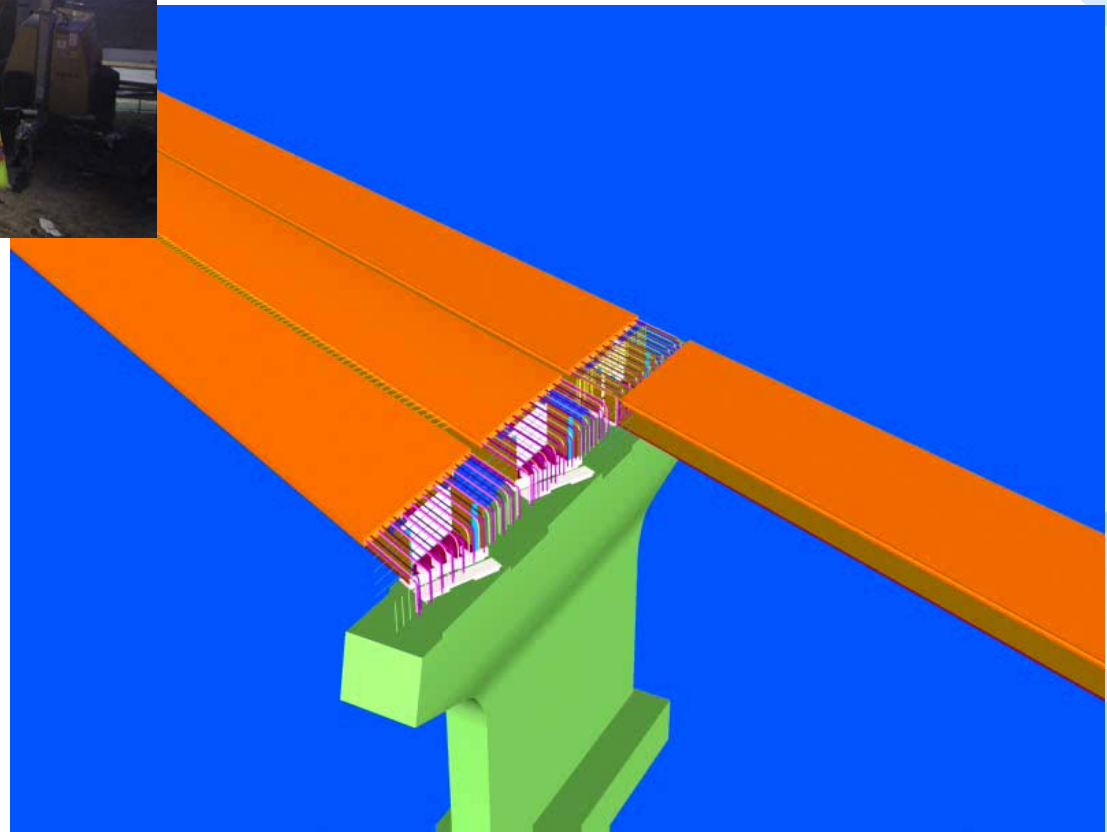
**Simple for Dead load and  
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# SDCL- Conventional Case- cast in place deck

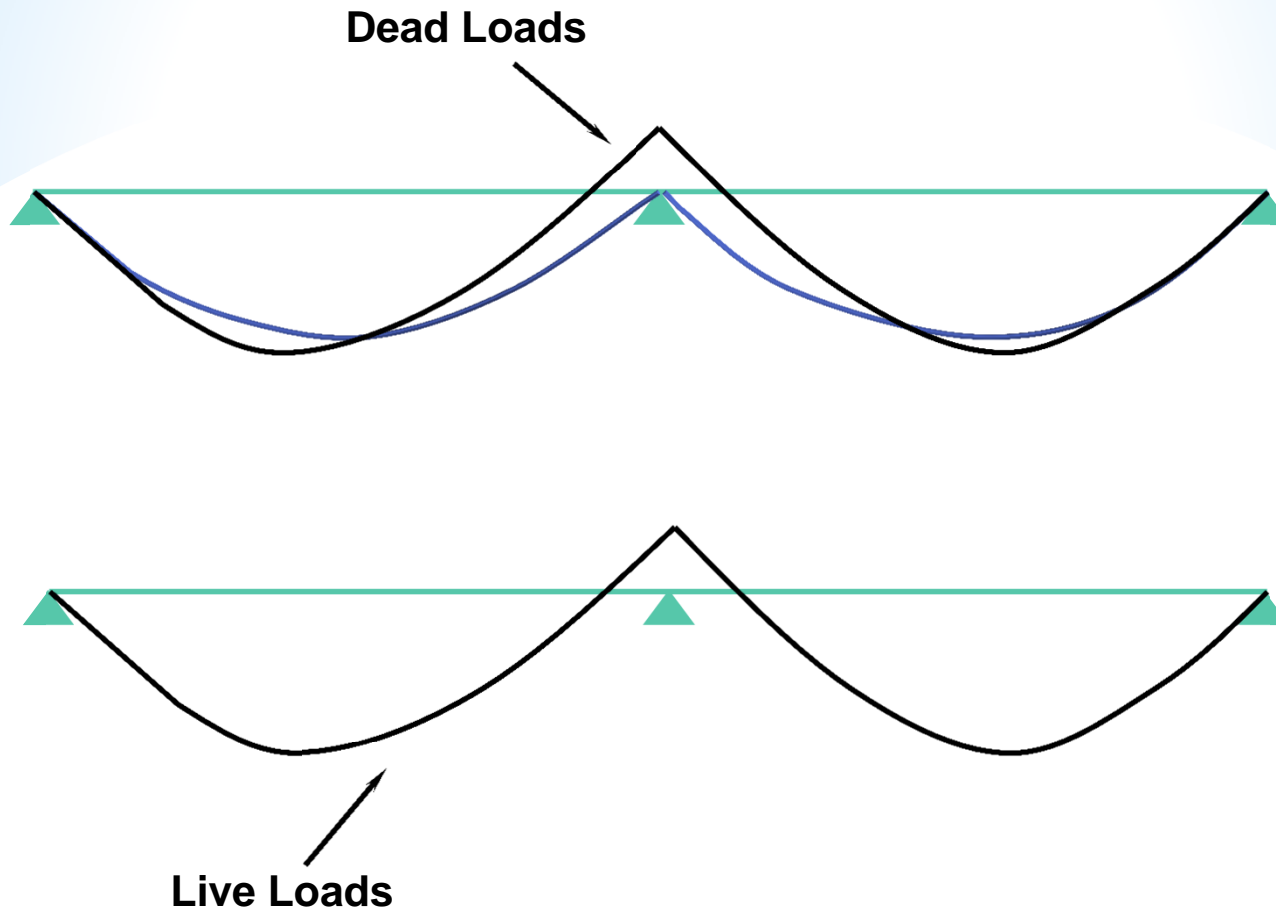


# SDCL- ABC Case- Modular approach





# Cont. for Dead and Live Load vs SDCL

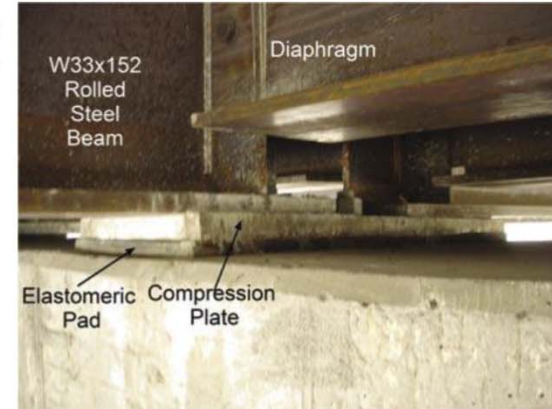
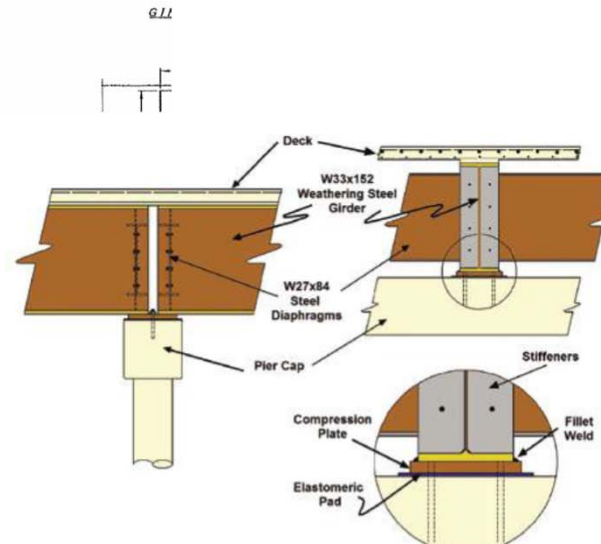
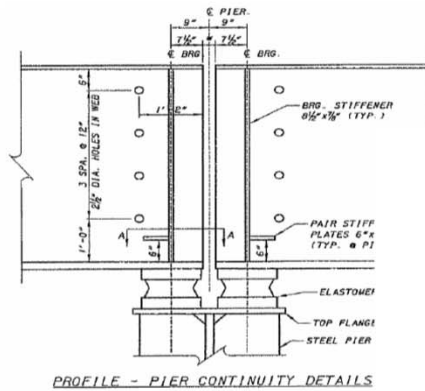


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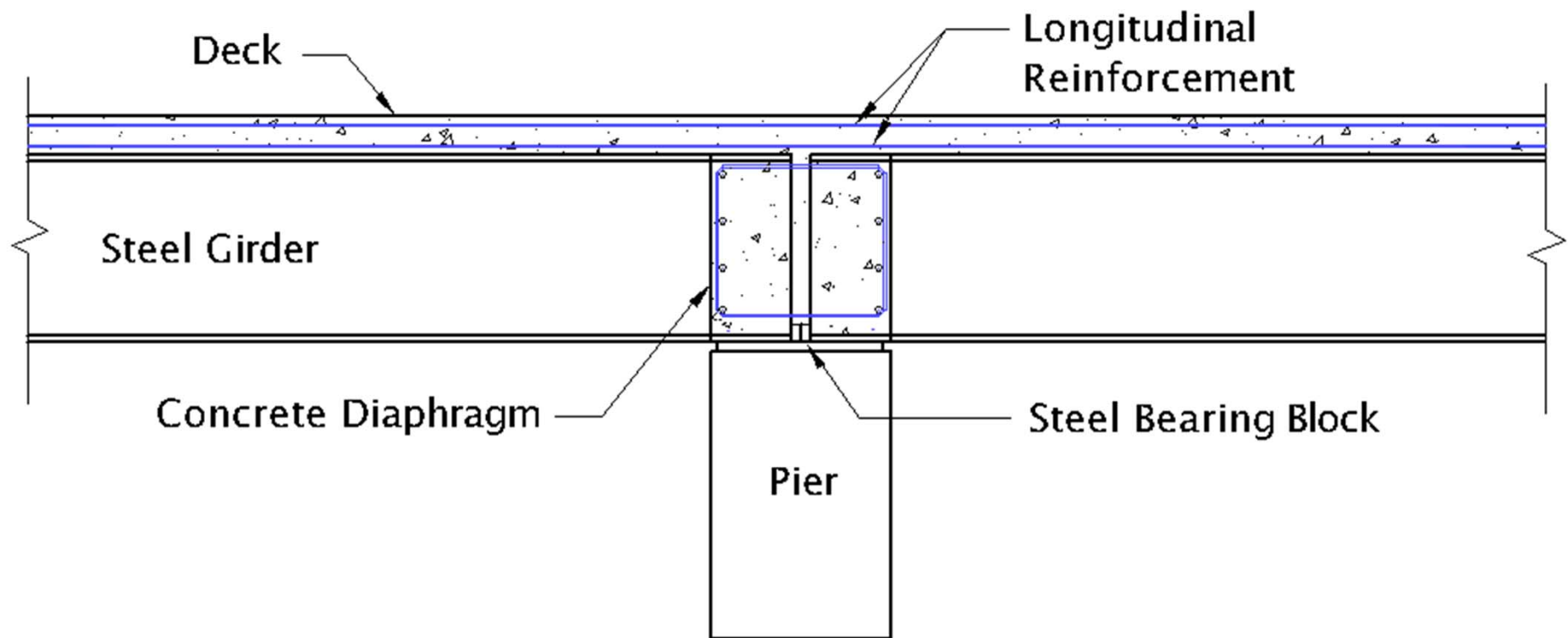
SDCL System

# SDCL Steel Bridge System

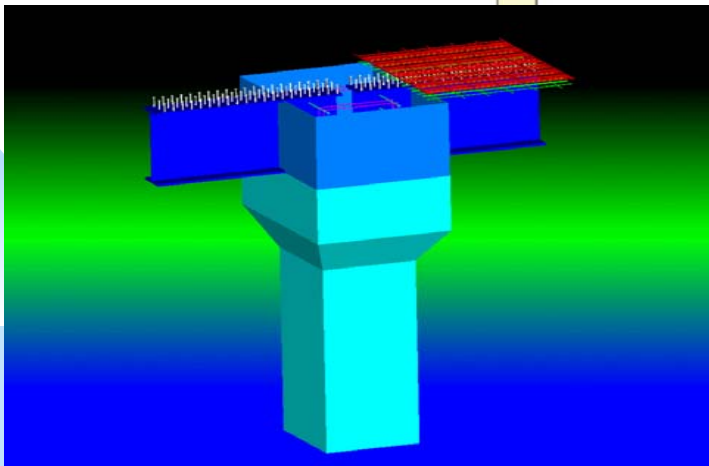
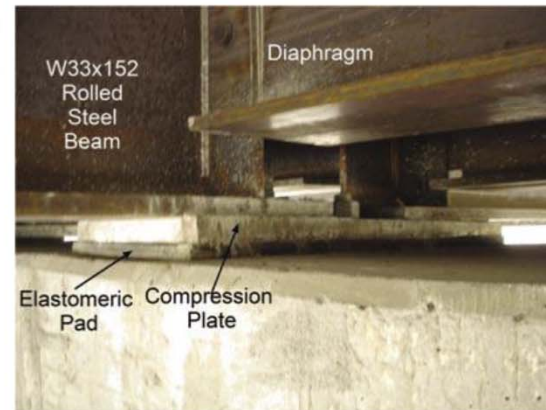
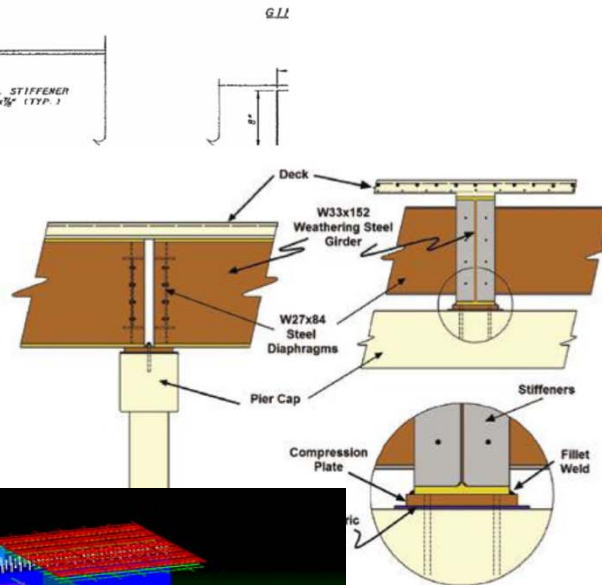
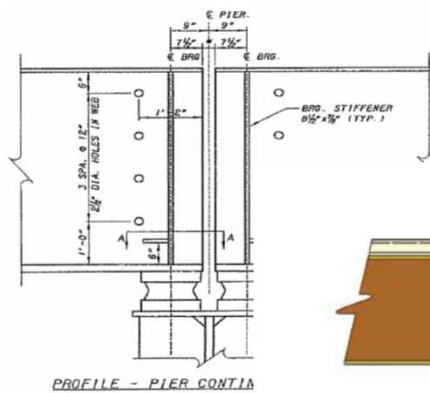
More than one way to provide continuity for live loads



# SDCL Bridge System using Concrete Diaphragm



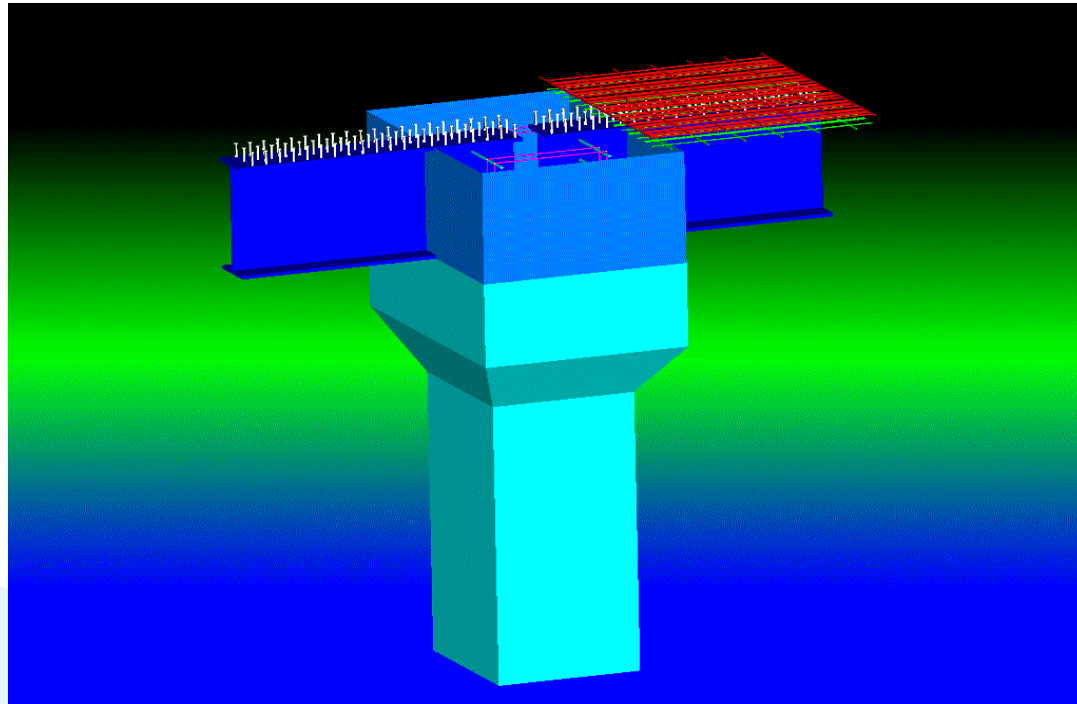
# For most part connections that works for cast in place deck methods of construction, also works for ABC applications





# Using Concrete Diaphragm

Creep and shrinkage is not an issue



# Advantages of Concrete Diaphragm

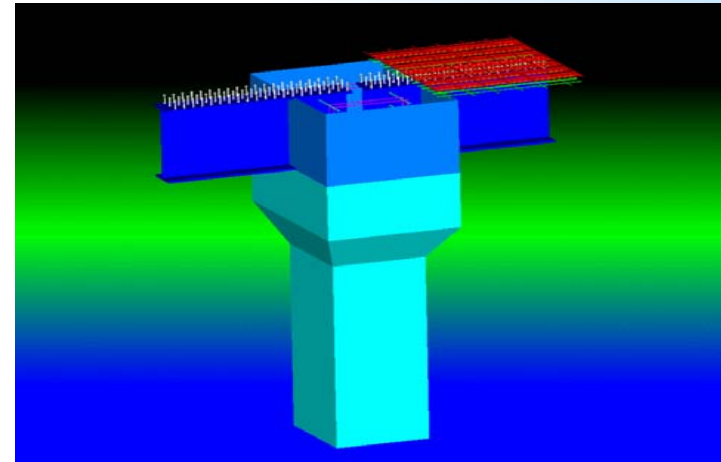
Protects the ends of the girders and enhances service life



# Challenges using Concrete Diaphragm



Large Bottom Flange



Small Bottom Flange

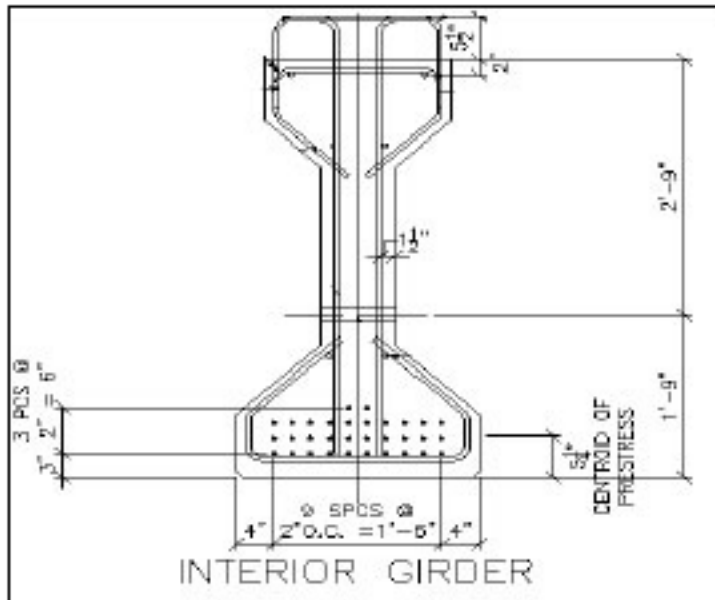
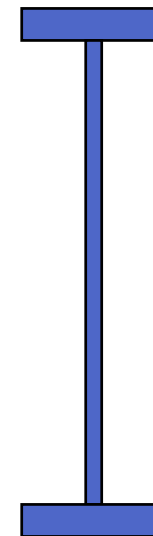


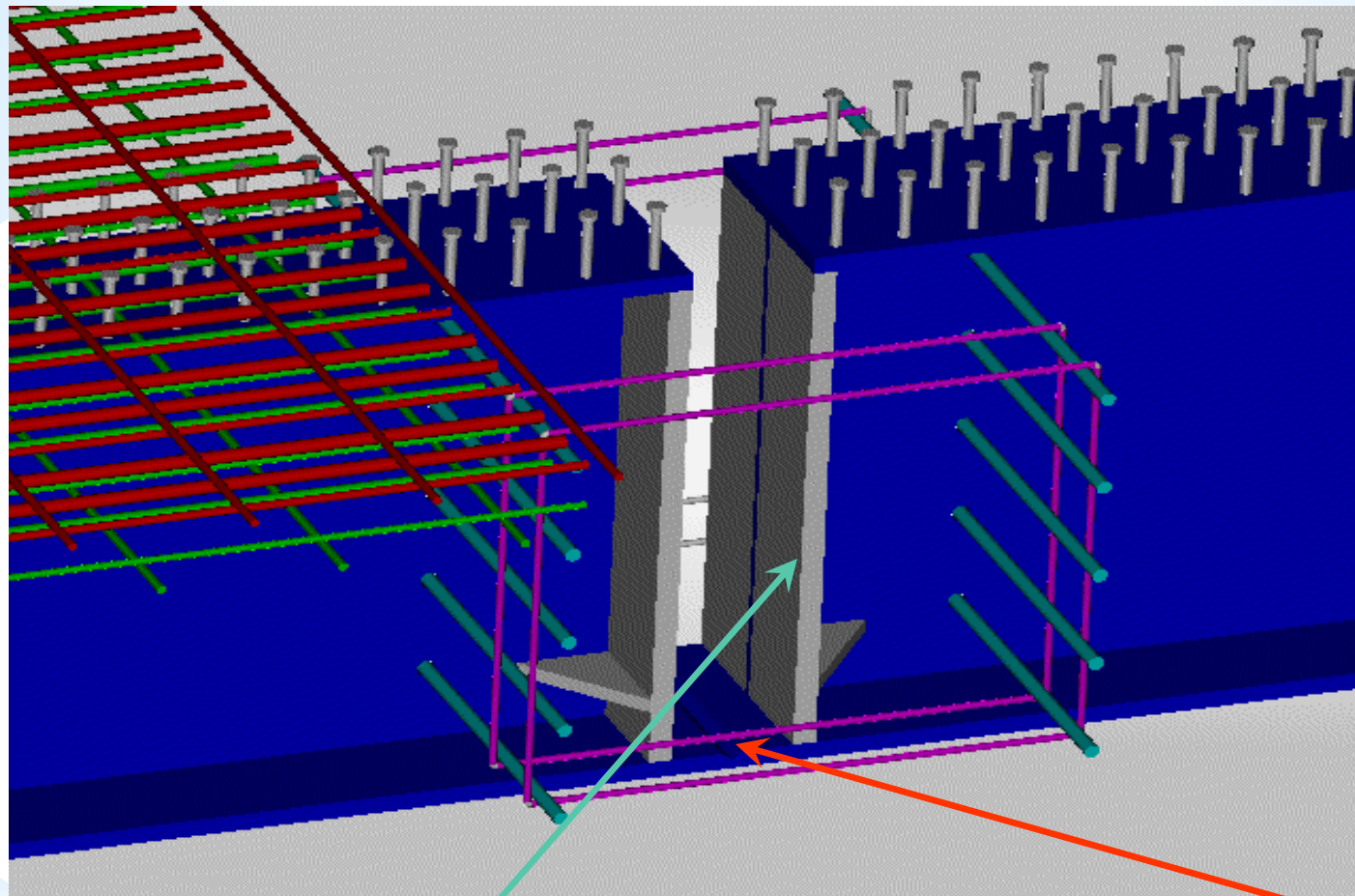
FIGURE 1.

Prestressed Concrete



Steel

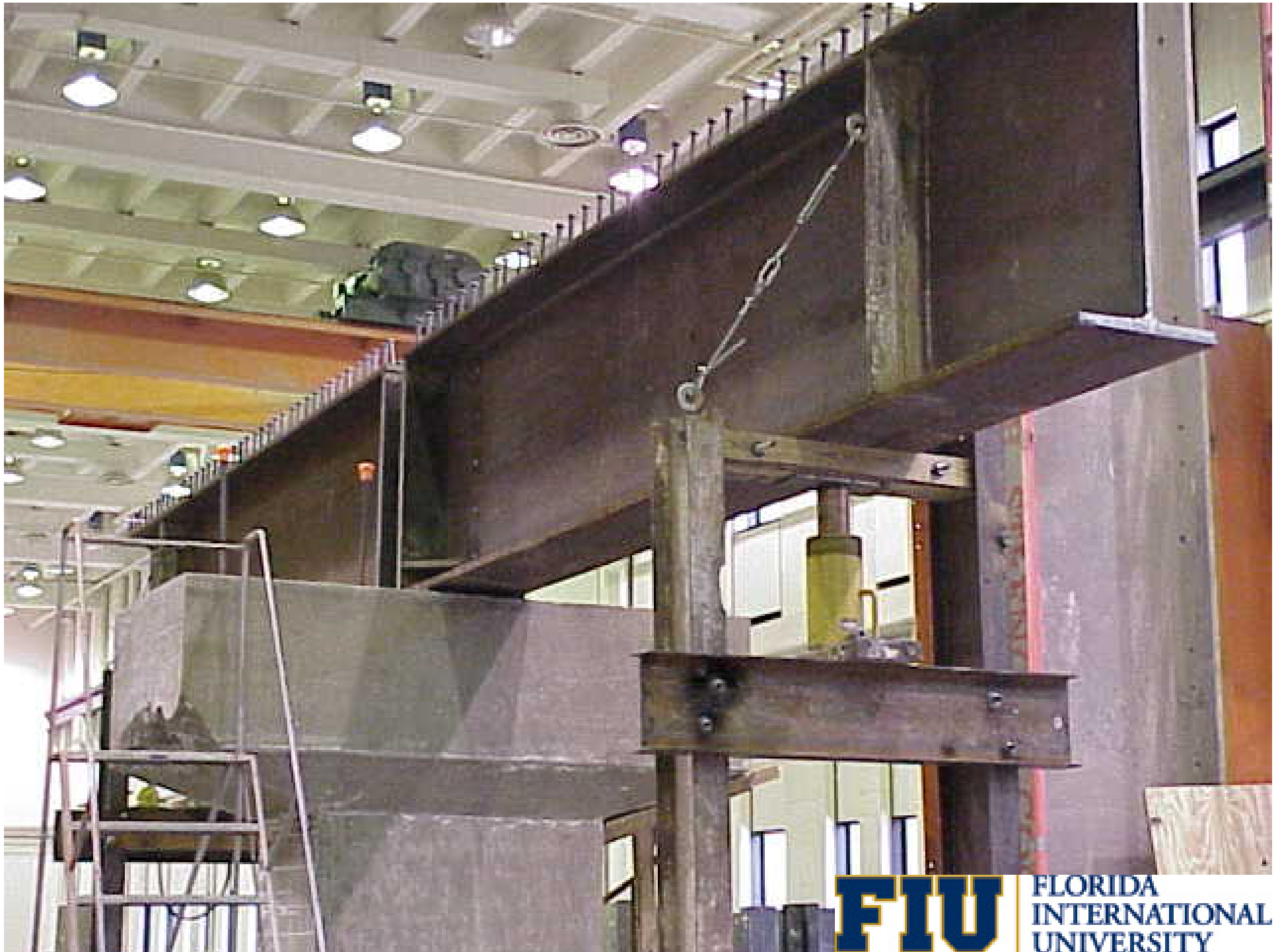
# BOTTOM FLANGE CONTINUOUS PLUS END PLATE



End plates

Connected bottom  
flanges

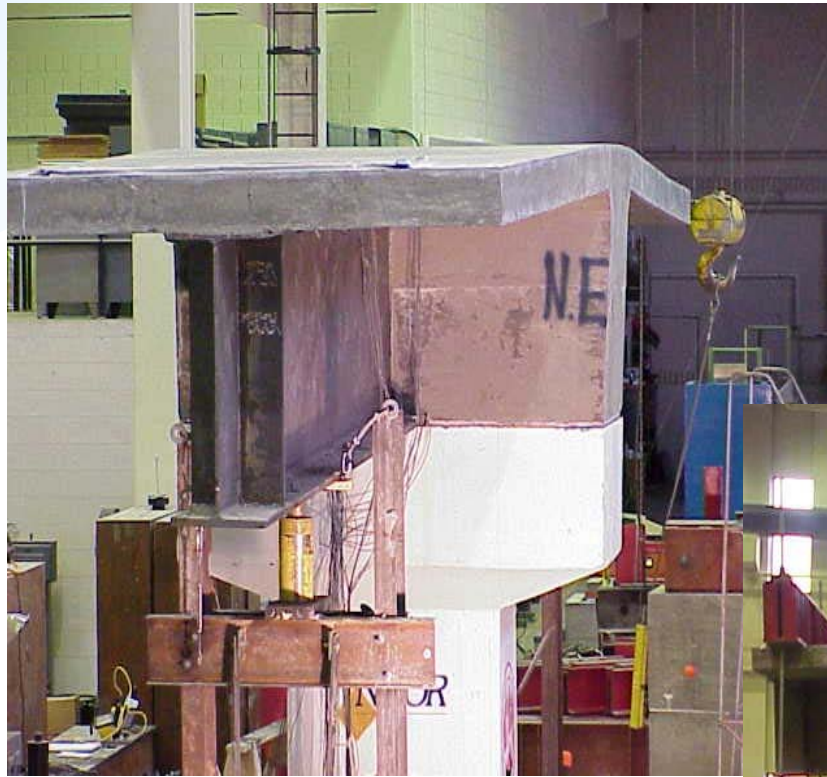






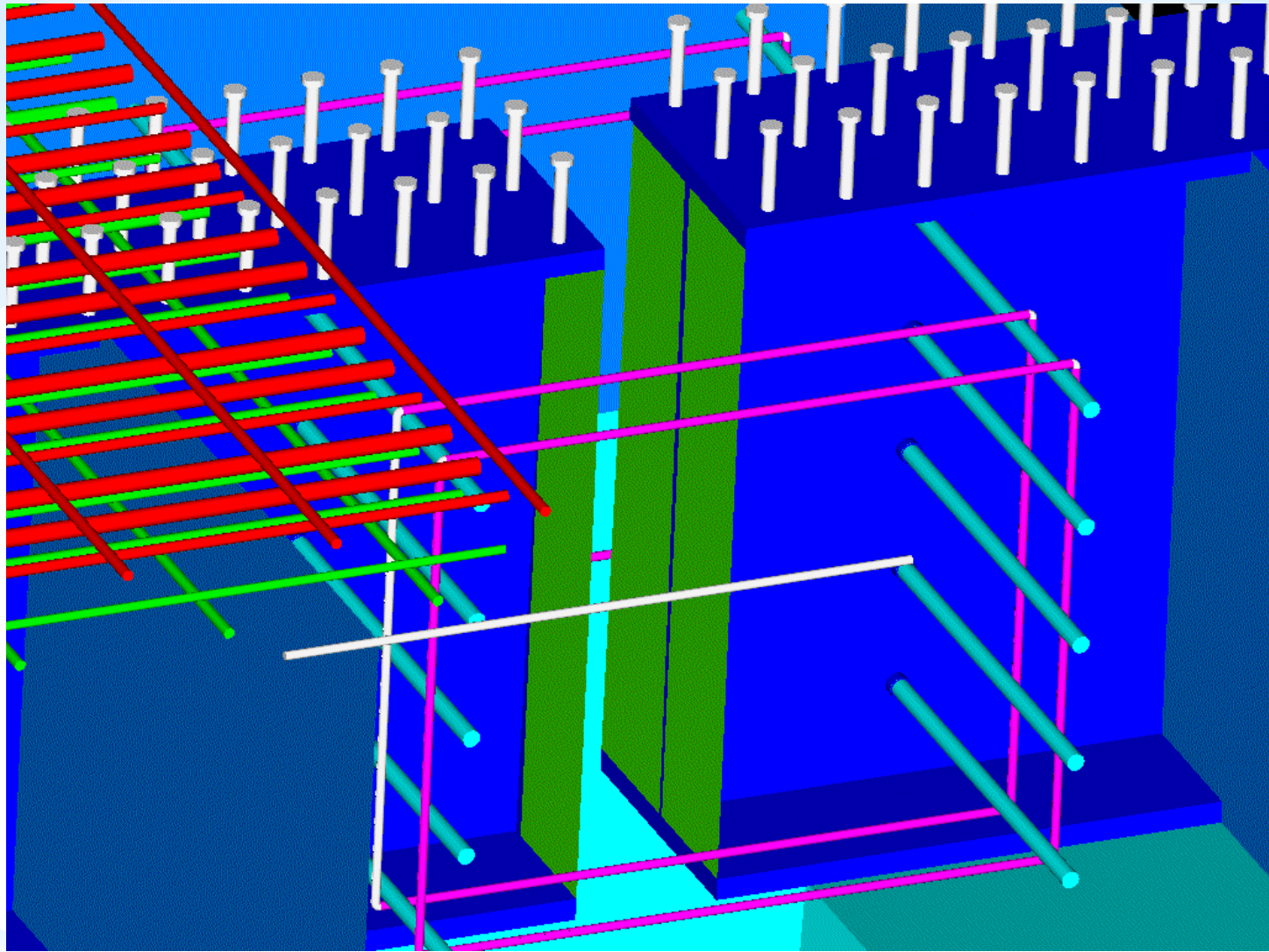
# ULTIMATE LOAD TEST

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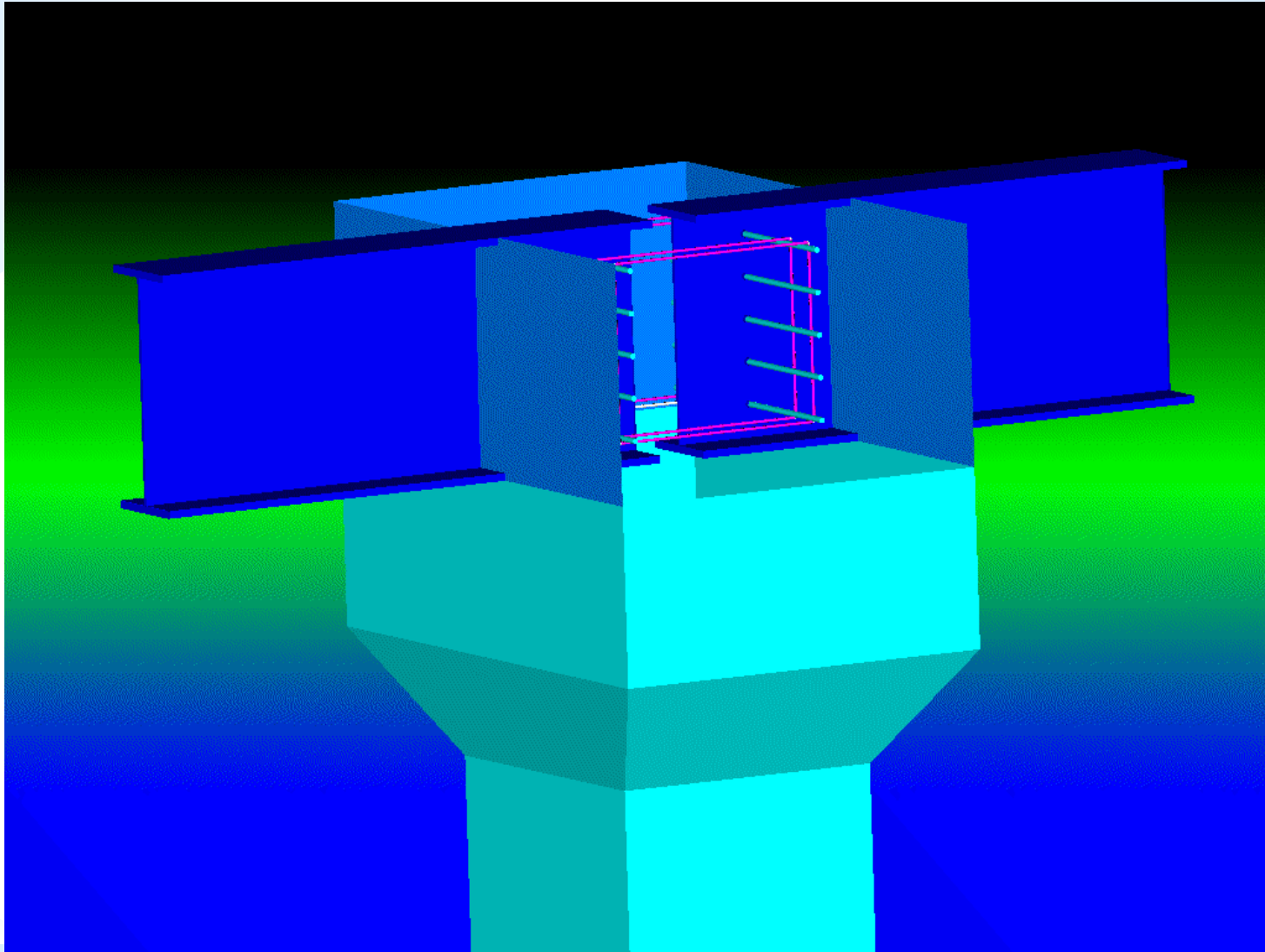


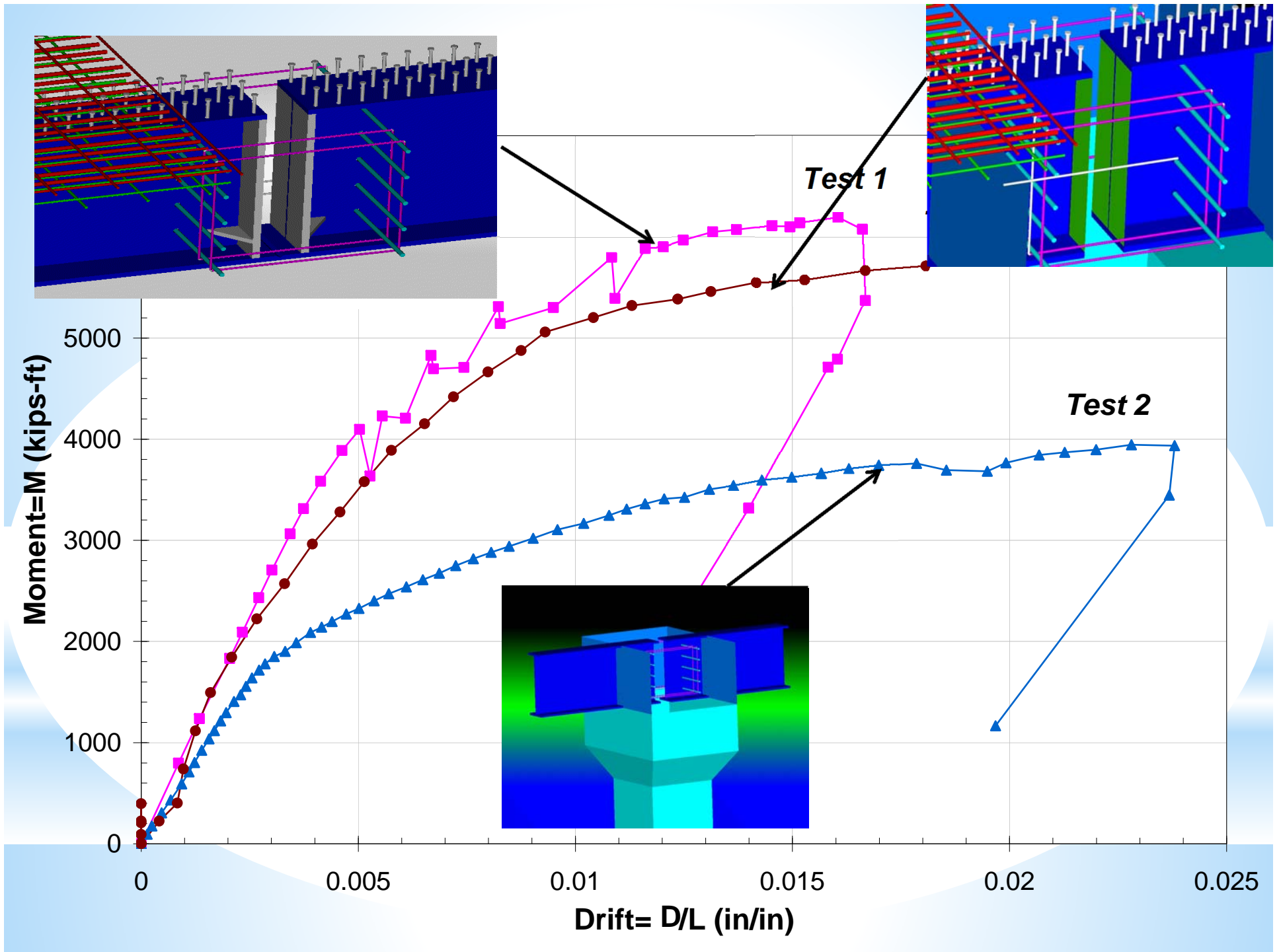
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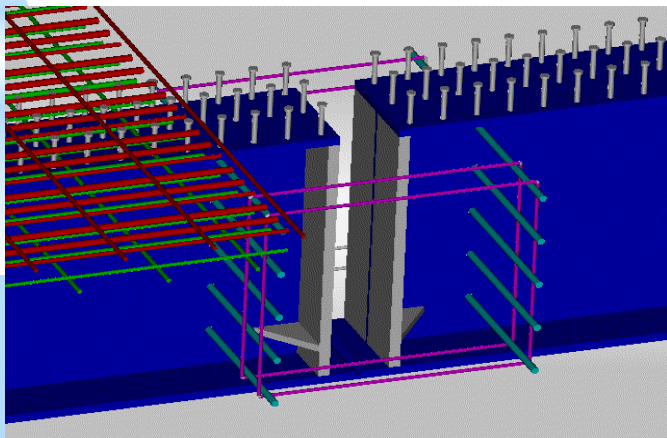
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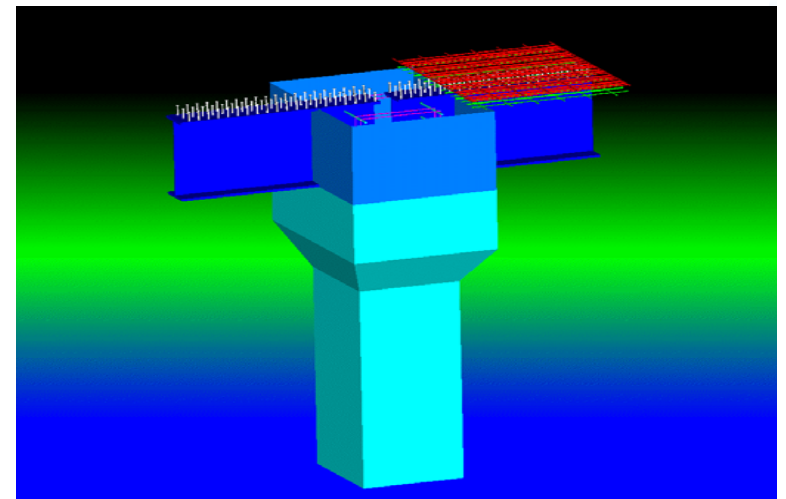
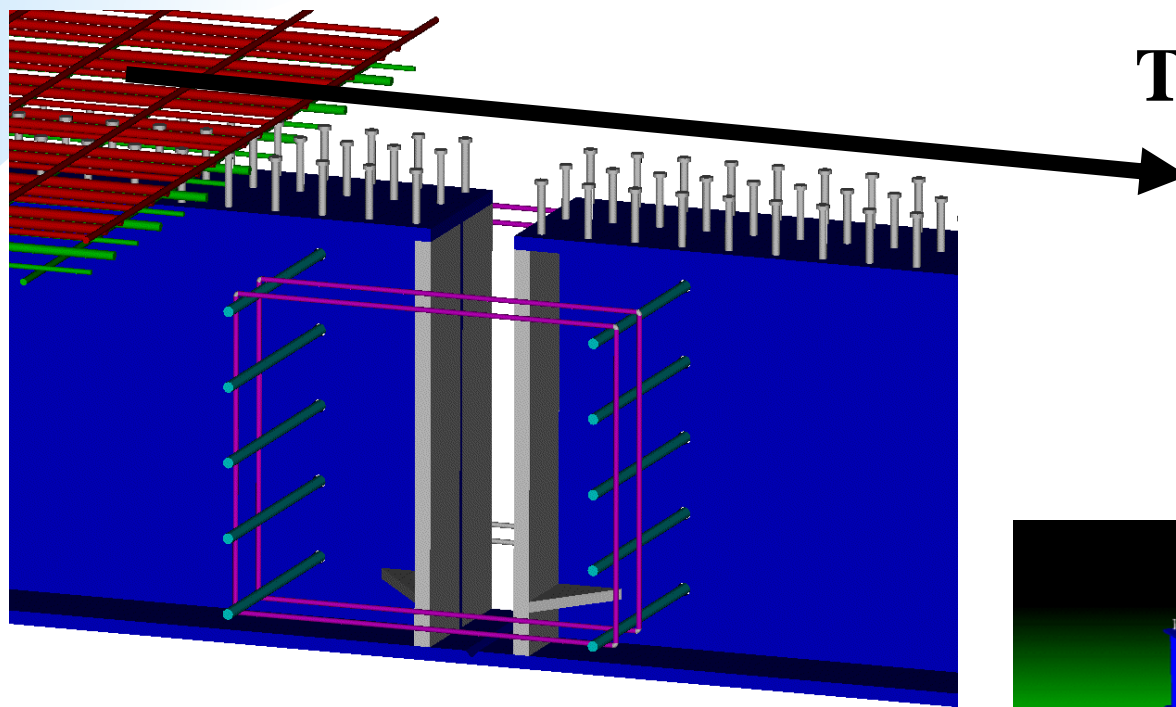


# Important consideration when Using concrete diaphragm

It is important to provide continuous load path for transferring the compression force from one flange to the next flange, without the possibility of crushing the concrete in the diaphragm.

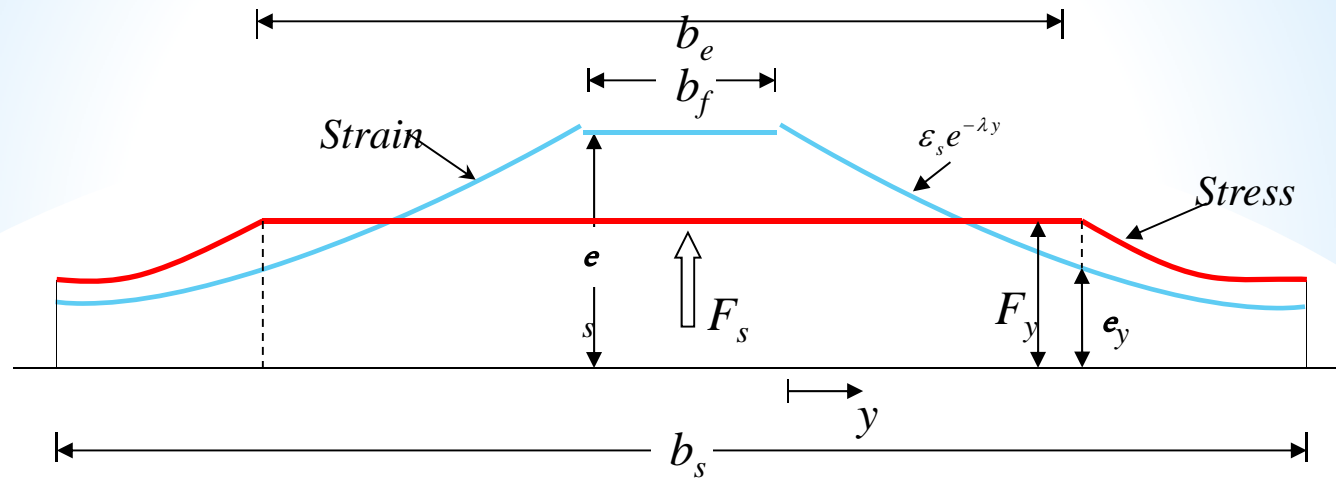


# Calculating the tension reinforcement

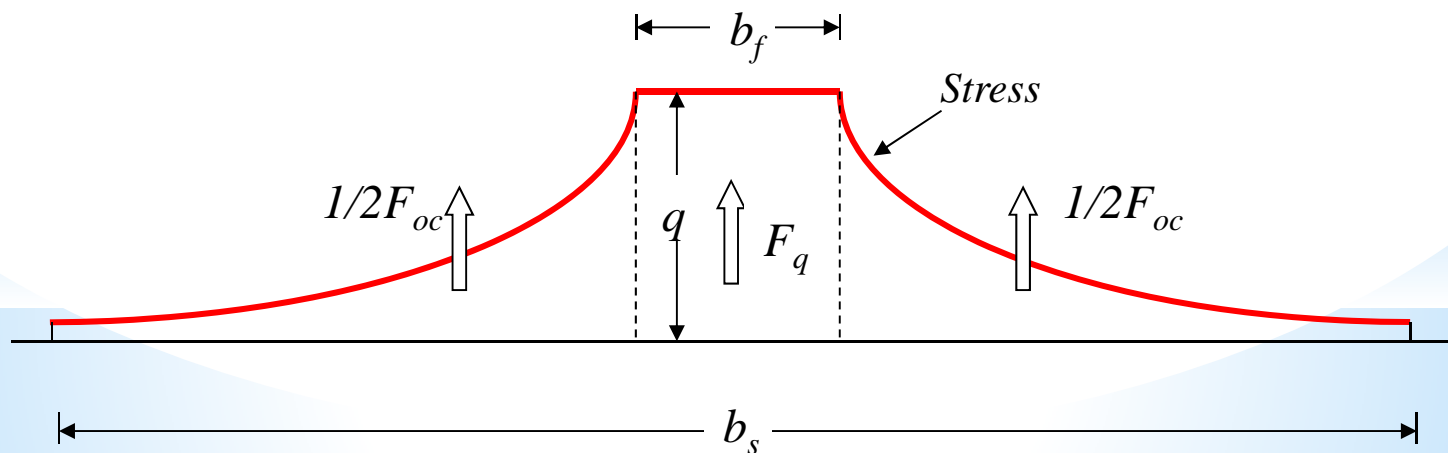




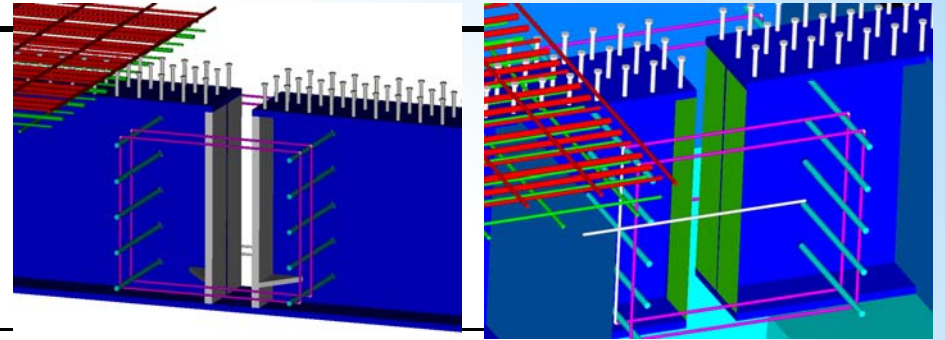
# Strain and Stress in Slab



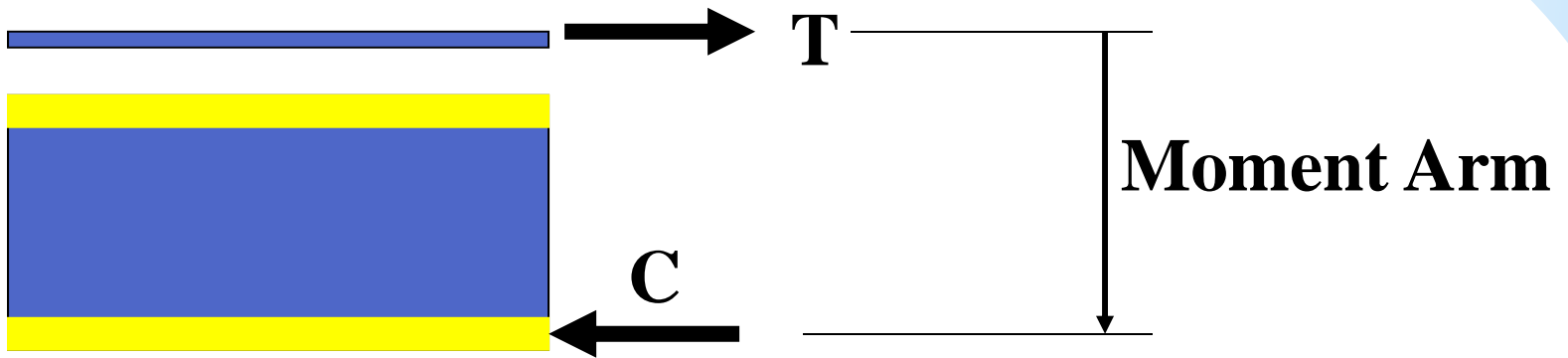
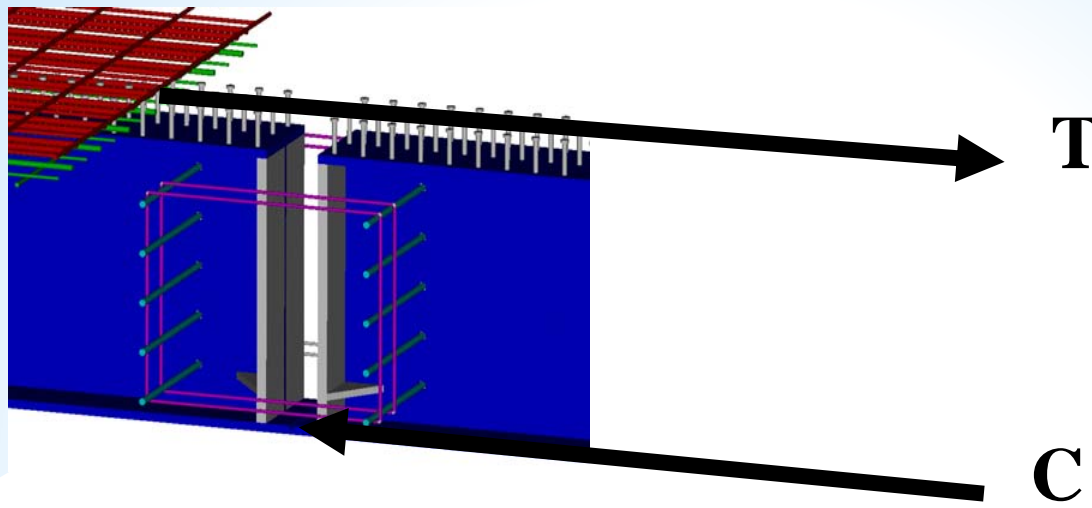
# Stress in Concrete Diaphragm



## Resisting Elements



Slab Rebar	60.82%	66.77%
Stirrups in tension	5.09%	5.42%
Concrete in tension	4.35%	6.03%
Stirrups in compression	0.00%	1.58%
Concrete in compression	12.37%	20.20%
Bottom plate in compression	17.37%	NA
Total	100.00%	100.00%



$$M_n = A_s f_y (\text{moment Arm})$$

# Example: Two span steel bridge using SDCL system- Each span 95 ft.



**Live load moment  $M_u$  (LL)= 34770 in-kip**

**Girder size**

**W40x249**

**Depth of girder**

**43.375"**



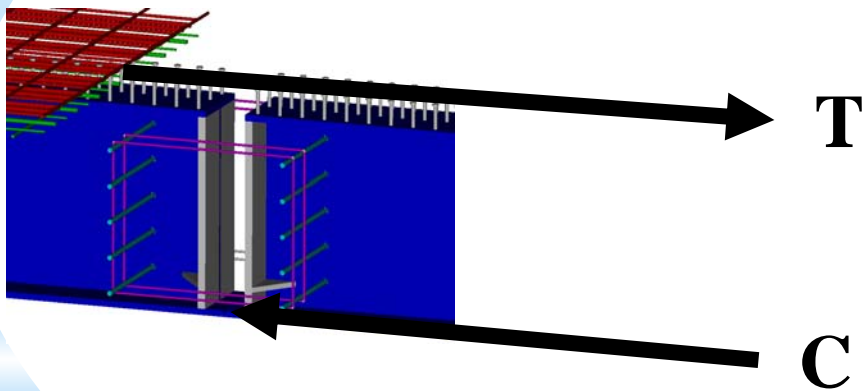
$$A_s = M_n / (f_y (d - H/2))$$

$$A_s = 34770 / (60 * (43.375 - 4 / 2)) = 14 \text{ in}^2$$



# Use of recommended detail for SDCL

## Cast in place deck vs ABC



## **SDCL- Cast in Place Deck**

**End of girders needs to be restrained against twist  
before casting deck**



## **SDCL- Cast in Place Deck**

**Recommendation is to fill the concrete diaphragm about  $\frac{1}{2}$  to  $\frac{2}{3}$  of the height and let it cure**





# SDCL- Cast in Place Deck





# SDCL – Cast in Place Deco



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# SDCL- Cast in Place Deck

To minimize the cracking





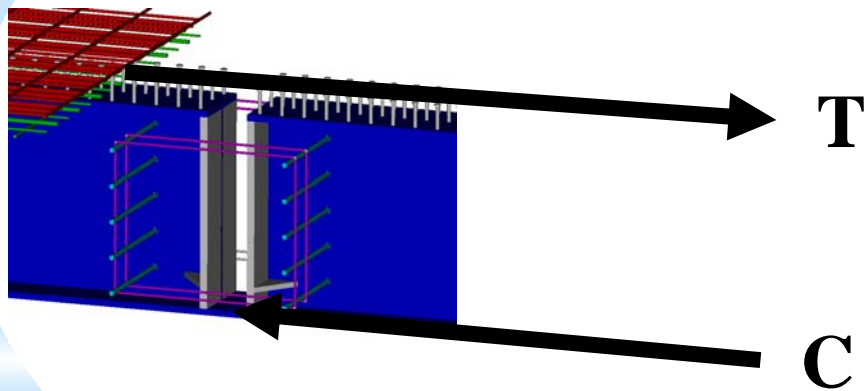
# SDCL – Cast in Place Deck

**Recommendation- Assume 20% continuity for dead load**



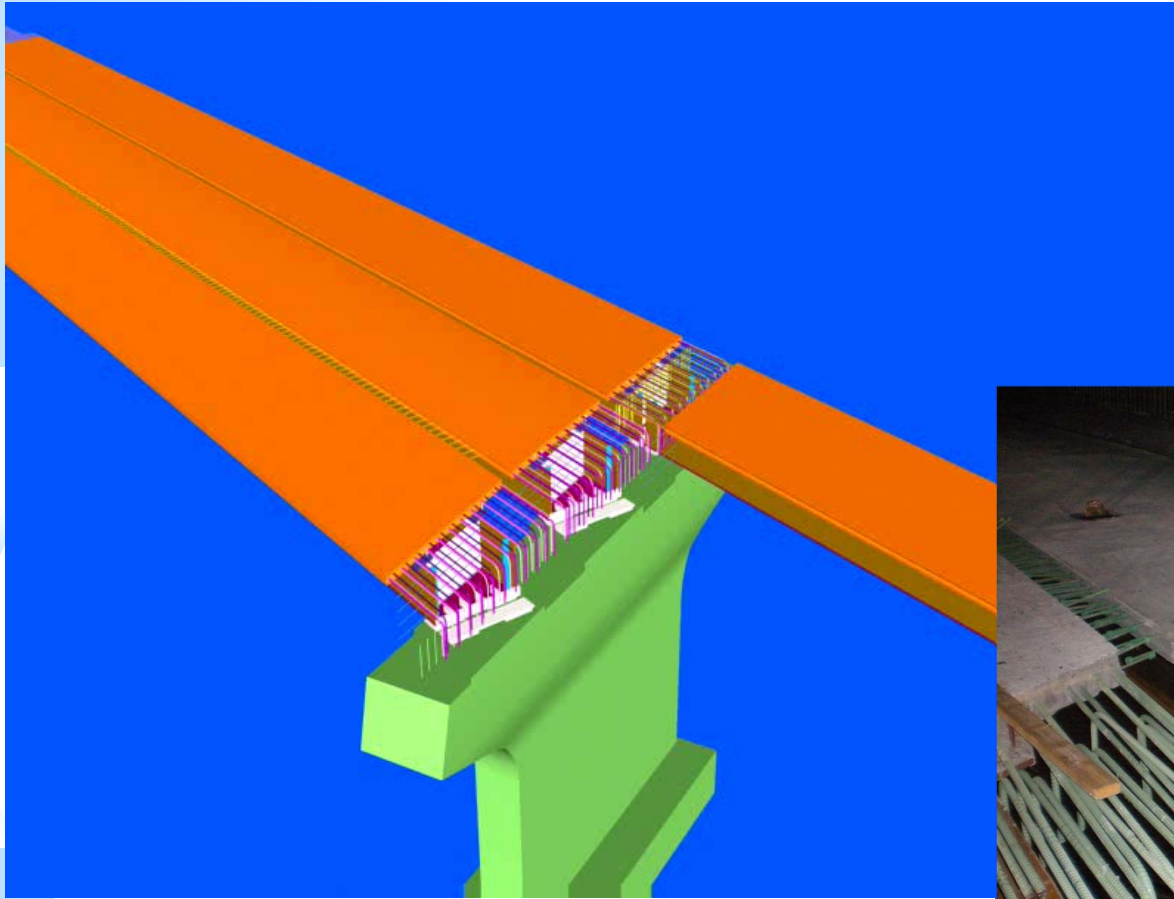
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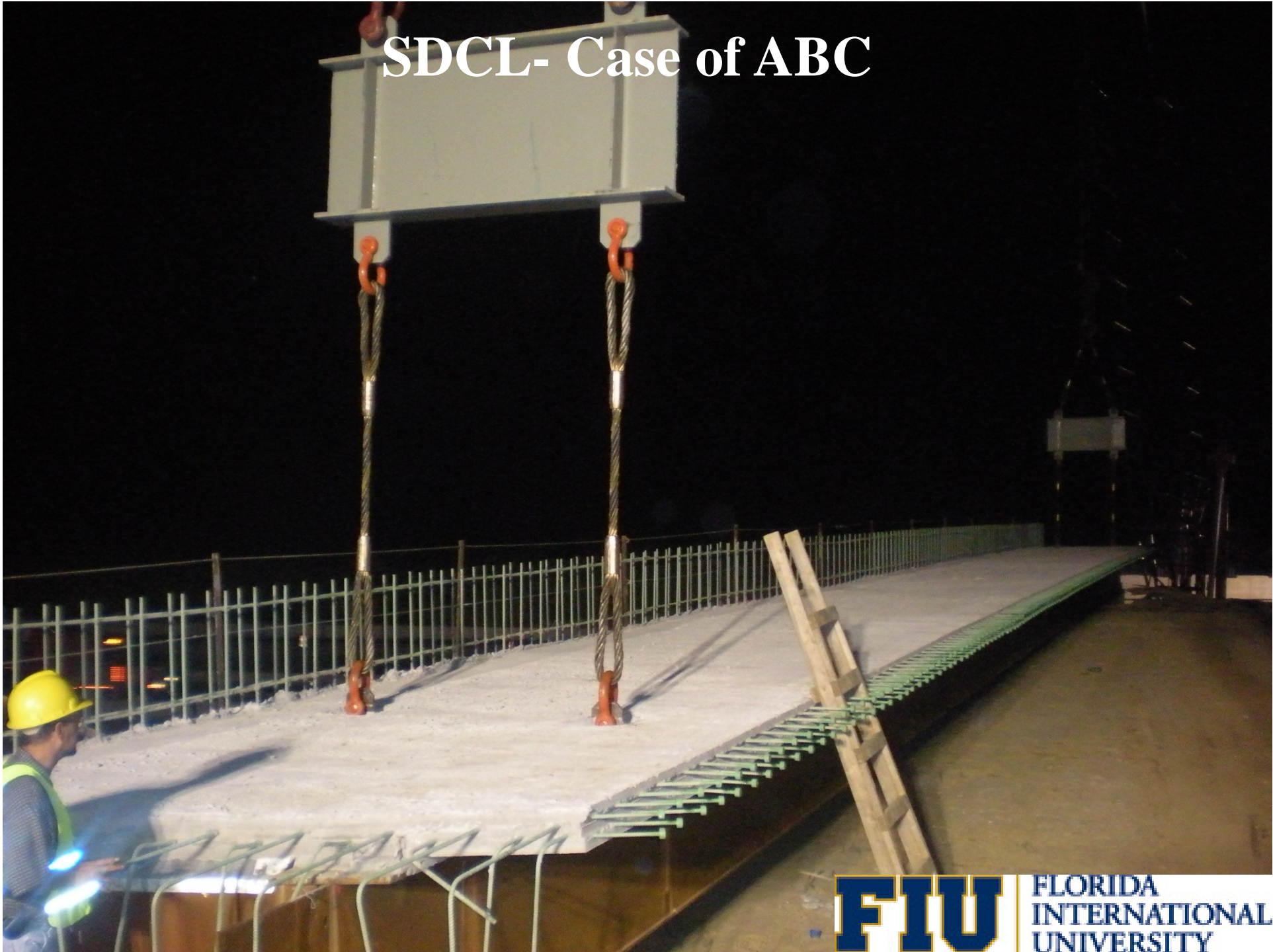




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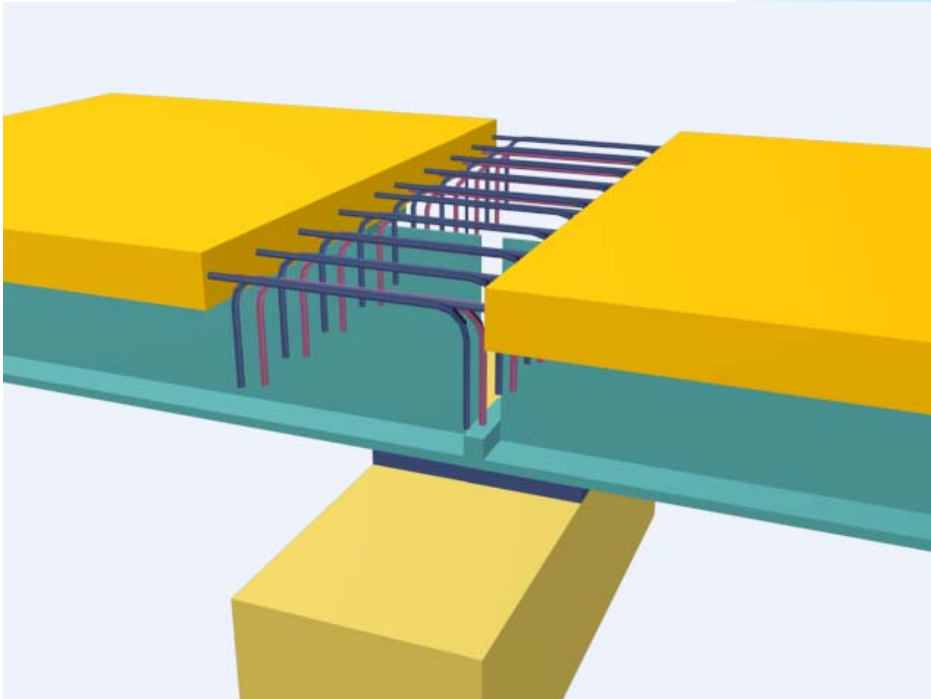
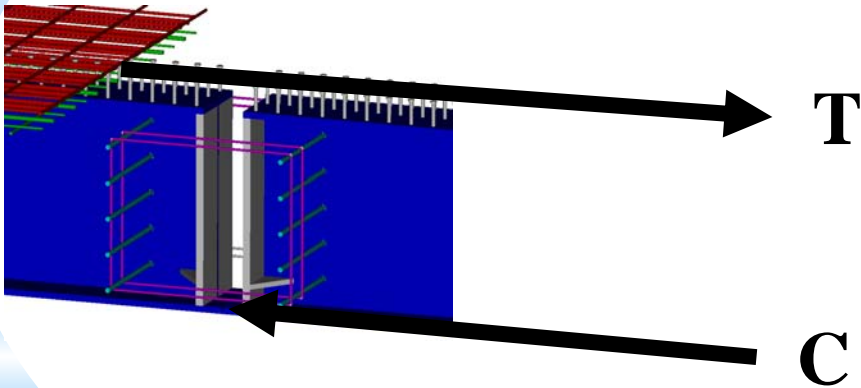




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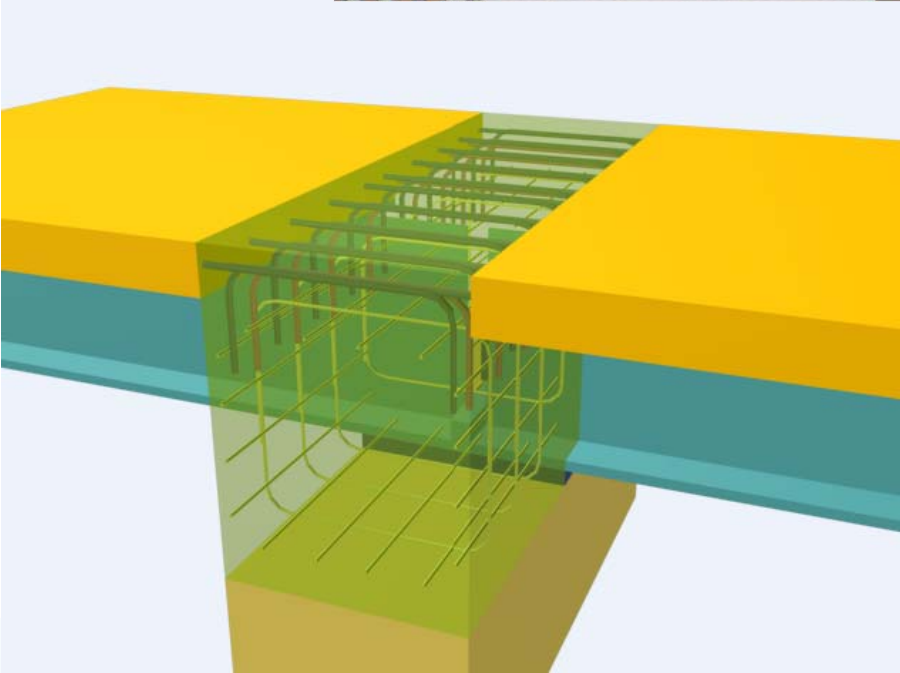
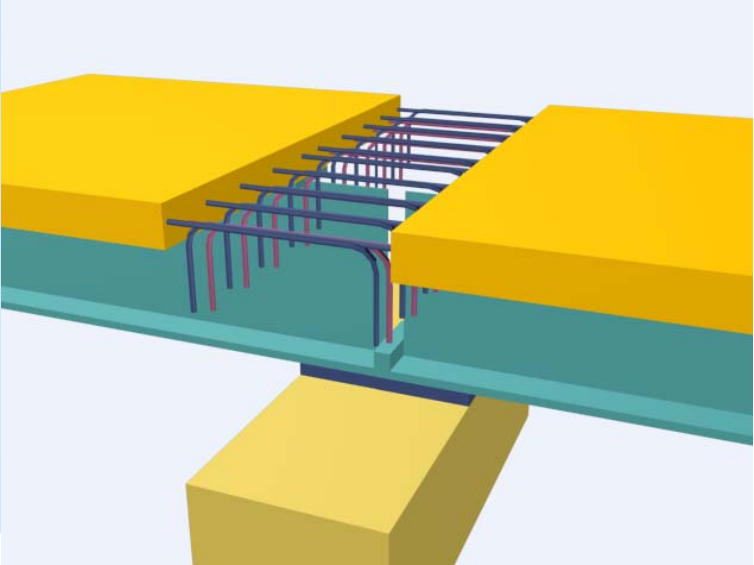


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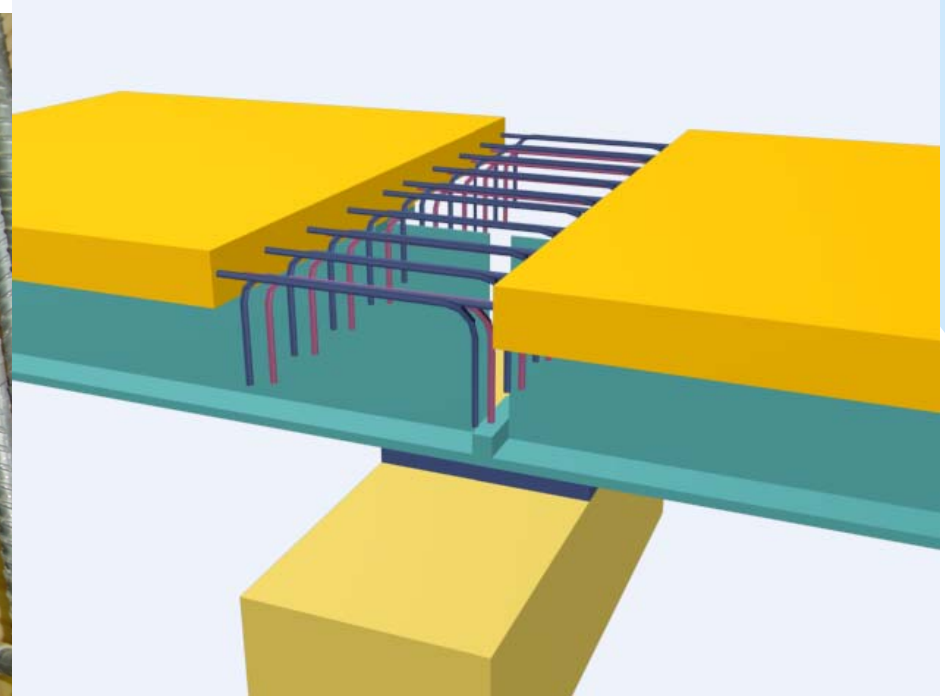


# SDCL- Case of ABC



# Full Scale Testing

## SDCL- ABC recommended detail





# Full Scale Testing

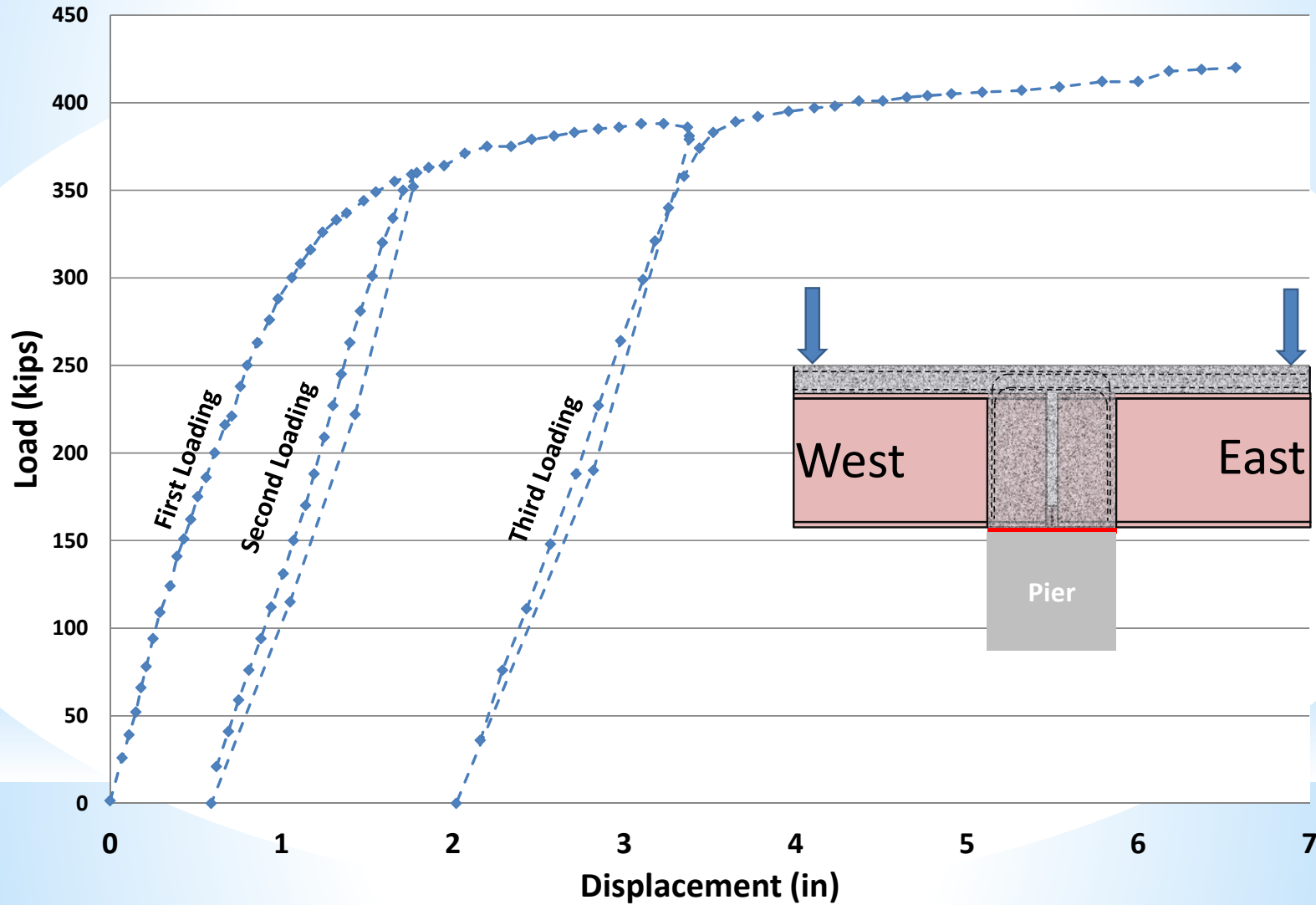
## SDCL- ABC recommended detail



# Full Scale Testing

## SDCL- ABC recommended detail

East Span





# SDCL- Recommended Detail

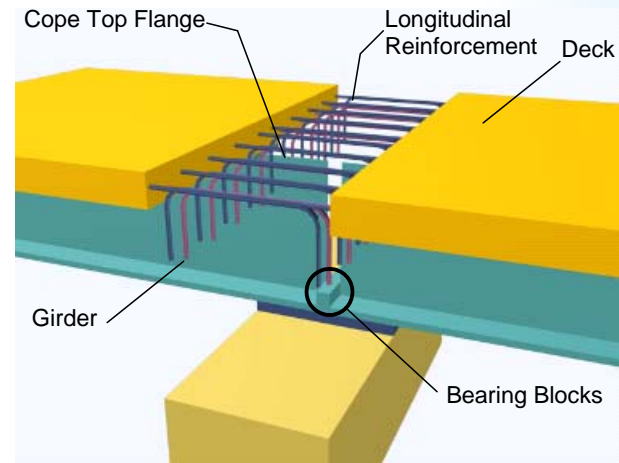
## Cast in Place Deck



## Fill Diaphragm

$\frac{1}{2}$  to  $\frac{2}{3}$

## ABC



# Recommended Design – Tension Reinforcement

## Cast in Place Deck



## ABC



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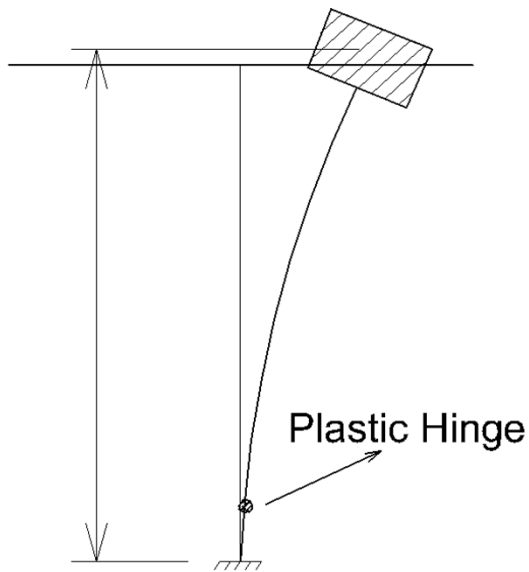
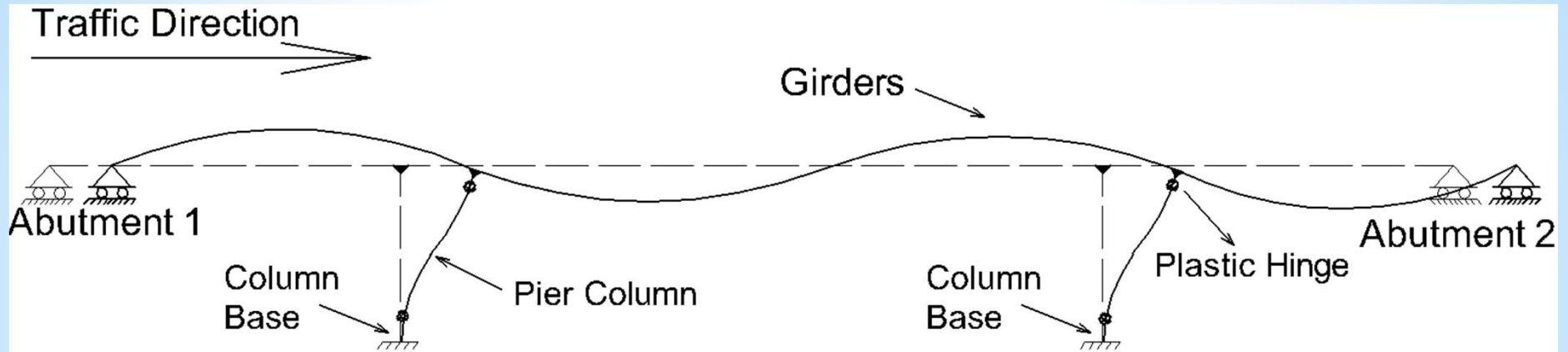
## **Future Applications of SDCL- Seismic Application**

**Steel bridges are lighter (about 40% of concrete bridges)**

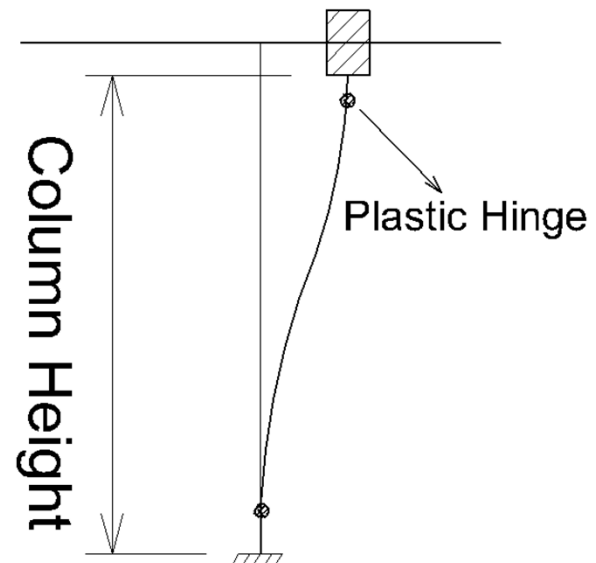
**1995 Hyogoken-Nanbu earthquake in Kobe lesson: Protect end of steel girder and have a good path to transfer lateral loads from superstructure to substructure.**

**Hanshine Expressway, was closed for more than a year**

# Future Applications of SDCL- Seismic Application



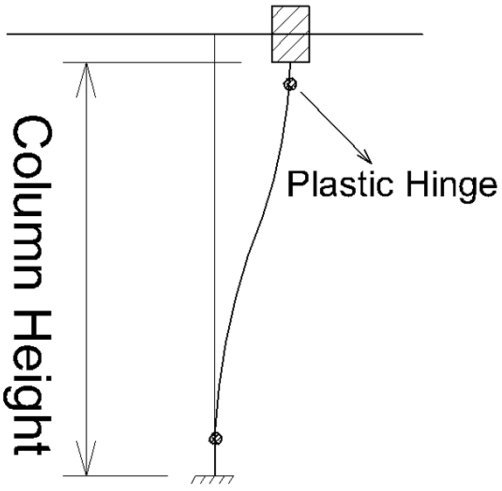
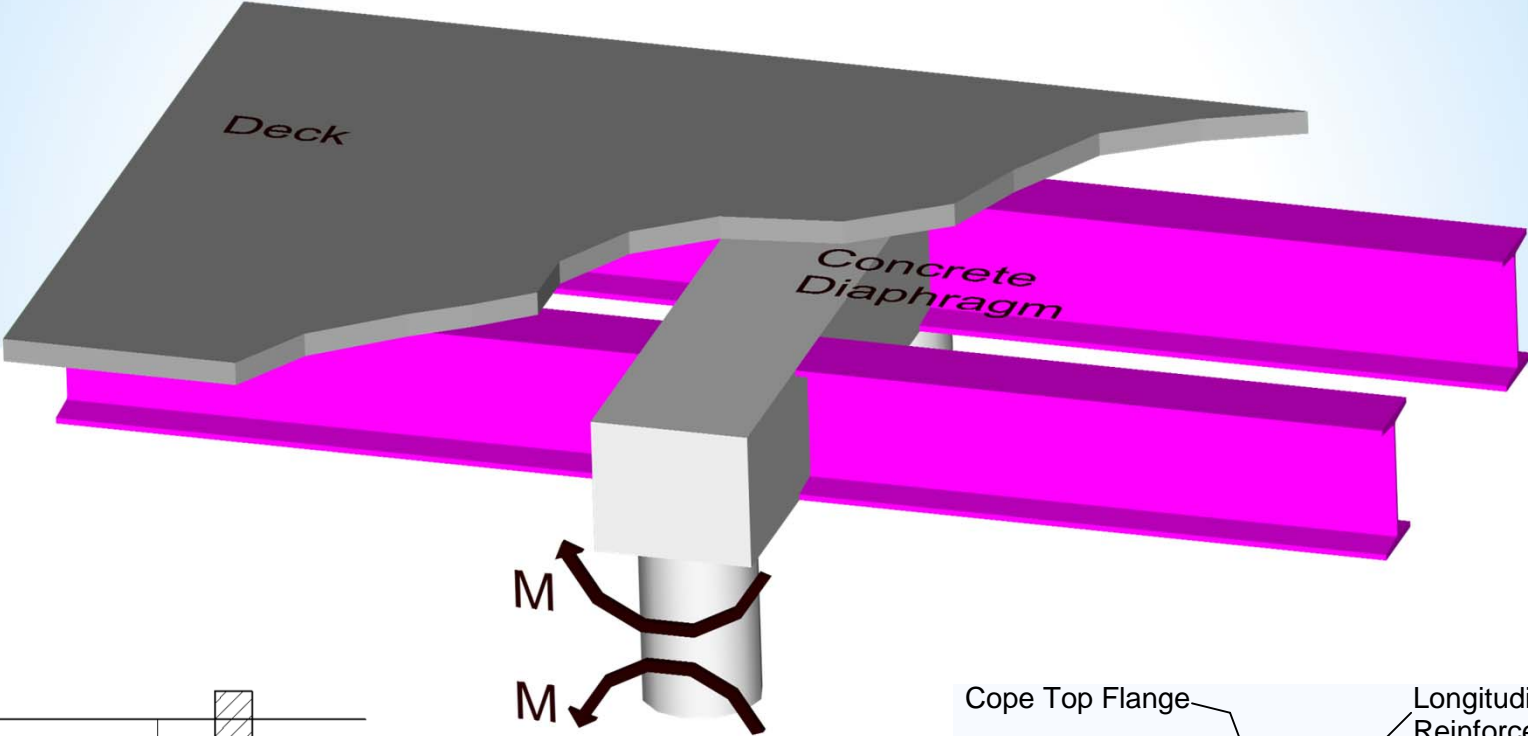
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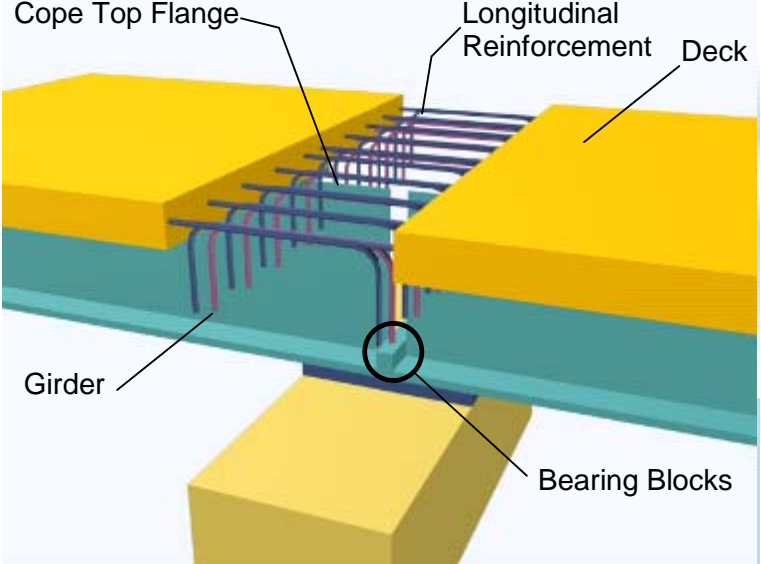
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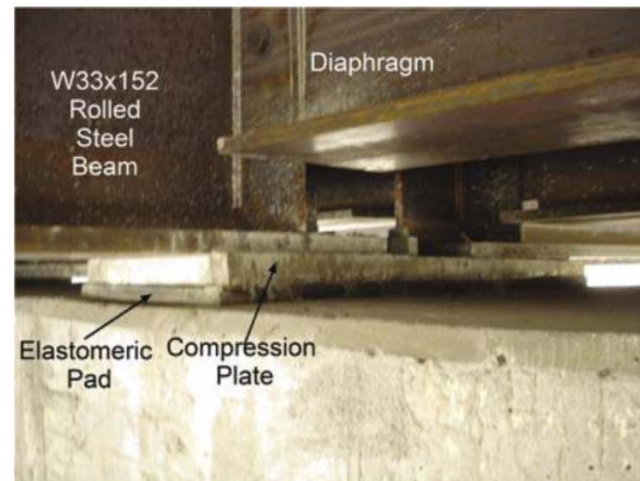
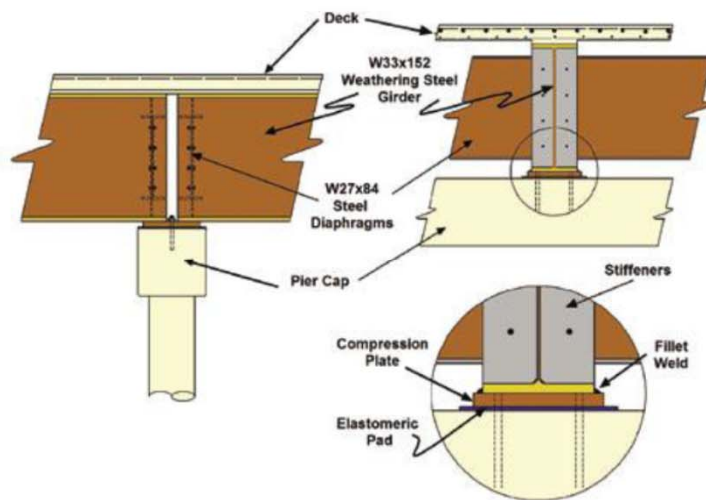
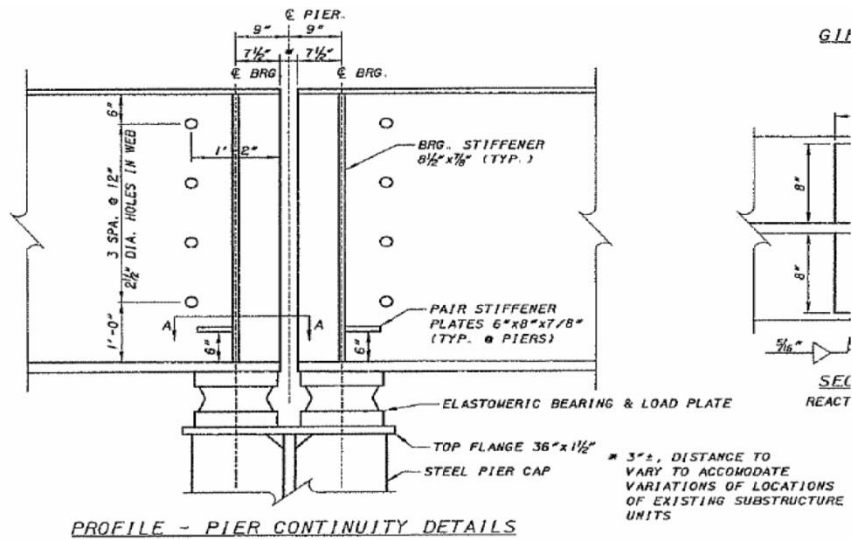
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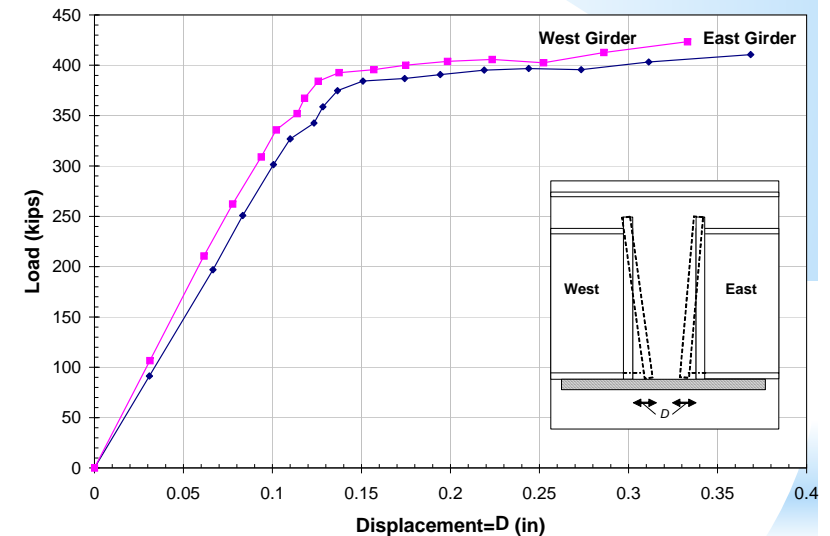
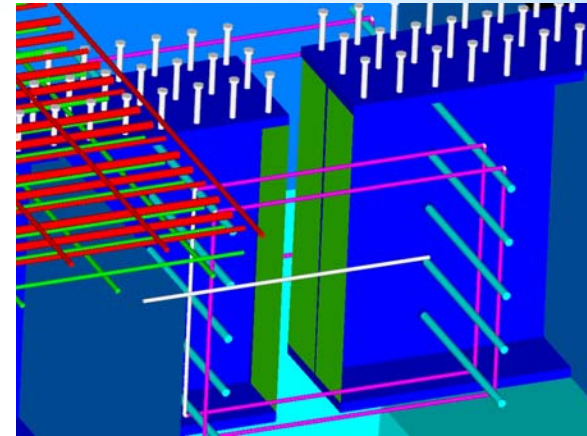
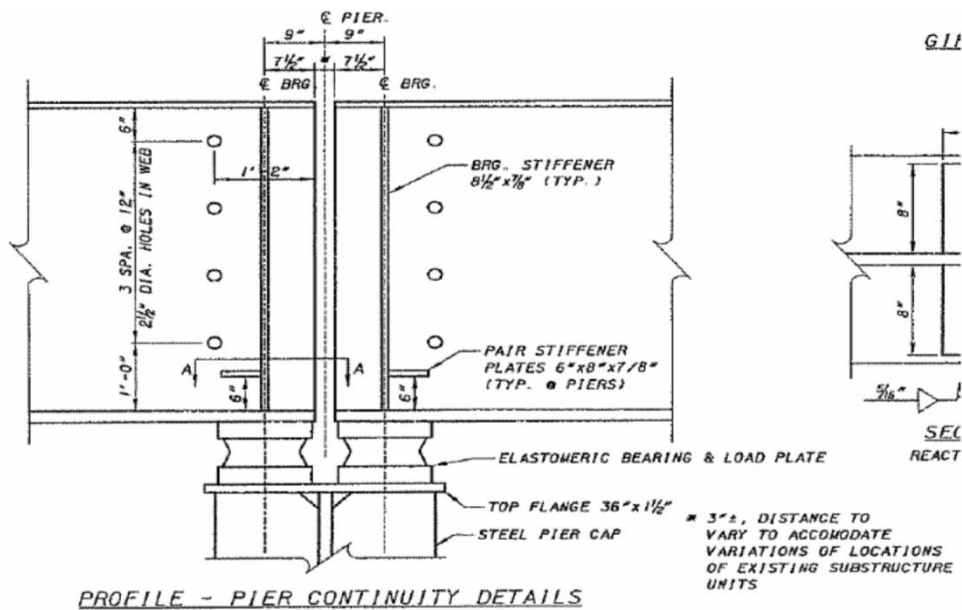


(a) Longitudinal Deformation



# Brief Discussion of other SDCL Details used in Practice





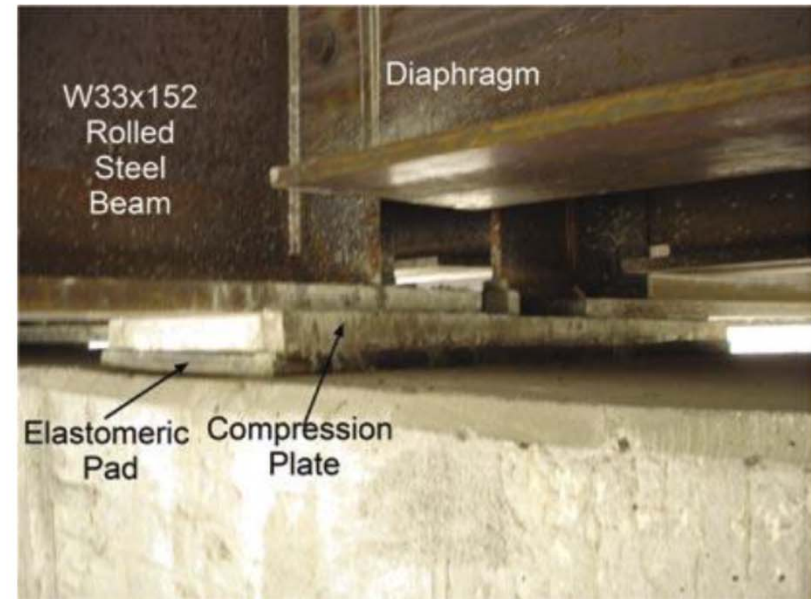
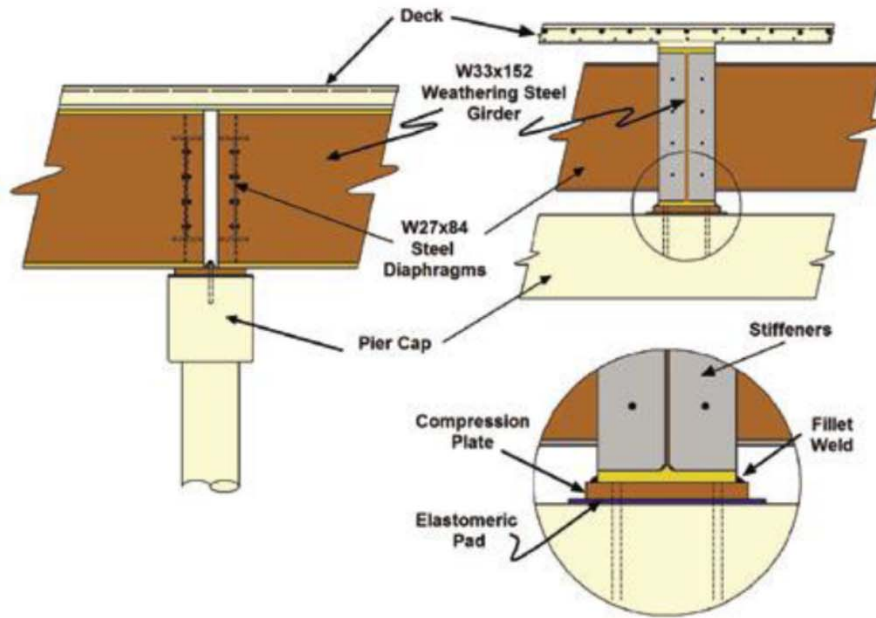
**Test results shows that concrete in vicinity of Bottom flanges can crush**

**Research results shows that there is no need for  
top plate**



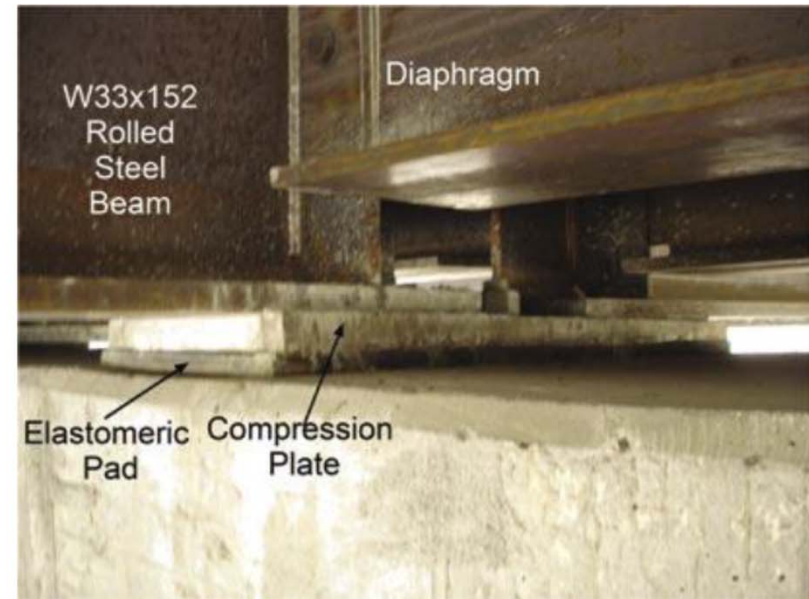
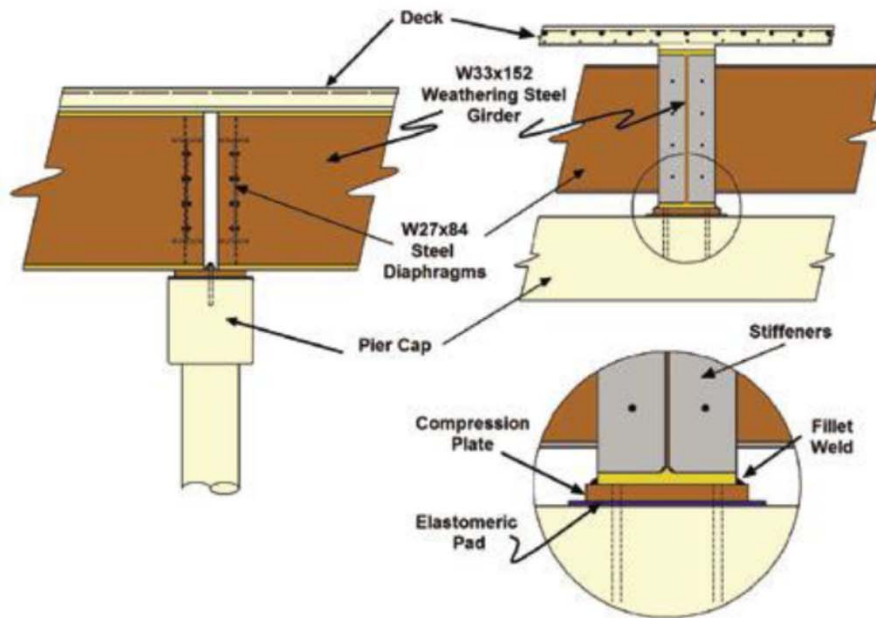
**This detail is not recommended**





## Challenges with this detail (Cast in Place Deck)

- Ends of girders are not protected
- Steel diaphragm is needed at end of each girder.



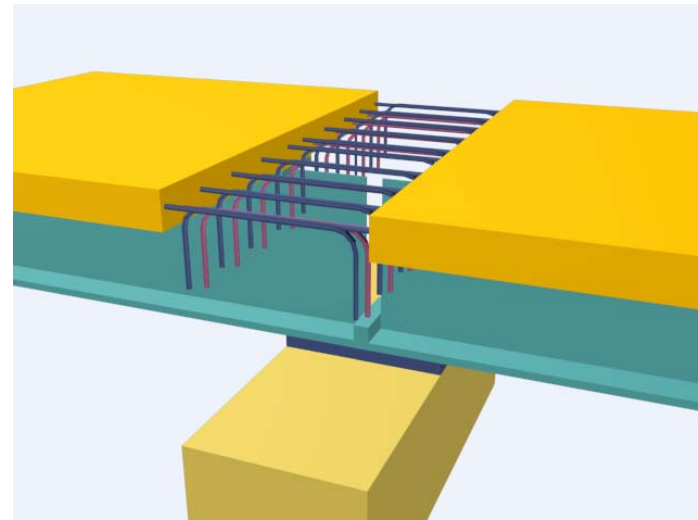
## Challenges with this detail (Cast in Place Deck)

- Deck can crack
- Moisture can penetrate from bottom side
- Low fatigue category

# Advantages of SDCL Steel Bridge System

## Cast in place deck and ABC

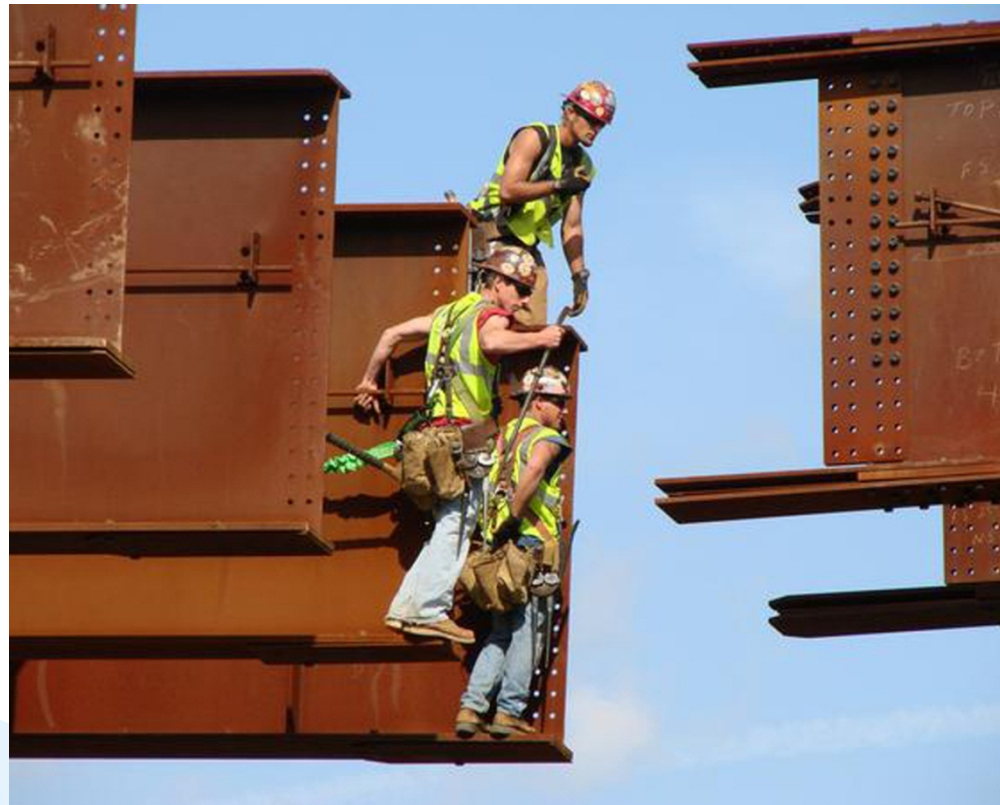
- SDCL steel bridge system facilitates use of ABC



# Advantages of SDCL Steel Bridge System

## Cast in place deck and ABC

- Eliminating the need for bolted splices





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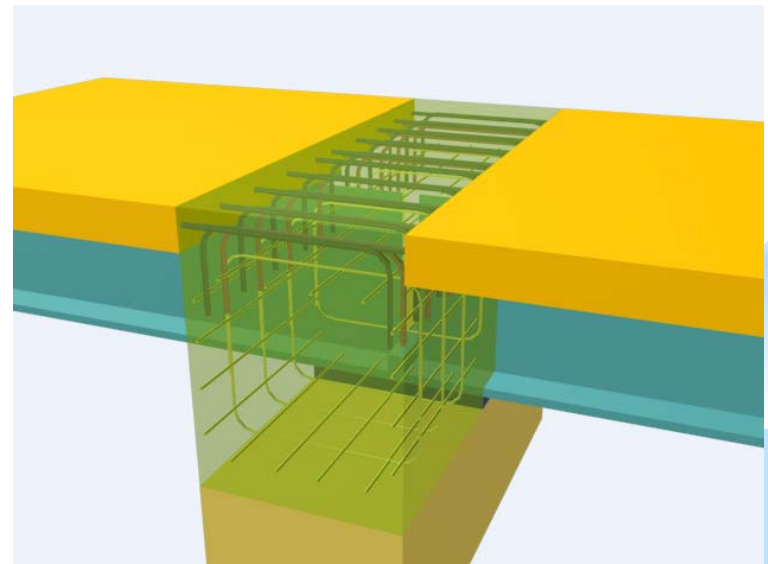
## Cast in place deck and ABC

- Allowing use of the same cross section throughout the girder length

# Advantages of SDCL Steel Bridge System

## Cast in place deck and ABC

- SDCL steel bridge system with recommended detail over pier, protect the girder ends against any possible corrosion and enhances the service life of bridges. Eliminating the bolted splices, also help to enhance the service



# *AISC Engineering Journal* special edition- SDCL

- Soliciting papers to collect existing SDCL expertise in one place for easy reference to facilitate standardization of design and construction practices
- Topics include design, construction, or monitoring in-service performance of SDCL steel bridges
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