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# Austrian Experience using Eurocode 2, Concrete Bridge Design



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## Current Situation in Austria

- For bridge design only the Eurocodes have been in use since Jan. 2009
- All national standards for structural engineering were withdrawn 2009
- From then on only the Eurocodes have been used for the design of all engineering structures in Austria
- So Austria is among the first country where only the Eurocodes are used because the national standards don't exist anymore
- Big necessity for the further evolution of the Eurocodes because mistakes and non-conformity can only be discovered by practical use

# Concrete Bridge Design

## Basis for the design of concrete bridges in Austria

### Traffic Loads:

- ÖNORM EN 1991-2:2009 and national annex: **B1991-2:2010**

### Material:

- ÖNORM EN 1992-1-1:2009 and national annex: **B1992-1-1:2011**
- ÖNORM EN 1992-2:2007 and national annex: **B1992-2:2008**

### Geotechnic:

- ÖNORM EN 1997-1:2009 and national annex: **B1997-1-1:2010**
- ÖNORM EN 1997-2:2010 and national annex: **B1997-2:2008**

# Project 1: Composite Arch bridge



## Composite Arch bridge:

Span aprox. 35 m

Arch: Steel tube dia. 559 x 59 mm

Bridge deck: composite deck; thickness 50 cm

Twin hanger: S460, dia 48 mm

**Special feature:**      **Computation of fatigue resistance (municipal road bridge)**

## Project 2: Shallow Arch bridge for wildlife crossing and municipal road



### **Shallow Arch bridge for wildlife crossing**

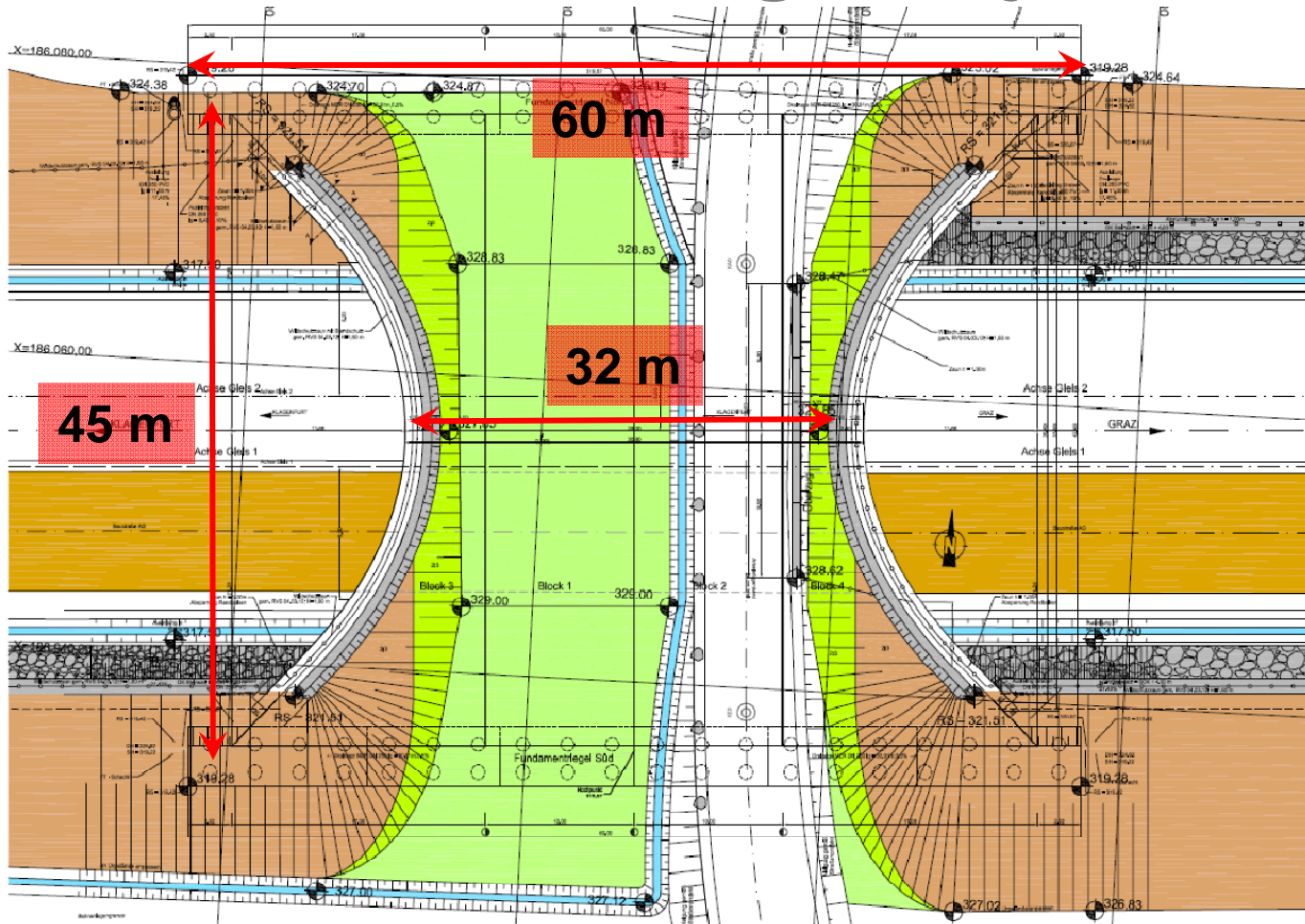
Span: aprox. 45 m

Arch: concrete slab, thickness 100 cm

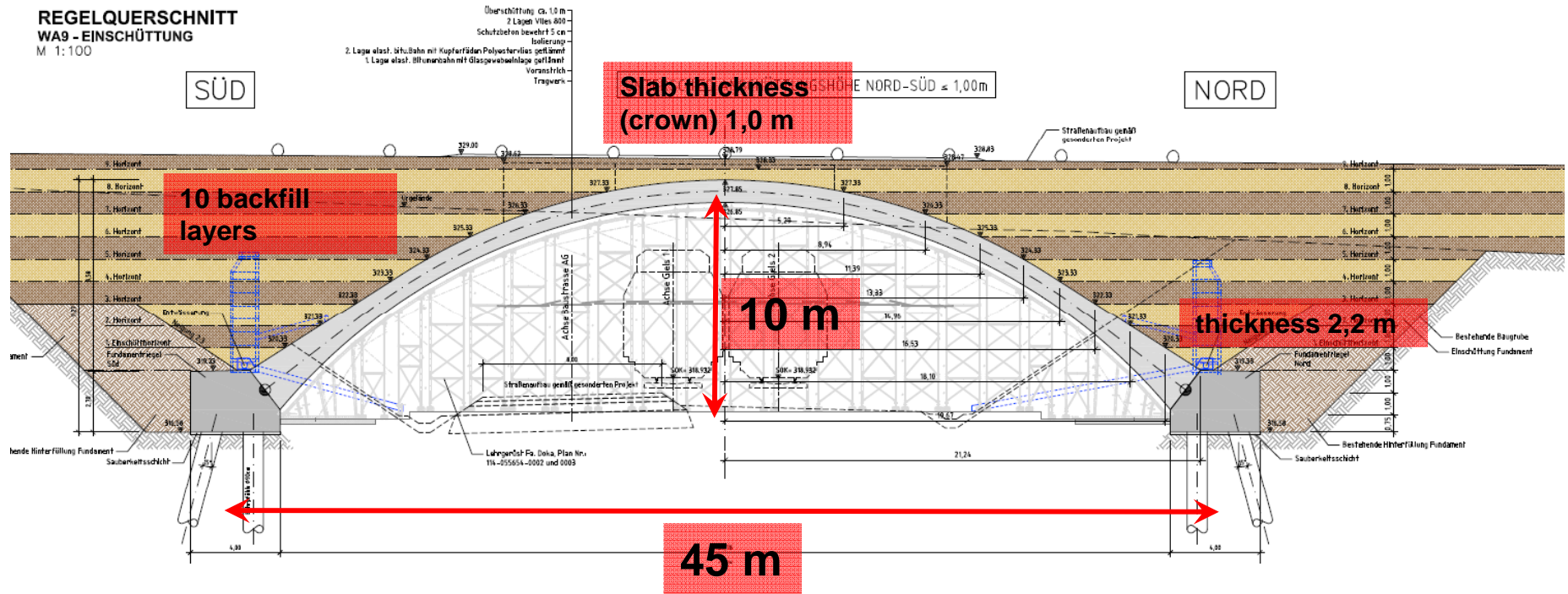
Foundation: bore piles, dia. 90 cm, length: 18 m

**Special features: Computation of soil-structure-interaction according to EC 7**

# Description of the Bridge Projekt 1/2



# Description of the Bridge Projekt 2/2



## Project 3: Post-tensioned street bridge



### **Post-tensioned street bridge**

Overall length: 160 m

Superstructure: T-beams, web thickness 70 cm,

High webs: 1,6 m – 3,6 m

**Special features:** partial safety factors for the computation of bearing elongations and expansion joints



## Project 4: Single-span-frame



### **Integral concrete bridge**

Overall length: 14,0 m

Superstructure: Concrete slab, thickness 1,10 m

**Special features:**      **Computation of fatigue, constraint stresses by temperature**

# Improvement for practical use

- Improving the clarity
- Simplifying cross-references within the Eurocode 2
- Limiting the inclusion of alternative application rules
- Reducing the NDPs
- Avoiding or removing rules of low practical use in design

## Example for simplification: Model for single span bridges (slabs, frames)



# Example of LC and LG – combination ULS for single span beam – only traffic loads

## BIEGEMOMENTE:

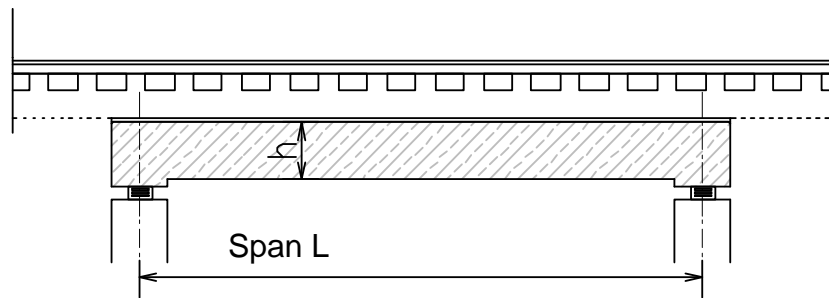
| BILDUNG DER LASTGRUPPEN (FÜR BEGEGENSTE) |     |                     |       |        |        |        |        |                        |   |   |    |    |    |                 |    |    |    |    |    |                |    |    |    |    |    |                          |    |    |    |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|--|-----|---------------------|-------|--------|--------|--------|--------|------------------------|---|---|----|----|----|-----------------|----|----|----|----|----|----------------|----|----|----|----|----|--------------------------|----|----|----|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| g11                                      | LAT | Verkehrslast (kN/m) |       |        |        |        |        | Anfahrtsbeiwert (kN/m) |   |   |    |    |    | Fahrgast (kN/m) |    |    |    |    |    | Schwanz (kN/m) |    |    |    |    |    | Ergebnis (Gruppe) (kN/m) |    |    |    |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|  |     | 1                   | 2     | 3      | 4      | 5      | 6      | 7                      | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13              | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19             | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25                       | 26 | 27 | 28 |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| 0  |     | -88.7               | -94.8 | -103.2 | -112.7 | -119.9 | -111.0 | -106.0                 | 0 | 0 | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0               | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0              | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0                        | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |   |
| 10                                       |     | 148.0               | 162.7 | 160.1  | 194.5  | 184.3  | 198.8  | 185.7                  | 0 | 0 | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0               | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0              | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0                        | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 20                                       |     | -88.7               | -94.8 | -103.2 | -112.7 | -119.9 | -111.0 | -106.0                 | 0 | 0 | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0               | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0              | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0                        | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 30                                       |     | 148.0               | 162.7 | 160.1  | 194.5  | 184.3  | 198.8  | 185.7                  | 0 | 0 | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0               | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0              | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0                        | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

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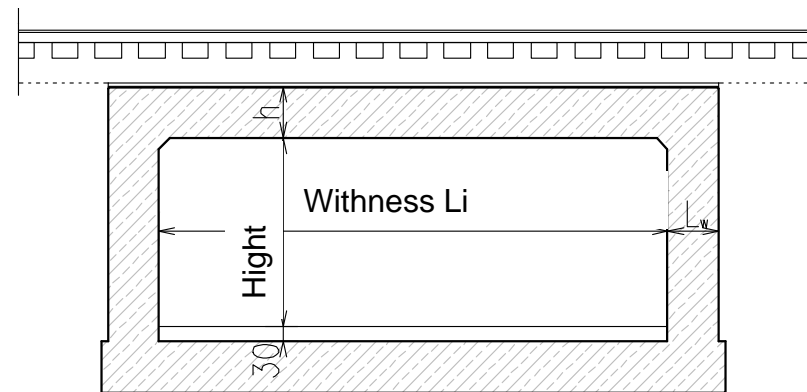
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| g11                                      | LAT | Verkehrslast (kN) |       |       |       |       |       | Anfahrtsbeiwert (kN) |   |   |    |    |    | Fahrgast (kN) |    |    |    |    |    | Schwanz (kN) |    |    |    |    |    | Ergebnis (Gruppe) (kN) |    |    |    |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|  |     | 1                 | 2     | 3     | 4     | 5     | 6     | 7                    | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13            | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19           | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25                     | 26 | 27 | 28 |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| 0  |     | 191.8             | 190.5 | 212.7 | 230.6 | 247.7 | 227.8 | 237.0                | 0 | 0 | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0             | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0            | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0                      | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 10                                       |     | 191.8             | 190.5 | 212.7 | 230.6 | 247.7 | 227.8 | 237.0                | 0 | 0 | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0             | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0            | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0                      | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 20                                       |     | 191.8             | 190.5 | 212.7 | 230.6 | 247.7 | 227.8 | 237.0                | 0 | 0 | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0             | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0            | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0                      | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 30                                       |     | 191.8             | 190.5 | 212.7 | 230.6 | 247.7 | 227.8 | 237.0                | 0 | 0 | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0             | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0            | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0                      | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

# Investigated structures: Longitudinal section

## Single-span beam



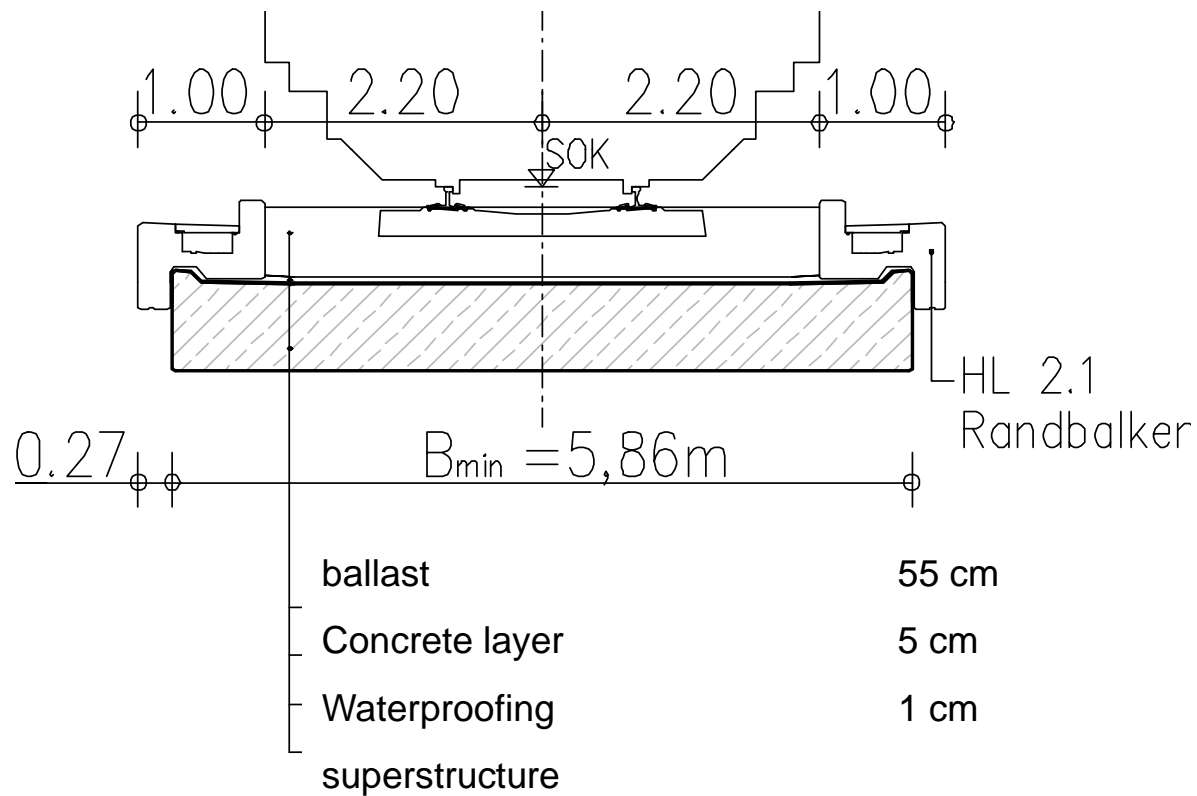
## Frame



|                  |     |      |     |     |      |      |
|------------------|-----|------|-----|-----|------|------|
| Span L [m]       | 2,0 | 4,0  | 6,0 | 8,0 | 10,0 | 12,0 |
| slab thickn. [m] | 0,3 | 0,45 | 0,6 | 0,8 | 1,0  | 1,2  |

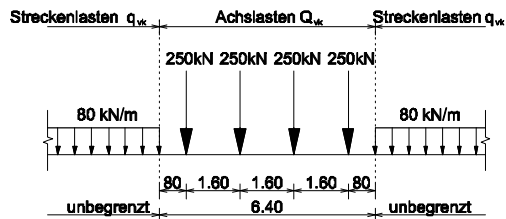
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|--------------------|------|------|------|------|------|
| withness $L_i$ [m] | 3,0  | 6,0  | 9,0  | 12,0 | 15,0 |
| slab thickn. [m]   | 0,45 | 0,60 | 0,80 | 1,00 | 1,25 |
| wall thickn. [m]   | 0,45 | 0,60 | 0,80 | 1,00 | 1,20 |
| hight [m]          | 2,5  | 4,7  | 4,7  | 4,7  | 4,7  |

# Investigated structures: Cross Section

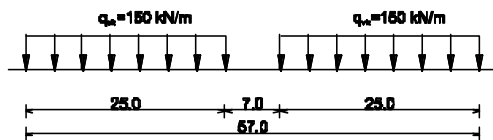


# Loads for FE- Calculation

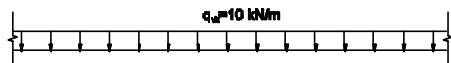
LM 71



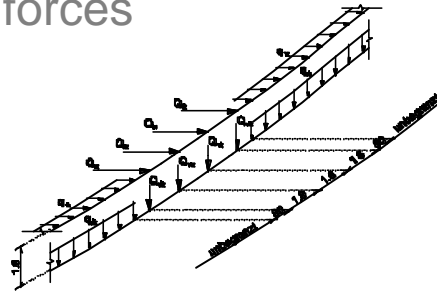
SW/2



Unloaded train



Centrifugal forces



Traction and braking

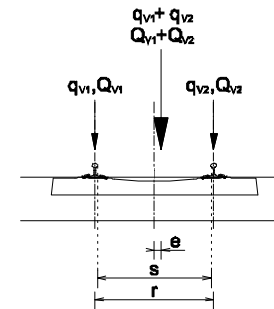
$$Q_{lak} = 33 \times L_{a,b} [m] \leq 1000 [kN]$$

$$Q_{lbk} = 20 \times L_{a,b} [m] \leq 6000 [kN]$$

$$Q_{lbk} = 35 \times L_{a,b} [m]$$

Excentricity of superelevation (cant)

Excentricity of vertical loads  $e=r/18$



Side impact

$$Q_{sk}=100kN$$

Track set

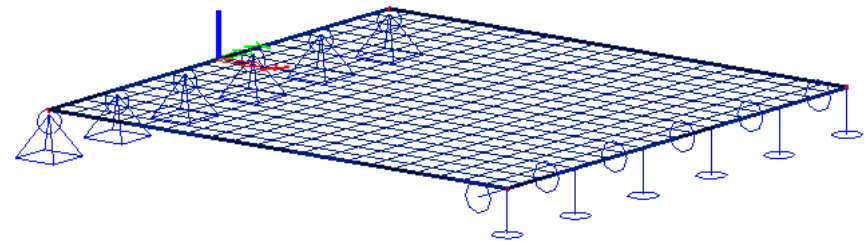
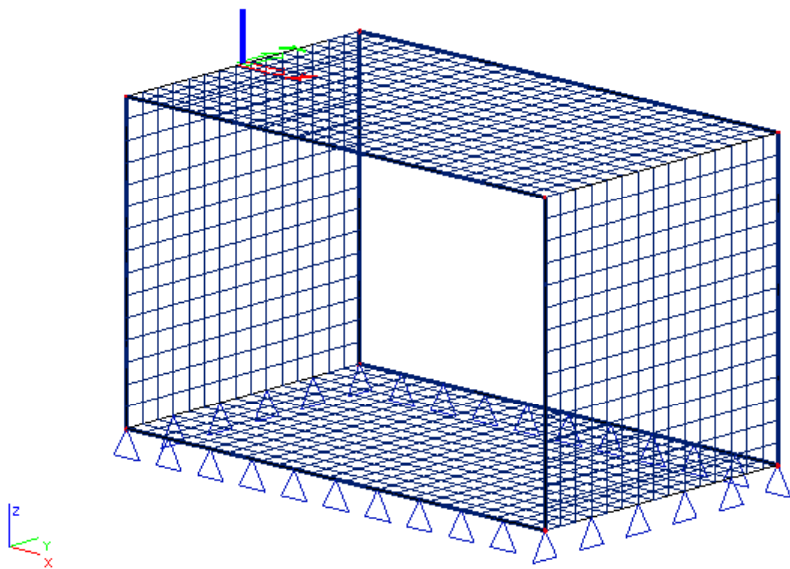
$$+0,10m$$

$$-0,10m$$

Load groups

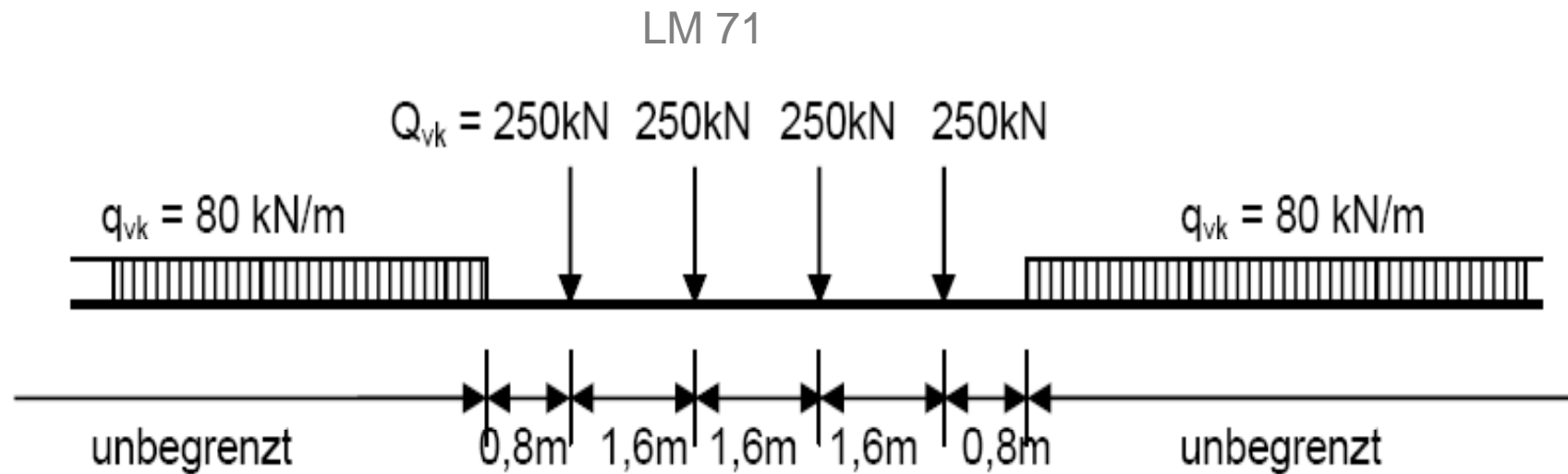
- gr11
- gr12
- gr13
- gr14
- ...

# Finite-Element-Calculations

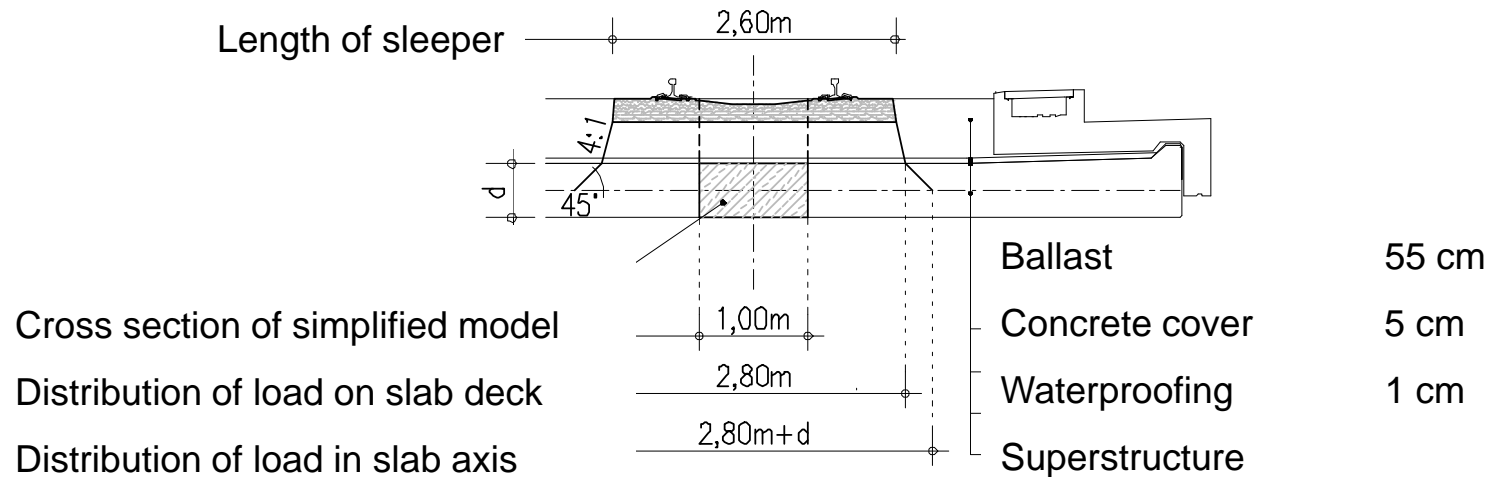




## Loads for simplified calculation LM 71

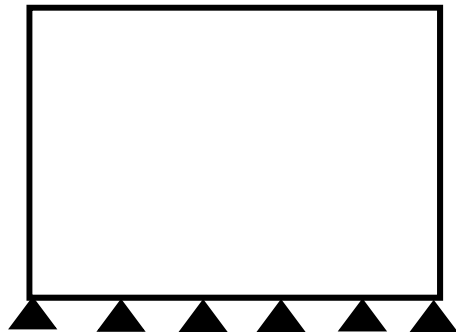


# Models for simplified calculation



Cross section of simplified model  
 Distribution of load on slab deck  
 Distribution of load in slab axis

## Frame



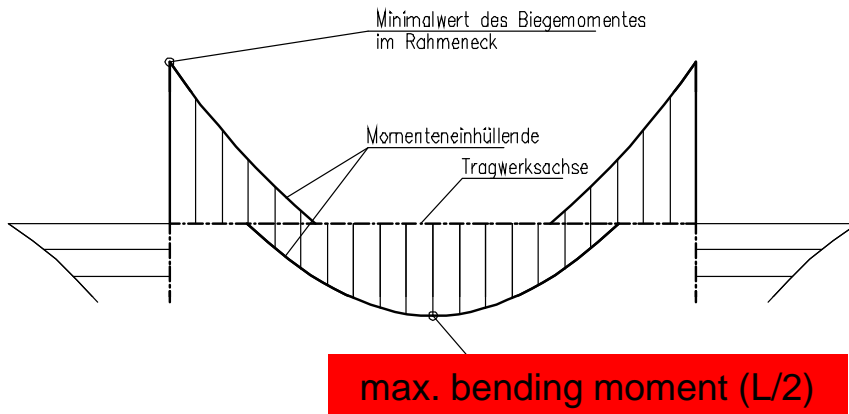
## Single-span beam



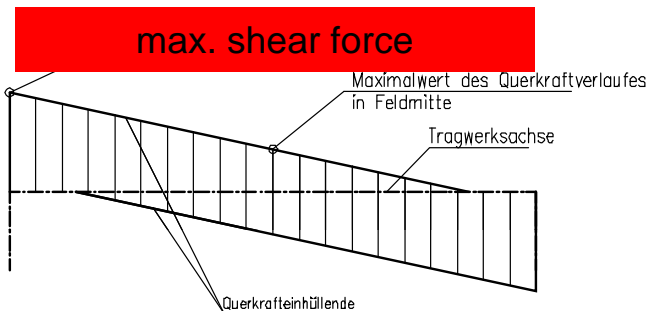
# Comparison values of simplified calculation

## Frame

Biegemomentenverlauf:

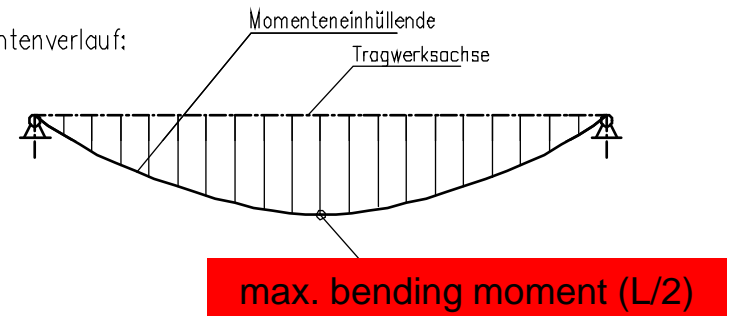


Querkraftverlauf:

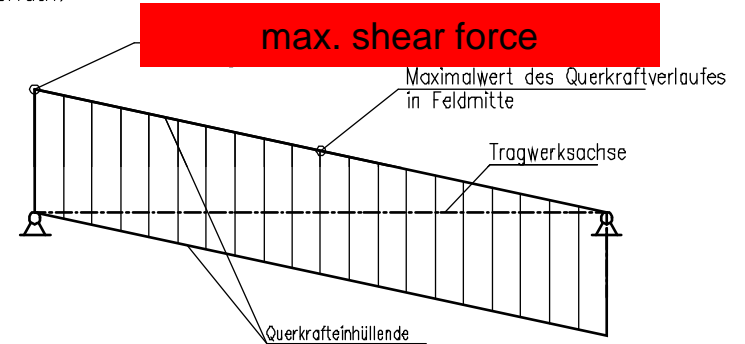


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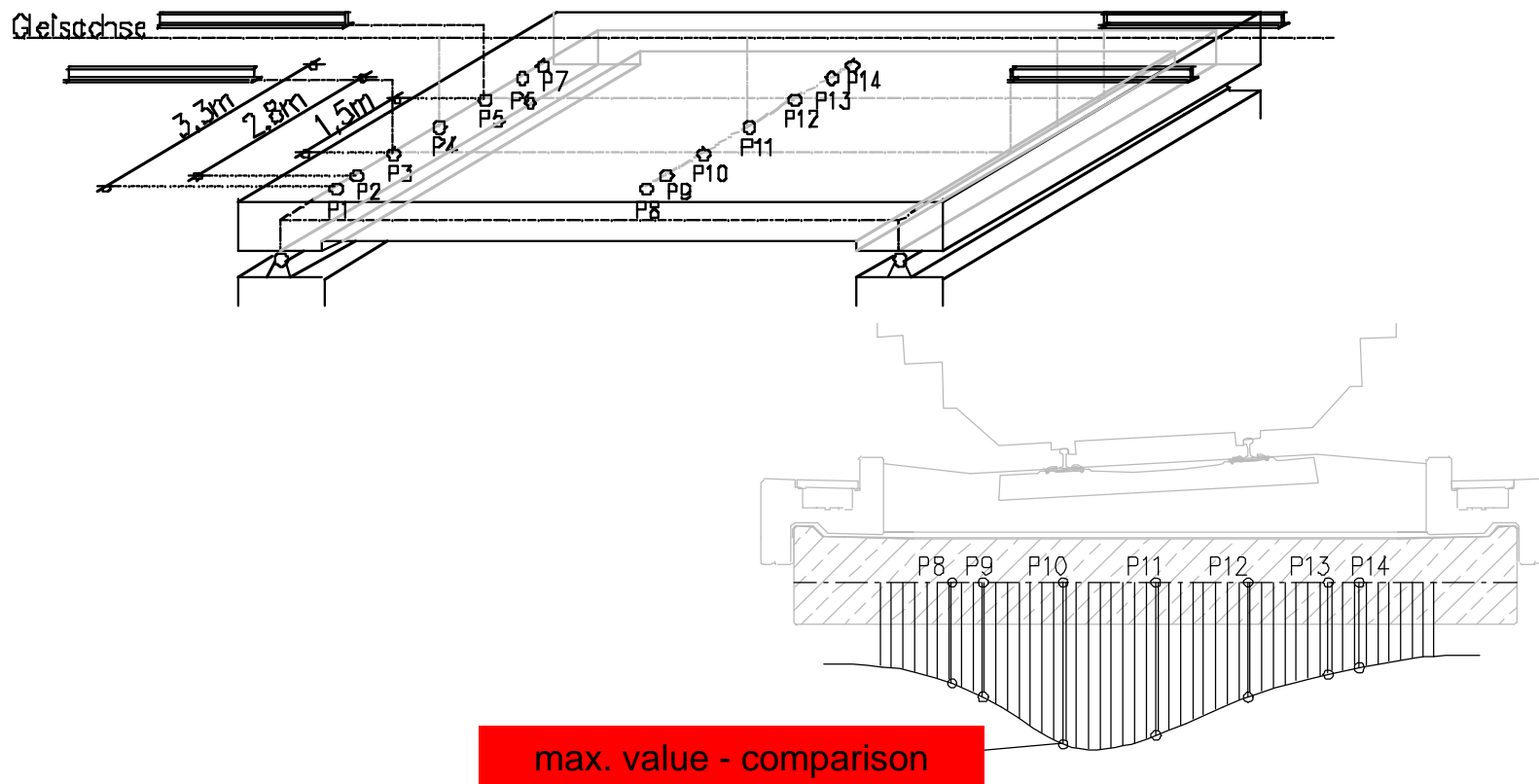
Biegemomentenverlauf:



Querkraftverlauf:



# Comparison values of FEM calculation



# Comparison of calculations

(shear and moment diagrams)

for FEM calculation (FE-Model)

$$E_d = \sum_{j \geq 1} (\gamma_{G,j} \times G_{k,j}) + \gamma_{Q,1} \times Q_{k,1} + \sum_{i > 1} (\gamma_{Q,i} \times \psi_{0,i} \times Q_{k,i})$$

All Loadgroups (gr11 bis gr17) x  $\Phi_{2x} \alpha$

for simplified calculation (beam)

$$E_d = \sum_{j \geq 1} (\gamma_{G,j} \times G_{k,j}) + \gamma_{Q,1} \times Q_{k,1} \times F_1 + \sum_{i > 1} (\gamma_{Q,i} \times \psi_{0,i} \times Q_{k,i})$$

Only LM 71 x  $\Phi_{2x} \alpha$

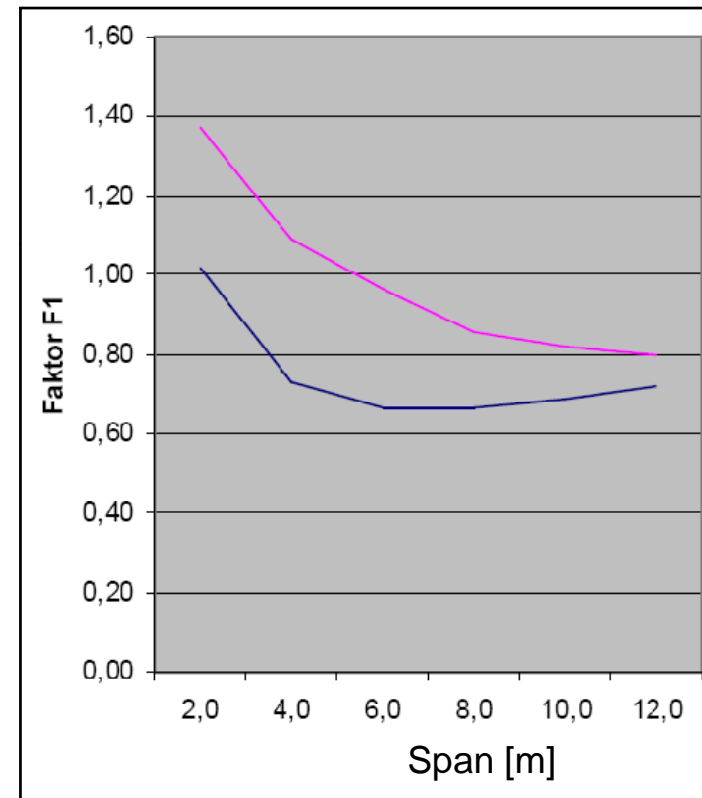
Implementantion of Faktor F1

Equal results

# Results of slabs

| Results of bending moment L/2 |            |          |        |                                |                        |             |
|-------------------------------|------------|----------|--------|--------------------------------|------------------------|-------------|
| Stützweite [m]                | $\gamma_0$ | $\alpha$ | $\Phi$ | Beam model $m_x, LM71$ [kNm/m] | FE model $m_x$ [kNm/m] | F1          |
| 2,0                           | 1,45       | 1,21     | 1,67   | 94,0                           | 95,6                   | <b>1,02</b> |
| 4,0                           | 1,45       | 1,21     | 1,56   | 269,4                          | 196,6                  | <b>0,73</b> |
| 6,0                           | 1,45       | 1,21     | 1,42   | 517,1                          | 344,5                  | <b>0,67</b> |
| 8,0                           | 1,45       | 1,21     | 1,34   | 801,1                          | 534,8                  | <b>0,67</b> |
| 10,0                          | 1,45       | 1,21     | 1,28   | 1081,4                         | 745,0                  | <b>0,69</b> |
| 12,0                          | 1,45       | 1,21     | 1,24   | 1364,5                         | 979,8                  | <b>0,72</b> |

| Results of shear force |            |          |        |                               |                       |             |
|------------------------|------------|----------|--------|-------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------|
| Stützweite [m]         | $\gamma_0$ | $\alpha$ | $\Phi$ | Beam model $v_x, LM71$ [kN/m] | FE model $v_x$ [kN/m] | F1          |
| 2,0                    | 1,45       | 1,21     | 1,67   | 204,5                         | 280,1                 | <b>1,37</b> |
| 4,0                    | 1,45       | 1,21     | 1,56   | 307,7                         | 335,8                 | <b>1,09</b> |
| 6,0                    | 1,45       | 1,21     | 1,42   | 375,0                         | 361,1                 | <b>0,96</b> |
| 8,0                    | 1,45       | 1,21     | 1,34   | 416,0                         | 355,0                 | <b>0,85</b> |
| 10,0                   | 1,45       | 1,21     | 1,28   | 437,9                         | 358,3                 | <b>0,82</b> |
| 12,0                   | 1,45       | 1,21     | 1,24   | 453,7                         | 360,9                 | <b>0,80</b> |



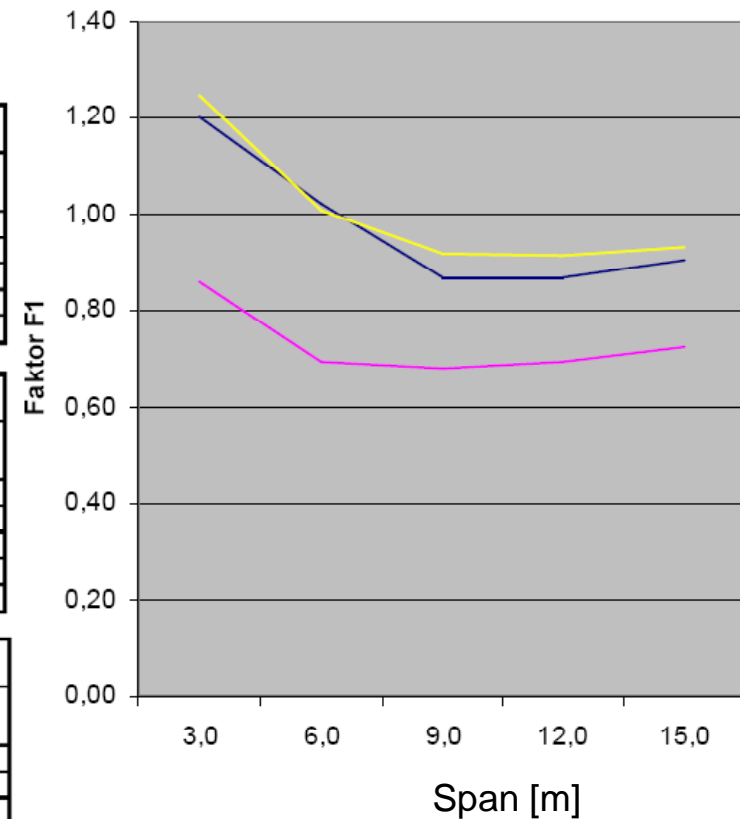
— bending moment  
— shear force

# Results of frames

| Results of bending moment corner |            |          |        |                                |                        |             |
|----------------------------------|------------|----------|--------|--------------------------------|------------------------|-------------|
| Lichte Weite [m]                 | $\gamma_Q$ | $\alpha$ | $\phi$ | Beam model $m_x, LM71$ [kNm/m] | FE model $m_x$ [kNm/m] | F1          |
| 3,0                              | 1,45       | 1,21     | 1,53   | -72,6                          | -87,3                  | <b>1,20</b> |
| 6,0                              | 1,45       | 1,21     | 1,35   | -223,0                         | -228,1                 | <b>1,02</b> |
| 9,0                              | 1,45       | 1,21     | 1,30   | -490,1                         | -425,4                 | <b>0,87</b> |
| 12,0                             | 1,45       | 1,21     | 1,26   | -774,2                         | -673,5                 | <b>0,87</b> |
| 15,0                             | 1,45       | 1,21     | 1,24   | -1041,1                        | -940,8                 | <b>0,90</b> |

| Results of bending moment L/2 |            |          |        |                                |                        |             |
|-------------------------------|------------|----------|--------|--------------------------------|------------------------|-------------|
| Lichte Weite [m]              | $\gamma_Q$ | $\alpha$ | $\phi$ | Beam model $m_x, LM71$ [kNm/m] | FE model $m_x$ [kNm/m] | F1          |
| 3,0                           | 1,45       | 1,21     | 1,53   | 129,8                          | 111,4                  | <b>0,86</b> |
| 6,0                           | 1,45       | 1,21     | 1,35   | 374,4                          | 259,7                  | <b>0,69</b> |
| 9,0                           | 1,45       | 1,21     | 1,30   | 632,8                          | 428,8                  | <b>0,68</b> |
| 12,0                          | 1,45       | 1,21     | 1,26   | 912,2                          | 633,2                  | <b>0,69</b> |
| 15,0                          | 1,45       | 1,21     | 1,24   | 1224,5                         | 886,8                  | <b>0,72</b> |

| Results of shear force |            |          |        |                               |                       |             |
|------------------------|------------|----------|--------|-------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------|
| Lichte Weite [m]       | $\gamma_Q$ | $\alpha$ | $\phi$ | Beam model $v_x, LM71$ [kN/m] | FE model $v_x$ [kN/m] | F1          |
| 3,0                    | 1,45       | 1,21     | 1,53   | 266,8                         | 332,2                 | <b>1,25</b> |
| 6,0                    | 1,45       | 1,21     | 1,35   | 388,9                         | 392,2                 | <b>1,01</b> |
| 9,0                    | 1,45       | 1,21     | 1,30   | 473,9                         | 434,4                 | <b>0,92</b> |
| 12,0                   | 1,45       | 1,21     | 1,26   | 526,6                         | 480,4                 | <b>0,91</b> |
| 15,0                   | 1,45       | 1,21     | 1,24   | 561,2                         | 521,7                 | <b>0,93</b> |



- bending moment L/2
- bending mom. corner
- shear force

## Conclusions

- Eurocodes are good bases for the design of any type of bridges
- However, the resulting effort for the calculation of simple structures is disproportional high
- Therefore: Proposal for simplification:
  - Simplification of load configurations (e.g., reduction of load-combinations, loadgroups)
  - Implementation of faktor F1 multiplied by LM71 for usual railway bridges
- Advantages:
  - Less effort of calculation process for same result and quality
  - Greater acceptance of Eurocodes by users
  - Increase of the practical suitability of EC`s





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