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# TEORIA E PROGETTO DEI PONTI

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Studieremo prevalentemente i ponti in c.a. e ponti a travata.

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HISTORICAL NOTES ON BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION

3 ages:

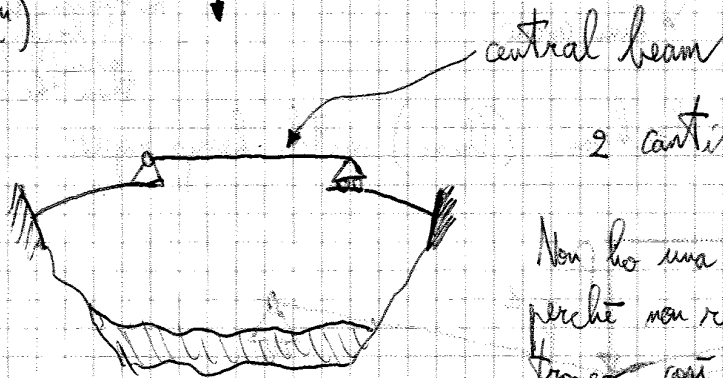
- 1st age (trunks: tronchi  
decks: impalcato)

(abutment: spalla del ponte)  
↓  
riva, sponda

cantilever: mensola  
(<sup>4</sup> cantilever)

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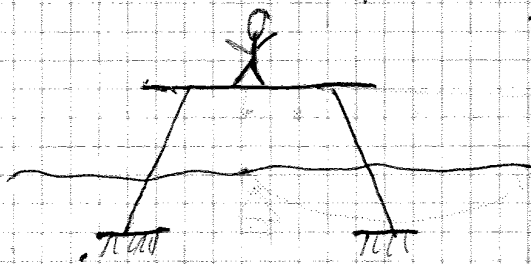


Non ho una costruzione continua perché non riesco a trasportare un tronco con lungo → uso questo altro semplice schema statico (con 3 tronchi).

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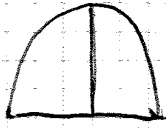
Bamboo bridge (di Apocalypse Now)



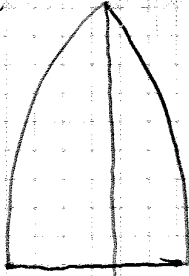
La struttura è un FRAME (portale).

Se la distanza tra il punto fisso e quello mobile diminuisce  $\rightarrow$  la forza assiale aumenta a causa della non linearità geometrica.

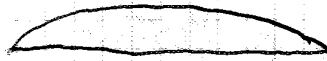
Depressed arch (arco scemo)



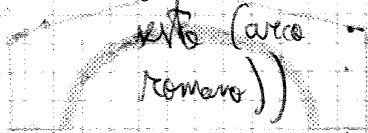
round arch (arco a tutto sesto (arco romano))



ogival arch (arco a tutto acuto)



depressed arch (arco ribassato)



Bridge built by Giulio Cesare

Pile boring machine: macchine che infiggono i pali.

It has the same <sup>profondità</sup> metric scheme of the Lambogion bridge.

Why is so famous? 2 REASONS:

- It was useless. They built and then demolished to protect themselves from the German attack (they realized that Egyptians were too strong!)
- It's almost impossible to build; modern engineers couldn't bridge it with that old technology.

Pont du Gard 11/39

Reims Bridge: 20-22 m per arch, so almost no improvement in the arch in 1000 years (from the Roman)

dell'apertura dell'arco

erosione  $\rightarrow$  velocità aumenta  $\rightarrow$  aumentano i residui solidi  $\rightarrow$  aumenta l'erosione delle pile  $\rightarrow$  no foundation in the river bed anymore

$\rightarrow$  per costruire costruire pile nel letto del fiume  $\rightarrow$  costruire pile grandi e con grande distanza tra una e l'altra.

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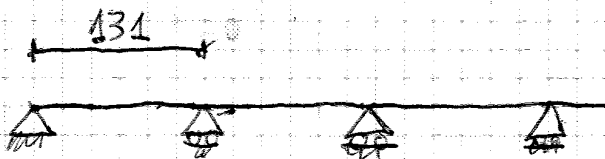
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Transport by rail: small slopes because of the weight of the train itself.  
The higher the speed of the train, the bigger the curvature radius.

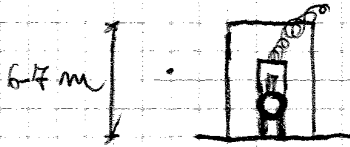
At the beginning the idea was like the Roman bridges (Arch bridges).

Before 2nd revolution  $\Rightarrow$  masonry and rocks

After 2nd revolution  $\Rightarrow$  steel (reticolare: truss system)



Dirschow Bridge



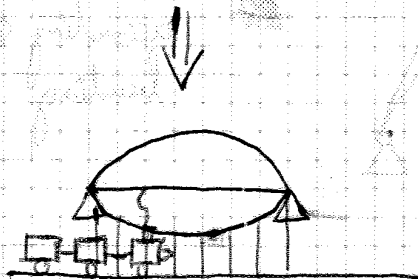
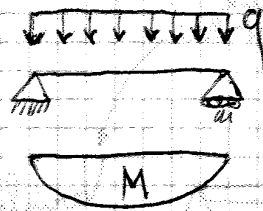
The train is running inside the box (big cross section)

Grandfey Viaduct: the train is running on the top, not inside.

(the structural scheme is made up of a frame with diagonal bars: it's more famous in the Mill newspaper (file for the huge viaduct in London))

Smithfield Street Bridge

variable stiffness



Kinzus Creek viaduct

firstly: very slender, thin beam because trains were small.

("crane": girder)

mello

# 3rd AGE

Reinforced concrete (nata tra la 1° e la 2° guerra mondiale)

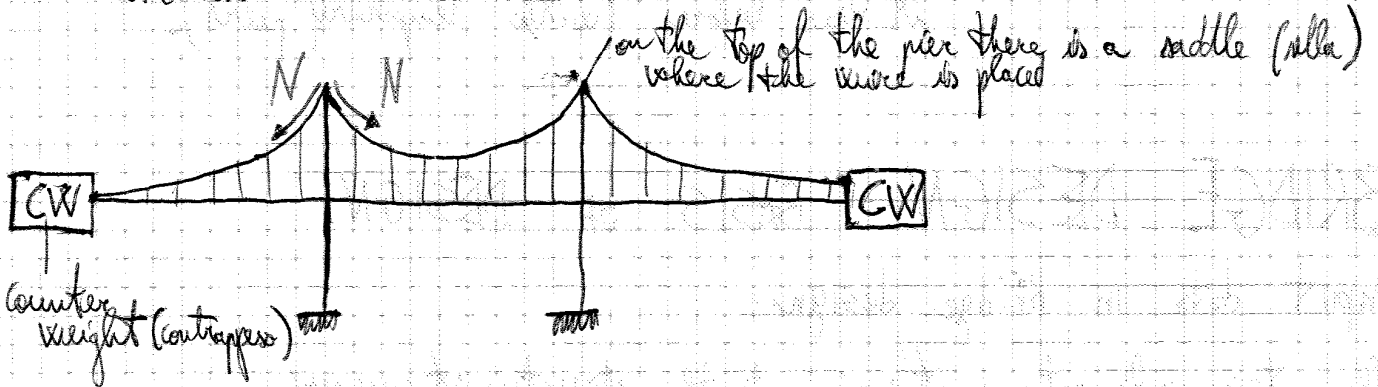
Europa bridge: reinforced concrete (now we reach the same span with steel because is more economic).

Max depth of piles: 190 m!!! (40 m more than SAN PAOLO skyscraper)

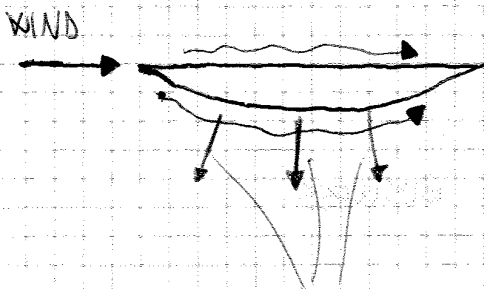
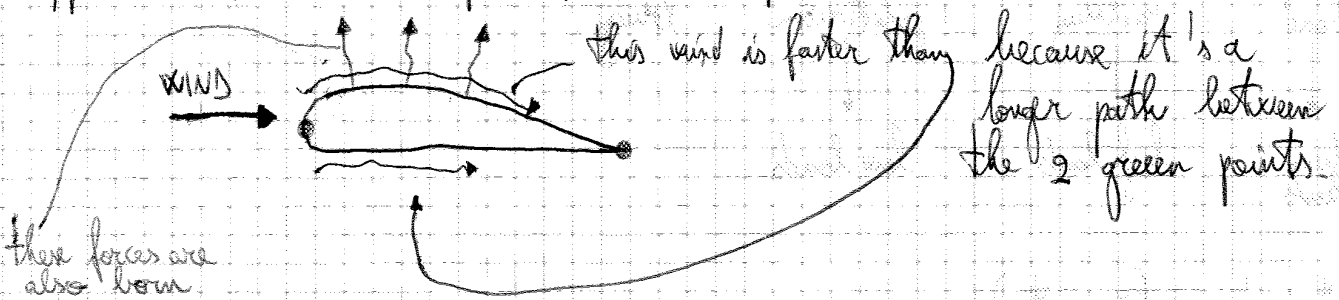
Humber suspended bridge: Brooklyn Bridge

La pila è un telaio piano (plane frame)

static scheme:



The deck is wing shaped (forma ala) but is the opposite than the shape of the airplanes.



it's good because the vertical ropes work in tension.

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# HISTORICAL NOTES ON BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION



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### Historical notes on bridge design

- 1st Age : Since the beginning to ~ 1800 (Transport by animals)
- 2nd Age : ~ 1800 ÷ 1920 (Transport by rail)
- 3rd Age: 1920 to today (Transport by trucks)



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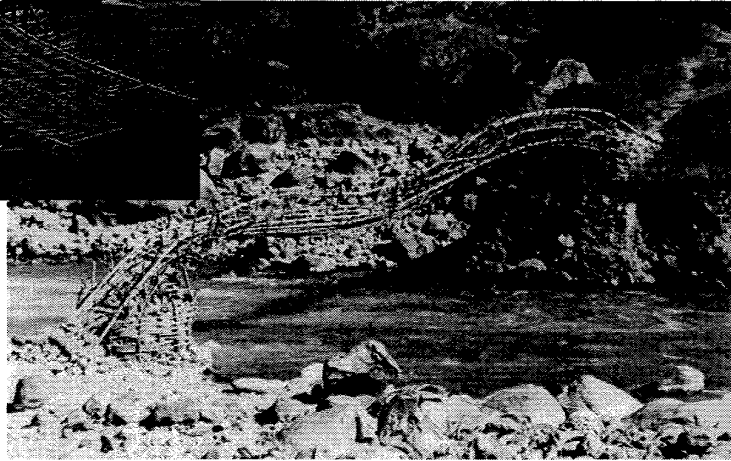
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Bamboo bridge in Nepal

Bamboo frame  
bridge  
built in Cambodia

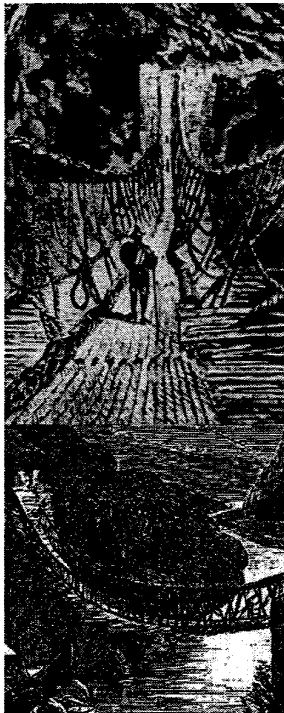


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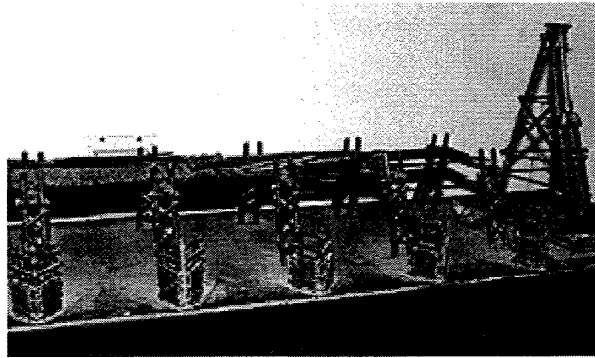
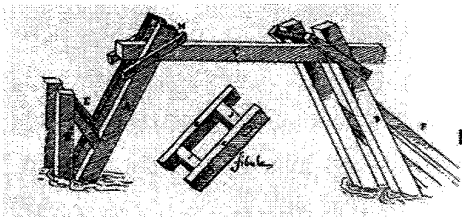
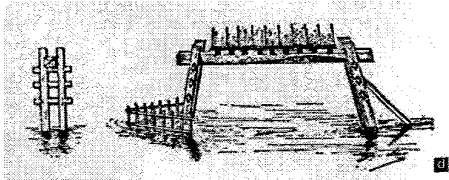
Road between El Cutzco and Jauja – catenary bridge built on Pampas river (span: 41 m – prints of 1865)

Tibetan bridge built in Karakorum for the expedition on K2 of 1953



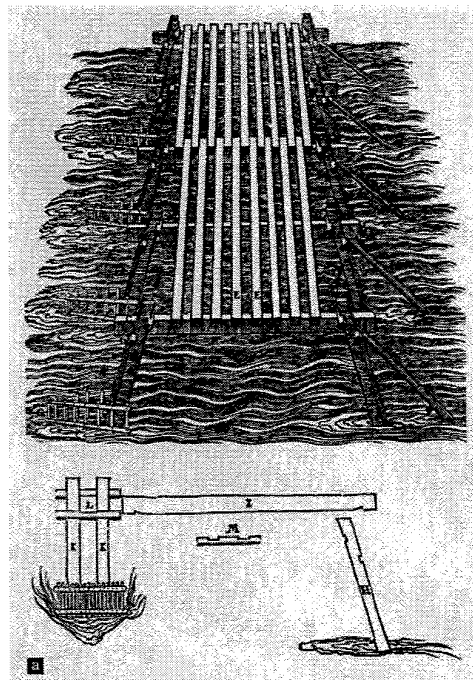
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Bridge built by Giulio Cesare during the war to Gallia, to cross the Reno River, in 55 b.C.



**From "De bello Gallico" Book IV – XVII**

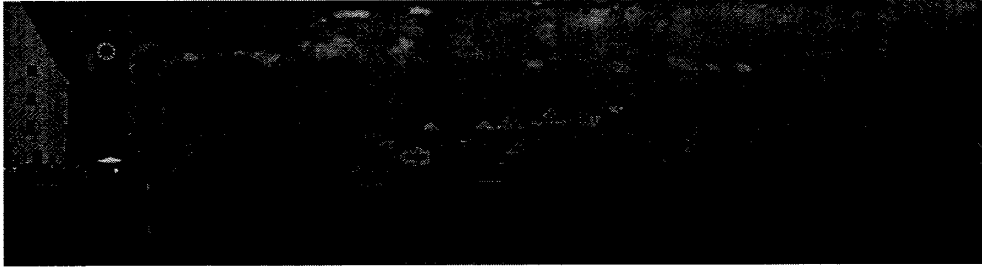
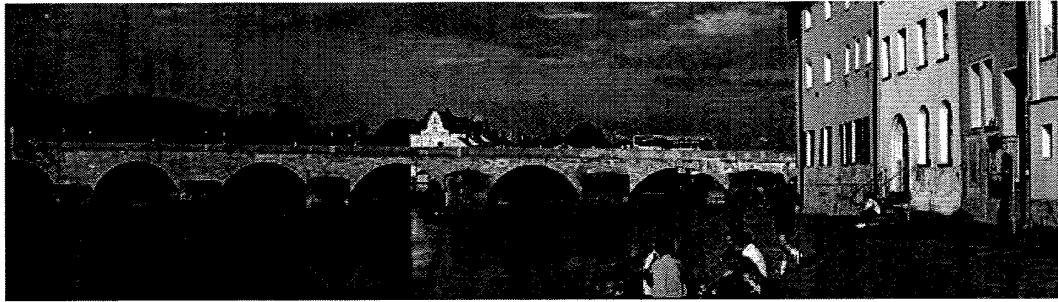
A distanza di due piedi univa, a due per volta, travi lievemente appuntite in basso, del diametro di un piede e mezzo di altezza commisurata alla profondità del fiume; poi, mediante macchinari le calava in acqua e con battipali le conficcava sul fondo del fiume, non a perpendicolo, come le travi delle palafitte, ma oblique e in pendenza, in modo da inclinare nel senso della corrente; più in basso, alla distanza di quaranta passi e dirimpetto alle prime travi, ne poneva altre, sempre legate a due a due, con inclinazione opposta all'impeto e alla corrente del fiume. Nell'interstizio collocava pali dello spessore di due piedi - pari alla distanza delle travi accoppiate - e, fissandoli con due arpioni, impediva che esse in cima si toccassero; perciò, poggiando su travi separate e ben ribadite in direzione contraria, la struttura del ponte risultava tale, da reggere, per necessità naturale, tanto più saldamente, quanto più impetuosa fosse la corrente. Sui pali venivano disposte, in senso orizzontale, altre travi su cui poggiavano tavole e graticci; inoltre, come sostegno, a valle venivano aggiunti, obliqui, pali fissati al resto della struttura per resistere alla corrente impetuosa; così pure altre travi, a monte, venivano collocate non lontano dal ponte, allo scopo di frenare eventuali tronchi o navi che i barbari avessero lanciato contro la costruzione per distruggerla: l'impatto sarebbe stato attutito e i danni al ponte limitati.



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Regensburg bridge – Germany (1135 – 1146)  
16 arches - total span: 350m

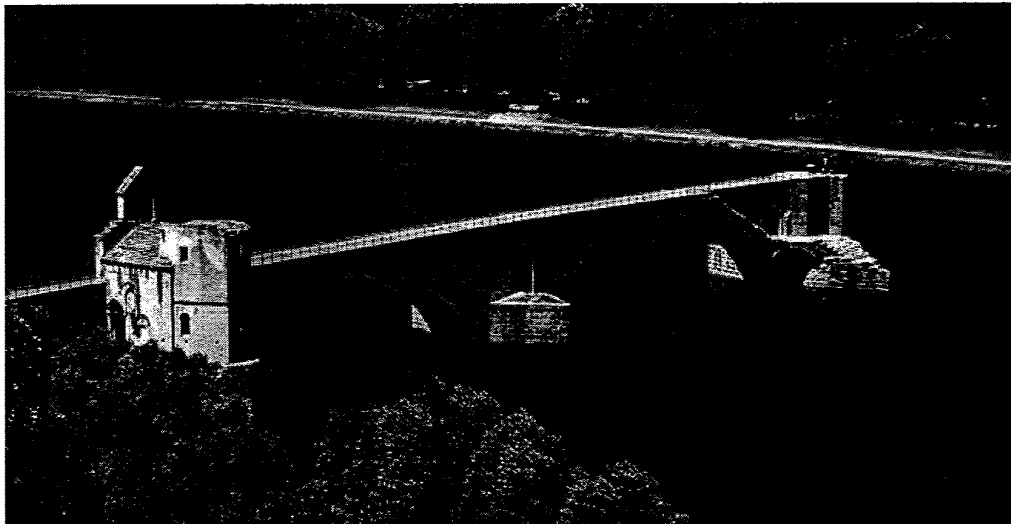


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Pont St. Benezet - XII Century – Avignon – France.  
Built in 1184, destroyed in 1226, rebuilt in the following century,  
collapsed during a flood in XVII century. Only 4 arches survived  
on a total amount of 22, with a total span of 850 m.



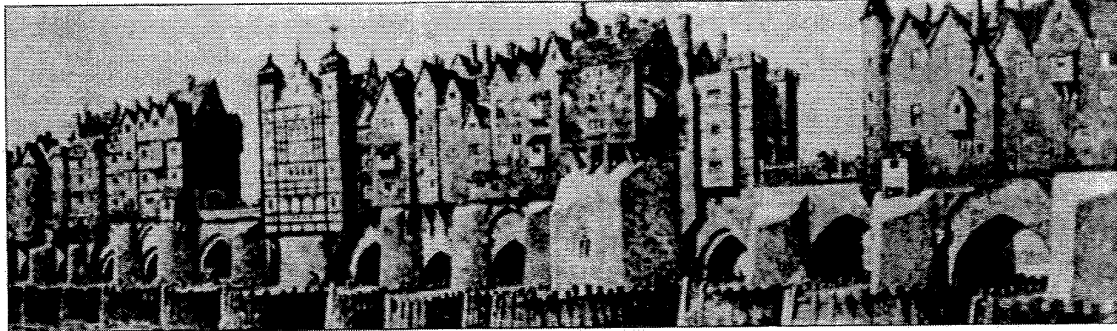
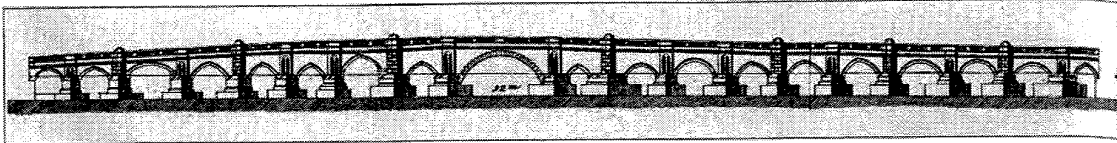
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London Bridge, built in XII century (demolished and substituted in 1824 )

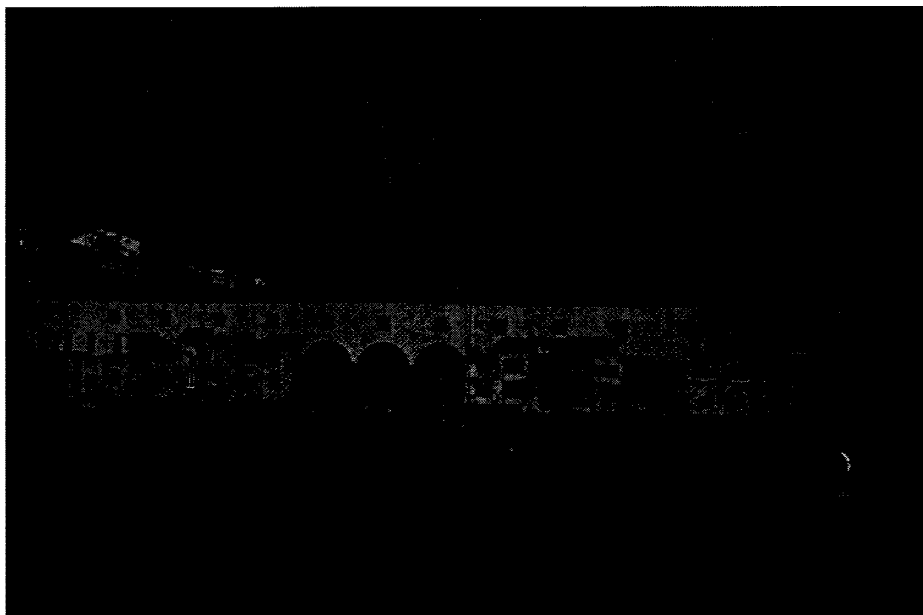


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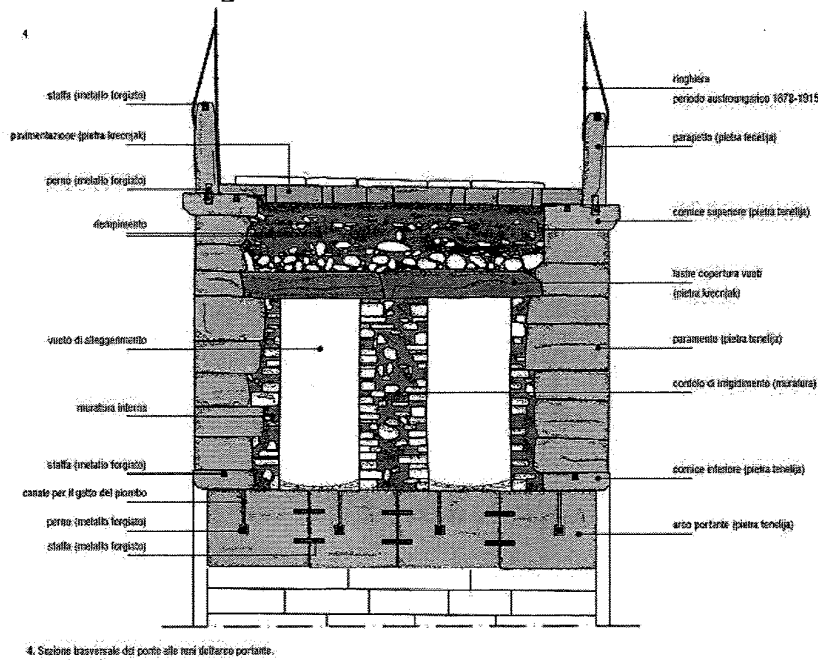


Ponte Vecchio ( Florence, 1345 )

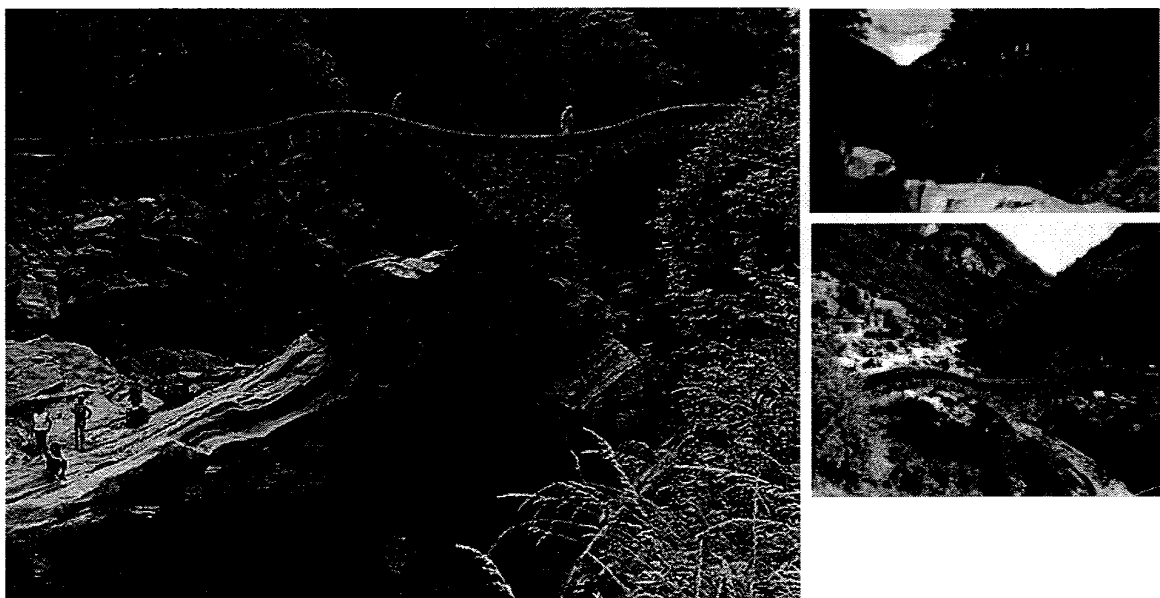


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### Roman Bridge in Mostar: hollow cross-section



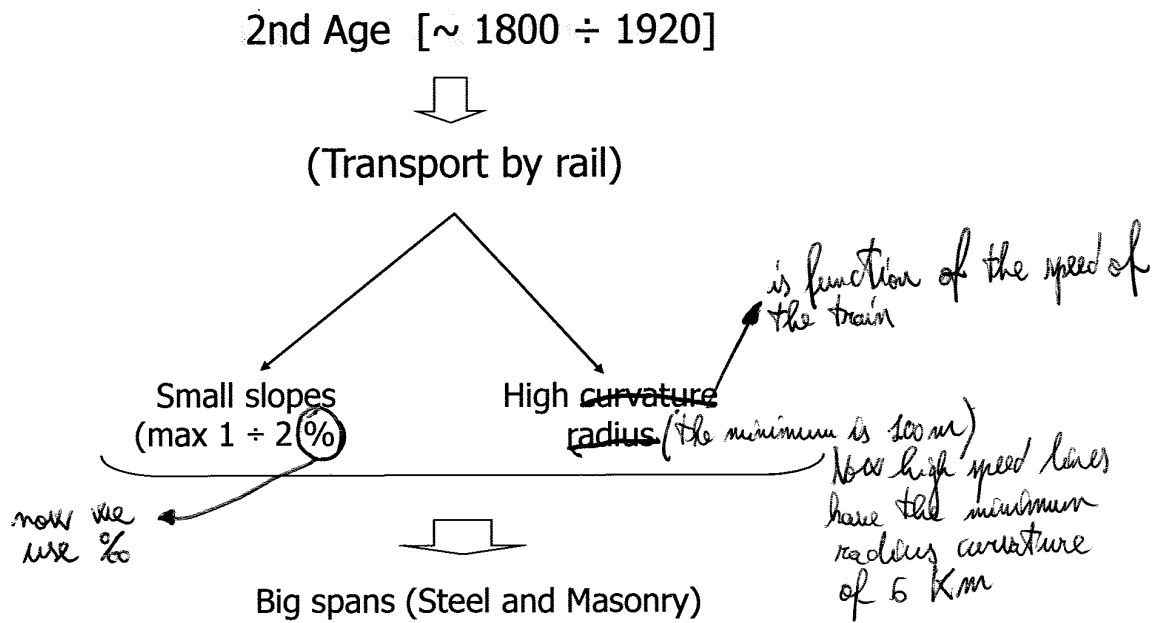
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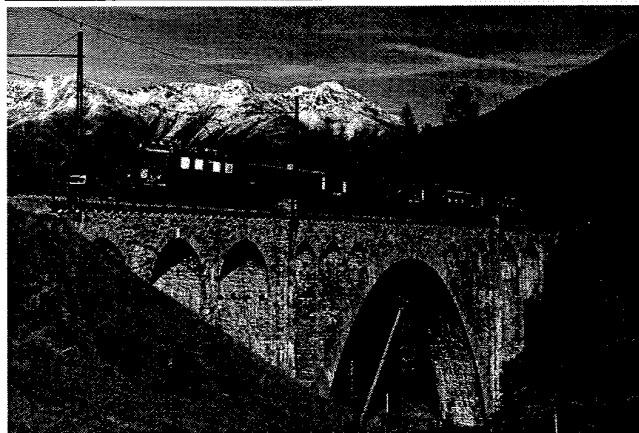
Lavertezzo Cliff Bridge (Canton Ticino – CH)  
 XVII century, on roman ruins

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Railway viaduct on Goltzschatal – Vogtland  
Total span: 578m  
(Germany, 1851)



Cinus-chel Bridge  
on Inn River  
Total span: 111m  
Depth: 50m (Swiss, 1911)

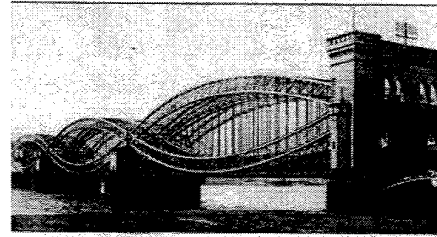
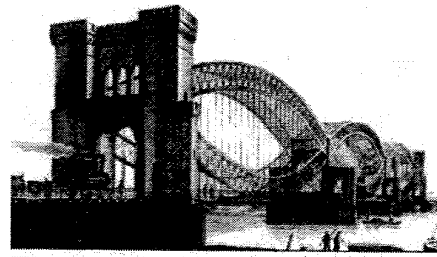
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Smithfield Street bridge  
max span: 109m  
(Pittsburgh, 1883)



Hamburg bridges  
on Elba river



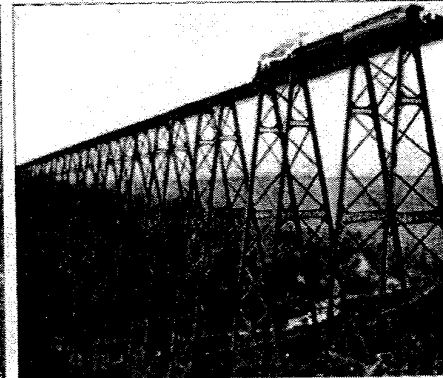
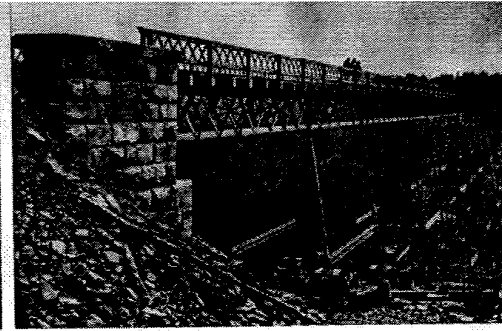
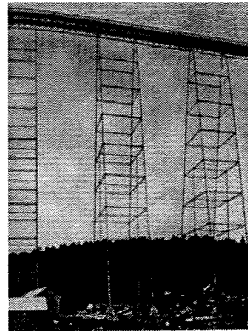
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Kinzua Creek viaduct  
a), b) : original viaduct  
c), d) : new viaduct, 1900  
(Pennsylvania, 1882)

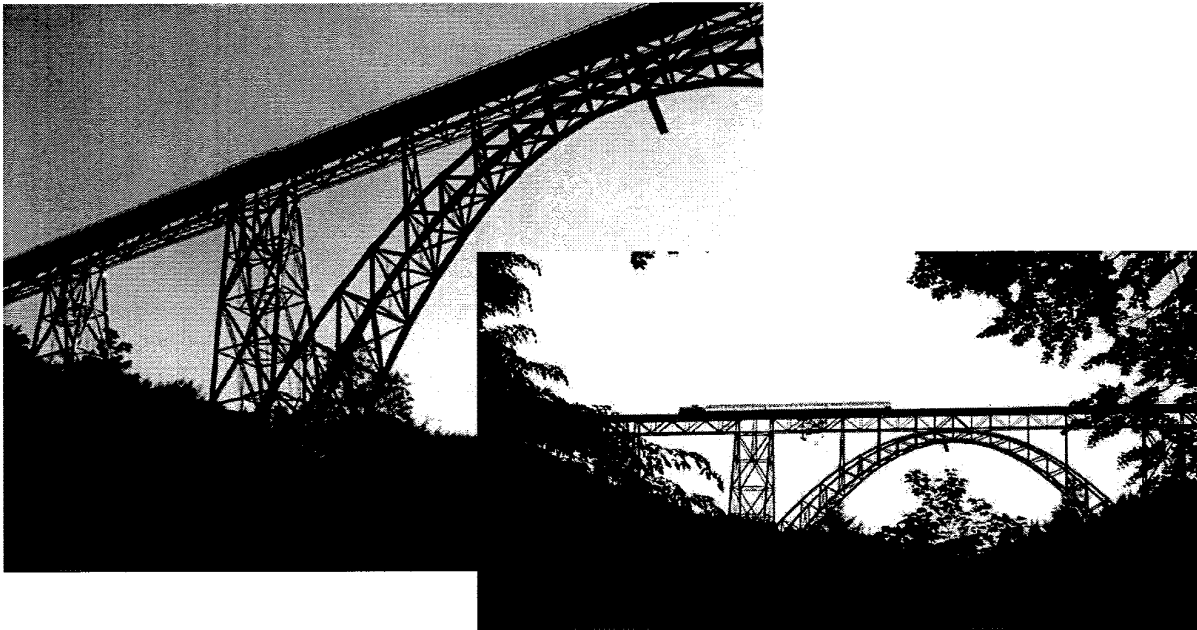


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Railway bridge crossing the Wupper Valley (Mungsten, Germany)  
[ span: 180 m, depth: 70 m - the highest railway bridge in Germany]



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3rd Age [since 1920 till now]



Transport by trucks



Highways: planimetrical and  
altimetrical constraints  
with long viaducts



Coming of reinforced concrete.  
and prestressed concrete

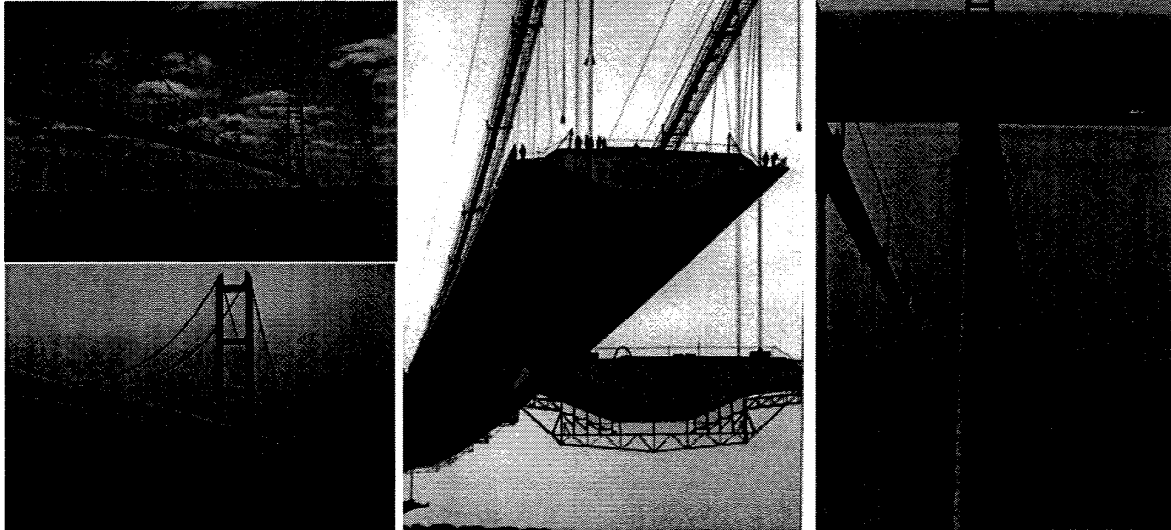
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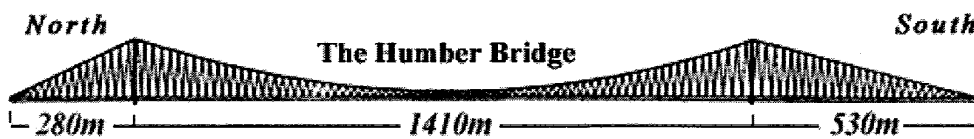
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### Humber suspended bridge (UK, 1983)

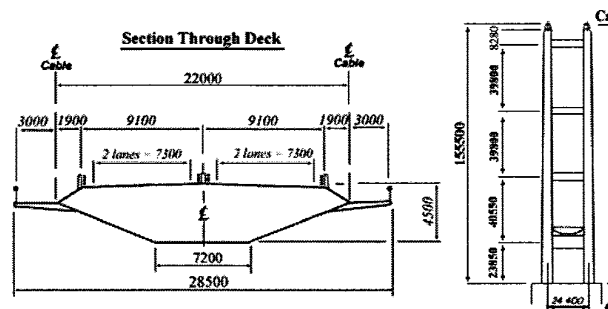




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### Humber suspended bridge – UK, 1983



Main span	1410m
Deck width	28.5m
Pier depth	155.5m
Rape diameter	0.68m
Rape total lenght	71,000km
Forces in ropes	194,000 kN
Amount of steel	27,500 t
Amount of concrete	480,000 t




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# BASIS OF DESIGN



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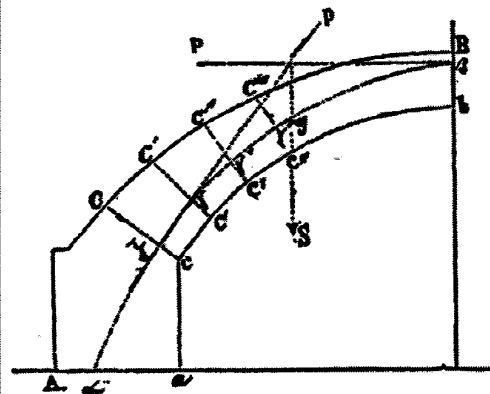
Marco Polo describes a bridge, stone by stone.

*"Which is the stone that bears the bridge?"* Kublai Kan asks.

*"There's no single stone that bears the bridge",* Marco answers, *"It's the line of the arch that keeps it standing".*

Kublai Kan stands, thinking. Then he adds: *"Why are you talking to me about stones? I'm only interested in the arch".*

Polo answers: *"There's no arch without stones".*



Italo Calvino – "Le città invisibili"



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- Environmental conditions in which the bridge has to be built

Open field → *don't build bridges with antennas... it will look like obelisk is nothing*  
 Hill landscape  
 Valley between close mountains  
 Historical city (old and small depth buildings)  
 Modern city (new and tall buildings)

- Environmental requirements

*to protect the traffic*

Aesthetic requirements  
 Noise protection → *is 5m tall*  
 Wind protection → *all long your bridge*  
 Splash protection → *from the sea*

*you should have continuity between buildings and your bridge*

- Functionality requirements

Deformability limitations → *is important for railway bridges*  
 (High speed lines) *for road bridges no → also 4 ± 2 cm of deflection in a bridge 100 m span is absolutely normal.*  
 Limitation and control of vibration amplitude and frequency (High speed lines and pedestrian bridges)

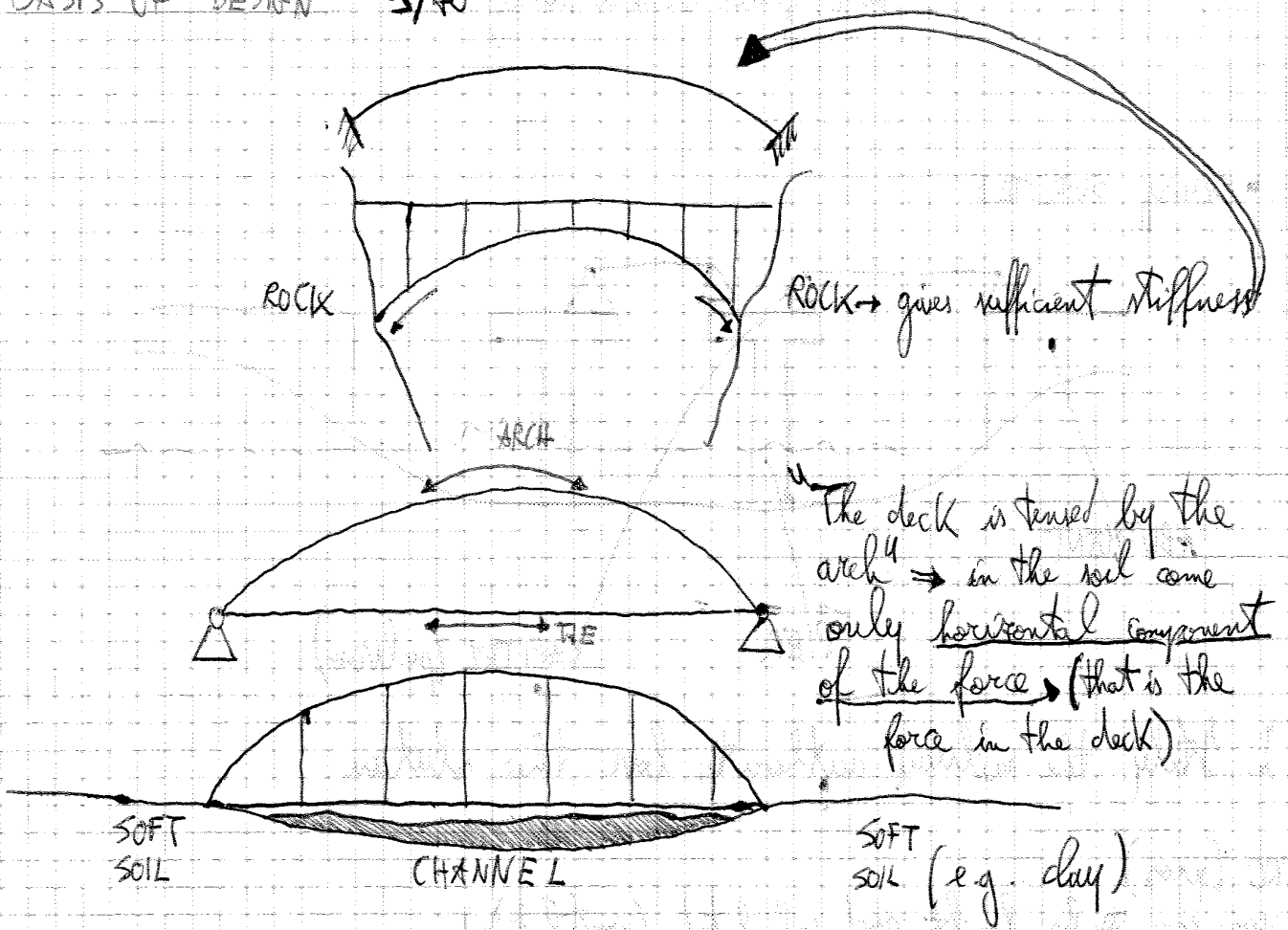
### Classification criteria for bridges & design demands

- 1) Obstacle to be crossed
- 2) Specification of service
- 3) Material to be used
- 4) Statical scheme

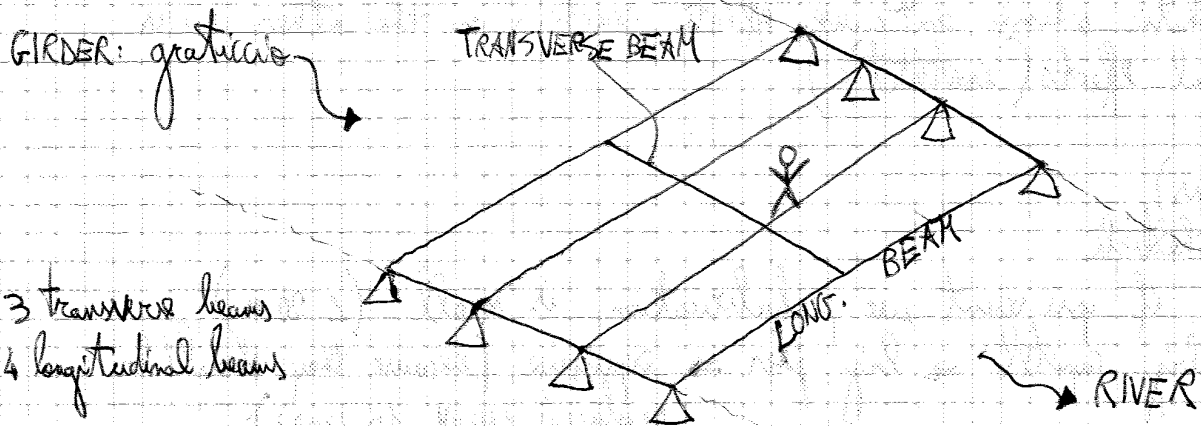
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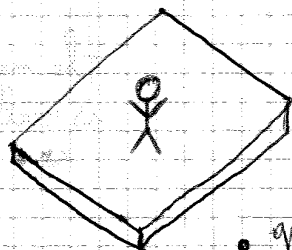
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11/40 STATICAL SCHEME



SLAB: piastra  
like girder, but full

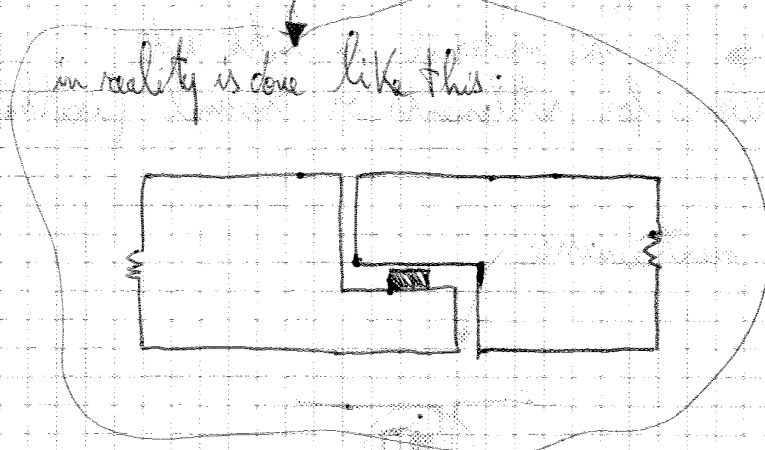
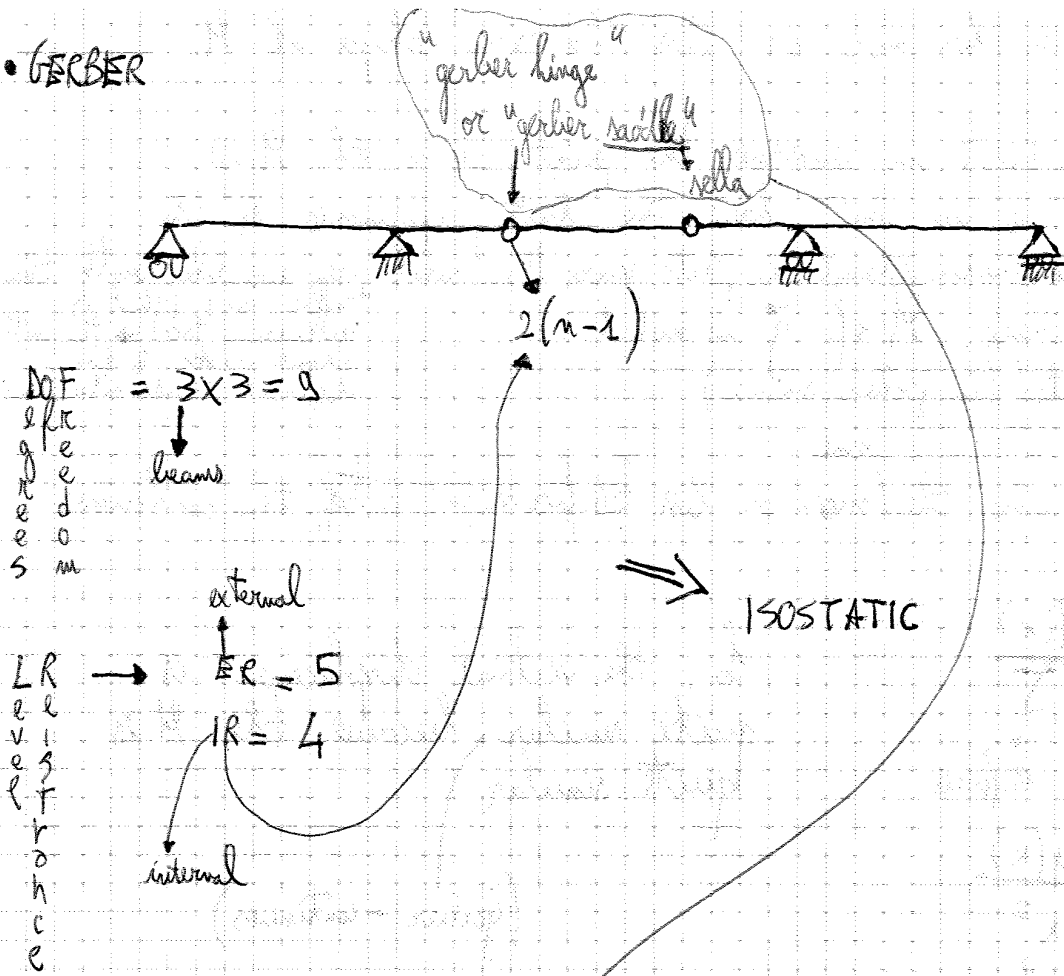


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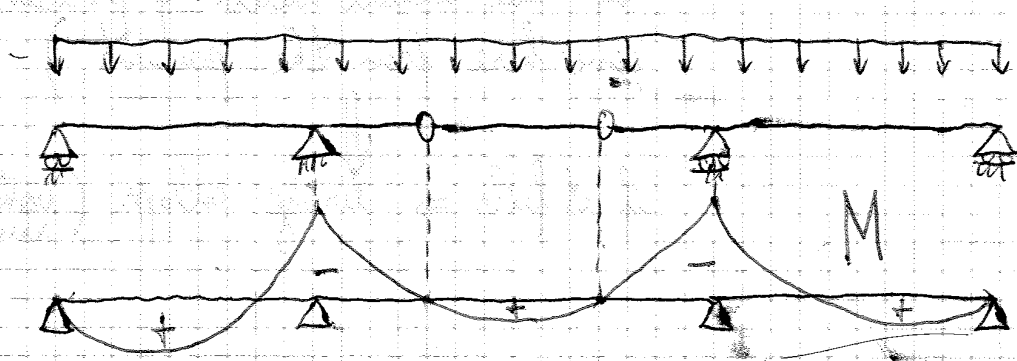
- generally the thickness of the slab is smaller than the thickness of the girder.

- girder: precast element
- slab: cast in situ, better durability

• GERBER

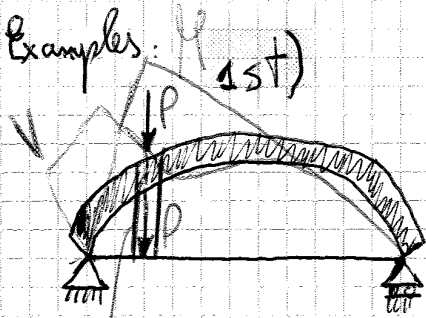


This scheme is between the simply supported and the continuous beams, because:



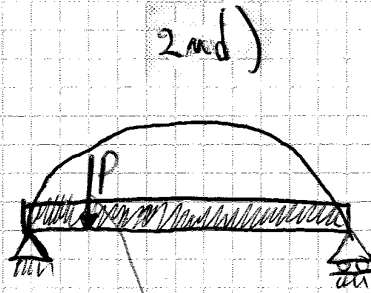


13/40	ARCH	DECK	that take $M, V$ and give to the arch them
1st)	Rigid $N, M, V$	Flexible $N, M, V$ → are small so the deck is mainly tension	big arch with big section and small section of deck ⇒ a lot of vertical elements
2nd)	Flexible the arch is so thin ⇒ small $M$ inside (and $V$ too) ⇒ $N$	Rigid $N, M, V$	The number of vertical elements is smaller than 1st
3rd)	AVERAGE	AVERAGE	both arch and deck have more or less the same stiffness



This vertical element take  $P$  and give to the arch.

Does the arch work well with a concentrated force? No, because the arch is built to work well with a distributed load. In the arch we'll have both  $M, V, N$  ⇒ it's difficult to design.



$P$  is transferred in the arch like a distributed load.

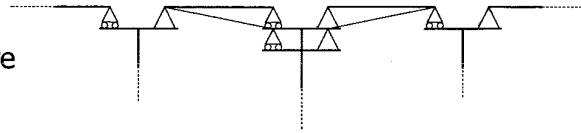


and in the arch you have only axial force ⇒ it's easy to design.

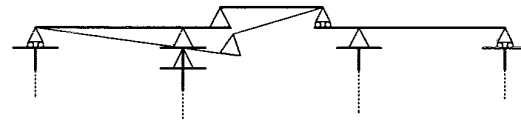
### 4) Statical Scheme

*graticcio* → Girder bridges or slab bridges

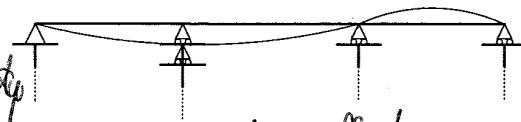
- Simply supported { Prefabrication  
Settlements, temperature



- Gerber { Internal actions distributions  
Settlements, temperature



- Continuous { Best use of material



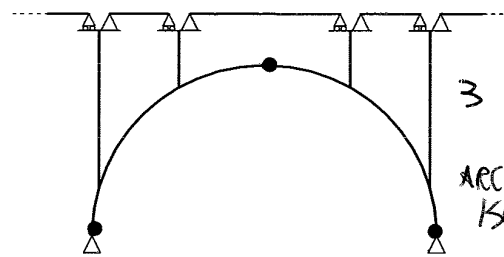
*PRO* - best use of materials, lower deformability  
*CONTR* - intricate (→ lower calculation), if settlements or temperature effects → reactions

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### Arch bridges

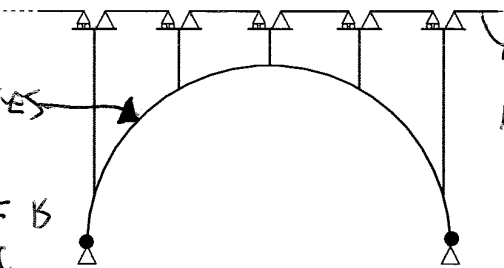
*UPPER DECK*

- Three hinges arches



*3 HINGES ARCH*  
 ↓  
*ARCH ITSELF IS*  
*ISOSTATIC*

- Two hinges arches *2 HINGES ARCH*  
 ↓  
*ARCH ITSELF IS*  
*ISPERSTATIC*



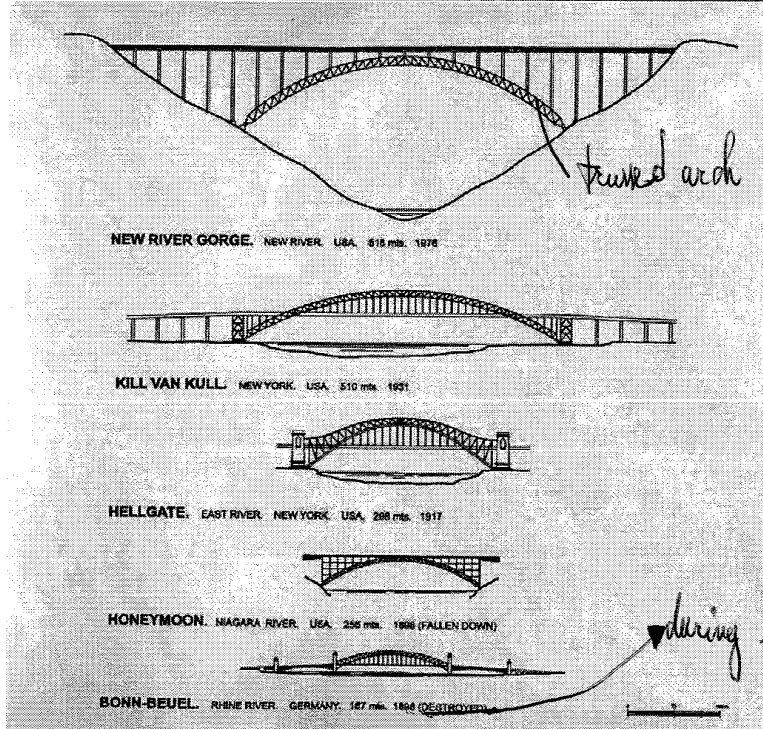
*the deck is made by simply supported scheme but can be also Gerber or continuous.*  
 ↓  
*most used*

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The largest steel arch bridges  
(1856-1976)

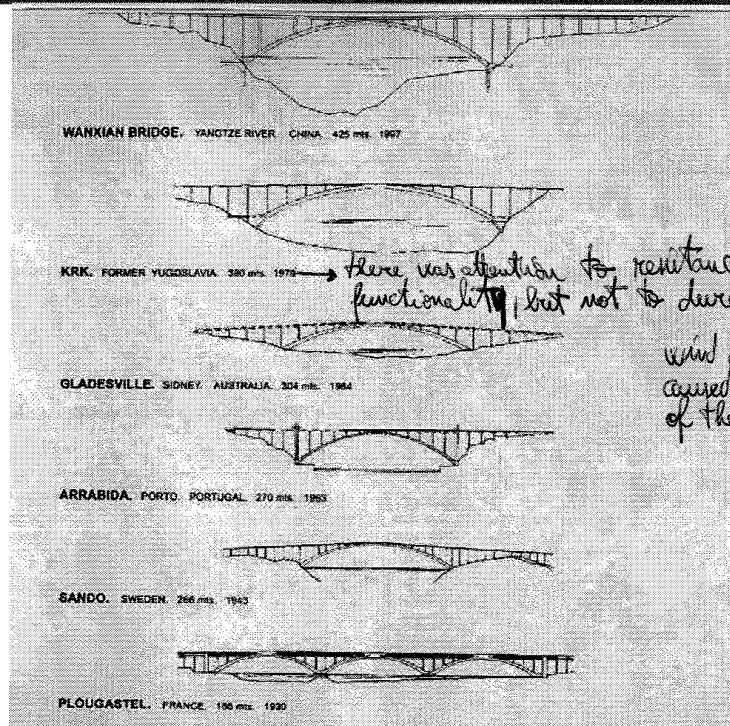


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The largest concrete arch bridges  
(1927 - 2000)



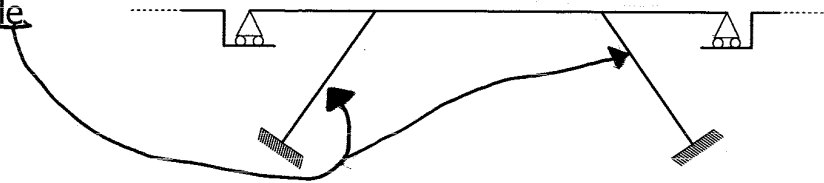
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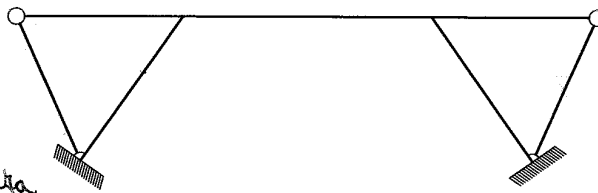
Trestle bridges

- Single trestle



- Tied trestle

*it's the scheme of the overpasses Turin - Piedmont*

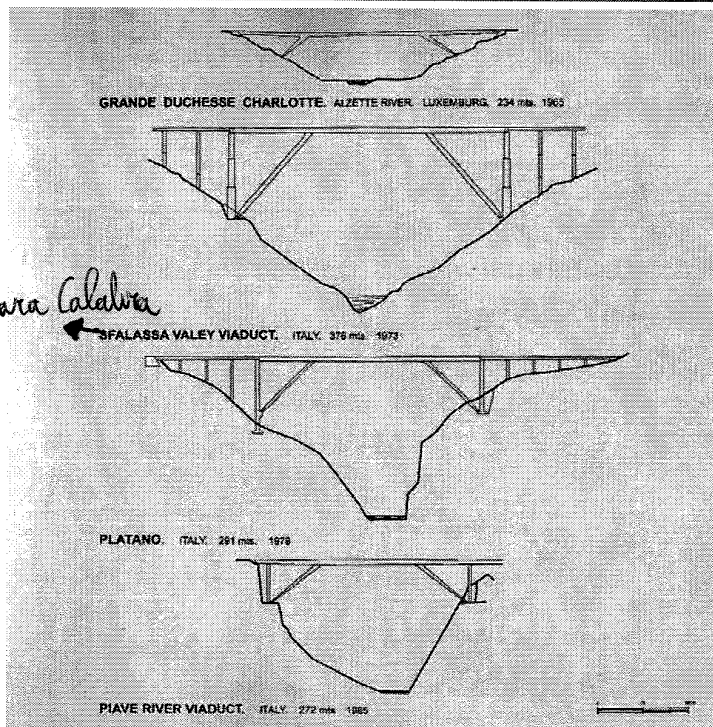


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Basis of design 20/70

The largest trestle bridges

*in Bagnara Calabria*



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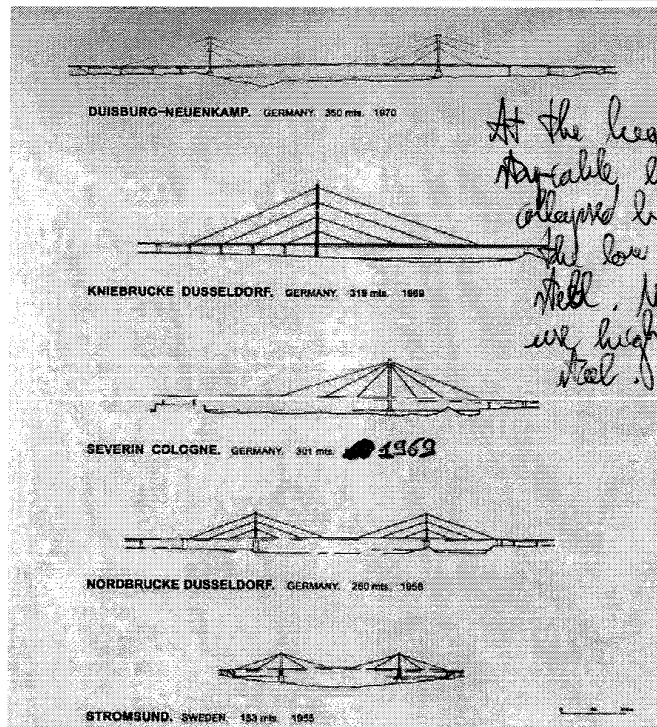
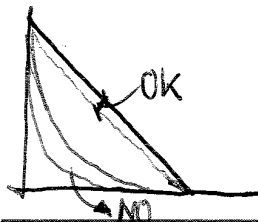
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Basis of design 23/70

The largest stay-cable bridges  
(1955-1975)

*All'inizio i cavi non erano pretesi, quindi si molavano, quindi l'impalcato, per resistere, doveva deformarsi molto e arrivare a collasso prima che i cavi andassero in tensione.*



*At the beginning stay-cable bridges collapsed because of the low resistance of steel. nowadays we use high resistance steel.*

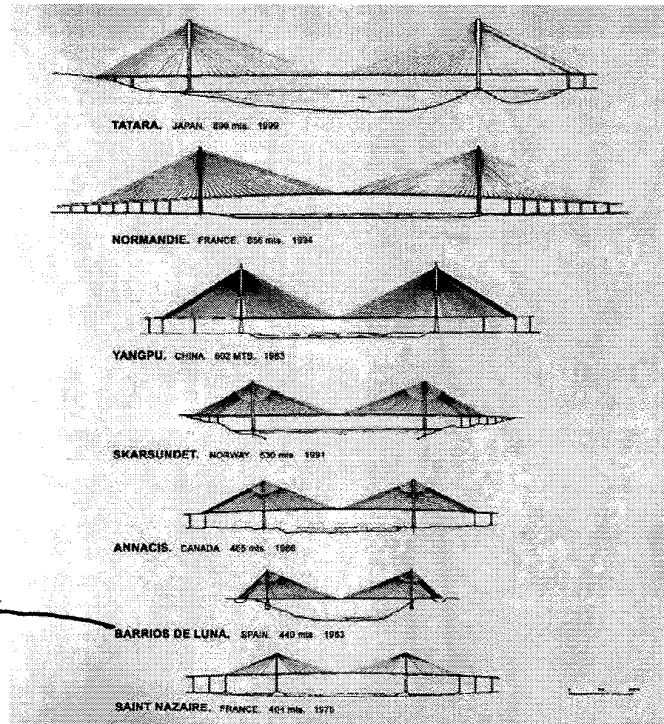


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The largest stay-cable bridges  
(1975 - 2000)



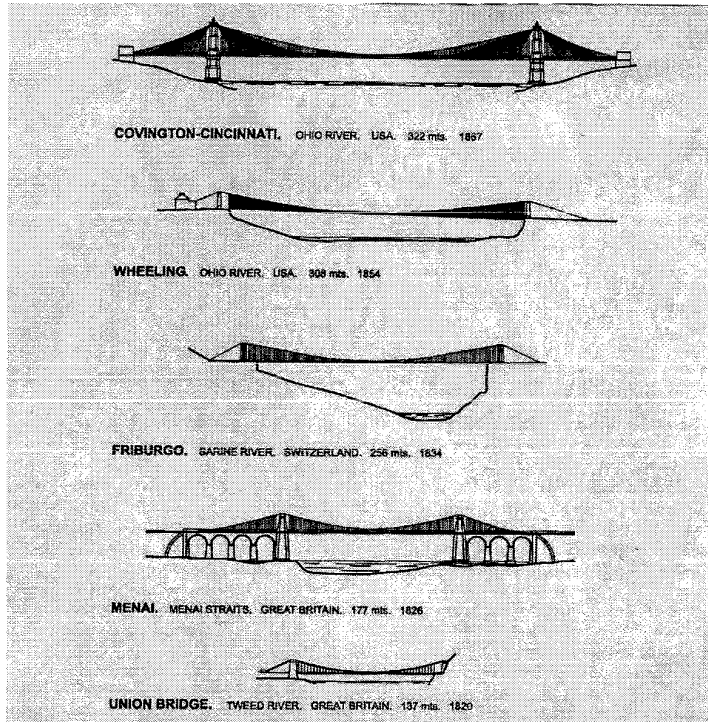
*one of the largest with deck completely in concrete*



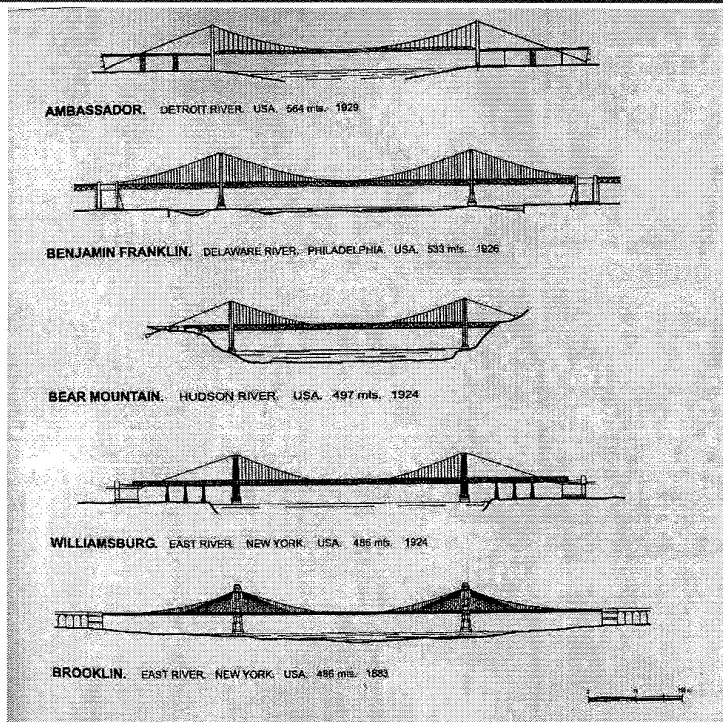
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### The largest suspended bridges (1820 – 1882)



### The largest suspended bridges (1883 – 1930)



of stairways and other large structures

Porteggi

**Scaffolding**: is a temporary structure used to support people and material in the construction or repair

**Most used construction system**

Formwork on fixed falsework

Formwork on mobile falsework

- Falsework safety
- Deformation during the casting
- Removal of falsework
- Sliding beams of formwork
- Foundations of formwork
- Deformation during the casting

(not suddenly)  
it progressively self should remove in a symmetric way and you should leads from the structure itself → you should do

Falsework also includes temporary support structures for formwork used to mould concrete to form a desired shape... it's a weak structure (use used safety coefficients lower than normal ones)

Formwork is made of panels and accessories that act as a mold to form a desired shape with concrete (for any purpose), falsework is the temporary support structure for the forms.

Falsework refers to temporary structures used in the construction to support arched structures and concrete forms (moulds) in order to hold the component in place until its construction is sufficiently far advanced to support itself.

It's required to the contractor the verify of deformation, displacement (max: 1/200). The require of casting is important; it must be checked by the designer.

Furthermore you will have imposed deformation on the fresh concrete by the new concrete that you put over the fresh. The fresh concrete has less tensile strength → sliding between concrete and steel

a) Falsework on the ground (  $h \leq \sim 10 \text{ m}$  )

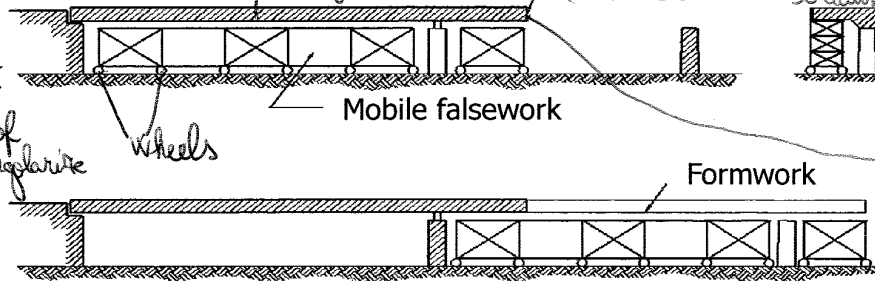
(5-8 hours to complete) the cast

you will see huge cracks when you remove the formwork

This technique is used for long bridges (long span)

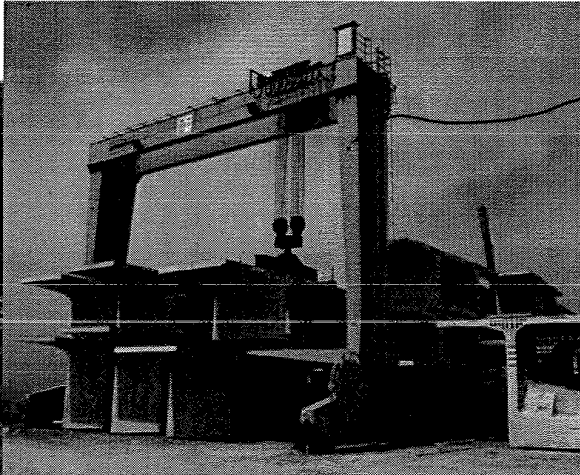
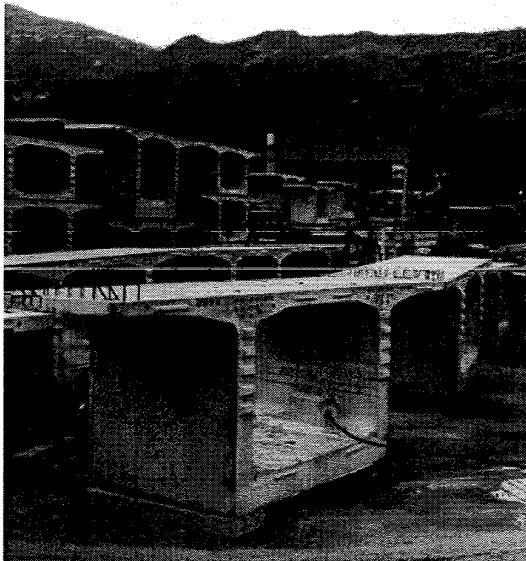
You cast this first part and then a small part of the second (and longest span): 25% of the second.

here the resistance is small, but also the internal actions are small, because I casted a small part of the second span



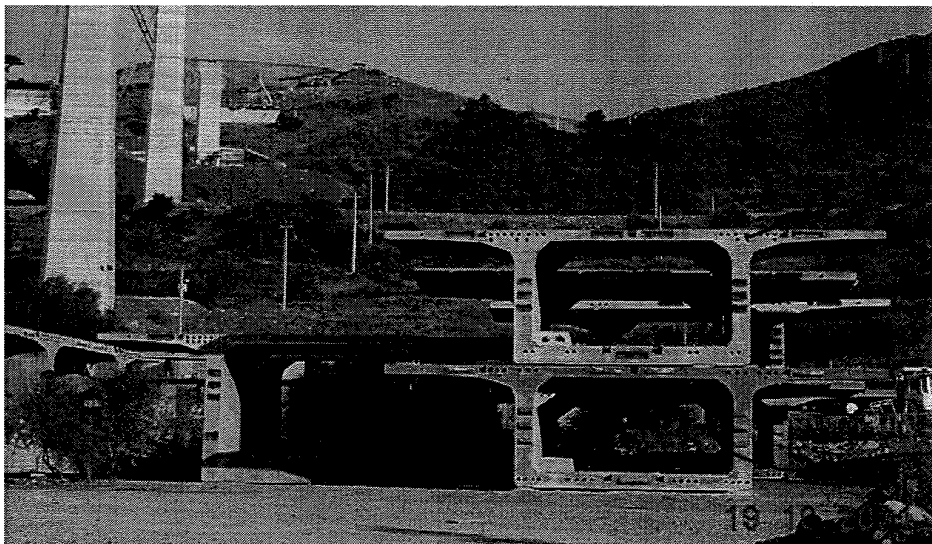
da Torino: (non sono sicuro) I put the joint at 25% of the span, so I put a weakness where the internal action is null ( $M=0$ )

Another technique is to use precasted elements:



This frame moves on rails

anchorage of internal tendon  
Segments storage



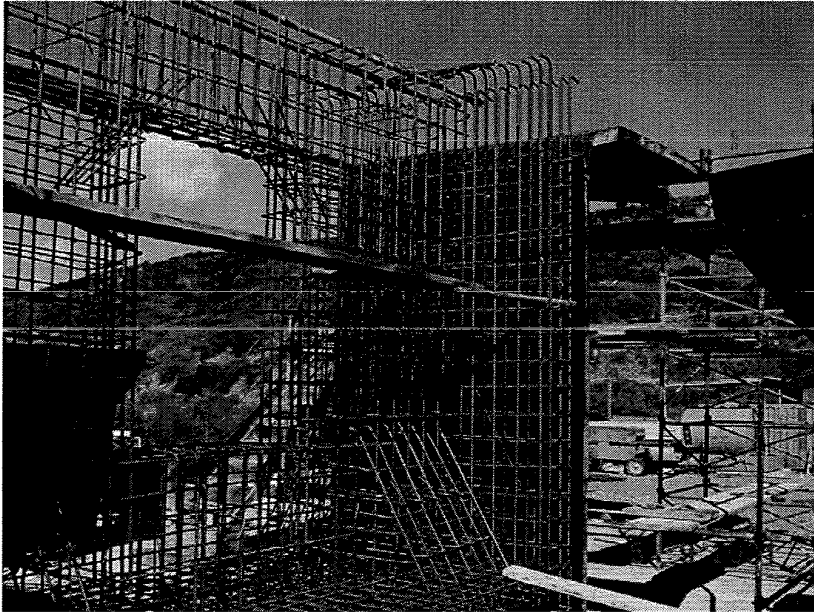
these are the holes for internal tendons, that then will be anchored here

Prefabrication yard → cantiere di prefabbricazione



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Basis of design 39/70



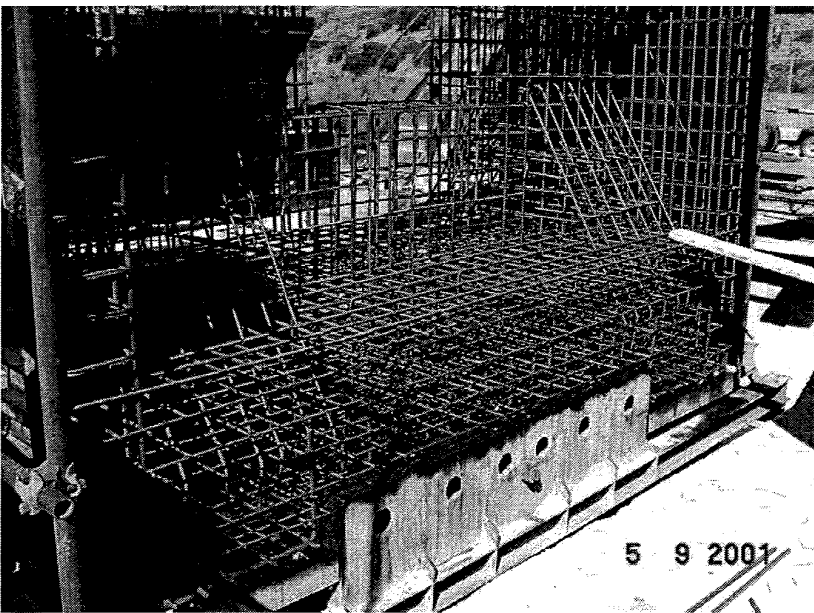
Pier-segment  
reinforcement



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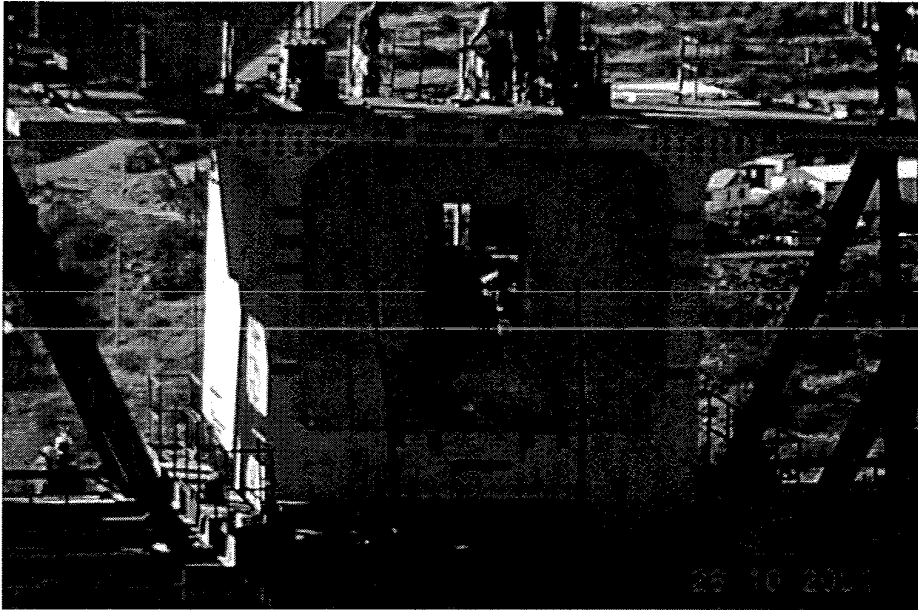
Pier-segment  
reinforcement



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shear keys  
(chiave di taglio)

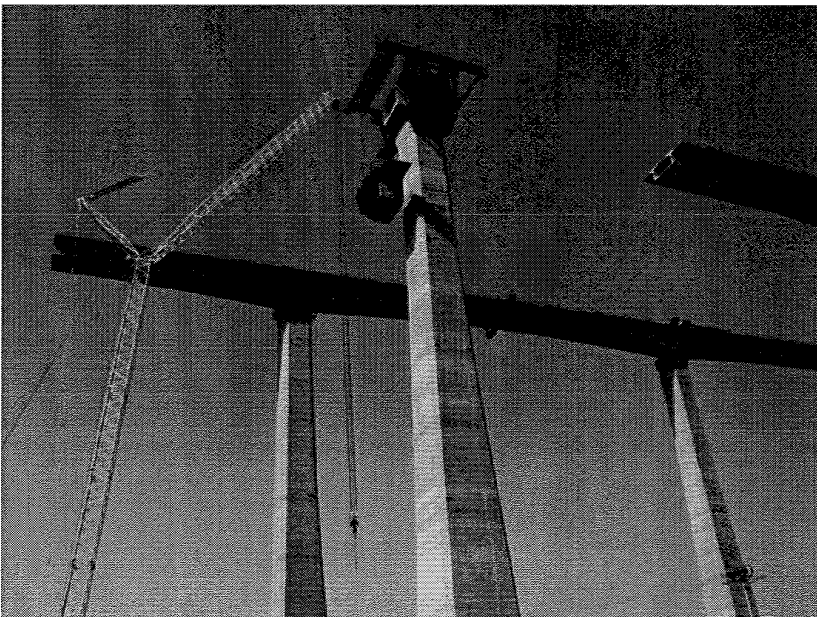
Pier-segment



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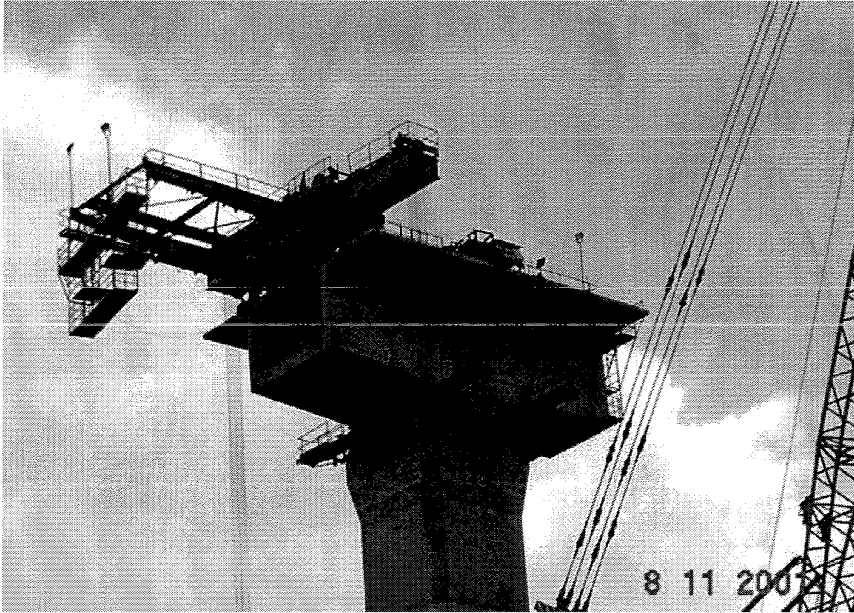
Pollina Viaduct:  
first segment  
outside the pier



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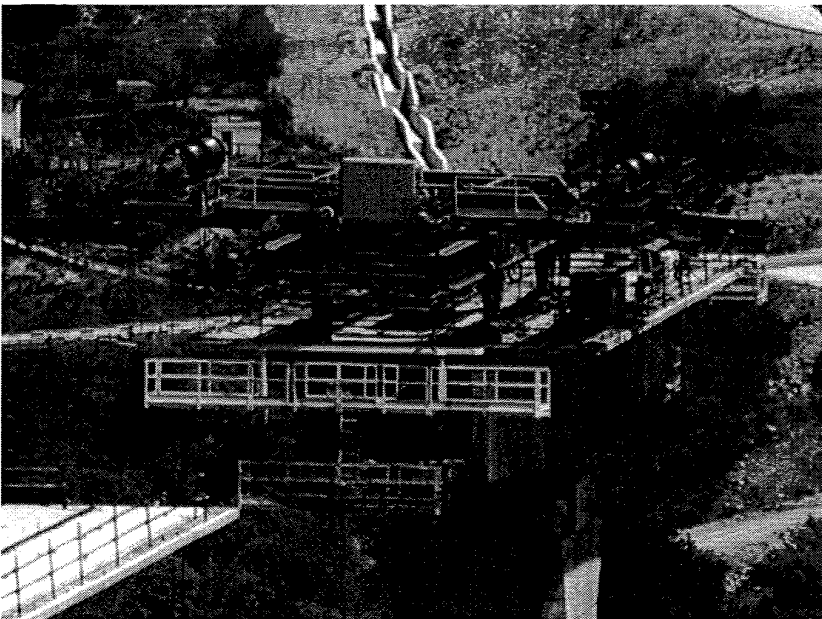
Positioning of segment two (3)



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Pier-cap with first segments

Tusa Viaduct

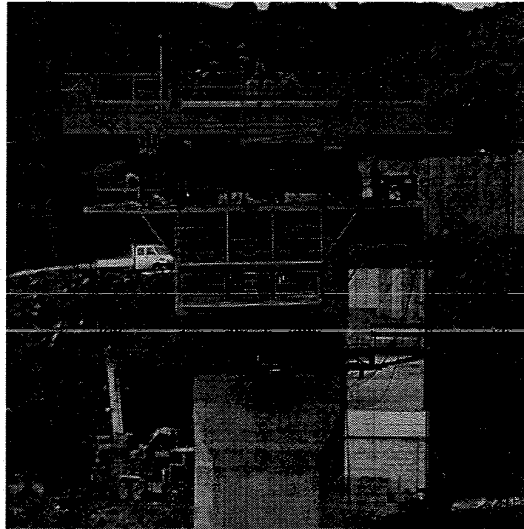
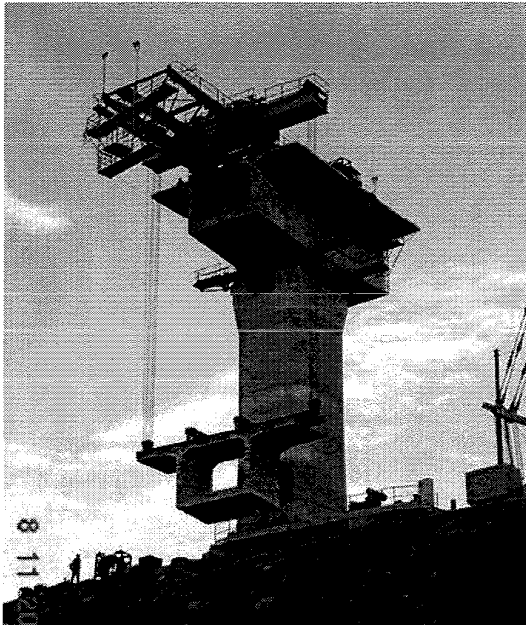


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Another image of the uplift of the segment (Bellevue?)

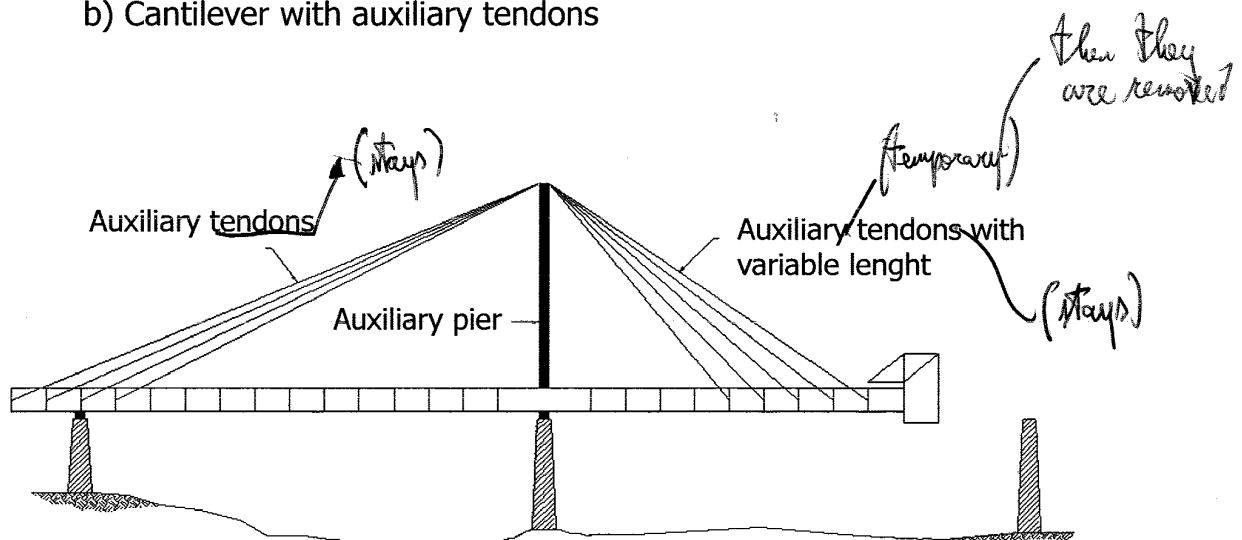


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### b) Cantilever with auxiliary tendons



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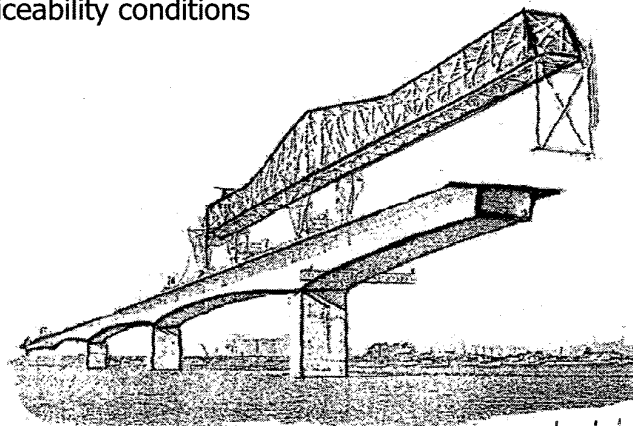
Both **overhead travelling cranes** and **gantry cranes** are types of Crane which lift objects by a **hoist** which is fitted in a trolley and can move horizontally on a rail or pair of rails fitted under a beam. An overhead travelling crane, also known as an overhead crane or as a suspended crane, has the ends of the supporting beam resting on wheels running on rails at high level, usually on the parallel side walls of a factory or similar large industrial building, so that the whole crane can move the length of the building while the hoist can be moved to and fro across the width of the building. A gantry crane has a similar mechanism supported by uprights, usually with wheels at the foot of the uprights allowing the whole crane to traverse.

*"montacarichi"*

A **hoist** is a device used for lifting or lowering a load by means of a drum or lift-wheel around which rope or chain wraps. It may be manually operated, electrically or pneumatically driven and may use chain, fiber or wire rope as its lifting medium.

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- **Precast segmental construction** → *was invented by French people in the middle of 1900s.*  
 No-tensile stresses at the edges in serviceability conditions



*If you use precast segments → no longitudinal reinforcements → no control of the cracking → joints must remain compressed.*

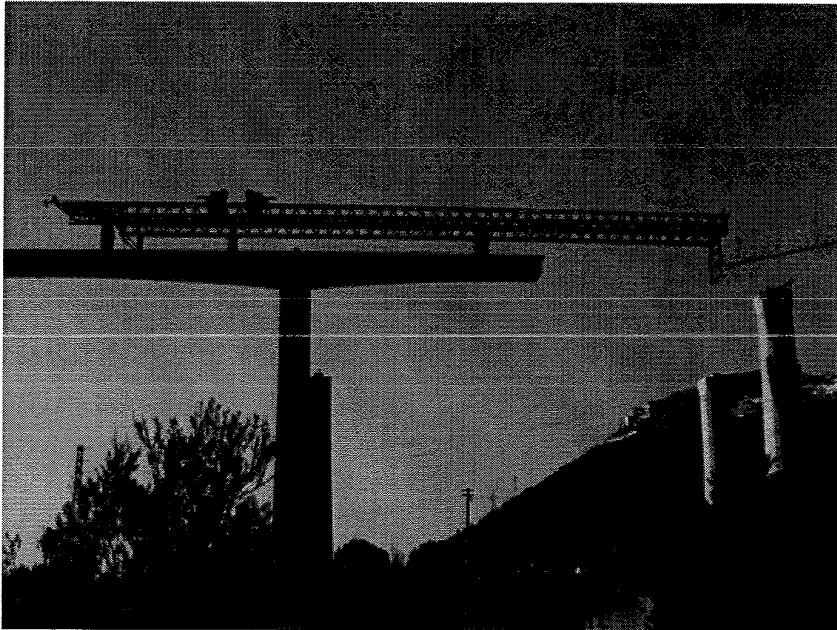
*considered to be economic realization*  
 Maximum span 135 ÷ 140 m

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Basis of design 59/70



*movable  
pendulous key*

Launching girder



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Basis of design 60/70



*Before the closing  
of the central (last)  
key  
and*

Launching of last segment



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**1** **Basis of design 63/70**

*If you want reduce  $C_d \rightarrow$  you build small span (linear relationship)  $\rightarrow$  beam decks (not stay cable, not arch)*  
*The  $C_{pf}$  goes exactly in the other way: if you want reduce  $C_{pf}$  you should build long span (and piers and foundations).*

### Economical criteria for multispan bridges

$C = C_d + C_{pf}$

- $C$  = Total cost
- $C_d$  = Deck cost
- $C_{pf}$  = Foundations and pier cost

**Minimum total cost**

From the back analysis of existing bridges

$$\begin{cases} C_d \cong A_1 + A_2 l \\ C_{pf} \cong A_3 + \frac{A_4}{l} \end{cases}$$

*it's inversely proportional with the span*

*for big span it's not economic*

*region where cost is minimum*

Deck cost  $\cong$  Cost (pier + foundations)

Construction system  
Need for prefabrication and transport

Quality of the soil  
Expensive protections is needed

*Also remember other variables (the type of the soil):  
If you have very poor soil, it's more economical to build big foundations and low piers.*

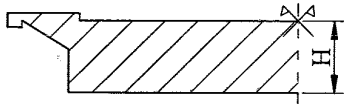
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### Bridge transversal section shape

➤ Influencing parameters:

- Span, with reference to static scheme. *After knowing this, you can calculate*
- Depth or slenderness required ( $l/h$ ) *for road bridges: 22-18 for simply supported scheme*
- Available technology for execution
- Cost (slenderness implies increase of steel quantity)
- $q/g$  ratio (live load/dead load) for dynamic behaviour

Slab bridges cast in situ



Good solution for skew crossing or irregular shapes

The Slenderless ratio of this kind of bridges is high



$I/H = 15 \div 22$   
 $I/H = 18 \div 30$

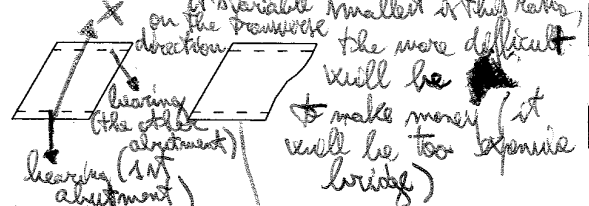
*load of deck and permanent load*

Isostatic  $\rightarrow$  Span  $\leq 20$  m

Continuous  $\rightarrow$  Span  $\leq 30$  m

*this ratio is about 0,45 for concrete road bridges. The bigger the span, the lower this ratio become. For port mills strata: 0,5*

*25  $\leq$  depth  $\leq$  70 cm*



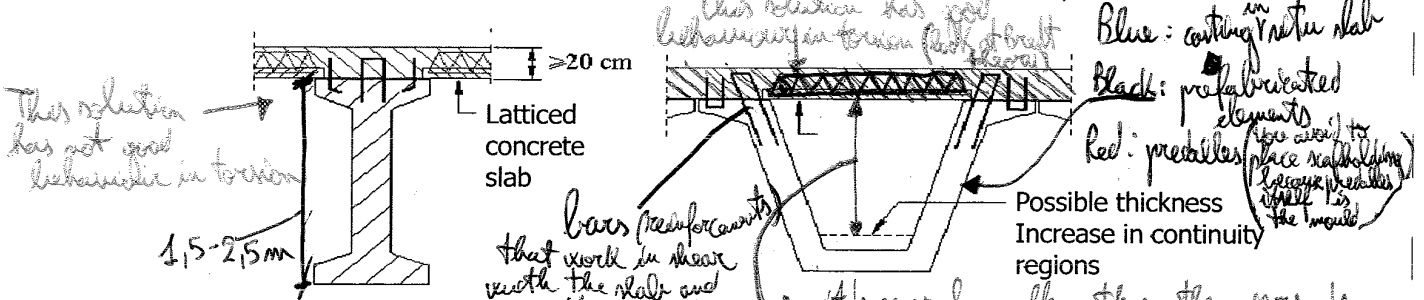
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*It's very strong technology that has no problem with shear and ductability. It's a technique that you use if you can put it.*

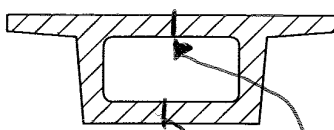
When we talk about girder bridges, most part of them is ~~cast~~ prefabricated. Only a small part is cast in situ.

**1 Basis of design 67/70**

Both solutions require a connection between the slab and the beam (and provide a shear resistance)  
 > T or V precast beams, connected by casting to the slab



Box girder beams



High performance!  $\eta \cong 0.5$   $\leq 30$  (continuity)  $\frac{h}{span}$   $\leq 60 m$   $\rightarrow$  Constant  $\rightarrow$  Variable  $\rightarrow$   $l > 60 m$  ( $< 120 m$ )

good for torsional effects (especially when the span is very long; and previous relations are not able to resist torsion like this)

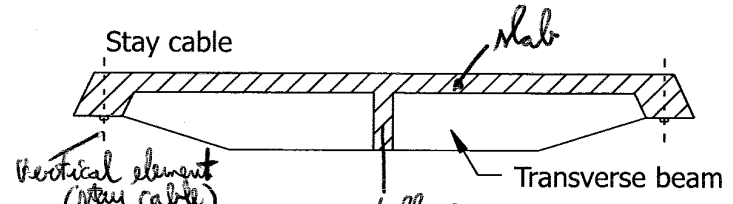
Box girder with double deck

Depth: Internal  $\rightarrow$  Railway, External  $\rightarrow$  Road.   
 thicker than because bottom and top should have the same area.   
 if I want to reach 30-150m  $\rightarrow$  I build steel viads (not concrete)

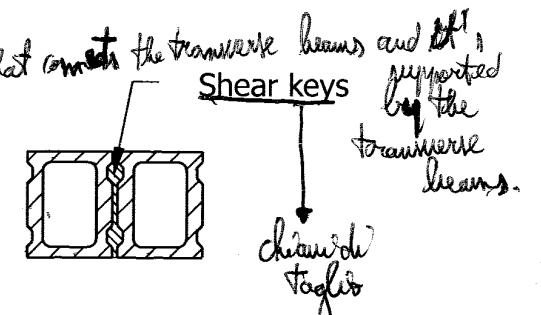
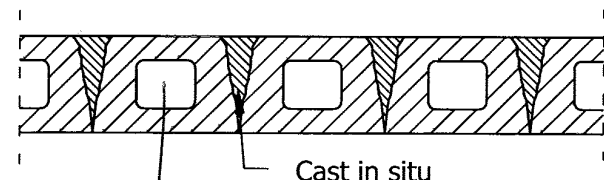
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> Suspended slabs



> Precast slabs



The same problem of voided slab ( $l \leq 20 m$ )

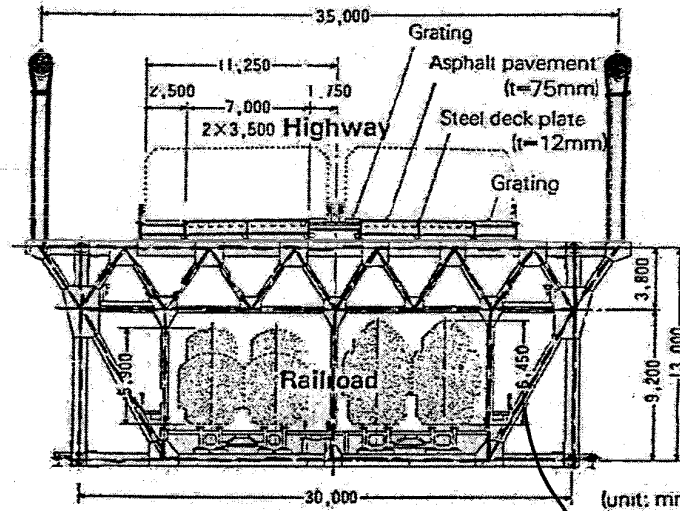
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➤ Cross section of suspended bridge with mixed traffic *(for very big suspended bridges)*



*all made with steel*



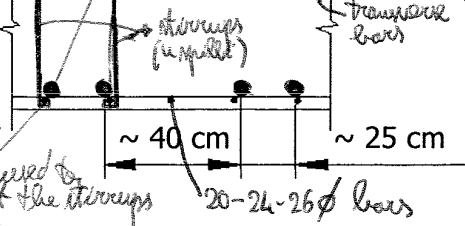
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Let's have a look at prestressing:

**2 Slab bridges 3/8**

Span  $l \geq 15$  m Slabs in P.C.

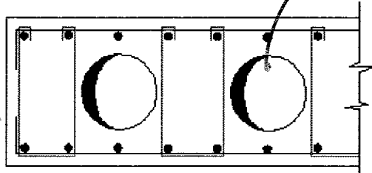
Sometimes, the reinforcement can be skew:   
 (parallel they are orthogonal)



- Small tendons at small distance to reduce the diffusion region.
- Transverse prestressing is not necessary for small widths. For widths greater than 12m may be useful to introduce it, in order to avoid the longitudinal cracks due to concentrated loads; If transverse tendons are used, they should be included within the core of the section.

**2) Voided slabs with orthogonal edges**

• Internal actions analysis done as for massive slabs; anisotropy effect is disregarded. In transverse direction the stress flow is disturbed by voids, then massive regions should be introduced in correspondence of bearings and, in case, along the span.



- The presence of voids implies an increase of tangential stresses, then stirrups are necessary.
- Transverse reinforcement is realized by a double mesh (upper and lower).

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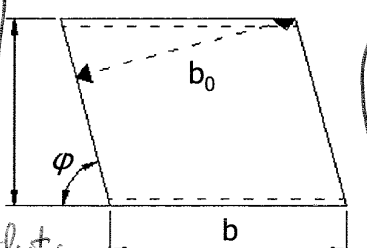
\* If slab is very large  $\Rightarrow$  transverse prestressing is used (be careful: put it where there are no voids)

If span becomes important  $\Rightarrow$  the slab is prestressed, and is prestressed in the longitudinal direction

**2 Slab bridges 4/8**

- Generally transverse prestressing is not used. If used, it should be concentrated in transverse massive regions; those regions should then be at a small distance. Of course transverse massive regions should be realized in correspondence of intermediate supports (continuous slabs or several piers).

**3) Skew slabs**



$20^\circ \leq \phi \leq 70^\circ$

- With  $\phi > 70^\circ$  are dealt like slabs with orthogonal edges.
- Internal action analysis for the evaluation of principal bending moment  $m_1/m_2$  (depending by the load case).

If I will prestress in transverse direction  $\Rightarrow$  I have to intercept voids where I prestress transversely.

here the distribution of the internal action is totally different than in the orthogonal slab.

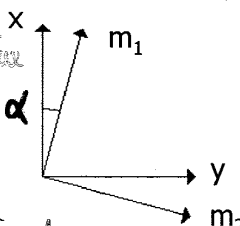
$$m_{1,2} = \frac{m_x + m_y}{2} \pm \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{(m_x - m_y)^2 + 4m_{xy}^2}$$

one is max and the other is min.  

$$\tan 2\alpha = \frac{2m_{xy}}{m_x - m_y}$$

formula similar to that used for principal stresses

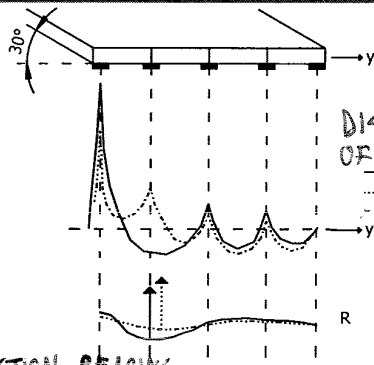
For slab in concrete you can't design you can't put rebar for cement like  $m_x$  and  $m_y$  because their direction is different inside the slab (channel)



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Skew slabs: design solution, even thinner, standard  $\Rightarrow$  difficult to design

different inside the slab (channel)



DISTRIBUTION OF REACTION:

Rigid bearing (solid)  
Rubber bearing (dashed)

we have reduction of the peaks and a better distribution of the internal actions in the bearings

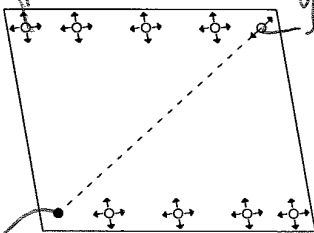
Practical rules:

- Linear continuous bearing suitable for  $\phi > 40^\circ$  and  $b \leq 10$  m (very narrow slabs)
- For large slabs provide a spherical bearings (and concentrated bearings)

because in these slabs along the edge there is very important torque moment.

**Reinforcement**

**MULTIDIRECTION BEARING:**  
the displacement is free in every direction.



**UNIDIRECTION BEARING:**  
bearing in which the displacement is possible only in the direction of  $\phi$  (and rotation is free)

$\phi < 60^\circ$

$\phi \geq 60^\circ$   $b_0 \geq 0.5$  [ Longitudinal and transverse reinforcement generally parallel to free edges. Stirrups along the free edges, Orthogonal mesh along the direction orthogonal to supports, or (better) longitudinal reinforcements orthogonal to supports and transverse reinforcement with a small inclination with respect to bearings. Along the free edge provide stirrups and additional reinforcement parallel to edges. ]

hinge

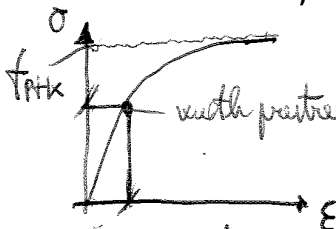
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The important is to put the minimum ~~constraints~~ bearings (that are necessary for the equilibrium. Otherwise, also without actions, but only with temperature effects  $\rightarrow$  stresses - ~~also without dead load~~)

**Prestressing**

Acting effect (serviceability) as equivalent load applied to the slab.  
Resisting effect taken into account directly in the section verification.

For the evaluation of acting effect the influence surfaces of slabs should be used or, alternatively, the finite difference method or the f.e.m..



with prestressing you are here. The limit of prestressing is  $0,6 f_{pk}$

MR  $f_{pk} = 1500$  MPa and  $0,6 f_{pk} = 900$  MPa  $\rightarrow$  it remains  $420 \rightarrow 400$  MPa  $\rightarrow$  you have the same strength of a ordinary steel: (450 MPa)   
 (reserve of resistance)

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Design criteria


- > Few longitudinal beams if are cast in situ
- > Higher number longitudinal beams if precast elements are used (to reduce their weight).
- > Generally for casting in situ  $l = 5 \div 10m$  and with precast beams  $l = 2.5 \div 7m$ .

*of reactions*  
*there is discontinue because of the longitudinal beams. The give moments but beams are transformed in bending moments on the transverse beams.*

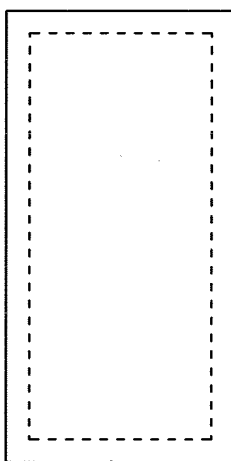
Transverse beam on the bearings to bear torque moments in beams (bending moment in transverse beams). Transverse beams can be omitted along the span and with thick slabs; a transverse beam in the mid-span produces about the same effect of two transverse beams in 1/3. Further transverse beams are not useful.

Web thickness is decreasing with the increasing number of beams. High thickness produces a high torsional rigidity and then helps in the transversal distribution of actions. In the cracked stage this effect is strongly reduced because the torsional rigidity drops of 4÷5 times. *is important because of the cracks*

*because I need to transport them for 200 km from precast factory to the site → I need low weight.*  
*interaxis*  
*"supporte", "portance"*  
*We have to try to reduce as much as possible the number of transverse beams.*  
*is decreasing when I use precast beams*  
*live loads*

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Top Slab design

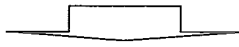


The static scheme is a "long" slab continuously supported in the longitudinal direction, and supported only on the extreme transverse beams in the transversal direction (in fact generally it is not in contact with intermediate transverse beams, if any, in order to uniform the internal actions).

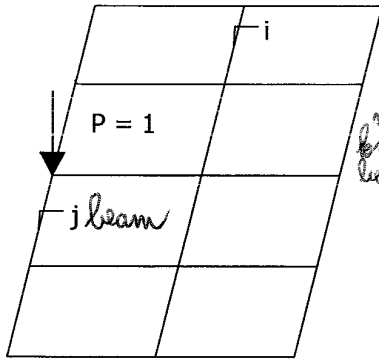
*essentially*  
*no restraints from transverse beams*  
*intermediate*

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The design implies the evaluation of internal actions corresponding to the combination load and to the load case the most unfavorable ones for the structural region in consideration.



"Transversal distribution of actions"



The problem is the Evaluation of transversal distribution coefficient:

$\rho_{ij} \equiv$  Percentage of load  $P$  acting on beam  $i$  when the load is on the beam  $j$ .

It should result:

*number of beams*  
 $\sum_{i=1}^n \rho_{ij} = 1$


$$P_i = \rho_{ij} P$$

Vertical equilibrium condition (all the load should be transferred)  
 For  $P \neq 1$  the principle of superposition may be used

*I can't tell that all P is absorbed by j beam, because there wouldn't be any connection between beams, but in reality there are transverse beams, so the longitudinal beams are not independent.*

If the load is uniformly distributed:

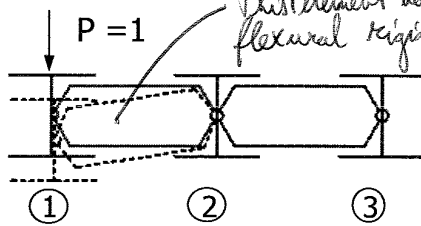
*I calculate  $\rho_{ij}$  for  $P=1$ , but that  $\rho_{ij}$  are also good for  $P \neq 1$  (principle of superposition)*  
 $\rho_{ij} = \frac{1}{n}$   $n =$  beam number

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*(the same)*

Limit cases for deck behaviour

- a) Transverse beams and slab without flexural rigidity or connected by means of hinges to the beams.

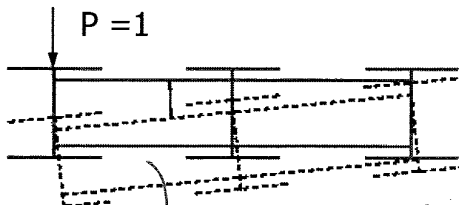


*connection this element has not flexural rigidity*

$$\rho_{11} = 1$$

$$\rho_{21} = \rho_{31} = 0$$


- b) Transverse beams with infinite flexural rigidity and beams with null torsional rigidity.



*This situation may be analyzed by Coulton*

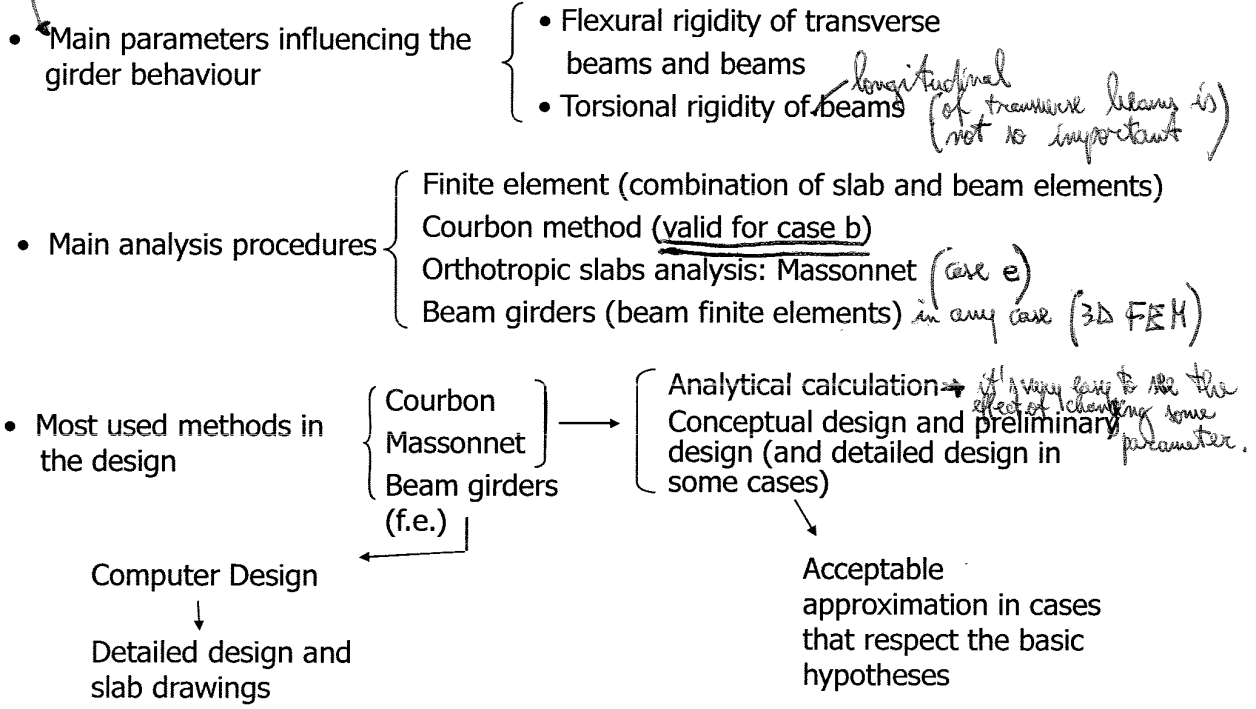
$\gamma_p = 0$  of longitudinal beams

$\rho_E = \infty$  *where transverse beam (traverse) remain straight (because  $\infty$  flexural rigidity)*

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After seen the previous images, we can say that the


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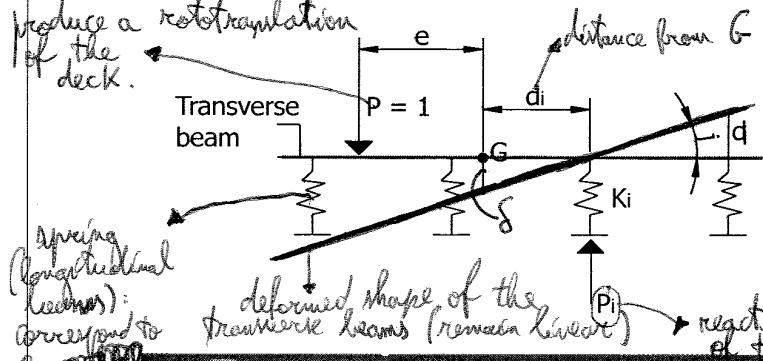
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Courbon Method

Hypotheses: transverse beams with infinite flexural rigidity ( $p_E = \infty$ )  
beams with null torsional rigidity ( $\gamma_p = 0$ )

*in reality it happens when:*  *no torsional restraint between slab and beams.*  
Girder decks with double-T beams in steel or concrete and close and high rigidity transverse beams *(higher height of transverse beams) (the distance of longitudinal beams is not so high)*

Static scheme of transverse beam ⇒ continuous beam on elastic bearings

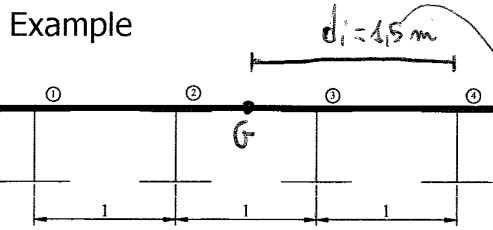


$G$  = gravity center of spring rigidities  
 $\delta$  = displacement of transverse beam in correspondence to the rotation center  
 $\varphi$  = rotation angle of transverse beam  
*rotation in the springs due to the rotation of the deck*

*Opening (longitudinal beams) are exposed to the flexural deformability.*



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**Example**

We see the load carried from Beams 1 e 4 for different position of the load.

$$\rho_{1,1} = 0.25 + 0.3 \cdot 1.5 = 0.70$$

$$\rho_{1,2} = 0.25 + 0.3 \cdot 0.5 = 0.40$$

$$\rho_{1,3} = 0.25 - 0.3 \cdot 0.5 = 0.10$$

$$\rho_{1,4} = 0.25 - 0.3 \cdot 1.5 = -0.2$$

40% of the load is carried by the beam 1, when the load is on the beam 1.

uplift of 20% of the load (no 1 is uplifted!)

Obviously is linear because  $J_T = \infty$

displacement of point 2 due to P applied in 1.

applied

for Pin 1 is equal at  $M_{12}$  for Pin 2

Betti Maxwell Theorem

$\sum = 1$

$\rho_{i,e} = \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1.5e}{2(1.5^2 + 0.5^2)} = 0.25 + 0.3e$

per simmetria

$\rho_{21} = \rho_{12}$

$\rho_{ij} = \rho_{ji}$



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Beams 2 e 3

$$\rho_{2,e} = \frac{1}{4} + \frac{0.5 \cdot e}{2(1.5^2 + 0.5^2)} = 0.25 + 0.1e$$

Betti, Maxwell

$$\rho_{2,1} = 0.25 + 0.1 \cdot 1.5 = 0.40$$

$$\rho_{2,2} = 0.25 + 0.1 \cdot 0.5 = 0.30$$

$$\rho_{2,3} = 0.25 - 0.1 \cdot 0.5 = 0.20$$

$$\rho_{2,4} = 0.25 - 0.1 \cdot 1.5 = 0.10$$

$\sum = 1$

Betti Maxwell Theorem

width (depth) of the deck

$\rho_{ij} = \rho_{ji}$

Within the Courbon formula it can be introduced  $e = e' b_0$  and  $d_i = d'_i b_0$  then:

$$\rho_{i,e} = \frac{1}{n} + \frac{e' b_0 d'_i b_0}{\sum_{i=1}^n d_i^2 b_0^2} = \frac{1}{n} + \frac{e' d'_i}{\sum_{i=1}^n d_i^2}$$

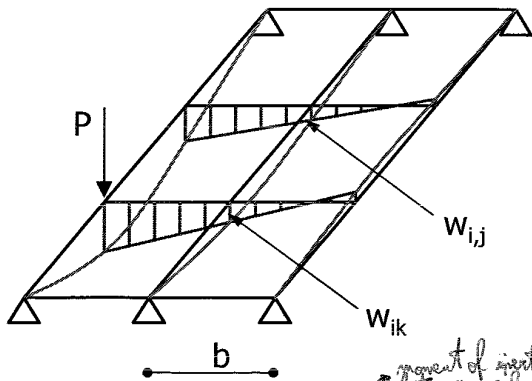
independent by  $b_0$

$b_0$  is a constant  $\rightarrow$  out of  $\sum$



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For a general beam i:

$$\frac{W_{i,j}}{W_{i,k}} = \text{const.}$$

As the loaded transverse beam is linear, the unloaded one is linear too *(because the transverse beam are constraint to remain straight)*.  
 The transverse beam "j" follows the deformation of the "k" one, remaining linear.

On the opposite if  $I_{ft} \neq \infty$ , the deformed shape of transverse beam is curved like the one of "j" transverse beam.

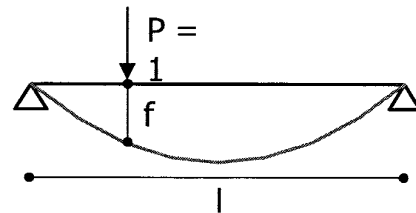
*moment of inertia of transverse beam*

⇒ Internal actions arise, which have an influence on the girder behaviour.

In practice the spring deformability depends on the transverse beam position.

$$f = c \frac{l^3}{EI_{fb}} \quad (\text{for } z = l/2 \rightarrow c = 1/48)$$

*l power 3*



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If we suppose that  $I_{ft} \neq \infty$ , the solution of continuous beam on elastic bearings shows that the distribution of internal actions is a function of following parameter:

$$Z = \left(\frac{l}{b}\right)^3 \frac{I_{ft}}{I_{fb}} \cdot c \quad \text{if } Z = \infty \Rightarrow \text{infinitely rigid transverse beam}$$

*if  $Z < 1$*

For  $Z = \infty$ , because  $I_{ft}/I_{fb} \cong 1$ , it is necessary that  $l \gg b$  (long and narrow decks). In practice, with  $Z \geq 20$  ~~one~~ *we* can consider  $Z = \infty$ .

Then with  $I_{ft}/I_{fb} \cong 1$  it should result  $(l/b) > 10$  so that the transverse beam can be considered like infinitely rigid.

Example: *deck of 30 m* *total width of the deck* *interaxis of beams*  
 Deck:  $l = 30 \text{ m}$   $B = 10 \text{ m}$   $4 \text{ beams}$   $b = 2.5 \text{ m}$   
 $\frac{l}{b} = \frac{30}{2.5} = 12$  Mid span transverse beam  $\Rightarrow c = \frac{1}{48}$   $Z = \frac{1}{48} \cdot 12^3 \cdot 1 = 36$

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If the number of transverse beams is  $\geq 3$  the differences between the previous approaches are negligible. Any case the Engesser method is closer to the reality for the shear evaluation.

Internal actions in transverse beams

Once known the repartition coefficients  $\rho_{ij}$ , the evaluation of internal actions in transverse beams is very easy.

- a) The load is moved transversely along the transverse beam: the influence line of bending moment in section S is to be evaluated.

*"due evene valutar"*

$$M_s = \sum_{sin} \rho_{ij} d_j - 1e$$

*bending moment in section S*

$$\rho_{ij} = \begin{cases} 0.7/0.4/0.1/-0.2 & \text{Beams 1/4} \\ 0.4/0.3/0.2/+0.1 & \text{Beams 2/3} \end{cases}$$

Those values have been calculated before

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$$M_s^1 = (0.7 - 1) * 1.5 + 0.4 * 0.5 = -0.25$$

$$M_s^2 = 0.4 * 1.5 + (0.3 - 1) * 0.5 = +0.25$$

*influence line for the bending moment along the transverse beam*

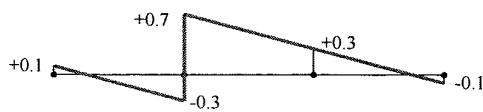
Two points of the influence line are enough, because one deal with midspan section and the function is linear.

Now we can evaluate the shear influence line on beam 2 (right side).

*when the load is in the 2nd one*

$$T_{2d}^1 = -1 + 0.7 + 0.4 = 0.1$$

$$T_{2d}^2 = +0.4 - 1 + 0.3 = -0.3$$



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## BRIDGE DESIGN

# COMPUTER AIDED DESIGN OF GIRDER BRIDGES



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Computer aided design of girder bridges

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## SUMMARY

- 1) Generation of  $[k]$  stiffness matrix *of the structure*
- 2) Criteria for the definition of girder mesh *(use: to transfer the actual structure to mathematical model)*



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The beam parameters are assembled in the nodes where they converge; the different internal actions in the nodes are composed and their resultants must equilibrate the applied actions.

In the global system for the girder we read:

$$F = [K] \{u\}$$

*Handwritten notes:*  
 it's known because in the acting forces (pointing to F)  
 it's known (pointing to u)

Where [K] is a symmetric square matrix, having the order corresponding to the number of unknowns degrees of freedom and is obtained by assembling [k<sub>i</sub>] matrixes of each element.

→ we calculate  $\{u\} = [K]^{-1} F$

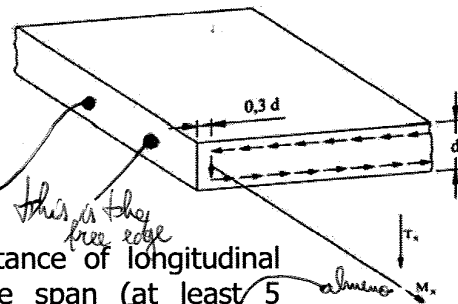
Solving the system we get {u} then, entering back in the matrices of the single beam elements, the internal actions in the nodes {S<sub>i</sub>} may be evaluated.

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*Handwritten note:* We have to design the girder in the mathematical model to represent good the reality.

2) Criteria for the definition of girder mesh

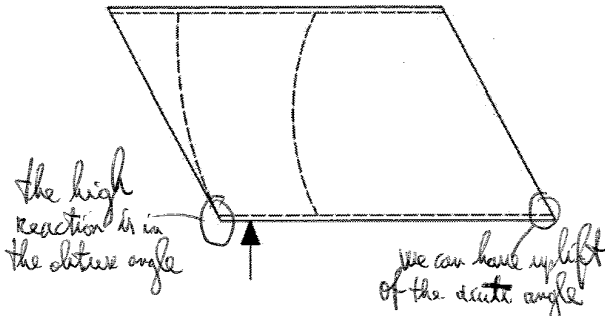
- Take care of actual flow of stresses to design the mesh. In this case introduce a longitudinal beam in the position in which the vertical flow of t is located, so that the corresponding shear Tx is correctly evaluated.
- For decks described like slabs the mutual distance of longitudinal beams should be lesser than 1/4 of effective span (at least 5 longitudinal beams). The same procedure has to be applied for the transverse beams (at least 5 transverse beams).
- Decks with a skew angle up to 20° may be described as with orthogonal edges; for greater angles a skew mesh is necessary, having transverse beam directed along the direction of reinforcement or of real transverse beams.
- If we only need a refinement in a limited region of the deck, the global analysis may be performed with a rough mesh, and then the local analysis with a more refined mesh with impressed deformations at its boundary deriving from the global analysis and the actual loads.



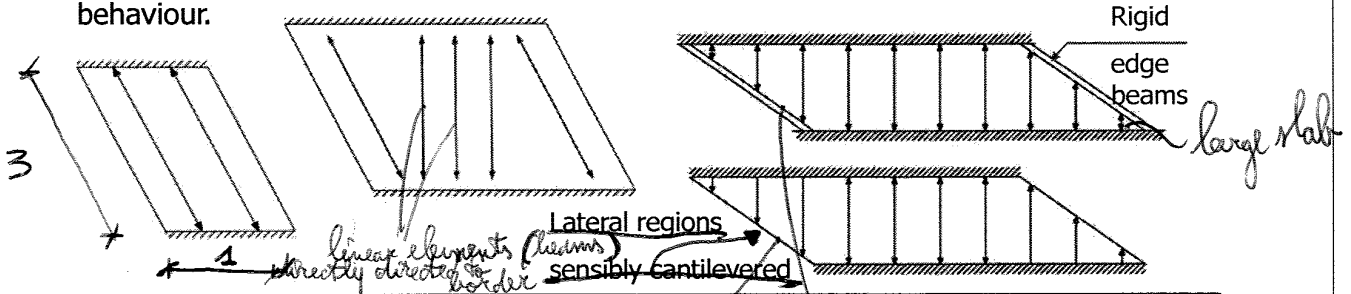
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Skew and curved bridges

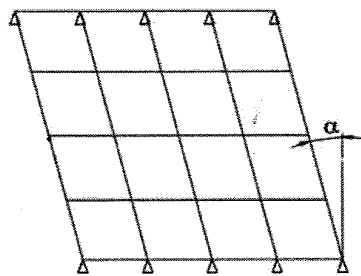
- High reactions in obtuse angle.
- Uplift of acute angle.
- In the central region, positive bending moments in direction orthogonal to the abutments (because it's the most rigid way)
- In the edge region, positive bending moments in directions parallel to the free edge.
- High torque moments, higher as much is higher is the torsional rigidity of beams.



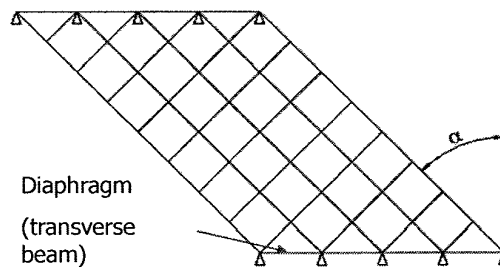
• The planimetric geometrical conditions play an important role on the deck behaviour.



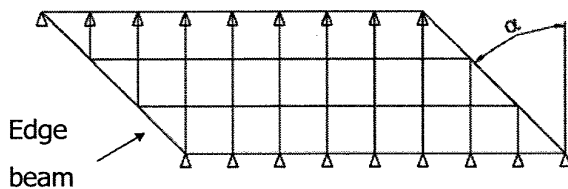
and here we'll have very high torque moment (the same order of magnitude of the bending moment) I need this rigid beam if I want to transfer the load like that:



Mesh for  $\alpha \leq 30^\circ$



Mesh for  $\alpha \geq 30^\circ$  without edge beam



Mesh for  $\alpha \geq 30^\circ$  with edge beam

orientate the mesh along the expected directions of internal forces.



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# LOCAL EFFECTS

what happens locally when we apply the actions like the wheels of the trucks



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Local effects 2/33

### SUMMARY

1. Shear lag in T beams
2. Curved beams
3. Design for local effects
4. Slab design as rectangular slab
5. Local effects in steel orthotropic deck
  - 5.1. Steel slab behaviour
  - 5.2. Steel stiffened slab behaviour
  - 5.3. Overall section behaviour

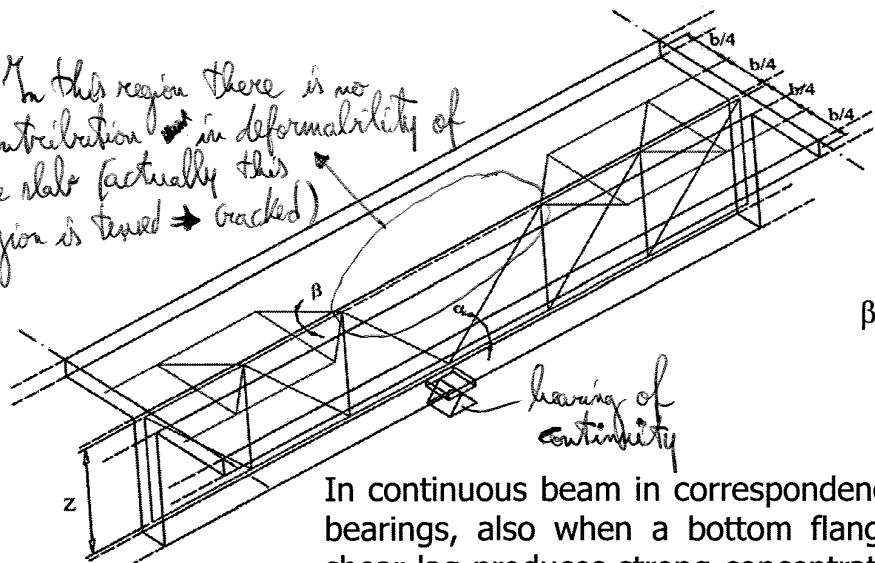
it can not be directly translated in Italian (it would mean "delay on shear", that has no sense)

they have 2 orthogonal preference directions for the bearing capacity



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In this region there is no contribution in deformability of the slab (actually this region is tired → cracked)



$\beta \cong 40^\circ \div 45^\circ$

In continuous beam in correspondence of intermediate bearings, also when a bottom flange is present, the shear lag produces strong concentration of longitudinal stresses within the webs and increment of creep effects in serviceability conditions. In some cases also the bearing capacity may be reduced.

Shear lag is a problem ONLY in serviceability limit state. In SLS we have redistribution of stresses

more than what is expected from linear elastic analysis → creep increases



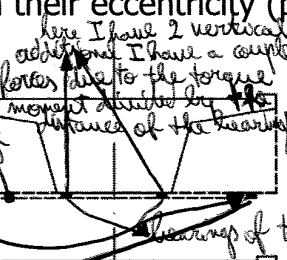
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We see other particular cases of girder bridges:

Single beam deck → used for  $b \leq 6 \div 7$  m.

The web should be designed to carry the torsion coming from live loads with their eccentricity (primary torsion, governing the equilibrium!)

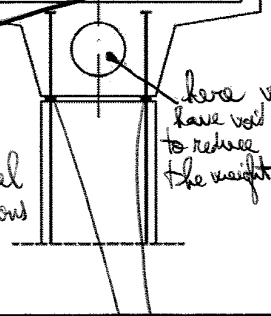
A solution: increase the distance of bearings when you are on the abutment: you can introduce a large transverse beam and take out the bearings here



In the support regions the torsion should be equilibrated by means of two bearings with enough distance; if necessary, use a transverse beam to increase the lever arm of support reactions.

If the distance of the bearing is relatively small, it's possible that you have the risk of failure (the reactions due to the torque moment are larger than the reactions due to live load)

bearings on the abutment (the torsion is the same, but the lever arm of the reactions is bigger → no uplift)



If it is impossible the equilibrium with dead and live loads (light beams), the deck shall be connected rigidly to the pier. (you maintain the distance of the bearings)

If necessary, use tensioned prestressing bars, crossing the bearings. Those bars should be extended within the pier so that they are anchored in a section on which the dead load of the upper part of the pier is enough.



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If distance of bearing is small → there can be uplift (because the lever arm of reactions is small they don't attract to torsion)