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Building Capabilities in Complex Environments

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BIM In Infrastructure - Challenges & Solutions



✗ BIM is a software

✗ BIM is a 3D model

✗ BIM saves time and money

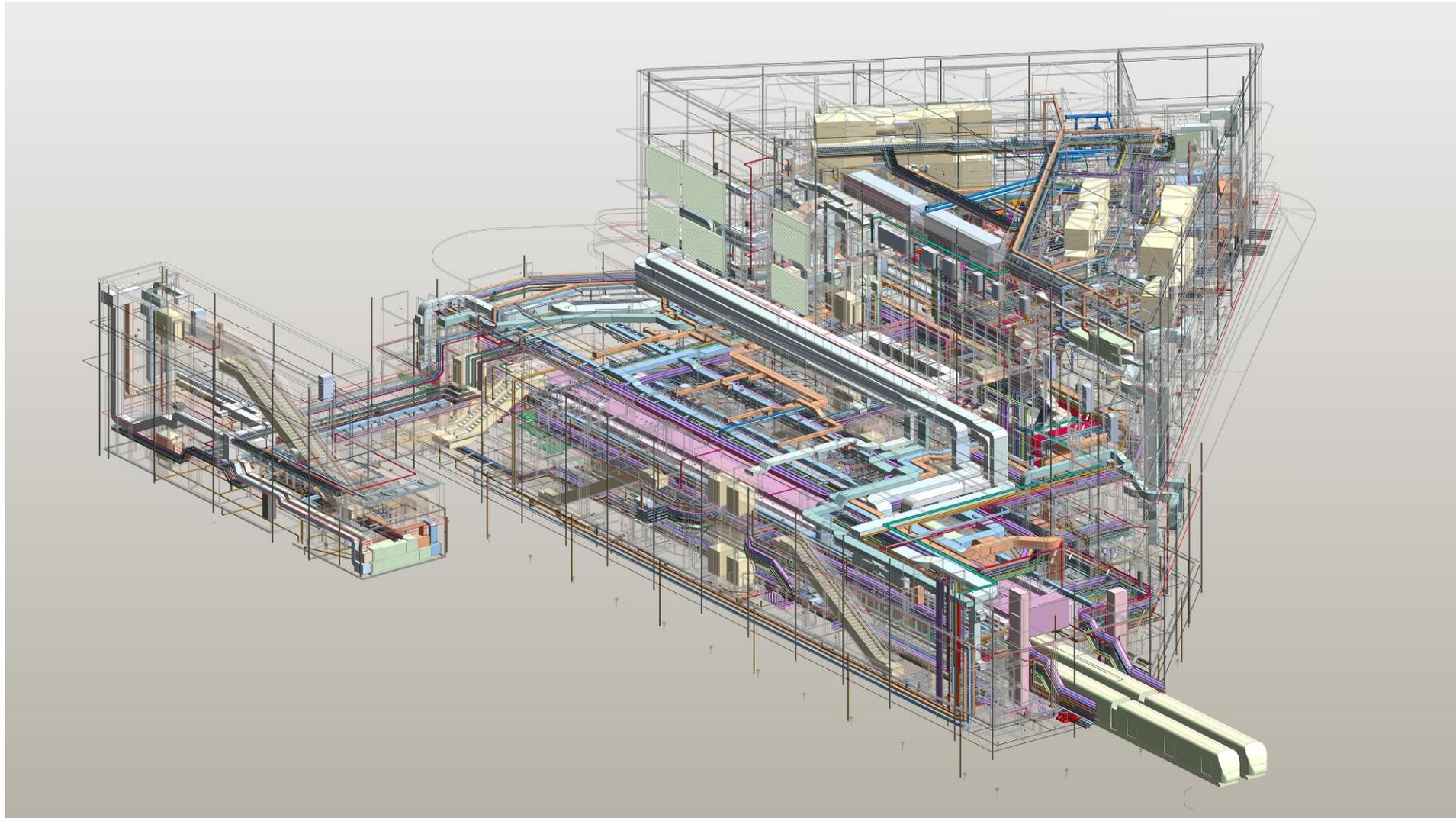
✓ BIM is a process

✓ BIM uses 3D models as tools

✓ BIM standardises mature and well defined process of project management

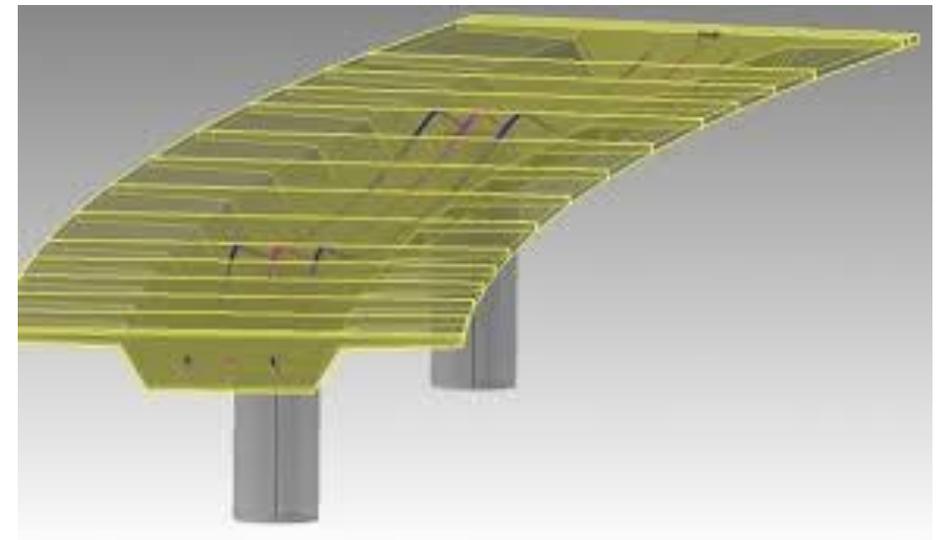
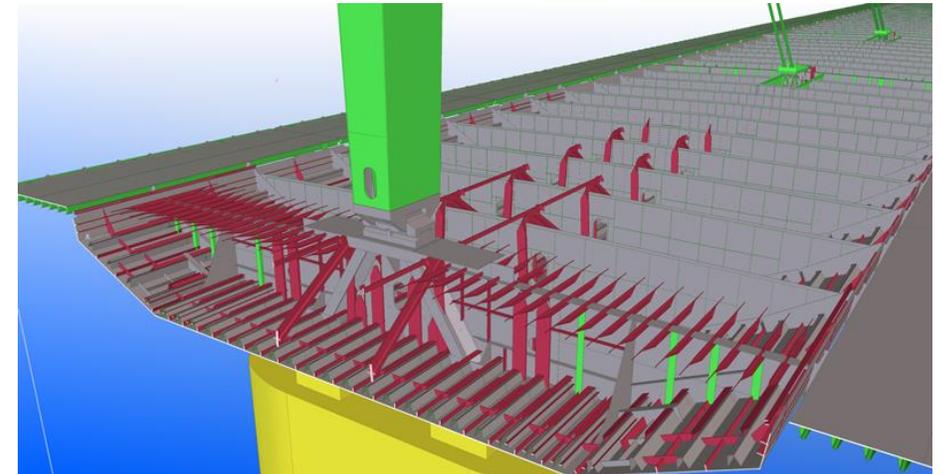
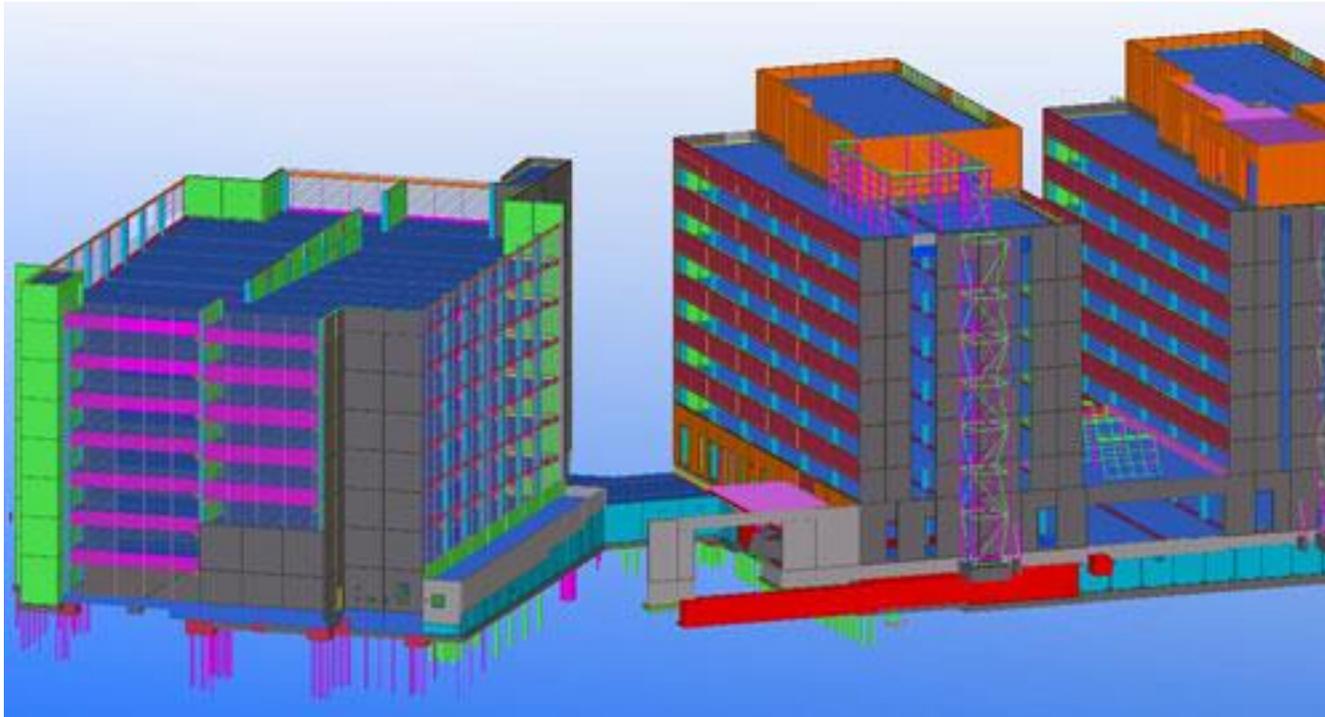
✓ BIM has a potential to achieve significant savings in time and money

Efficient integration of models, design tools and data to increase collaboration and efficiency





The Challenges



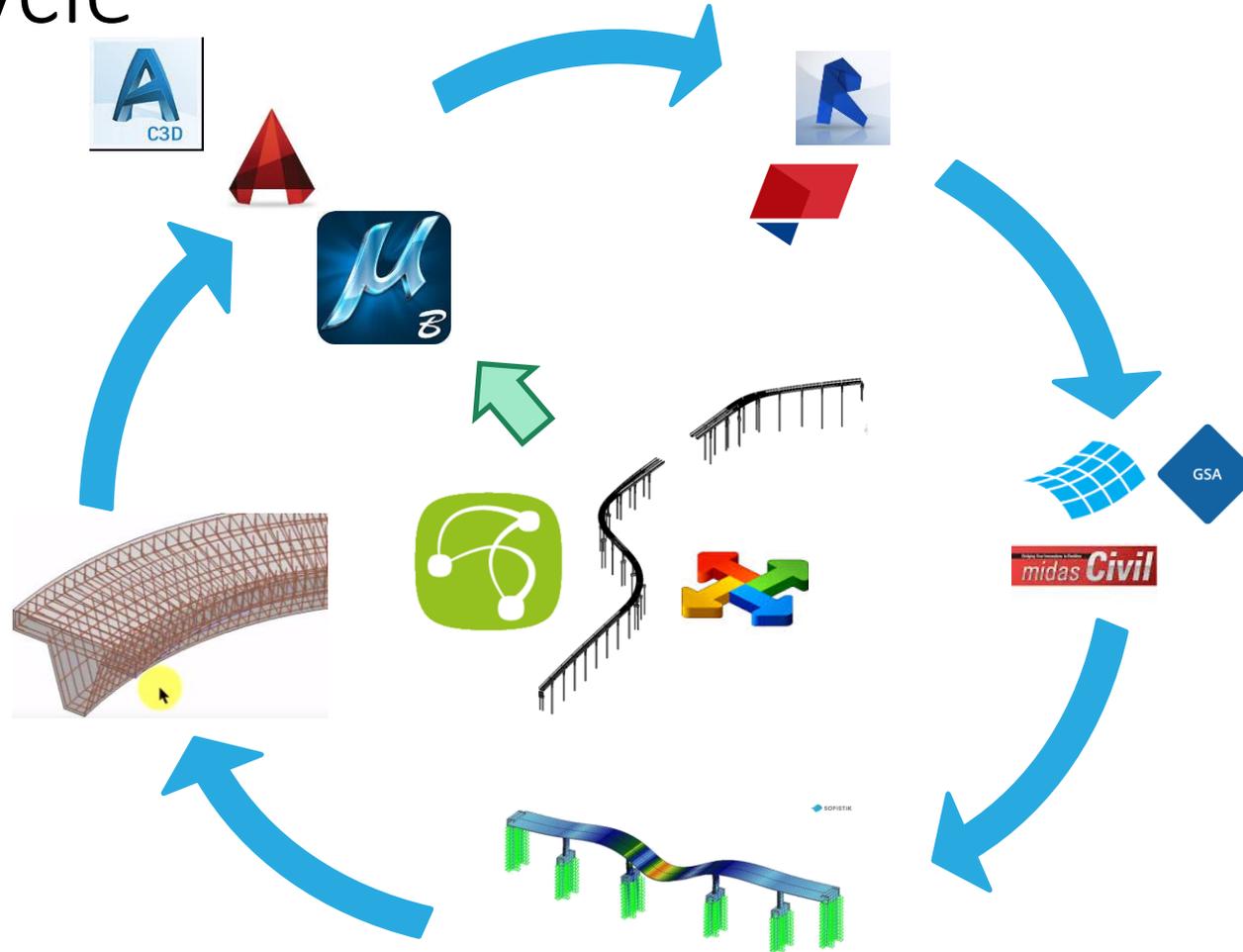


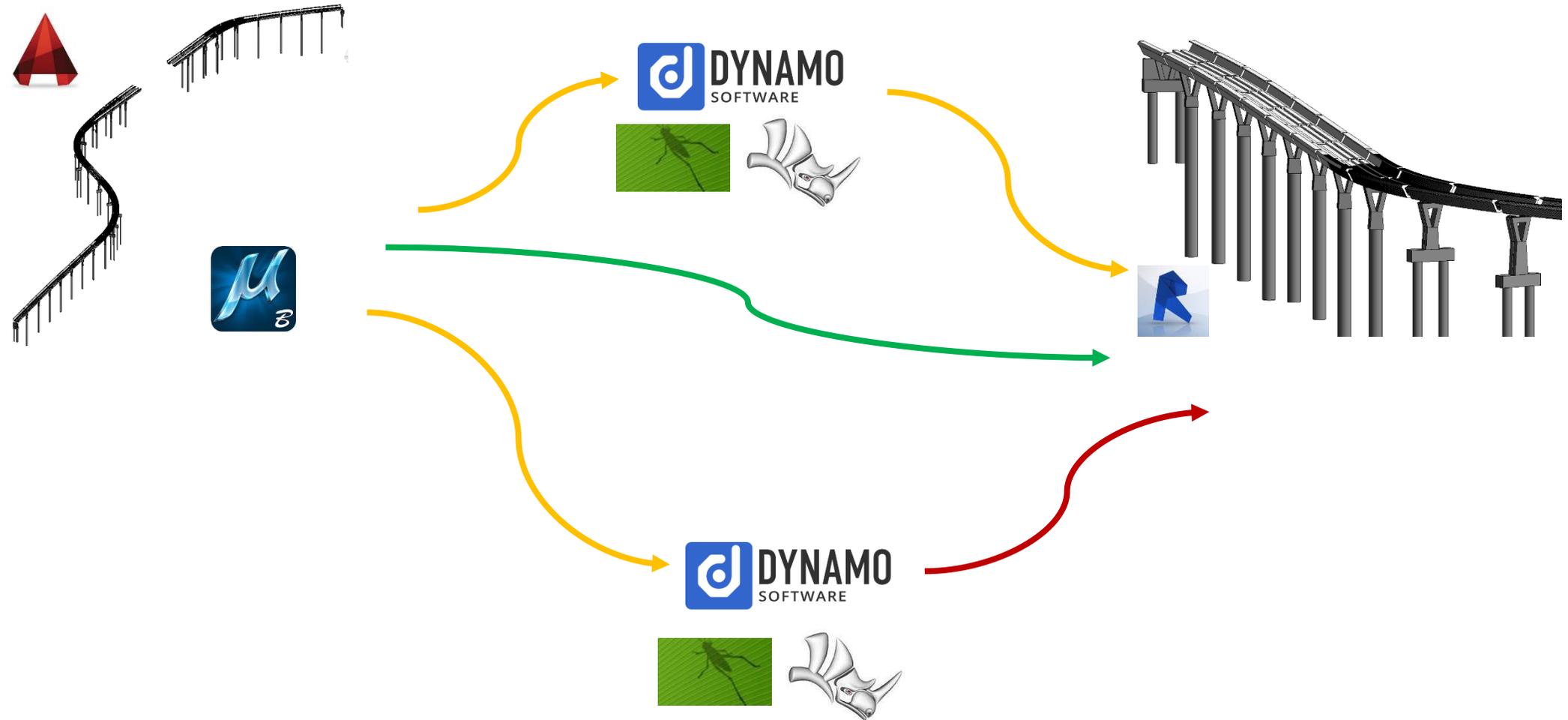
The Challenges

- Historic use of specialist software across disciplines
- Interoperability of software
 - Bridge
 - Rail
 - Highways
 - Geotechnical
- Difficulties handling geometrical variations over the length of linear alignment
- Tools maturity for infrastructure projects lower than buildings
- Reluctance of specialist disciplines to embrace new software



BIM Virtual Cycle





Edmonton LRT, Canada





- Over 1.3km of Elevated Guideway
- 38 no. Spans of varying geometry (length, width, radius)
- 36 no. Piers of varying height
- Complex rail alignment





Challenges:

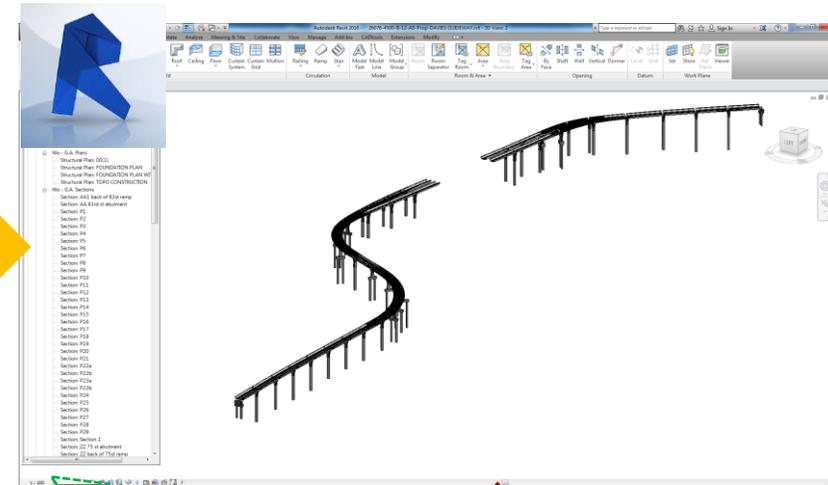
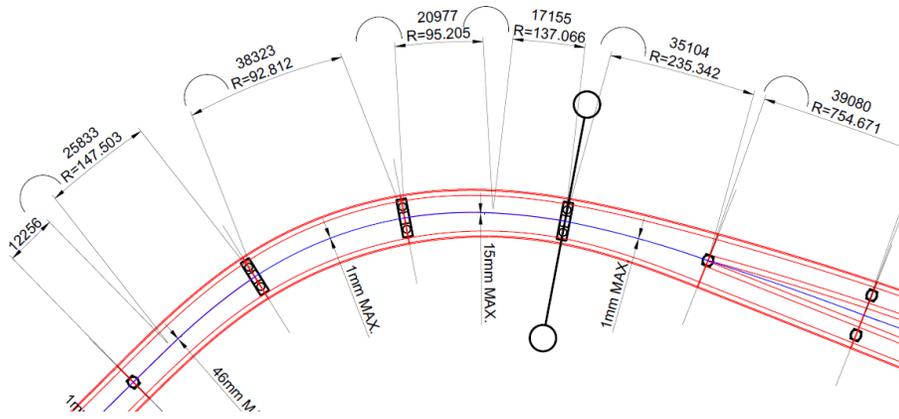
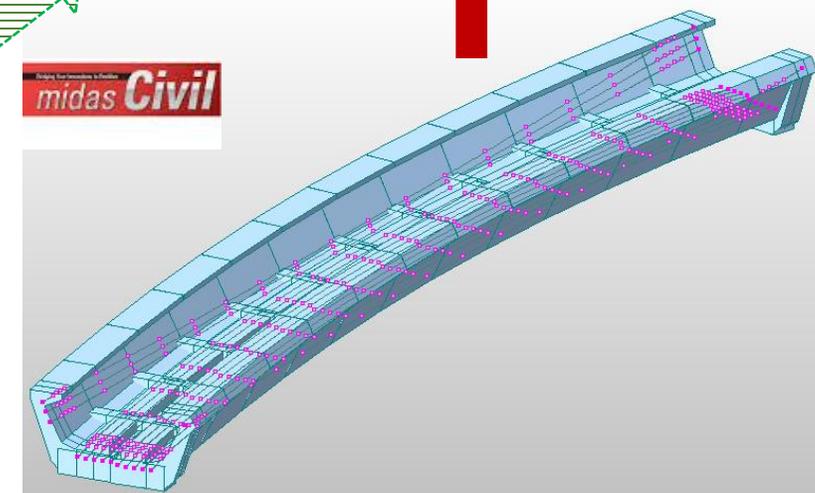
- Difficulties with parametric curved alignment
- Link between 3D Revit model and analysis model in Midas Civil

Approach:

- Set up model in C3D using rail envelope as input data.
- Set up a series of assemblies within C3D to model the deck form and run through corridor matching the rail alignment
- Import deck into Revit and link to Piers modelled parametrically with Revit Families
- Ground profiles set up within Revit to model foundation depths
- Import alignment control points Excel for Structural model Generation
- VBA coding to generate analysis model in Midas Civil

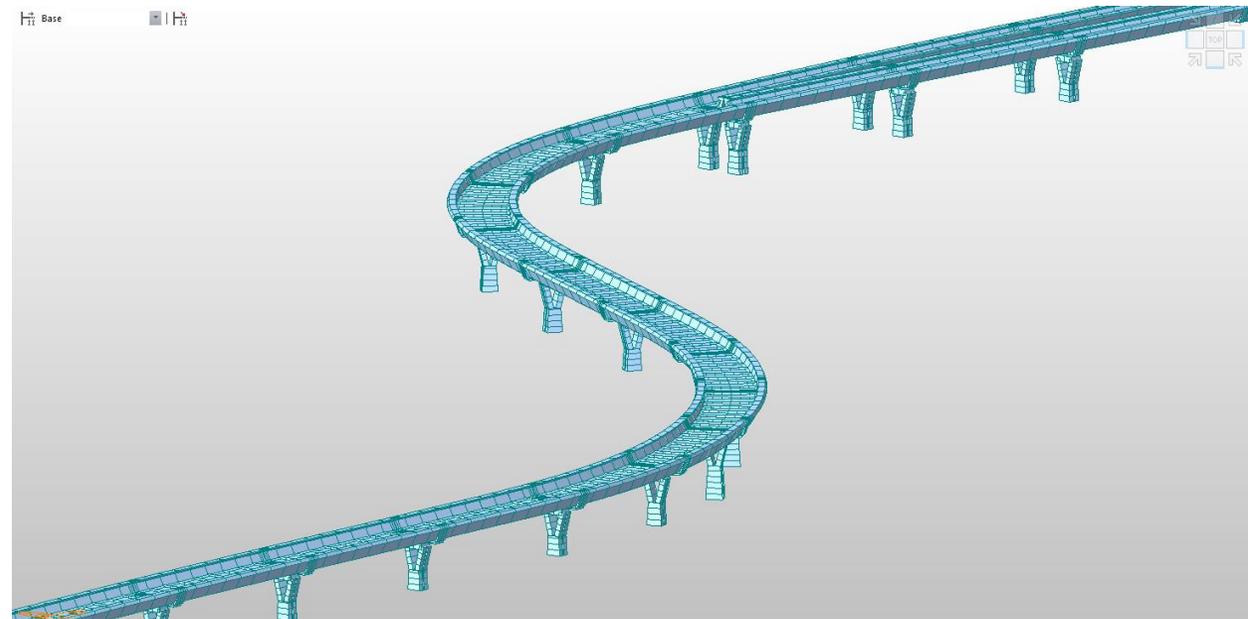
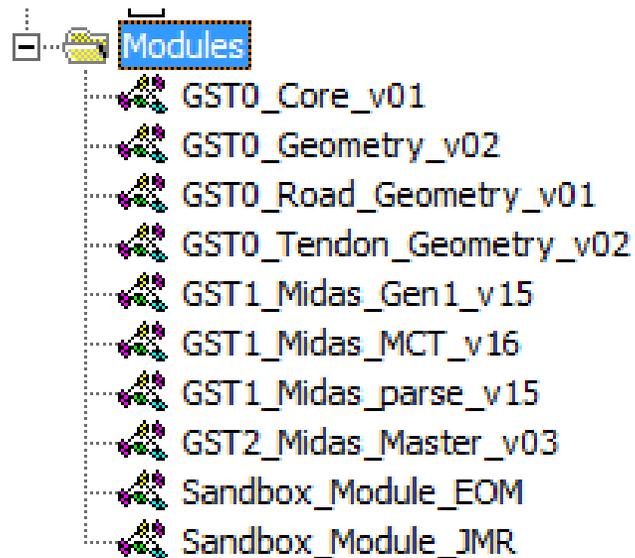
Current Investigations

- Use Dynamo programming to import from Excel to Dynamo to generate 3D Revit model

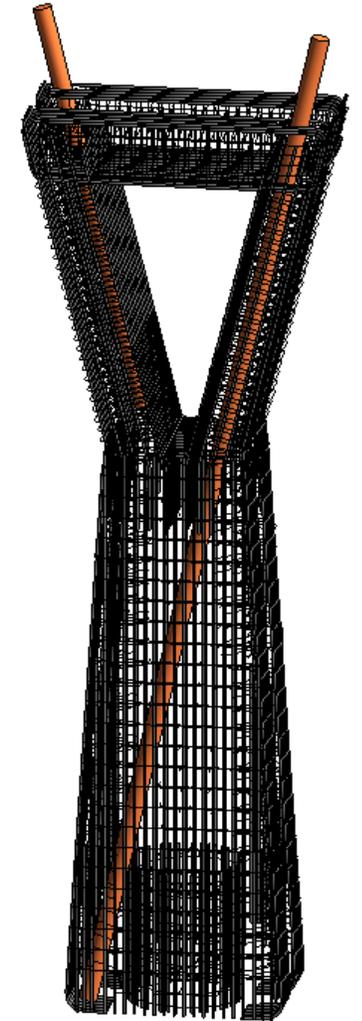
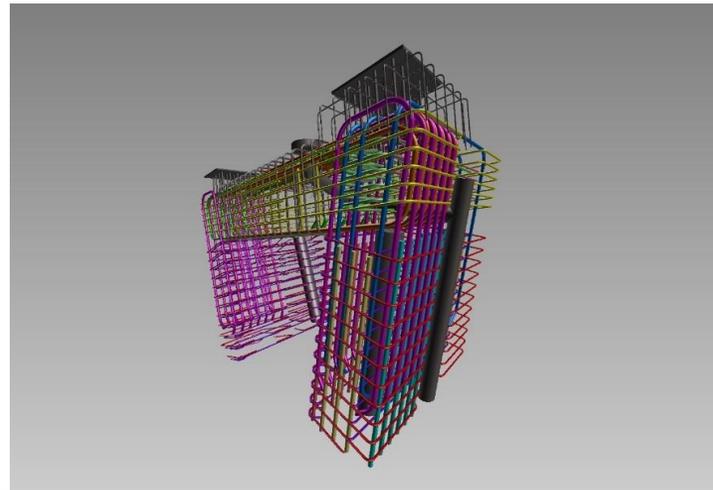
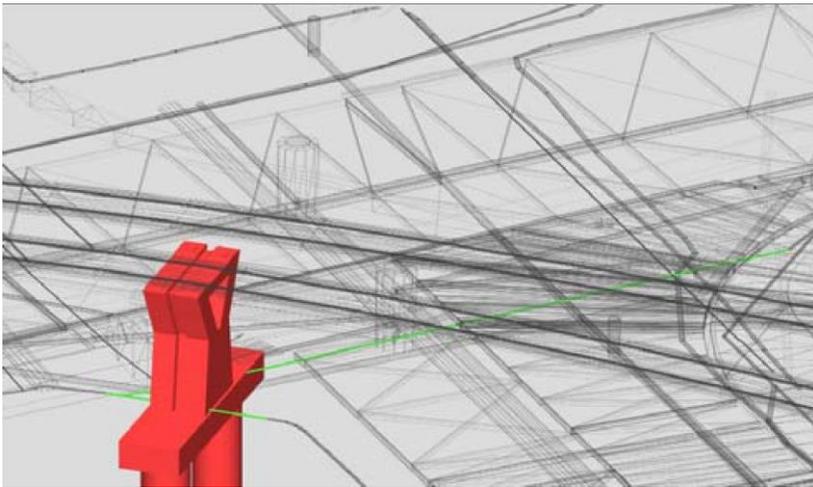


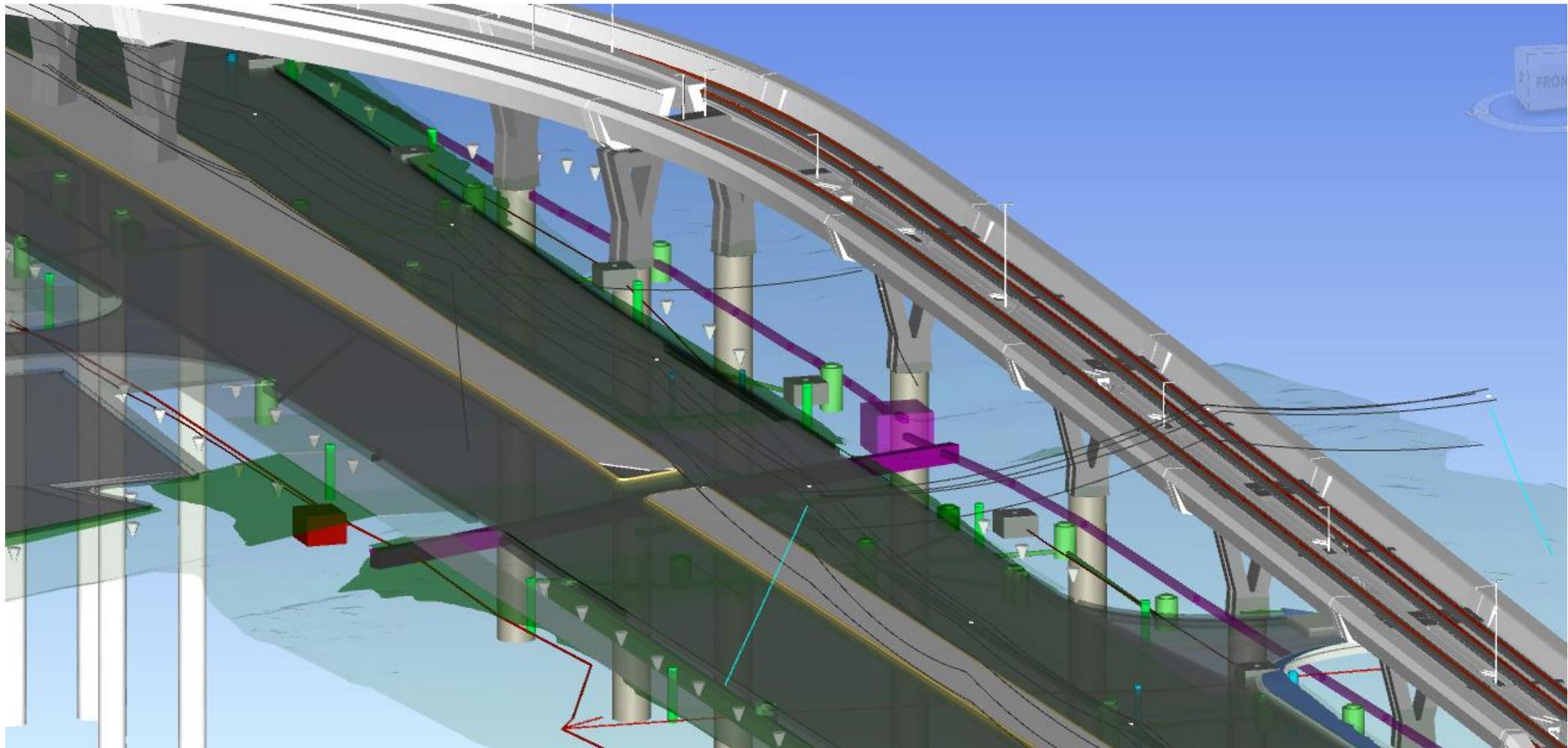
- Bridge Design through VBA architecture
- VBA family of modules operating in a hierarchy to pre-process ALL the information regarding the analysis of 31 spans
- Challenge is to make this parametric with 3D Revit Model





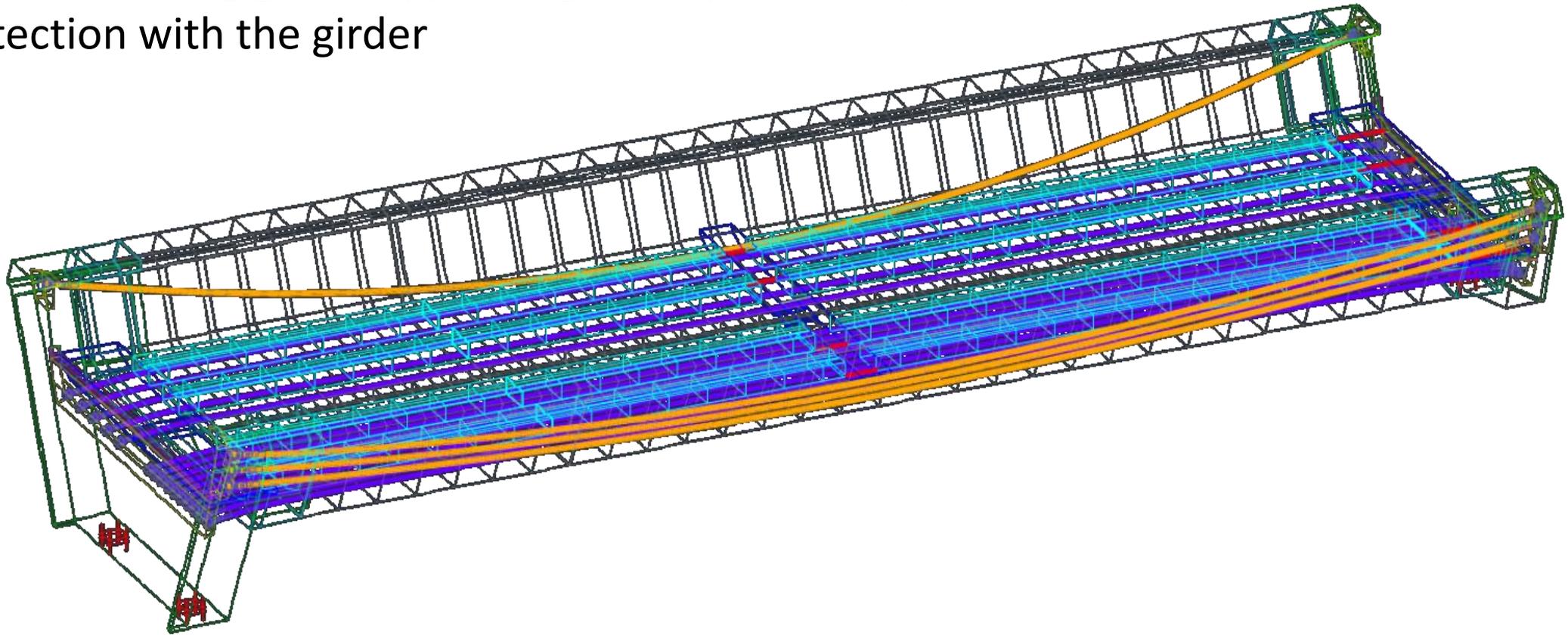
- Designers get a better understanding of their design
- Design teams have a better understanding of all the project challenges
- Contractors should be able to build more efficiently using the model
- Clients can fully visualise the design development
- Clash detection capabilities allows early identification of constraints using Navisworks

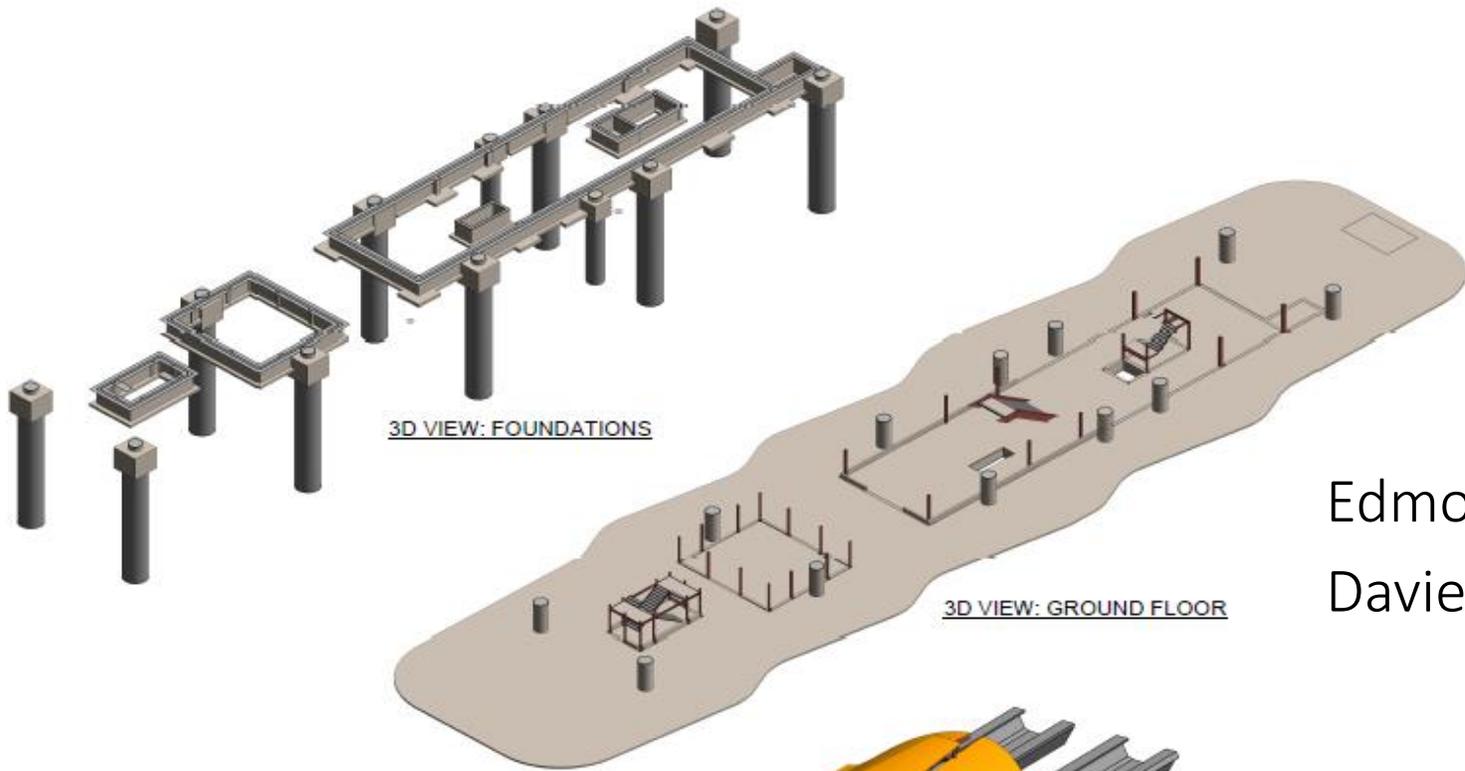






- PT tendons based on curved profile in plan and elevation
- Modelled using grasshopper to get the precise representation of the curves for clash detection with the girder

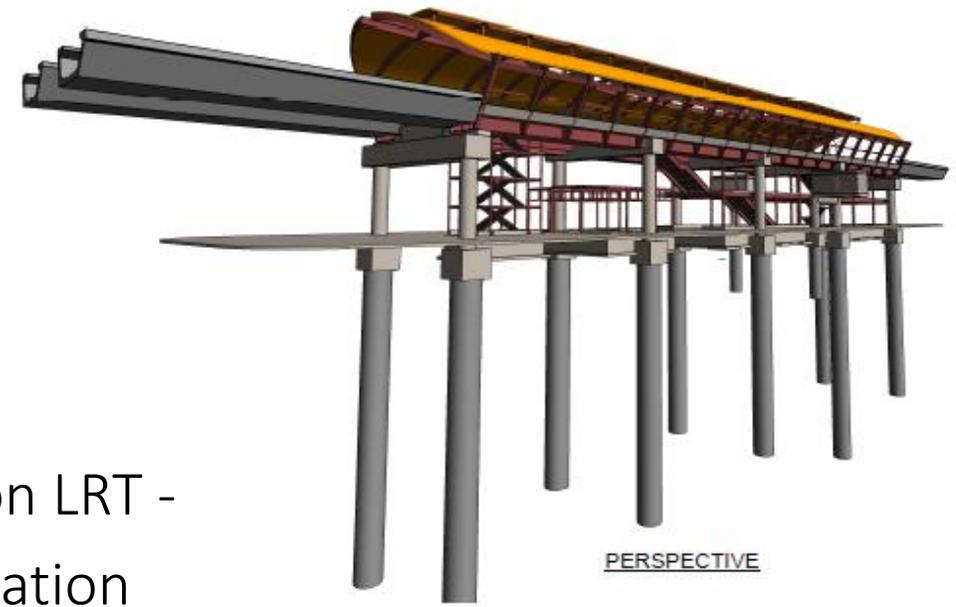




3D VIEW: FOUNDATIONS

3D VIEW: GROUND FLOOR

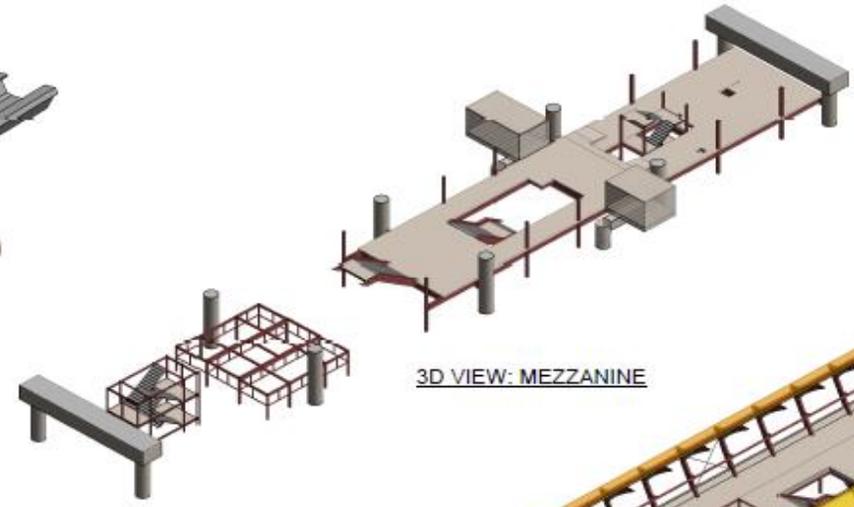
Edmonton LRT - Davies Station



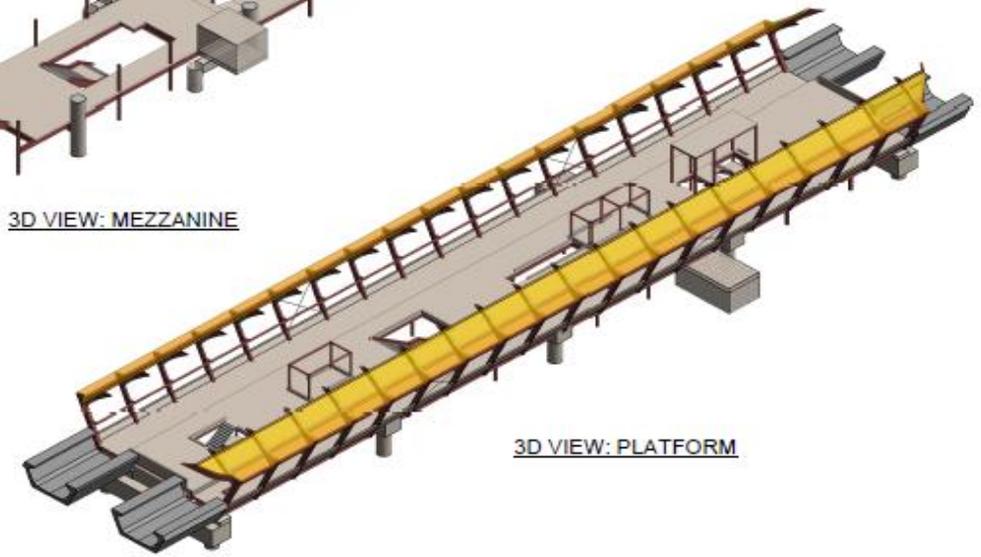
PERSPECTIVE



3D VIEW



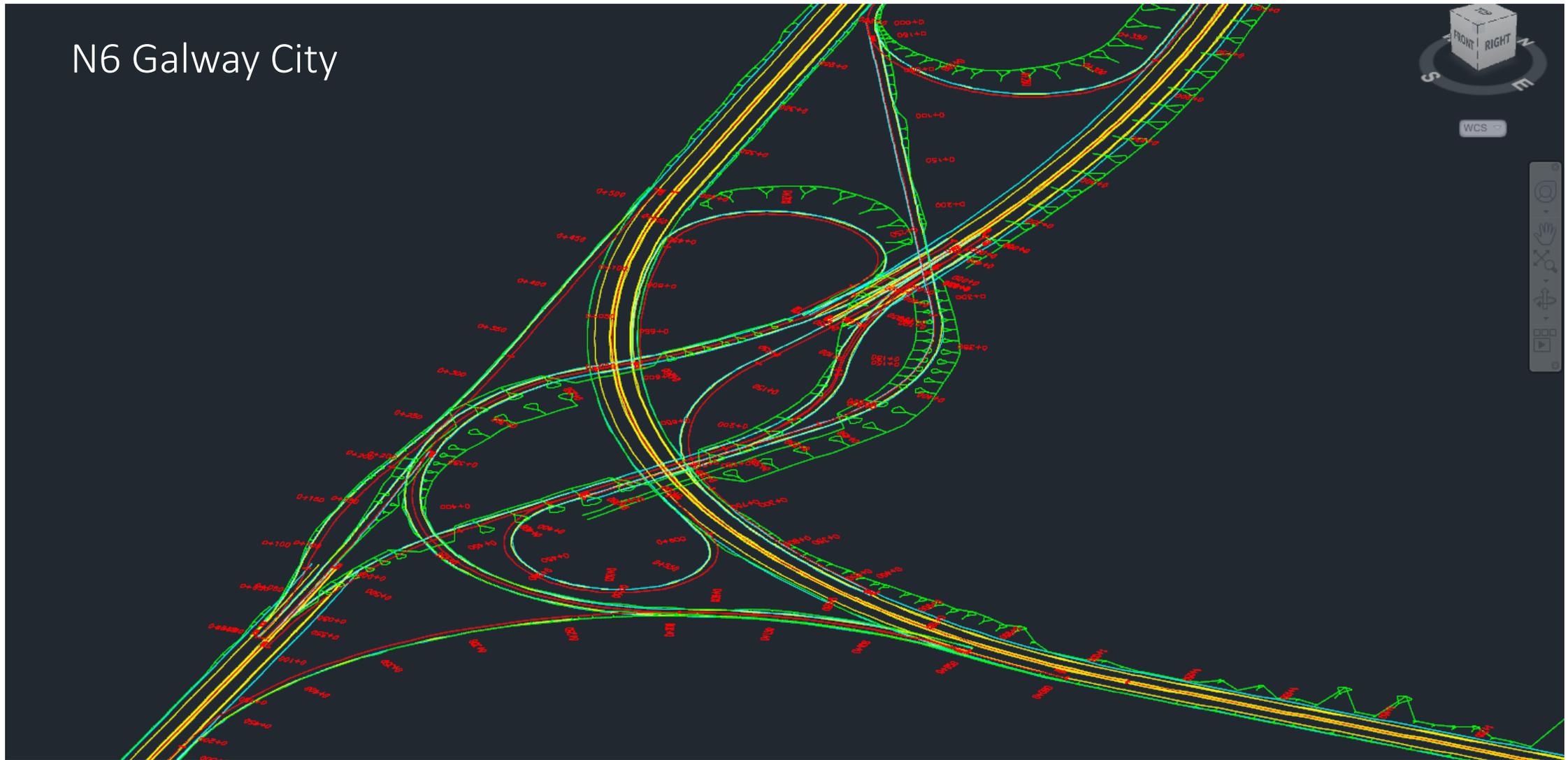
3D VIEW: MEZZANINE



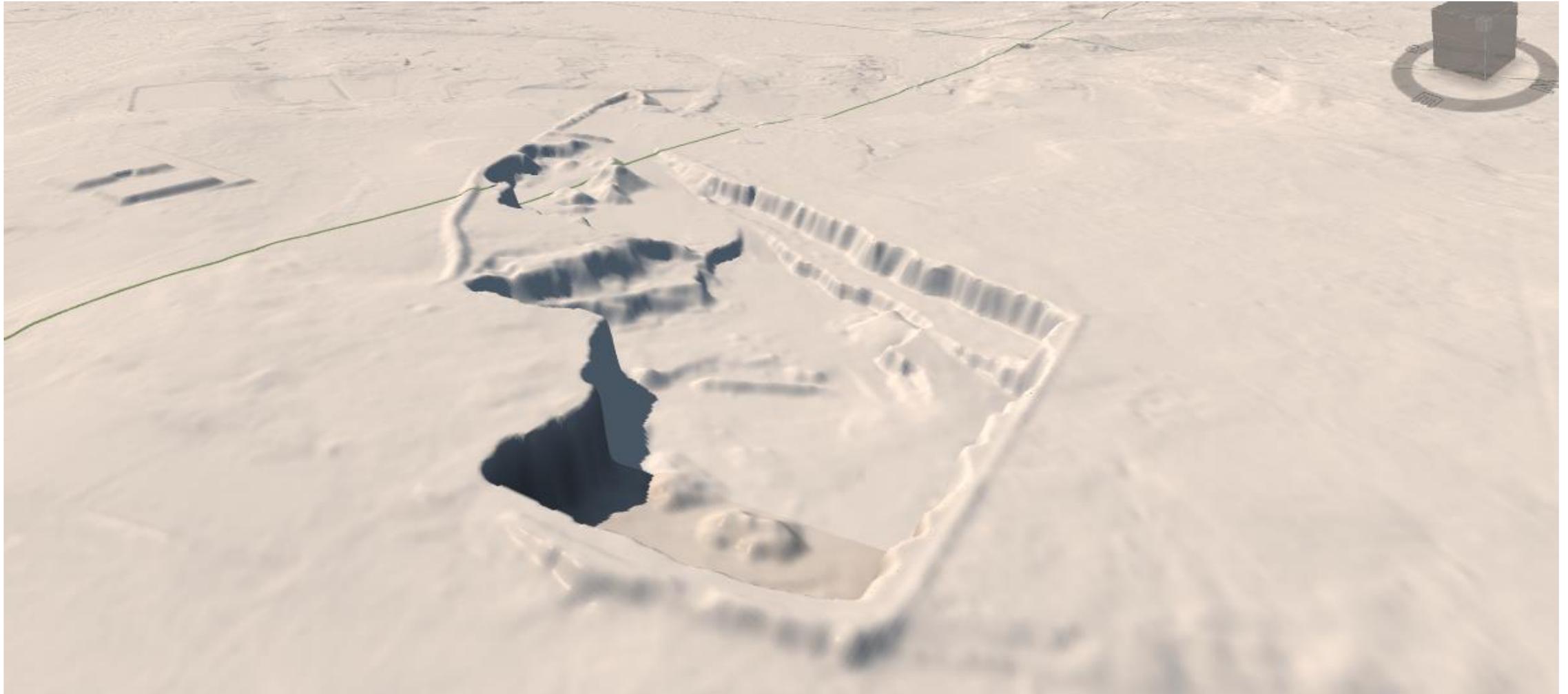
3D VIEW: PLATFORM



N6 Galway City



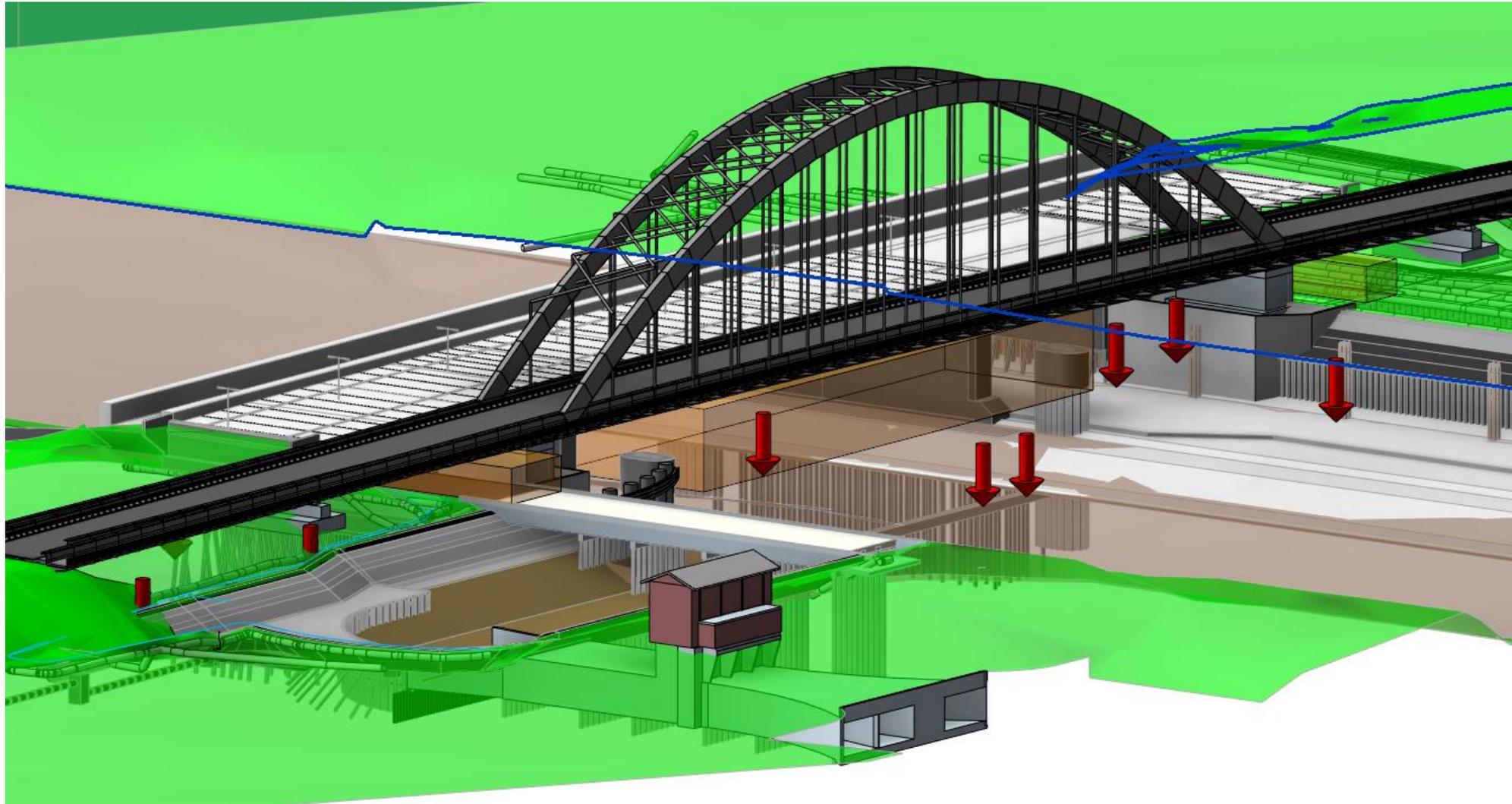


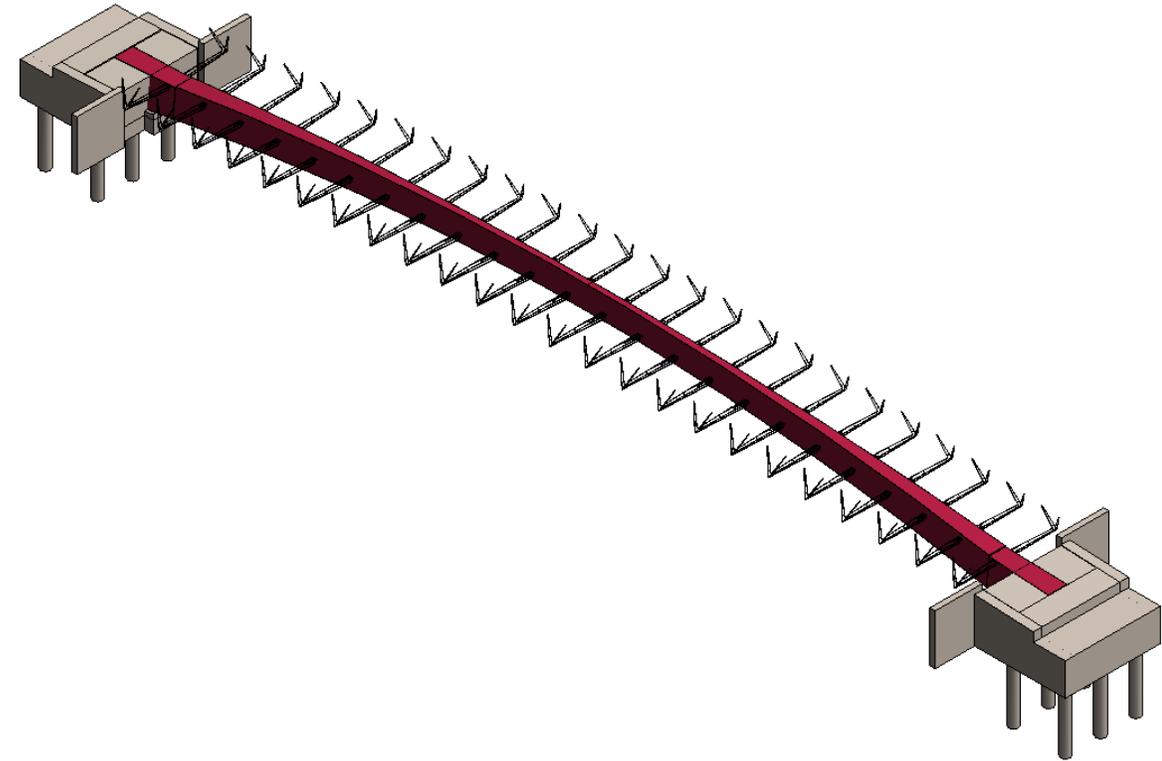


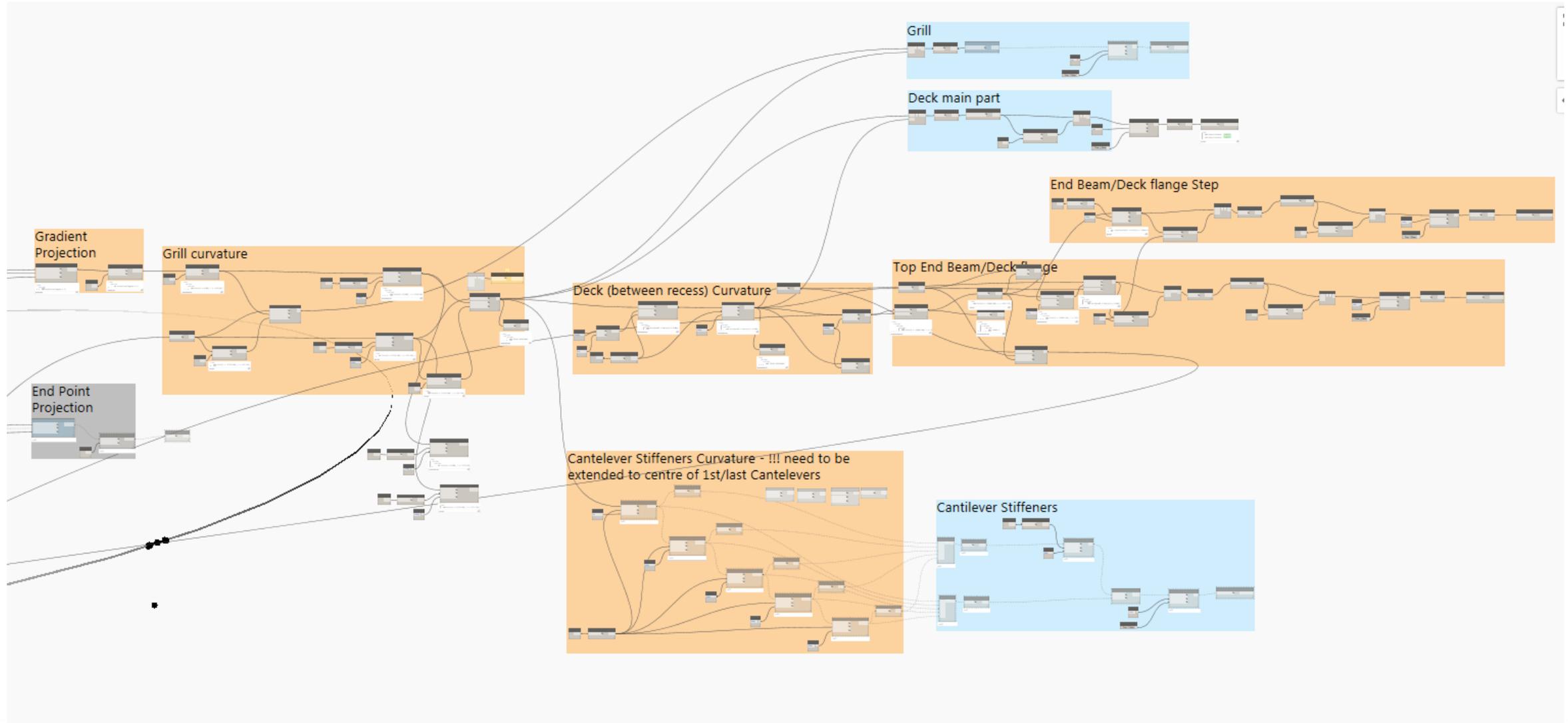












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