



ARCHIE –M Software

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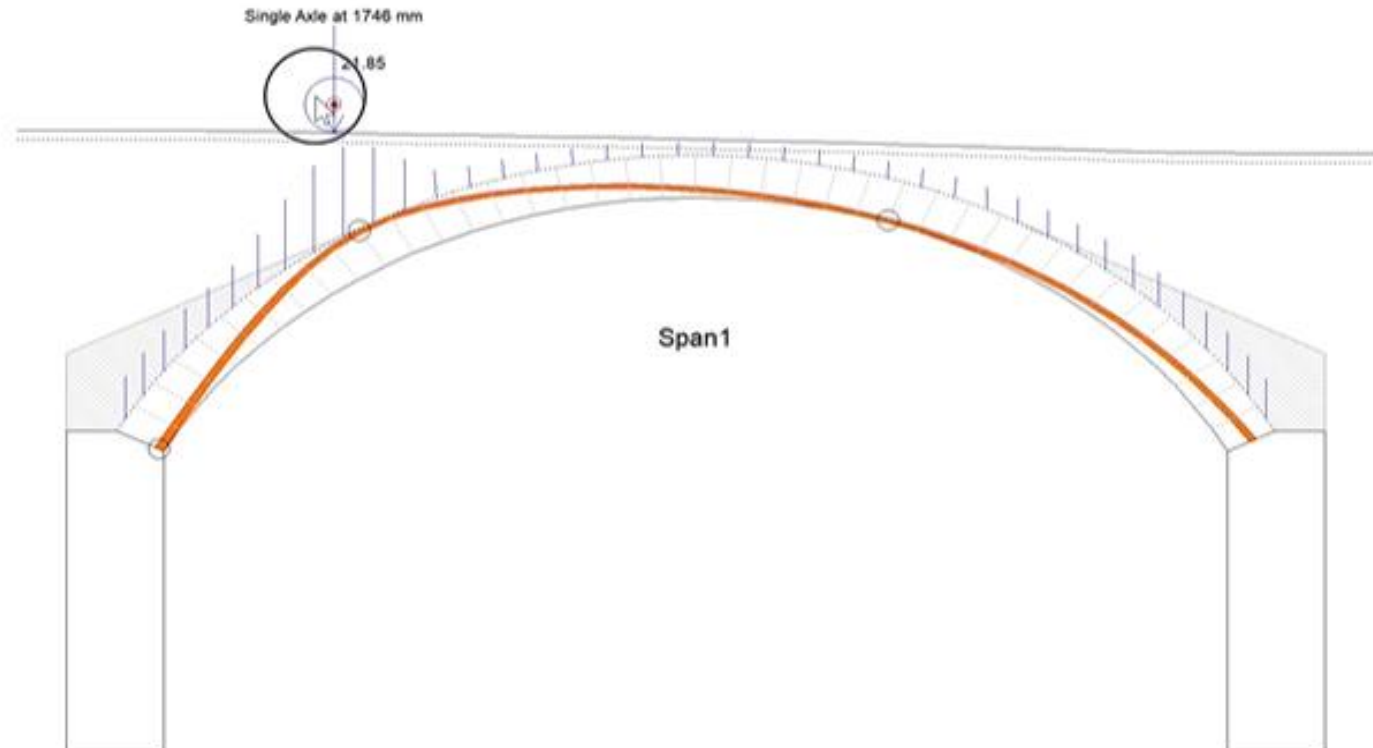
1. Introduction to Archie-M software

- Archie-M is a standard assessment tool for masonry bridges [in the UK](#) rail network.
- The needs for assessing masonry bridges came on world war I MEXE was used now we have archie.M
- Versions of Archie have been in use since 1985. Now it has 40years and it is used worldwide.



Thrust line

- Understand that for our stone arch bridge to be safe and stable a line of thrust must stay within arch material after applying all load effect. ([Heyman in the 1950s](#))





Input design parameters based on DMRB CS454

- 10N/mm² masonry compressive strength.
- unit weight of 20kN/m³ for masonry.
- 18kN/m³ for backing and surface fill.



- Figure 1 shows the indicative compressive strength for the tested bridge in Kigoma region.
- The Rebound Number (RN) is converted into indicative compressive strength using conversion tables. Although the conversion has been developed for concrete, it also gives reasonable estimates for masonry. For improved accuracy, the rebound numbers can be calibrated for stone masonry based on test results

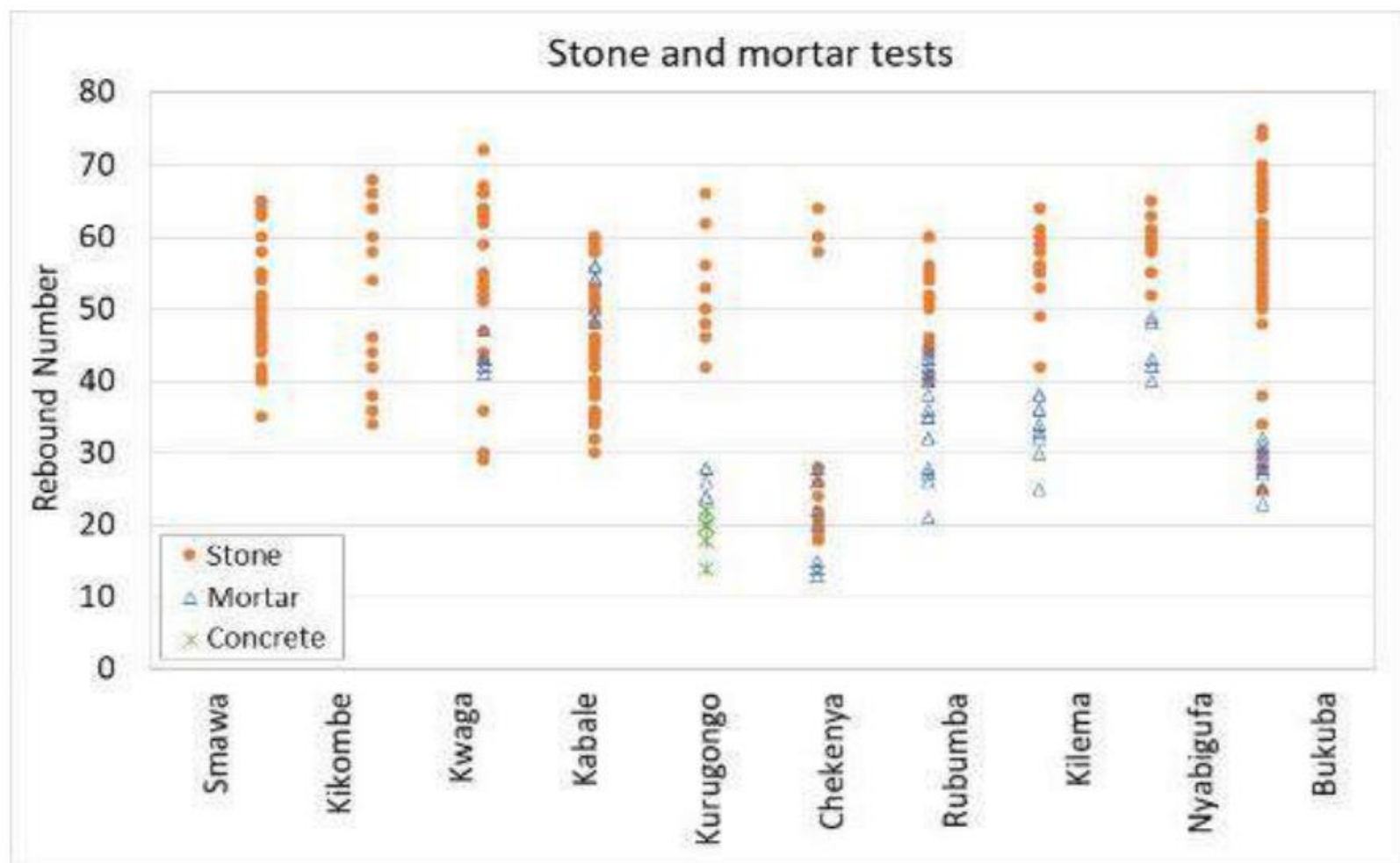
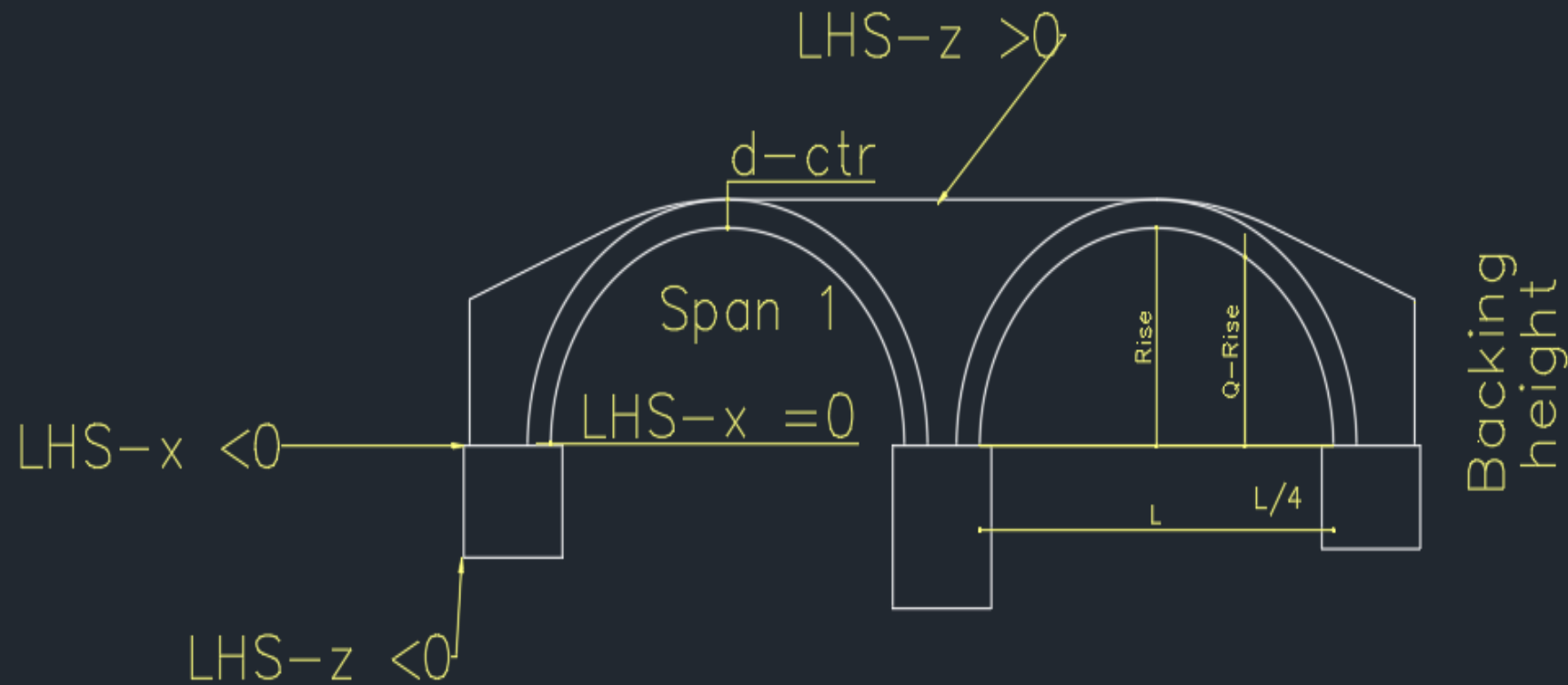


Figure 1 Relative mortar and stone strength for the tested bridges and indicative strength of softer mortars

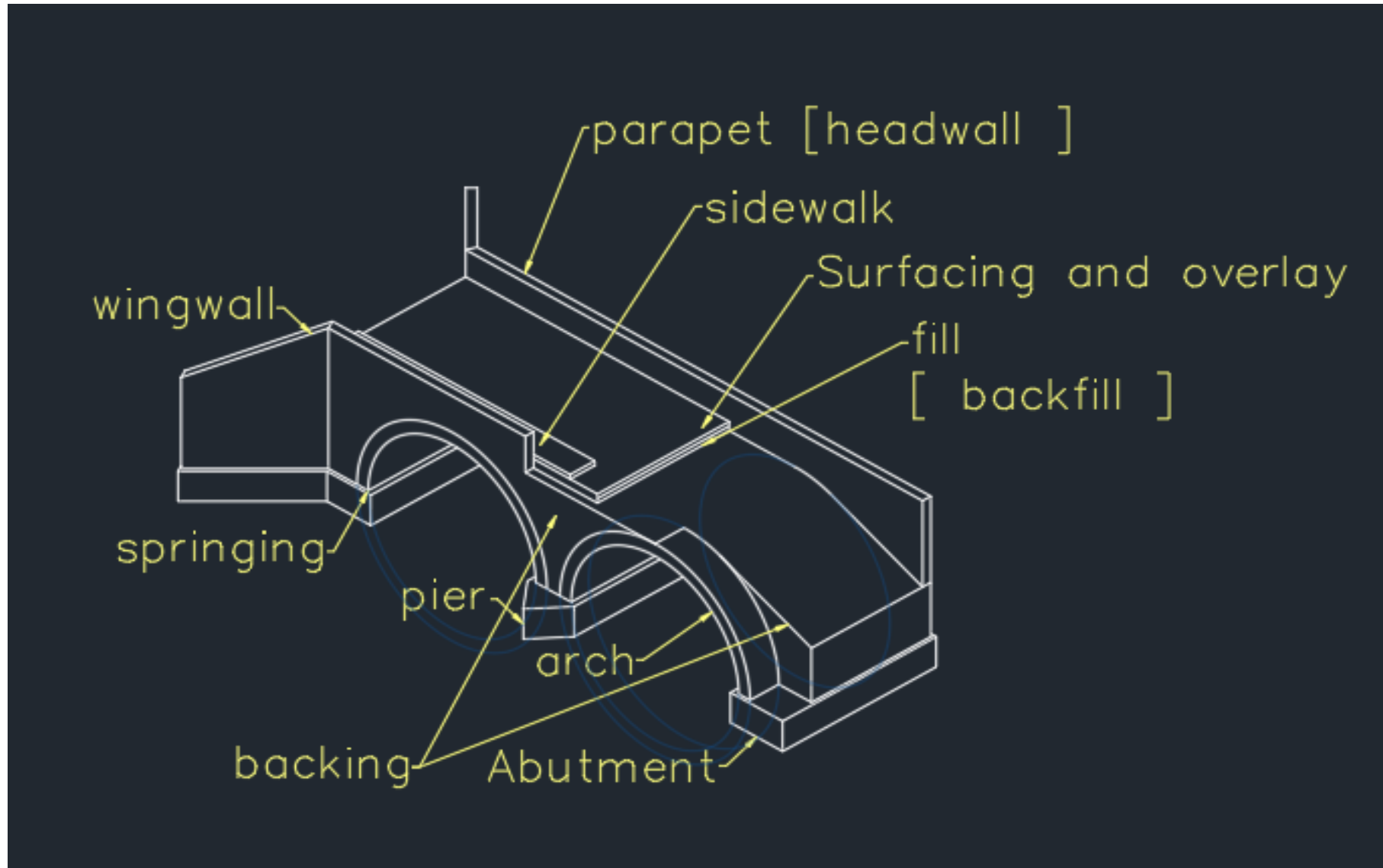


Input design geometry





Terminologies






ARCHIE –M Software

- 1. Create new bridge

Create a new bridge



Number of spans:

Name of bridge:

Bridge number:

Location of bridge:

Creator's name:

Checker's name:

Revisor's name:

Company name:

Date:

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Fill in your arch details

Arches

Number of arches: ☐ Skew bridge ☐ Identical arch geometries

Masonry strength [MPa]: Skew [degree]: ☒ Ring factor = 1.0 for all spans

Masonry unit weight [kN/m³]: Measured: ☒ Same mortar loss for all arches

Span	Shape	LHS:x	LHS:z	Span	Rise	Q-rise	d-ctr	d-spr	Mortar loss
1	Circular	0	0	5200	2550	2220	380	380	20
2	Circular	6340	0	5200	2550	2220	380	380	20
3	Circular	12680	0	5200	2550	2220	380	380	20
4	Circular	19020	0	5360	2550	2220	380	380	20

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Pier, Abutments and Fill

Piers, abutments and fill

Piers

Number of piers Masonry unit weight [kN/m³]

☒ Same base level for all Masonry strength [MPa]

☒ Same batter for all

Pier	Base level	Top thickness	Batter (1:n)
1	-1900	1140	7
2	-1900	1140	7
3	-1900	1140	7

Abutments

☐ No abutments

Left Right

Thickness at top [mm]

Level of base [mm]

Masonry strength [MPa]

Masonry unit weight [kN/m³]

Fill

Unit weight [kN/m³]

Phi [degree]

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Road alignments

Road

Road specification method

- ☒ One-point (horizontal)
- ☐ Two-point (straight slope)
- ☐ Three-point (circular segment)
- ☐ Multi-point (true shape, 7+ points)

Depth of surfacing [mm]

Depth of overlay [mm]

Surfacing unit weight [kN/m³]

Overlay unit weight [kN/m³]

Available width [mm]

Data points

Point	X value	Z value
1.	0	3230

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Partial factors in standards and guidance CS454, C800

- Factor for live load (γ_{fL}) (SLS | ULS)

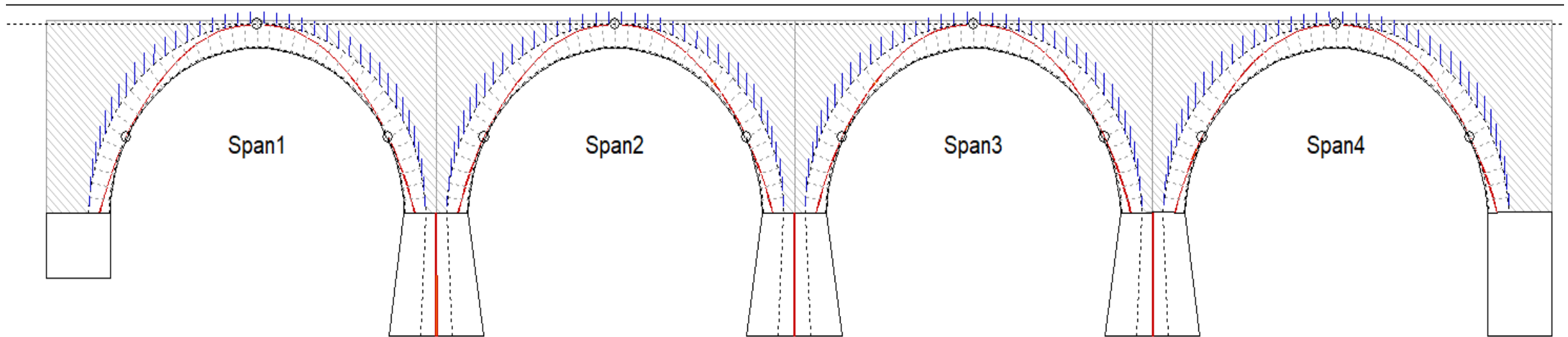
Generally > 1.0 if and only if this gives a worse result than taking the value

e as 1.0.

- γ_{f3} is a factor that takes account of inaccurate assessment of the effects of actions such as unforeseen stress distribution in the structure.
- For other Factors please [click here](#)



Your bridge will be displayed





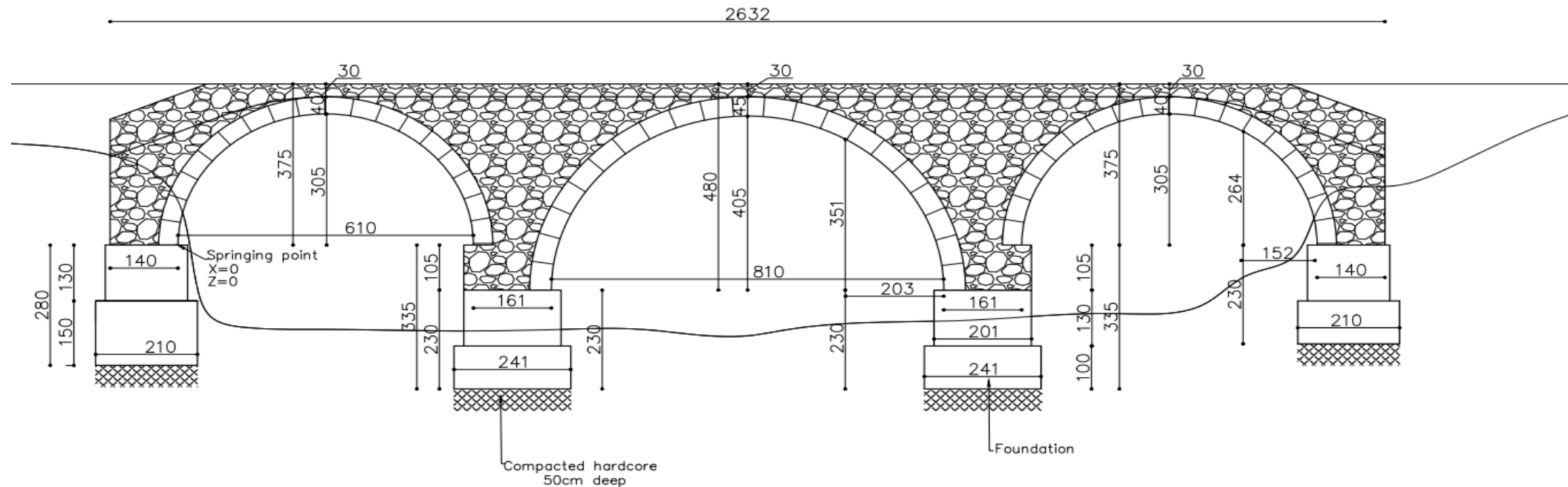
Quiz

Quiz no 1.

1. Draw/Model a given section X–X' below of stone arch bridge in Archie M.

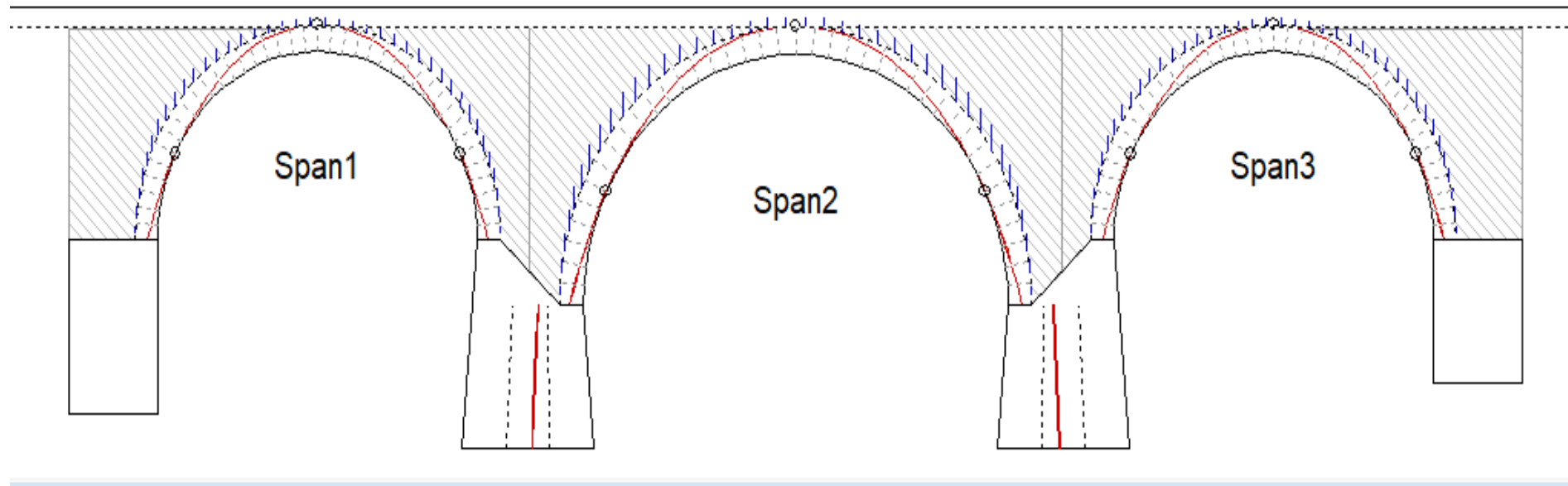
Bridge name; Mkeha, Location; Njombe Wanging'ombe District

- Full backing height
- Mortar loss 20mm
- Not same arch factor
- Masonry strength 10Mpa
- Masonry Unit weight 20KN/m³
-





Quiz results

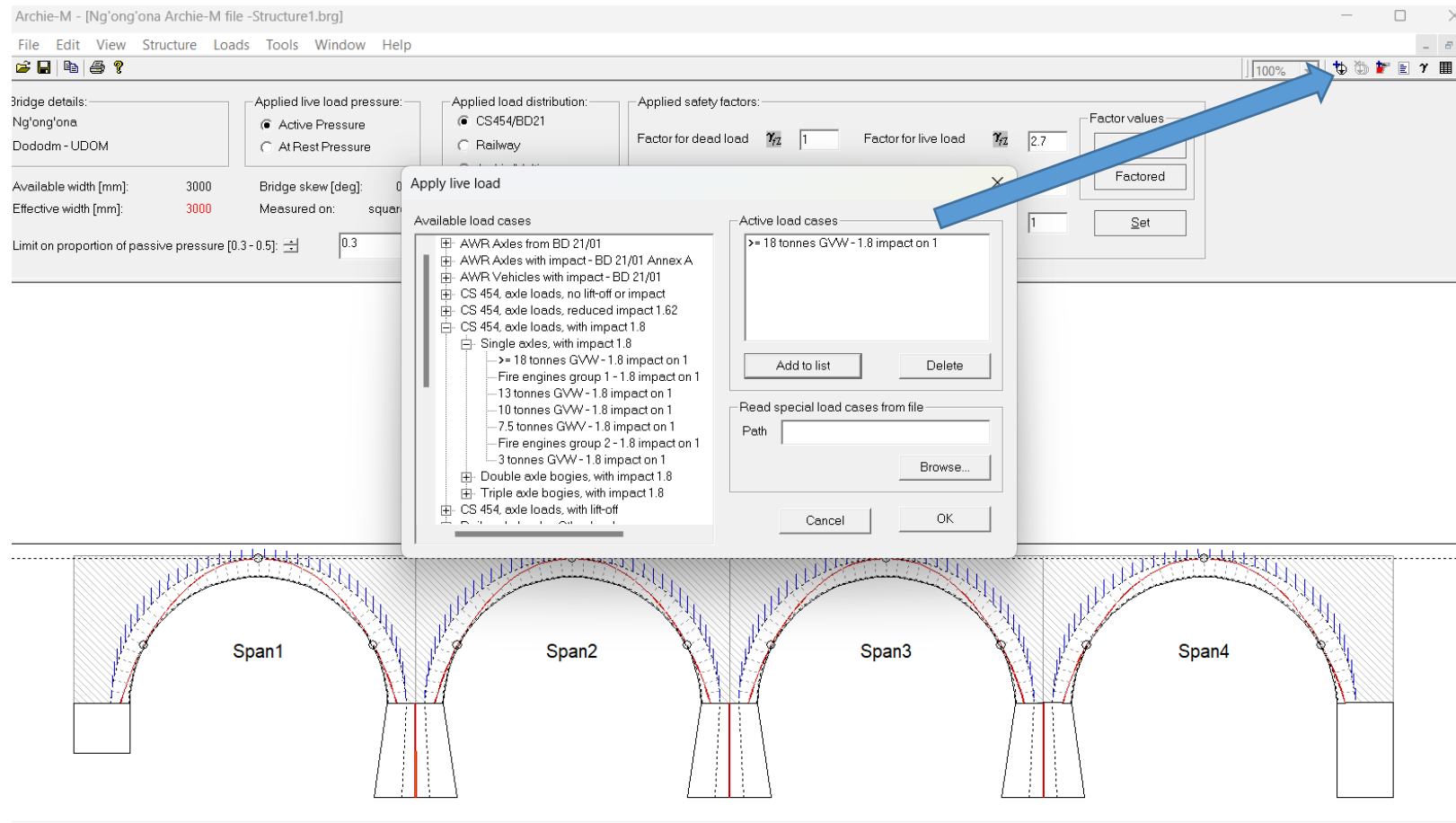




Break for breack fast



Assess the bridge capacity by applying live loads





Checking thrust line for multspan arch bridges taking into account applied backing

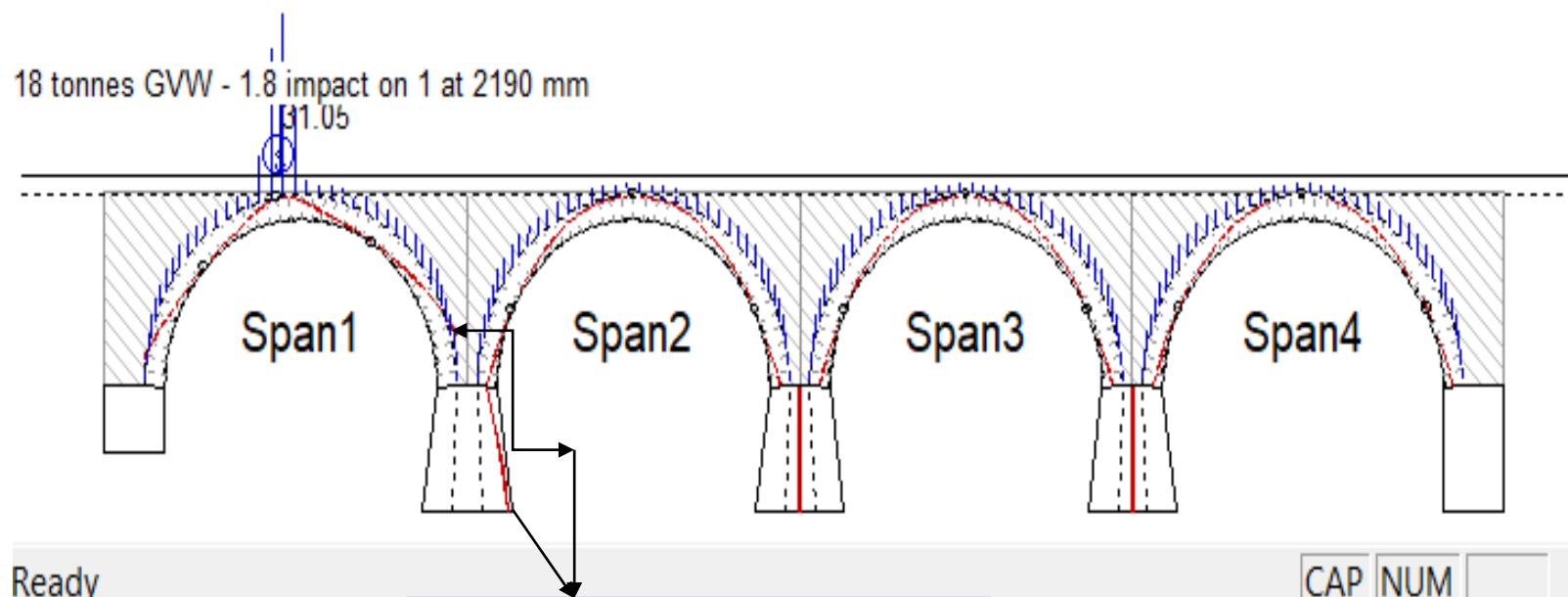


Figure 1:
Full backing

31.05Tones single axial load
on span1 critical position,
no failure as Thrust line
within pier and not out of
masonry.



Checking thrust line for multspan arch bridges taking into account applied backing

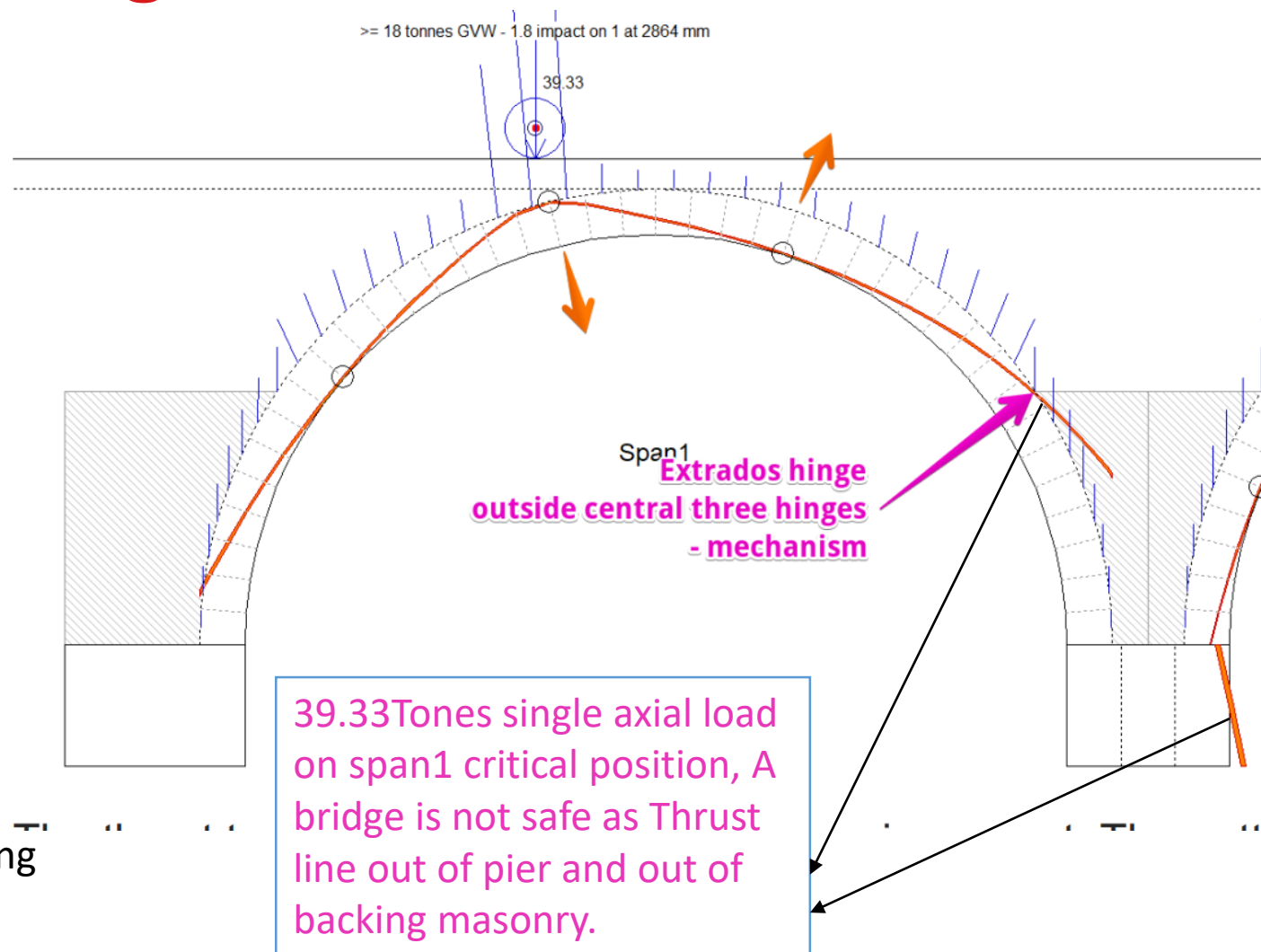


Figure 2:
Half backing
height



Checking thrust line for multspan arch bridges taking into account applied backing

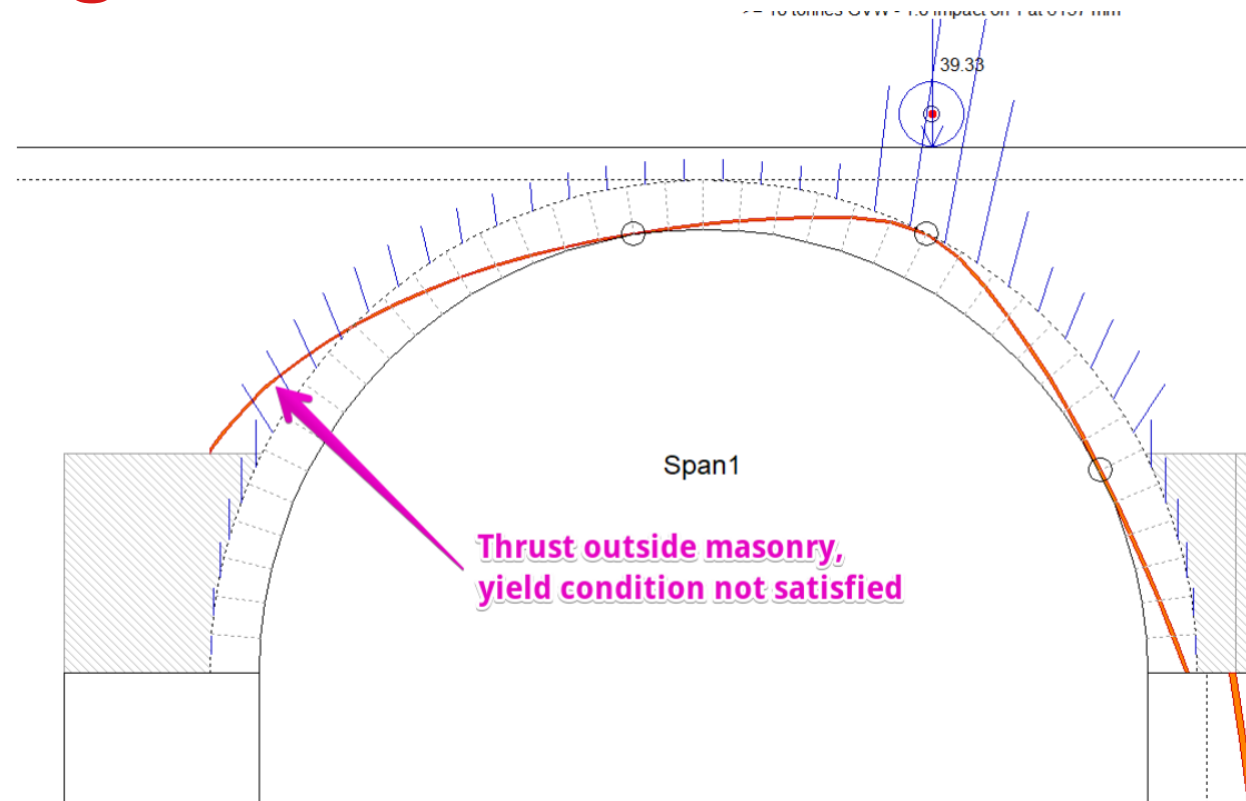


Figure 3:
Almost half
backing
height



Comments

- Figure 1: With full height masonry, there is no possibility of a hinge forming at the extrados, because the masonry behind that point cannot compress or move out of the way. The only form of yield that could occur here is shear between the ring and the backing masonry. In a structure like this, there is really no possibility of a 4 bar mechanism forming.
- Figure 2 and 3: The thrust touches the extrados, so a hinge is present. The pattern of 4 hinges alternating between intrados and extrados forms a mechanism, so this structure might collapse, and would at least deform unacceptably (passive pressure from the full could stop full collapse; also bear in mind that we are applying a live load factor).



The corresponding results for figure 1 look like this:

/ live	Fx passive	Fx total	Fz total	My total	Thrust in	Thrust out	Extra-Thrust	
30	0.00	-58.70	-172.07	-298.89	1728	1746	-1296	***
30	0.00	-73.50	-167.89	-279.03	1603	1620	-1170	***
30	0.00	-87.09	-161.65	-258.39	1482	1500	-1050	***
30	0.00	-99.43	-153.72	-237.29	1365	1383	-933	***
30	0.00	-110.49	-144.47	-215.99	1251	1268	-818	***
30	0.00	-120.27	-134.24	-194.70	1137	1154	-704	***
30	0.00	-128.79	-123.36	-173.62	1023	1040	-590	***
30	0.00	-136.10	-112.15	-152.93	909	926	-476	***
30	0.00	-142.28	-100.88	-132.79	795	812	-362	***
30	0.00	-147.39	-89.79	-113.38	683	700	-250	***
30	0.00	-151.55	-79.08	-94.89	574	590	-140	***
30	0.00	-154.86	-68.91	-77.51	469	485	-35	***
30	0.00	-157.39	-61.42	-61.42	370	387	63	
30	0.00	-159.36	-50.58	-46.84	280	297	153	
30	0.00	-161.77	-35.16	-33.96	201	217	233	
30	0.00	-162.45	-28.48	-14.09	133	149	301	
30	0.00	-162.88	-22.36	-7.43	78	94	356	
30	0.00	-163.15	-16.70	-3.15	37	54	396	
30	0.00	-163.28	-11.36	-1.33	11	27	423	
30	0.00	-163.33	-6.18	-2.03	-0	16	434	
30	0.00	-163.28	-1.00	-0.26	4	21	429	
30	0.00	-162.88	10.00	-10.98	24	40	410	
30	0.00	-162.88	10.00	-19.12	60	76	374	
30	0.00	-162.45	16.12	-29.55	111	127	323	
30	0.00	-161.66	23.69	-42.19	177	193	257	
76	0.00	-159.33	39.68	-56.54	258	274	176	
31	0.00	-154.03	68.58	-70.21	345	361	89	
78	0.00	-145.40	107.45	-79.74	412	428	22	
79	0.00	-134.41	149.05	-82.58	432	450	-0	***
18	0.00	-122.71	186.46	-78.15	405	425	25	
75	0.00	-111.78	215.96	-67.83	347	368	82	
33	0.00	-93.95	252.99	-39.92	275	298	152	
31	0.00	-86.00	265.27	-27.09	202	228	222	
10	0.00	-77.44	276.21	-16.92	138	164	286	
32	0.00	-61.66	286.44	-9.80	85	112	338	
30	0.00	-44.26	303.62	-4.67	45	74	376	
30	0.00	-30.67	309.86	-6.48	19	48	402	
30	0.00	-15.87	314.04	-10.96	4	34	416	
					-0	31	419	
					5	36	414	
					19	51	399	

Additional extrados hinge

Intrados hinge

Extrados hinge

Intrados hinge

Finding worst
Load case
>= 18 tonnes



Checking series of *** in the results table

- The lower single *** marks the central extrados hinge, and should always be present. The upper set of *** at the last column indicate flag lines where the thrust has touched or gone outside the extrados again.
- With no backing, three *** at more than one low this indicates failure. With backing, Archie-M does not attempt to interpret this situation. It marks rows where the thrust exits the arch ring still, but does not flag this as FAIL in auto-run. Instead it shows the "offset proportion" - the ratio of the position of the thrust to the ring thickness, so 1.0 is contact with the extrados *see figure 4 below*.



Checking series of *** in the results table

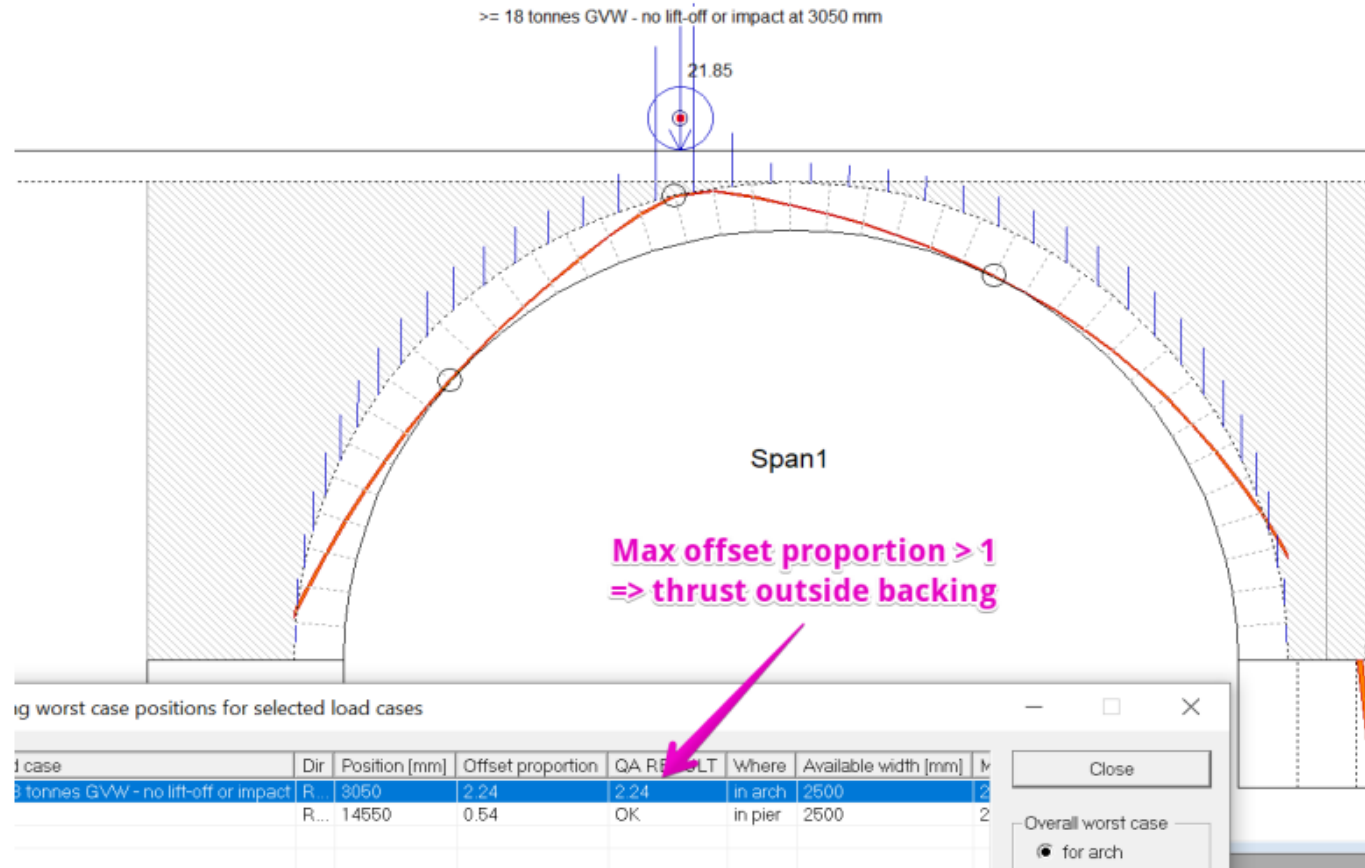
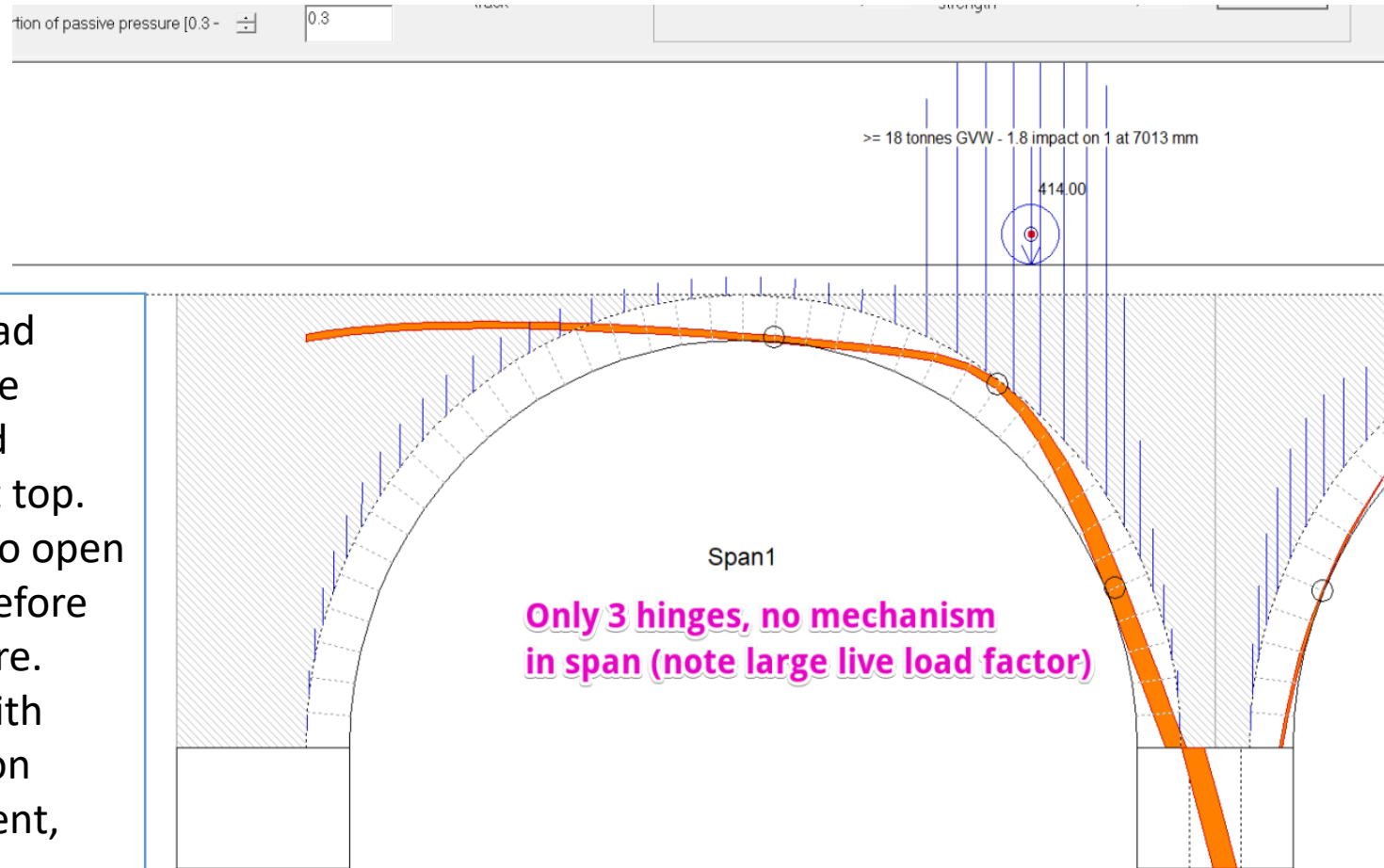


Figure 4:



Checking thrust line

With large live load factor a thrust line become thick and almost straight at top. This could crack to open at the deck. Therefore this indicate failure. Note: a bridge With backing depend on Engineers judgment, and by the way 414Tones of live load is not realistic.





EAC road loading LAW 2016

Max allowable single axle load is 10Tones

East African Community Vehicle Load Control Act, 2016

SECOND SCHEDULE

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AXLE LOAD LIMITS

Permissible Maximum Axle Load Limits

<i>Axle Type</i>	<i>Number of tyres on the axle</i>	<i>Type of tyre</i>	<i>Permissible limit (metric tonnes)</i>
Single	2	Conventional	8
Single	4	Conventional	10
Tandem	8	Conventional	18
	4	Super single	16
Tridem	12	Conventional	24
	6	Super single	22.5
Liftable single	4	Conventional	10
Liftable single	2	Super single	8.5



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December, 2018



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S/N	ILLUSTRATION	TYPE OF VEHICLE	CONFIGURATION	PERMITTED GVM (TONS)
7		RIGID TRUCK & TRAILER	ALP SS,S4,DR8,D8 NUM - 1.2+22.22	54
8		RIGID TRUCK & TRAILER	ALP SD,S4,DR4,S4 NUM -11.2+2.2	45
9		RIGID TRUCK & TRAILER	ALP SD,S4,DR4,D8 NUM -11.2+2.22	53
10		RIGID TRUCK & TRAILER	ALP SD,S4,DR8,D8 NUM -11.2+22.22	56
11		RIGID TRUCK & TRAILER	ALP SS,D8,DR4,S4 NUM -1.22+2.2	46
12		RIGID TRUCK & TRAILER	ALP SS,D8,DR4,D8 NUM -1.22+2.22	54
13		RIGID TRUCK & TRAILER	ALP SS,D8,DR8,D8 NUM -1.22+22.22	56



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S/N	ILLUSTRATION	TYPE OF VEHICLE	CONFIGURATION	PERMITTED GVM (TONS)
14		RIGID TRUCK & TRAILER	ALP SS,D8,DR4,T12 NUM -1.22+2.222	56
15		TRACTOR & SEMI TRAILER (ARTICULATED)	ALP SS,S4,S4 NUM -1.2-2	28
16		TRACTOR & SEMI TRAILER (ARTICULATED)	ALP SS,S4,D8 NUM 1.2-22	36
17		TRACTOR & SEMI TRAILER (ARTICULATED)	ALP SS,S4,T12 NUM 1.2-222	42
18		TRACTOR & SEMI TRAILER (ARTICULATED)	ALP SS,S4,S4,DR4,S4 NUM 1.2-2+2.2	48
19		TRACTOR & SEMI TRAILER (ARTICULATED)	ALP SS,S4,D8,DR4,S4 NUM 1.2-22+2.2	56



Results table

Archie-M - [Kisasa bridge.brg:2]

FileEditViewWindowHelp

100%

Bridge Name:

Kisasa bridge

Bridge Number:

2023.13

Number of spans:

2

Bridge Location:

Kisasa Ddoma

SAFETY FACTORS

Factor for deadload:

1.00

Factor for superimposed deadload:

1.00

Factor for surfacing:

1.00

Factor for live load:

1.90

Factor for load effect:

1.00

Factor for material strength:

1.00

Applied distribution mode:

Archie-M, BD21/97

Applied live load pressure:

Active pressure

STRUCTURE PROPERTIES

Road shape:

Flat line (1-point method)

Road points:

(0, 1940)

Depth of surfacing:

300

[mm]

Depth of overlay:

0

[mm]

Surface unit weight:

20.00

[kN/m3]

Overlay unit weight:

1.00

[kN/m3]

Available width:

3000

[mm]

Min. effective width:

3000

[mm]

Fill unit weight:

18.00

[kN/m3]

Fill phi:

30

degree

Left abutment

Base level:

-1500

[mm]

Height:

0

[mm]

Width:

1500

[mm]

Right abutment

Base level:

-1500

[mm]

Height:

0

[mm]

Width:

1500

[mm]

SPAN 1

Shape:

Circular

Span:

6000

[mm]

Rise:

1200

[mm]

Q-rise:

0

[mm]

Ring thickness at crown:

440

[mm]

Ring thickness at springing:

440

[mm]

Mortar loss:

0

[mm]

Masonry unit weight:

20.00

[kN/m3]

Masonry strength:

5.00

[MPa]

Backing:

Span

Position

Type

Height [mm]

Width [mm]

Unit weight [kN/m3]

Strength [MPa]

1

left

Tangential

1340

0

20.00

5.00

1

right

Tangential

1340

0

20.00

5.00

Segment

Intrados.x

Intrados.z

Extrados.x

Extrados.z

Road.z

Fx dead

Fz dead

My dead

Fx live

Fz live

My live

Fx passive

Fx total

Fz total

My total

Thrust in

Thrust out

Extra-Thrust

0

0

0

-303

319

1940

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0.00

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-131.70

-172.20

-4.57

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122

112

-169

442

1940

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-1.11

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-9.05

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-131.70

-161.13

-14.28

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90

350

3

378

321

113

672

1940

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-5.24

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-131.70

-155.89

-20.22

82

121

319

4

512

418

261

779

1940

0.00

-5.03

-0.77

0.00

-0.00

0.00

0.00

-131.70

-150.86

-26.85

119

158

282

5

650

510

412

881

1940

0.00

-4.81

-0.67

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-0.00

0.00

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-131.70

-146.04

-34.15

161

199

241

6

791

597

567

976

1940

0.00

-4.59

-0.57

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-0.04

-0.00

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-131.70

-141.41

-42.09

209

246

194

7

935

679

726

1066

1940

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-4.37

-0.47

0.00

-1.94

-0.23

0.00

-131.70

-135.10

-50.16

261

297

143

8

1082

754

888

1149

1940

0.00

-4.16

-0.38

0.00

-7.86

-0.91

0.00

-131.70

-123.08

-57.00

313

348

92

9

1232

824

1053

1227

1940

0.00

-3.95

-0.30

0.00

-15.93

-1.67

0.00

-131.70

-103.20

-61.26

361

394

46

10

1384

889

1221

1297

1940

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-3.75

-0.23

0.00

-22.79

-2.10

0.00

-131.70

-76.66

-62.15

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1362

1940

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-3.56

-0.16

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-25.24

-1.98

0.00

-131.70

-47.87

-59.70

412

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1940

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-21.87

-1.43

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-131.70

-22.62

-54.78

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1940

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1197

2818

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3000

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-0.00

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0.00

-131.74

20.27

-15.02

101

127

313

[Click here to learn how to read table of results](#)



Table of results

- Basically, if there are *** in the last column, the thrust line touches the edge of the arch or falls outside the arch. So if you see more than 1 consecutive line showing ***, the thrust line falls outside the arch and we have failure if no backing, with full backing height and width it is unlikely have failure mechanism as bridge is very sound.
- The horizontal component of thrust at the springings (per metre width) can be read directly from the first and last rows of the span data, in Fx total. Similarly for vertical loads from Fz total.

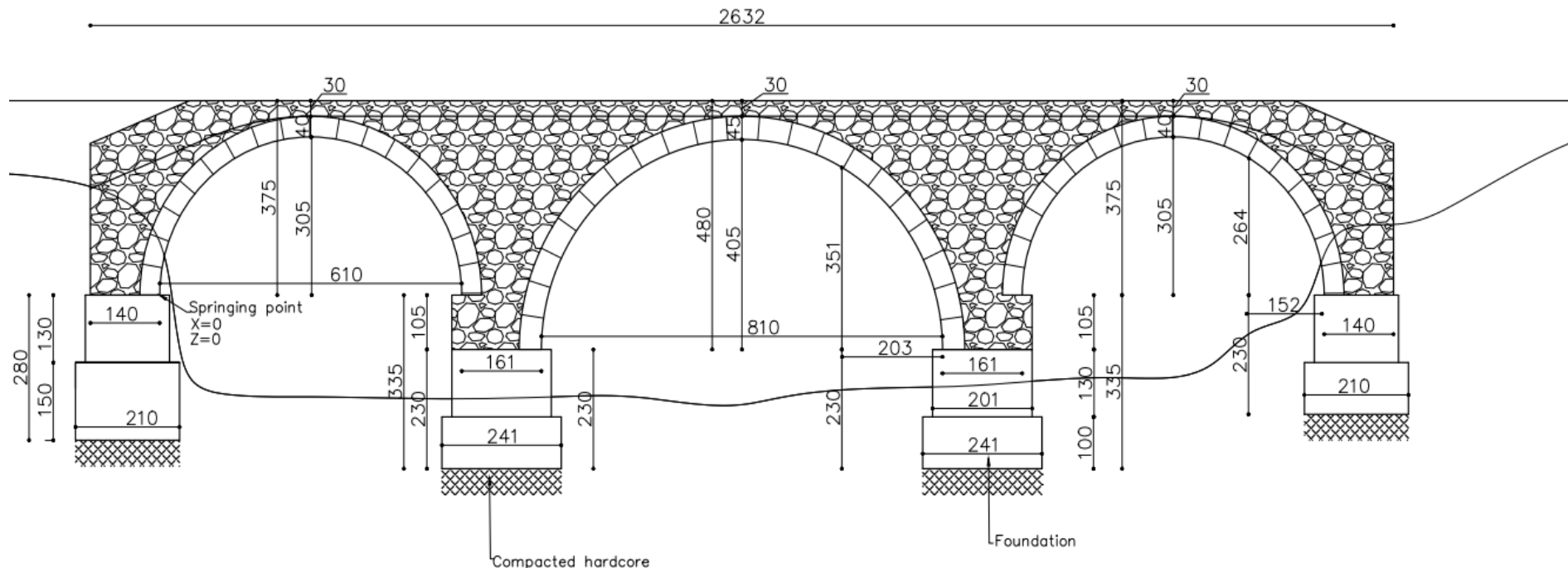


Quiz 2

Quiz number 2

1. Analyze the structural capacity of Mkeha stone arch bridge. Use the following information

- Live load at rest
- Factor of safety for dead loads 1.0
- Factor of safety for live load you can adjust to suit your analysis.
- Shear test 210KN/m²





Any Questions!





Link to design manual and other related documents



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End

Thank you all for your time