Tutorial
API 2A RP/ISO 19902/Norsok N004

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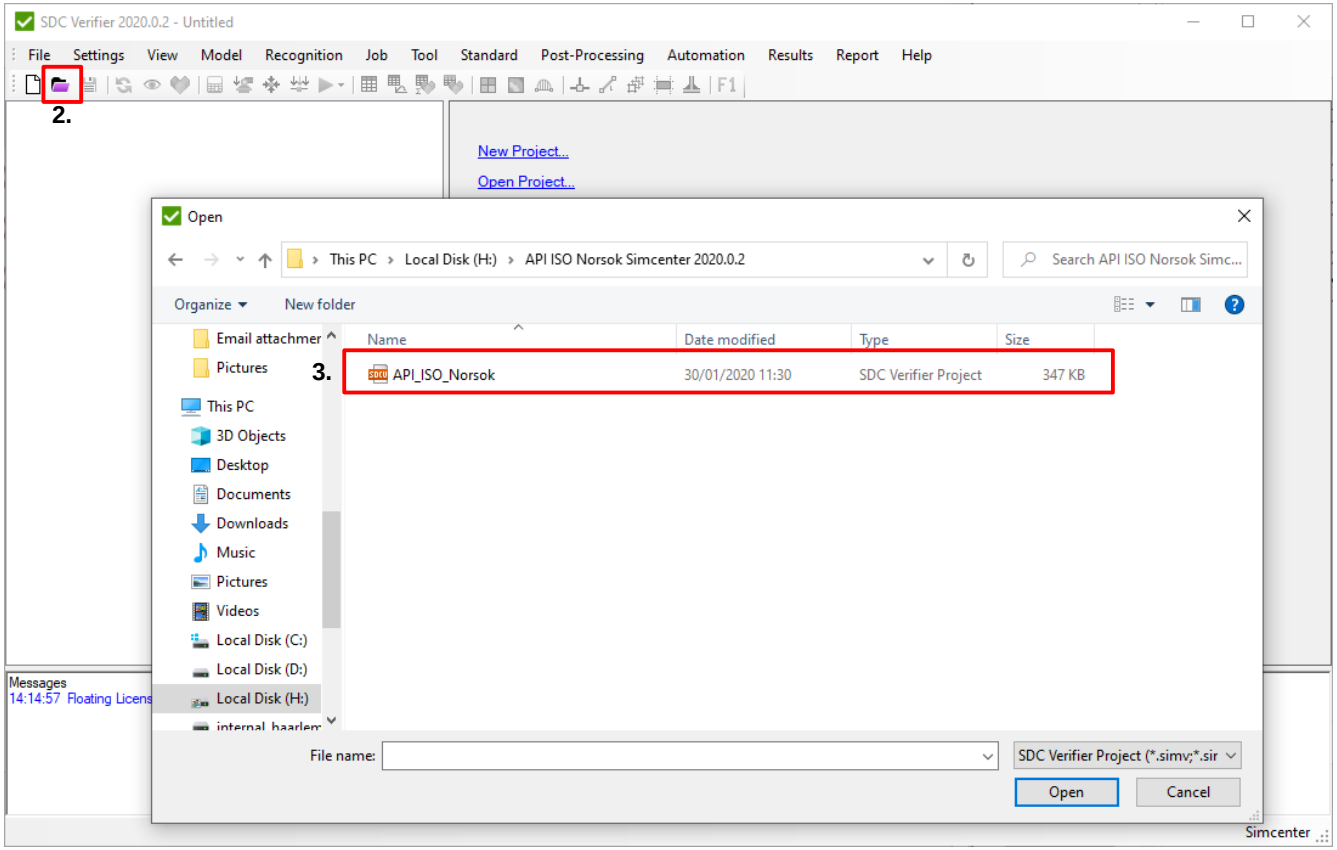
Content

- In this tutorial, an API 2A RP Beam Design Checks are reviewed in details.
- A beam model of a steel frame has been used as a start FEM model.
- Beam member finder was used to recognize beam member length in 3 directions.
- The report was generated with the help of report designer.

Open Project

1. Launch **SDC Verifier**
2. Execute *File - Open Project.*
3. Project: ***API RP 2A-LRFD*.sdcv**



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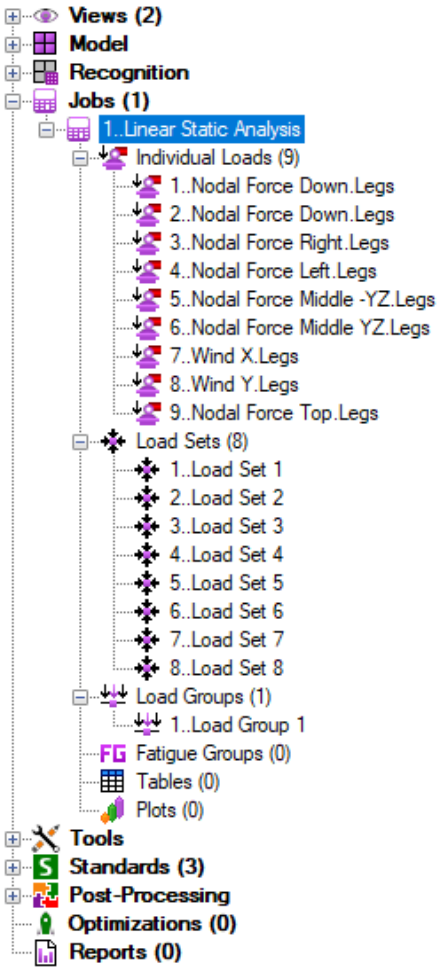

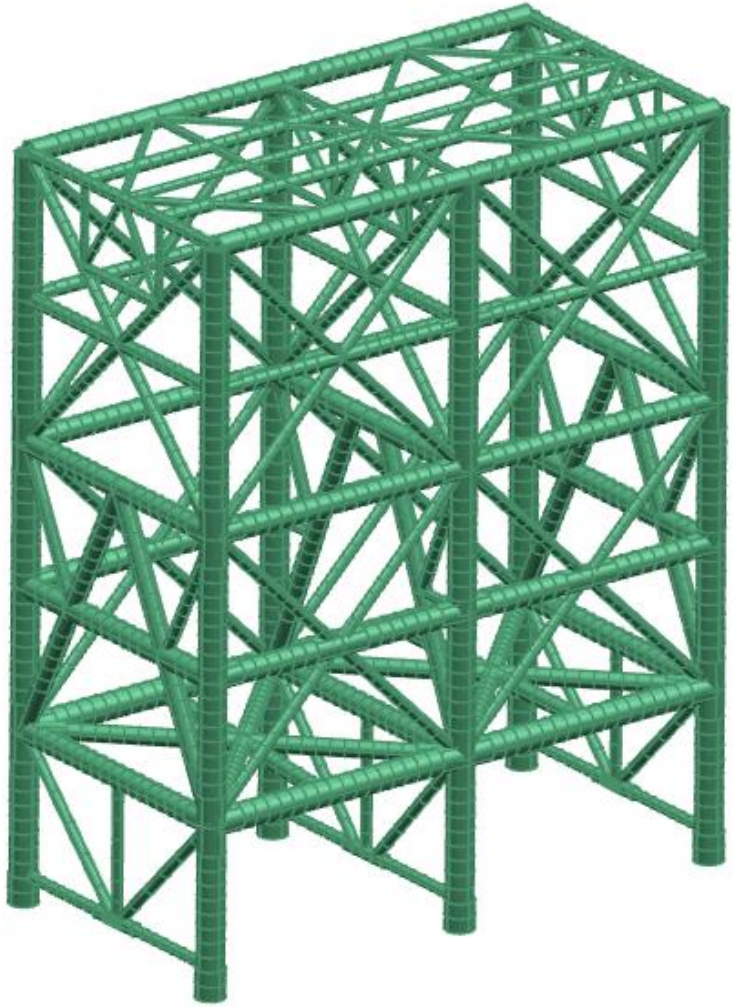

This tutorial uses predefined project with the following created data: individual loads, load sets and load group. The focus of this tutorial is to check the cylindrical members and create the basic report.

Analyze Job

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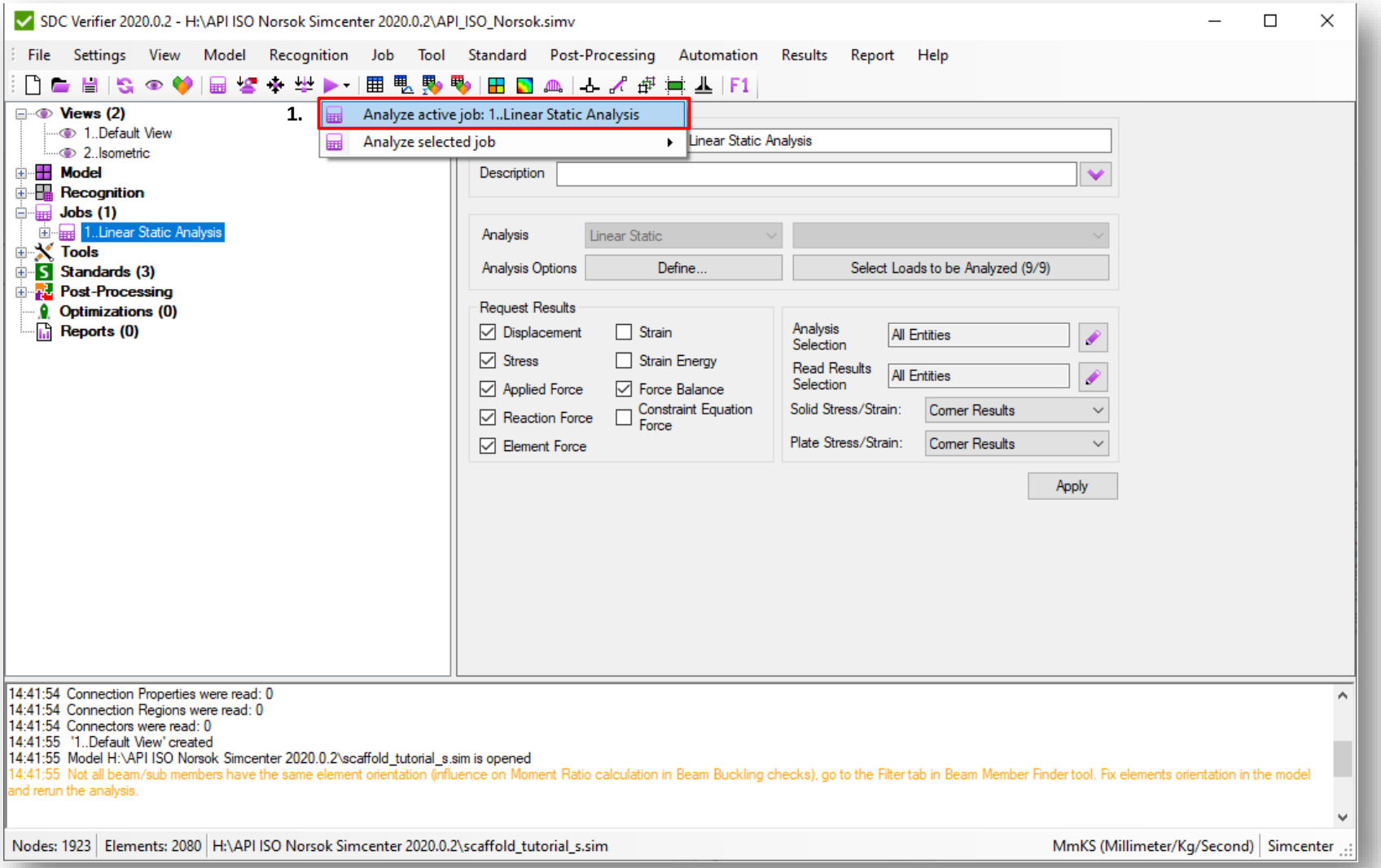
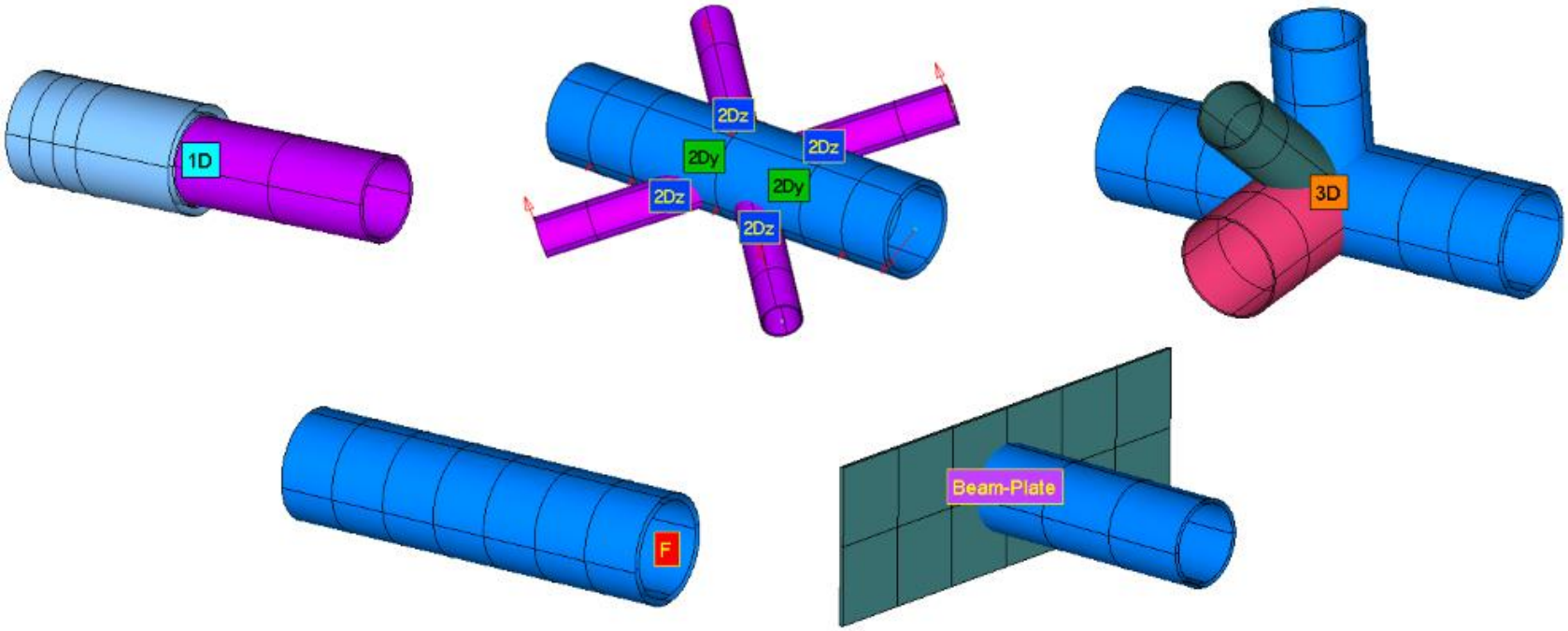


Explanation of Joints

Joint – location where different beam members connect. They are used to recognize beam member length by Beam Member Finder Tool.

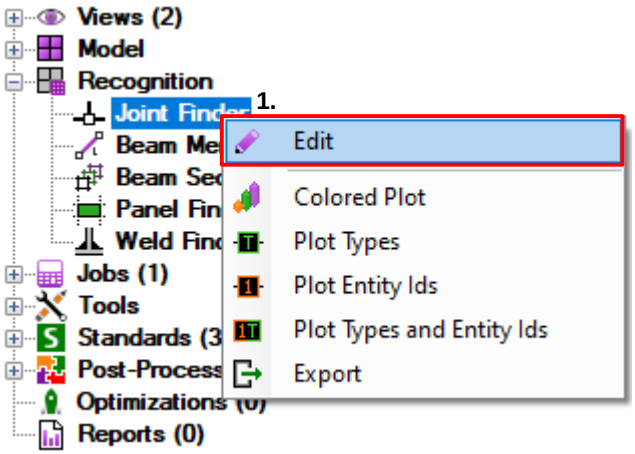
There are 6 types of Joints:
1D Joint – 2 beam members that lie on the curve but with different properties;
2D Joint – beam members connected in one plane;
3D Joint – beam members connected in space;
Free Joint – node which belongs only to one element (free);
Beam-Plate Joint – beam member connected to plates (perpendicularly);
User Defined;

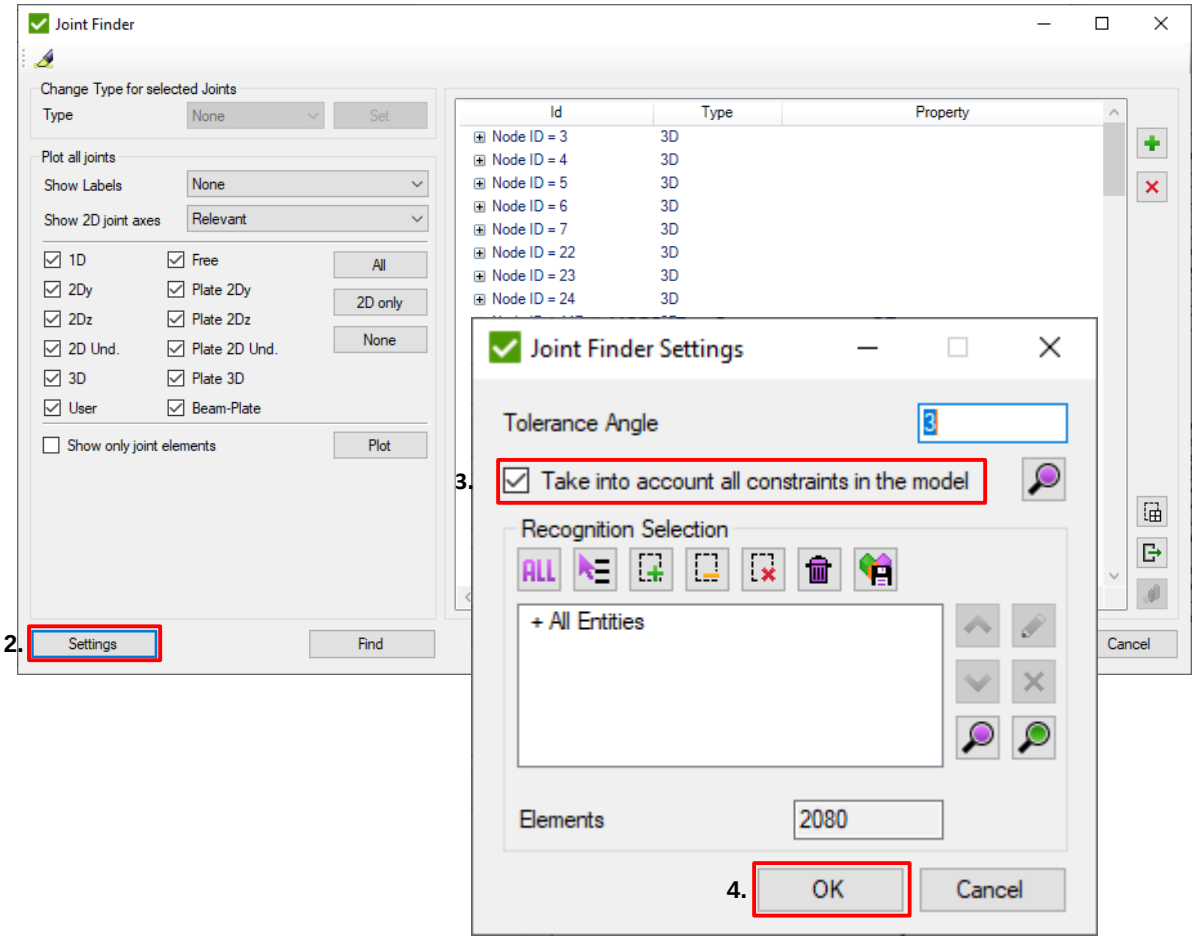


Joint Recognition. Settings

1. Execute *Edit* from *Joint Finder* context menu
2. Press *Settings*.
3. Take into account all constraints in the model: **ON**
4. Press *Ok*.

When performing the joint recognition there are 3 options for existing joints. Default option: Keep only modified– remove all joints except edited by user. Keep all existing options should be used when additional elements were added to the model.





Joint Recognition. Find

1. Press *Find*.
2. Select *Keep Only Modified*
3. Press *Ok*.

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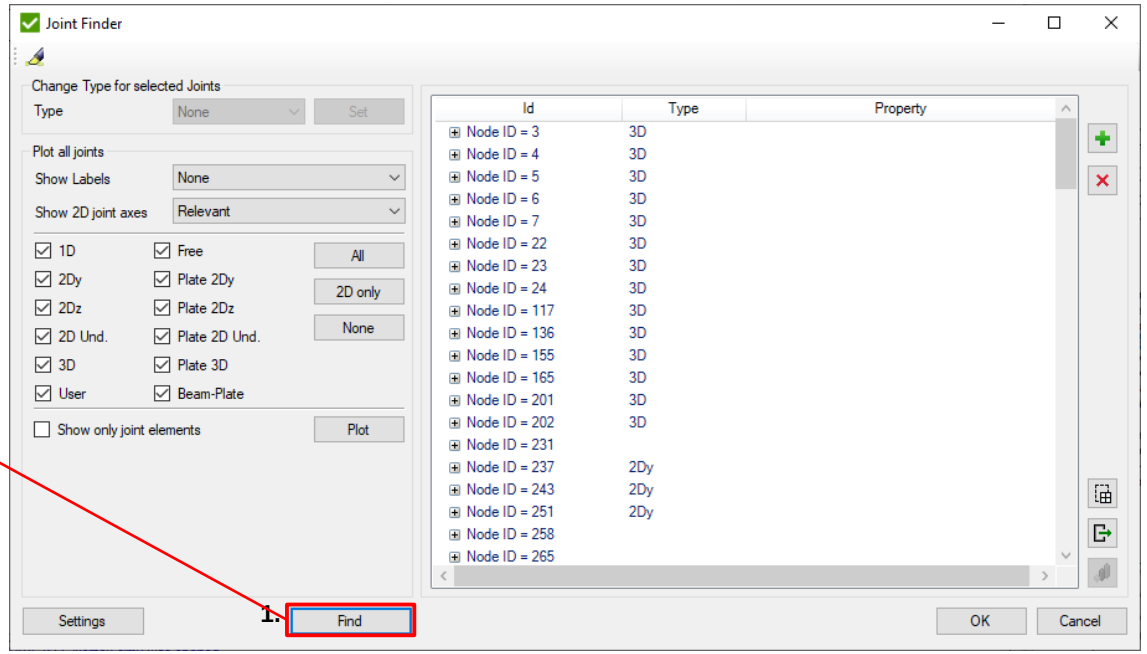
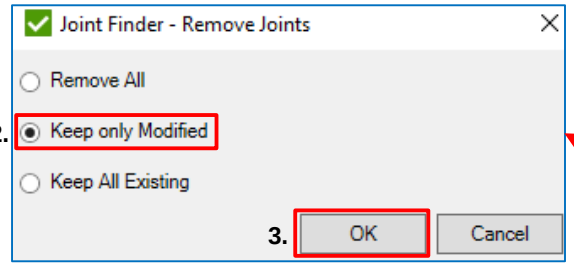
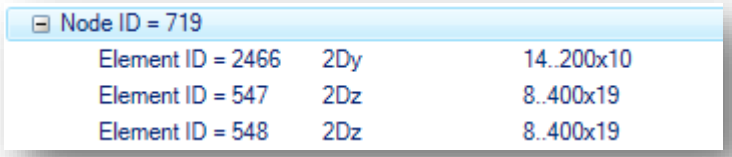
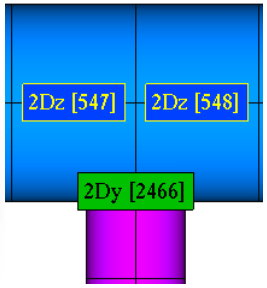


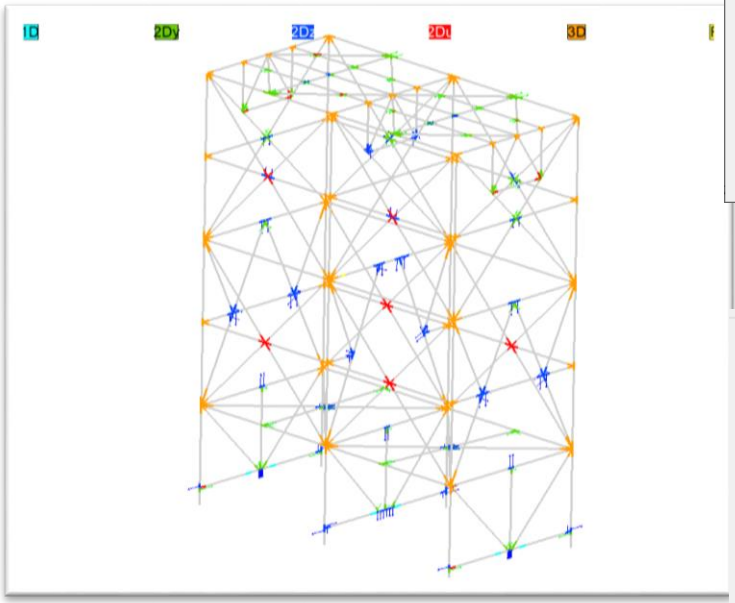


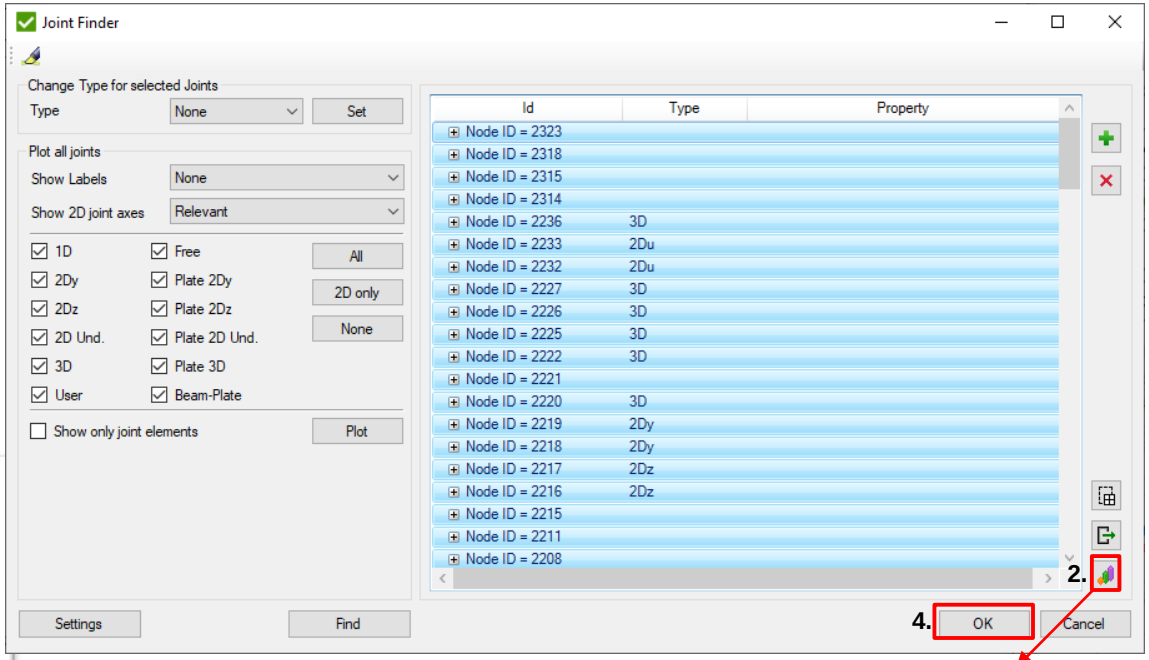


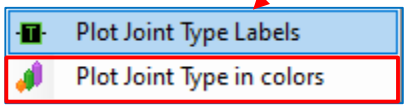


Joints Plot

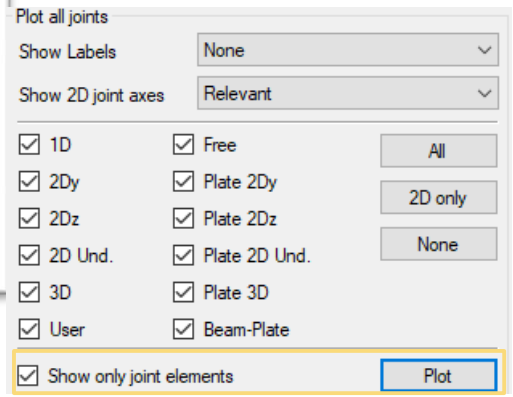
1. Select All Joints (Ctrl+A).
2. Press 
3. Press  Plot Joint Type in colors
4. Press *OK*







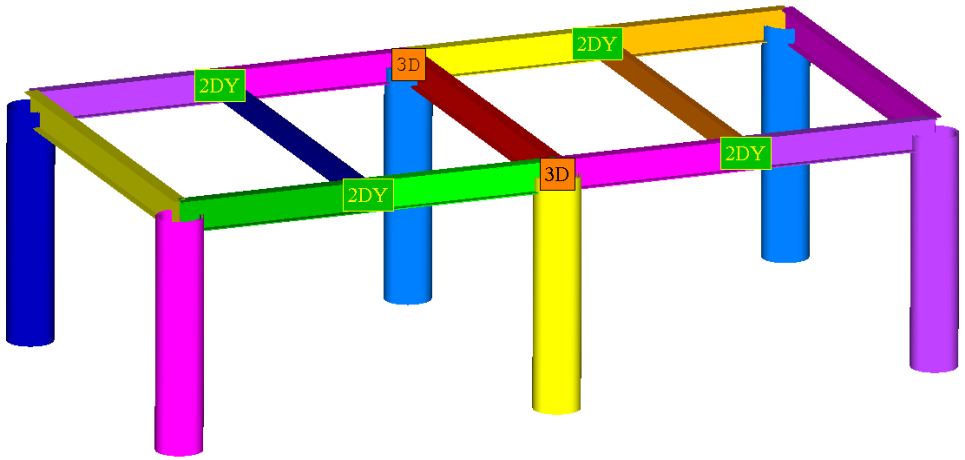
Plot Joints of specific type:



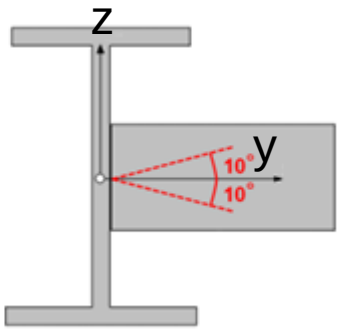
Modify Joint Type:

Beam Member Lengths in 2 directions

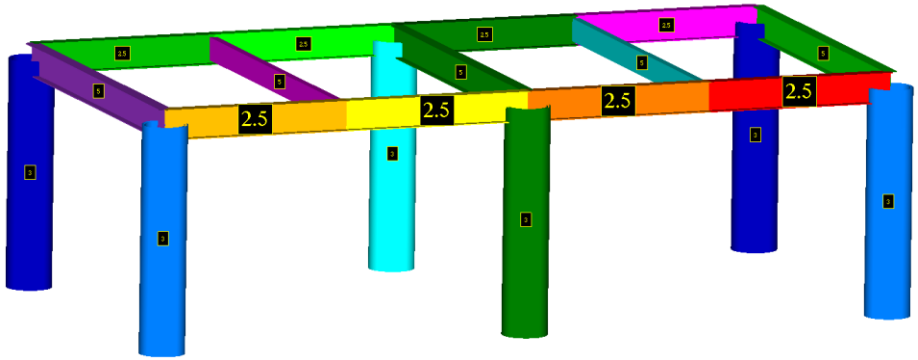
Beam Member Finder recognizes beam members and (buckling) lengths for different directions (Y, Z and Torsional).



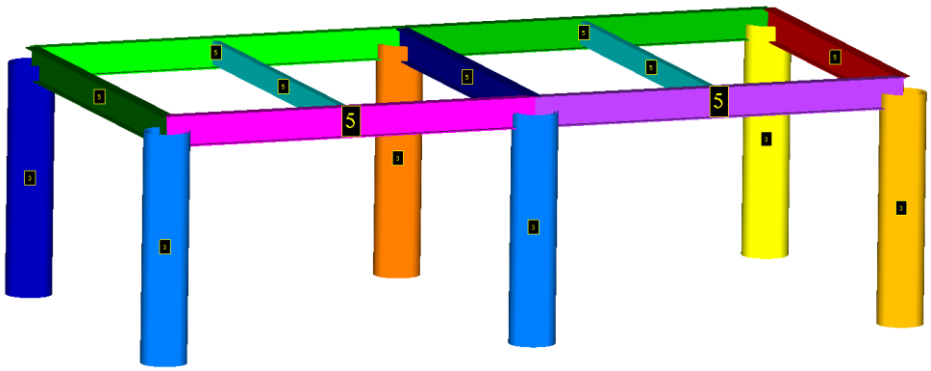
2DY Joint



Length Y – 4 Beam Members with L = 2.5



Length Z – 2 Beam Members with L = 5



Recognize Length

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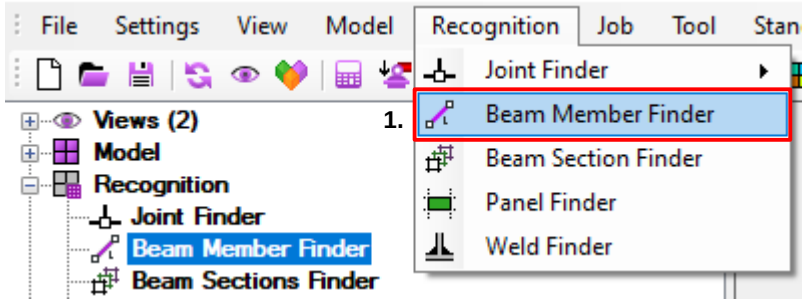
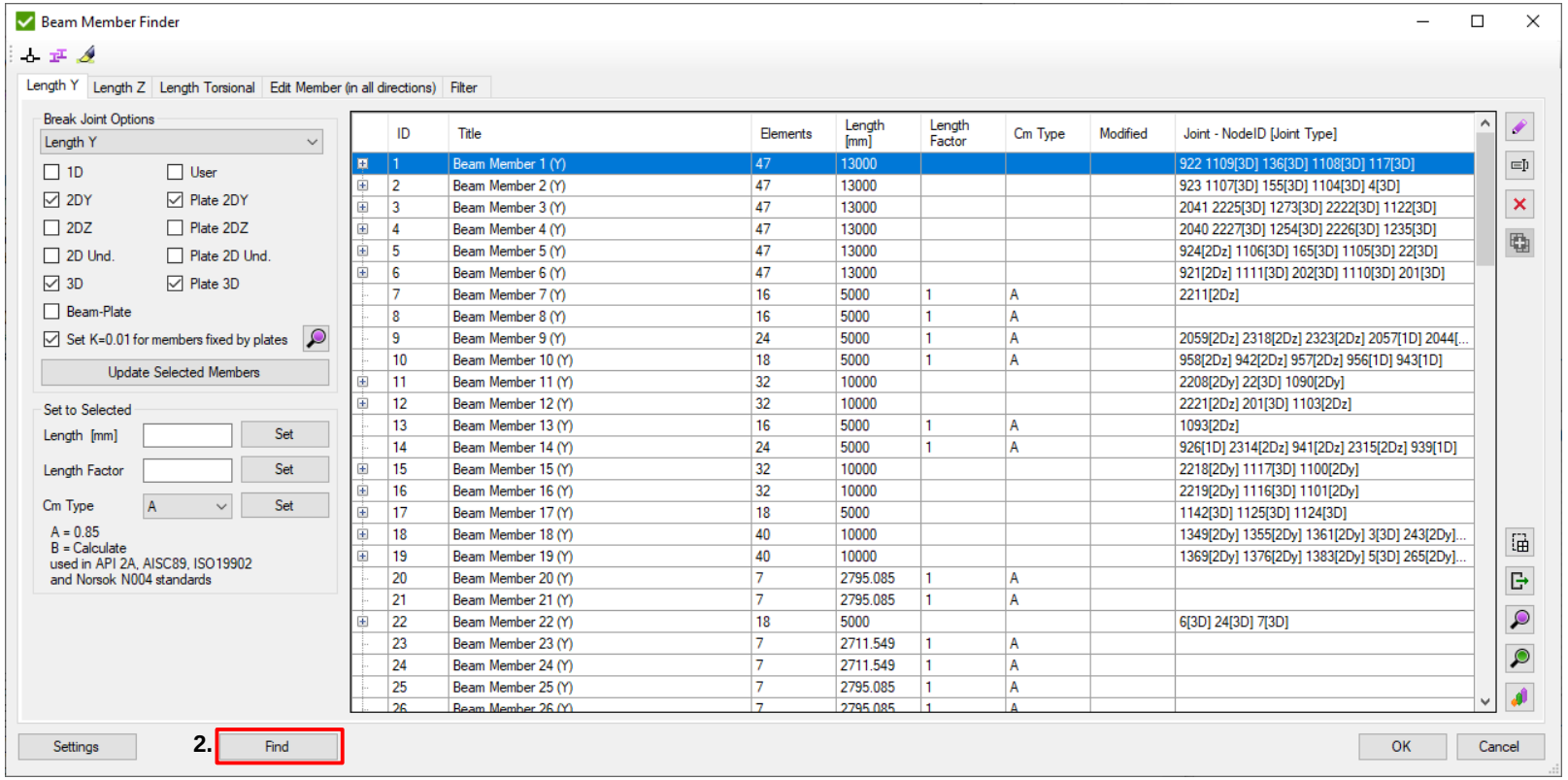
2. Press *Find*.



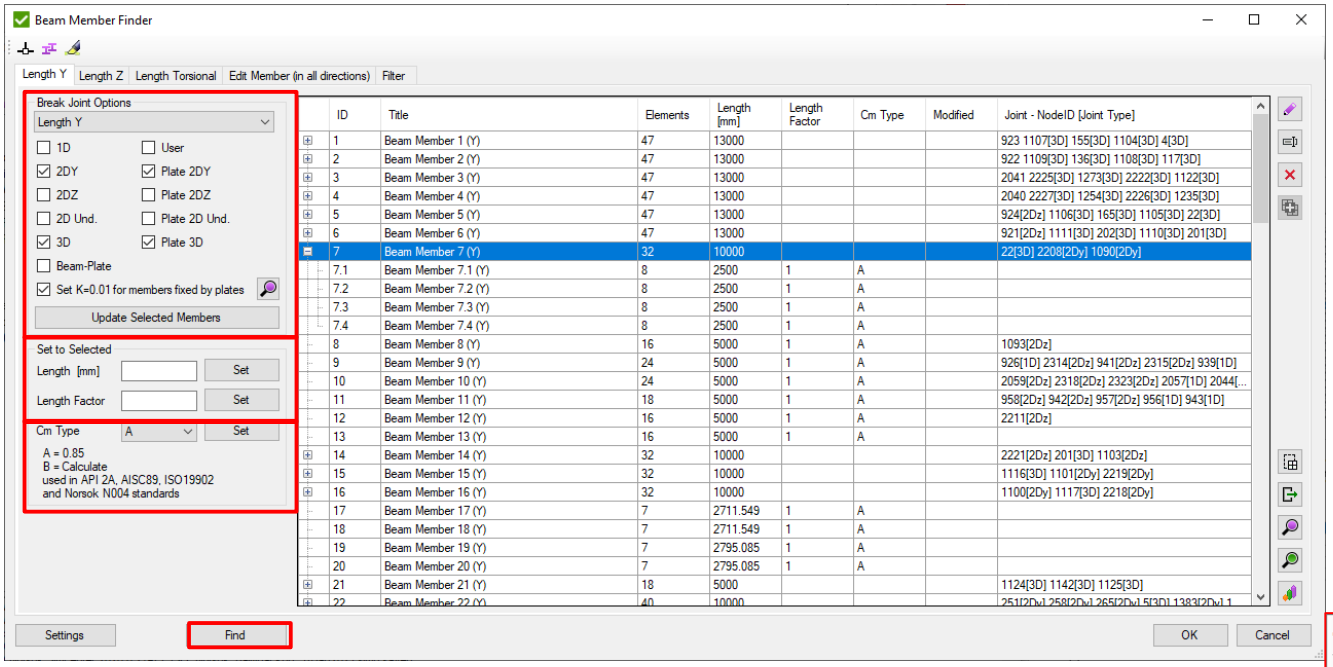


Beam Member Finder interface

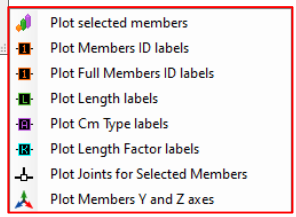
Break Options define what joints are used to split beam members

Change Length/ Length Factor for selected beam members

Cm Type is used in API 2A, AISC89, ISO 19902 and Norsok N004 standards

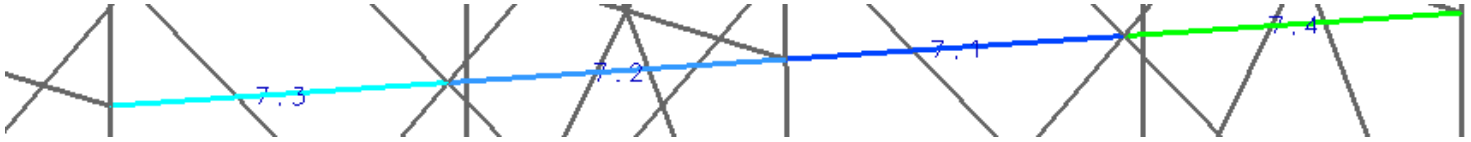


Colored Plot of members with labels (ID, Length, Factor or Cm Type).



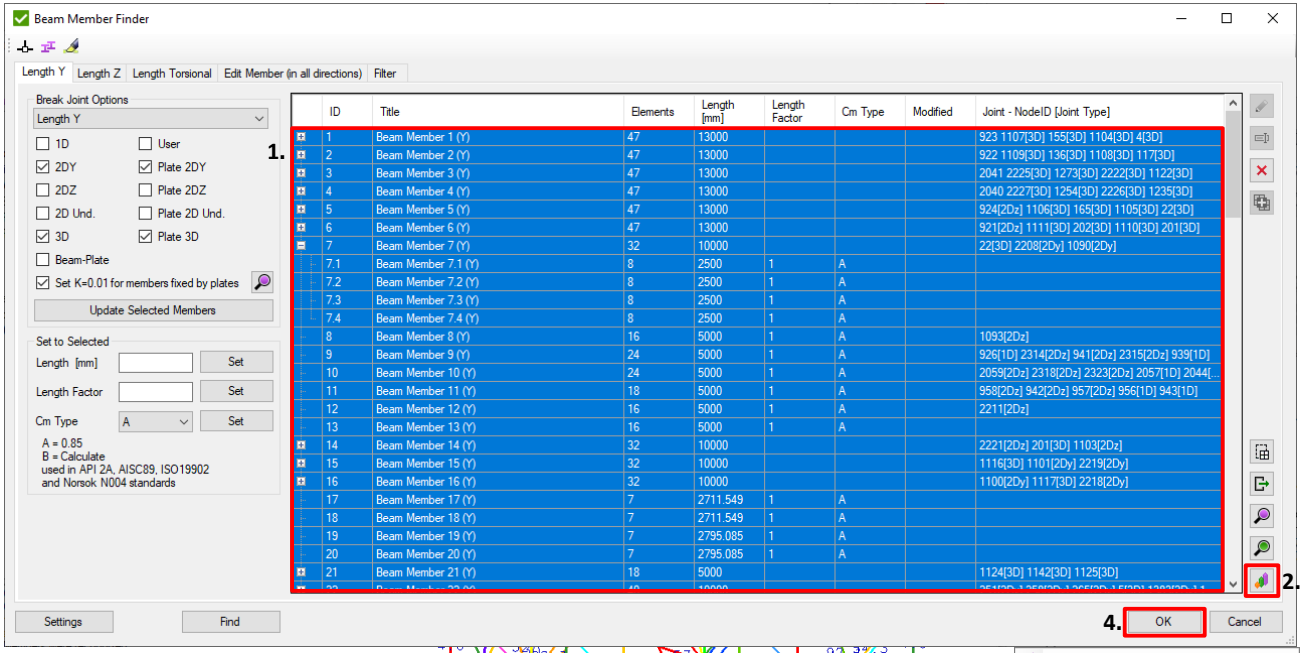
Beam Member – straight line. If it contains joints it is split on sub members

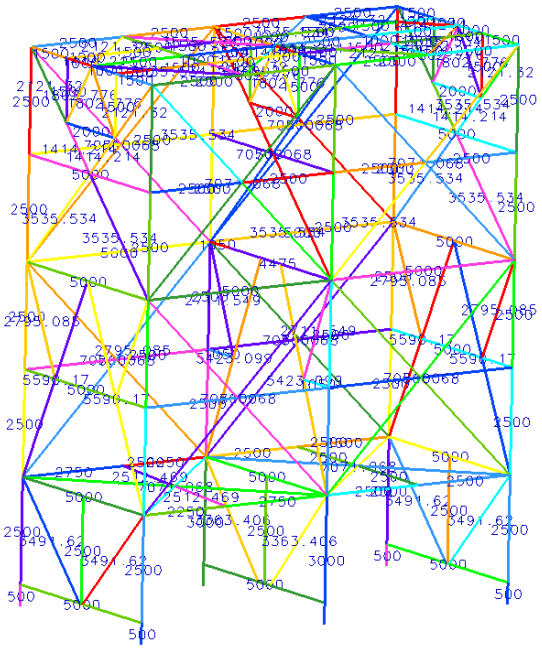
⊟	7	Beam Member 7 (Y)	32	10000				22[3D] 2208[2Dy] 1090[2Dy]
	7.1	Beam Member 7.1 (Y)	8	2500	1	A		
	7.2	Beam Member 7.2 (Y)	8	2500	1	A		
	7.3	Beam Member 7.3 (Y)	8	2500	1	A		
	7.4	Beam Member 7.4 (Y)	8	2500	1	A		



Beam Member's Length Plot

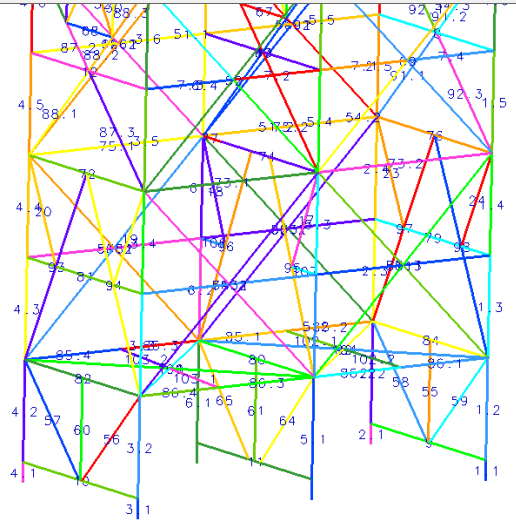
1. Select All Beam Members (Ctrl+A)
2. Press 
3. Press Plot Length labels
4. Press *OK*





Also it is possible to display beam members IDs by pressing

Plot Members ID labels

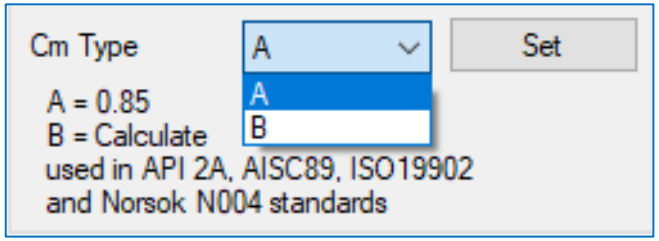


Cm – reduction factors

Cmy and Cmz reduction factors are used in combined axial and bending check:

$$\frac{f_c}{\phi_c F_{cn}} + \frac{1}{\phi_b F_{bn}}\left\{\left[\frac{C_{my} f_{by}}{\left(1 - \frac{f_c}{\phi_c F_{ey}}\right)}\right]^2 + \left[\frac{C_{mz} f_{bz}}{\left(1 - \frac{f_c}{\phi_c F_{ez}}\right)}\right]^2\right\}^{0.5} \leq 1.0 \quad \ldots\ldots \text{(D.3.2-1)}$$

By default ***Cm Type*** equal to A = 0.85 for all members.
It is possible to modify Cm Type for selected members:



In SDC Verifier B = minimum from (b) and (c)

Notes to Table D.3-1:

(1) Use whichever is more applicable to a specific situation. Values of the reduction factor C_m referred to in the above table are as follows:

(a) 0.85

(b) $0.6 - 0.4\frac{(M_1)}{M_2}$, no more than 0.85, or less than 0.40, where M_1/M_2 is the ratio of smaller to larger moments at the ends of that portion of the member unbraced in the plane of bending under consideration. M_1/M_2 is positive when the number is bent in reverse curvature, negative when bent in single curvature.

(c) $1.0 - 0.4\frac{(f_c)}{\phi_c F_e}$, or 0.85, whichever is less

TABLE D.3-1
EFFECTIVE LENGTH AND BENDING REDUCTION FACTORS FOR MEMBER STRENGTH CHECKING

Situation	Effective Length Factor K	Reduction Factor Cm(1)
Superstructure Legs		
Braced	1.0	(a)
Portal (unbraced)	K(2)	(a)
Jacket Legs & Piling		
Grouted Composite Section	1.0	(c)
Ungrouted Jacket Legs	1.0	(c)
Ungrouted Piling Between Shim Points	1.0	(b)
Jacket Braces		
Face-to-face Length of Main Diagonals	0.8	(b) or (c)
Face of Leg to Centerline of Joint Length of K-Braces(3)	0.8	(c)
Longer Segment Length of X-Braces(3)	0.9	(c)
Secondary Horizontals	0.7	(c)
Deck Truss Chord members	1.0	(a),(b) or (c)
Deck Truss Web Members		
In-Plane Action	0.8	(b)
Out-of-Plane Action	1.0	(a) or (b)

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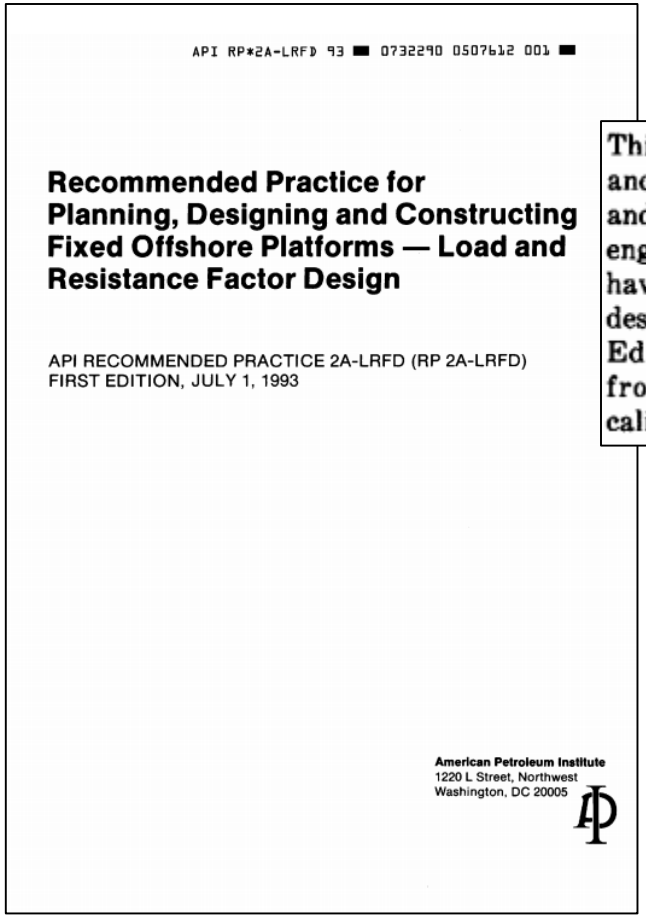
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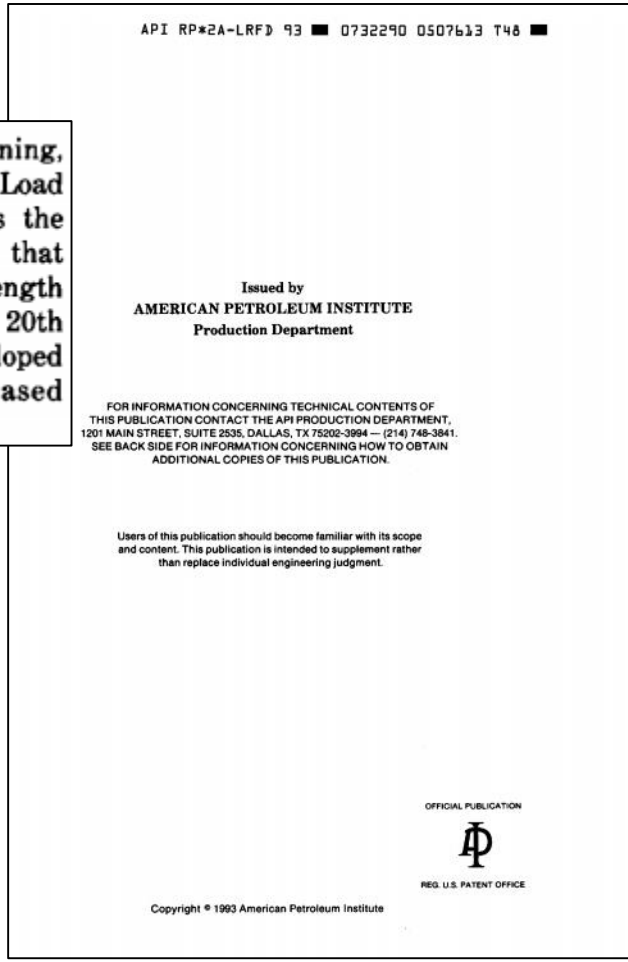
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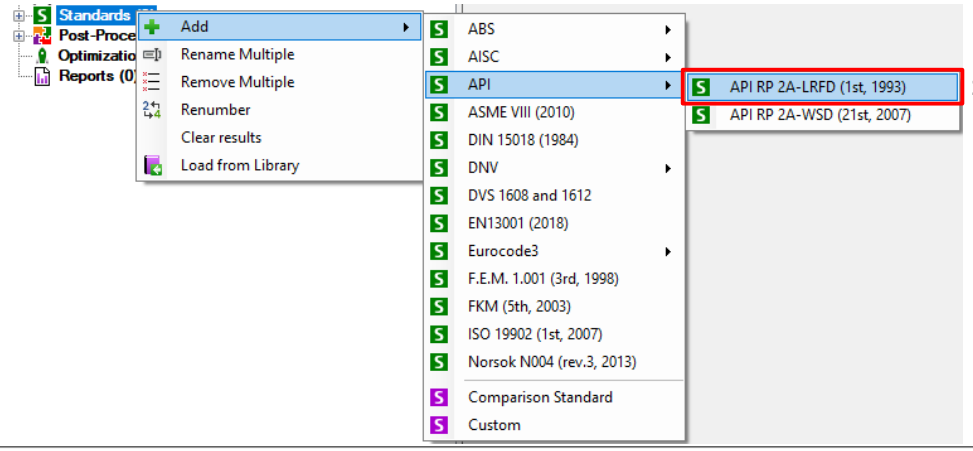


SECTION D
CYLINDRICAL MEMBER DESIGN

C_x = critical elastic buckling coefficient

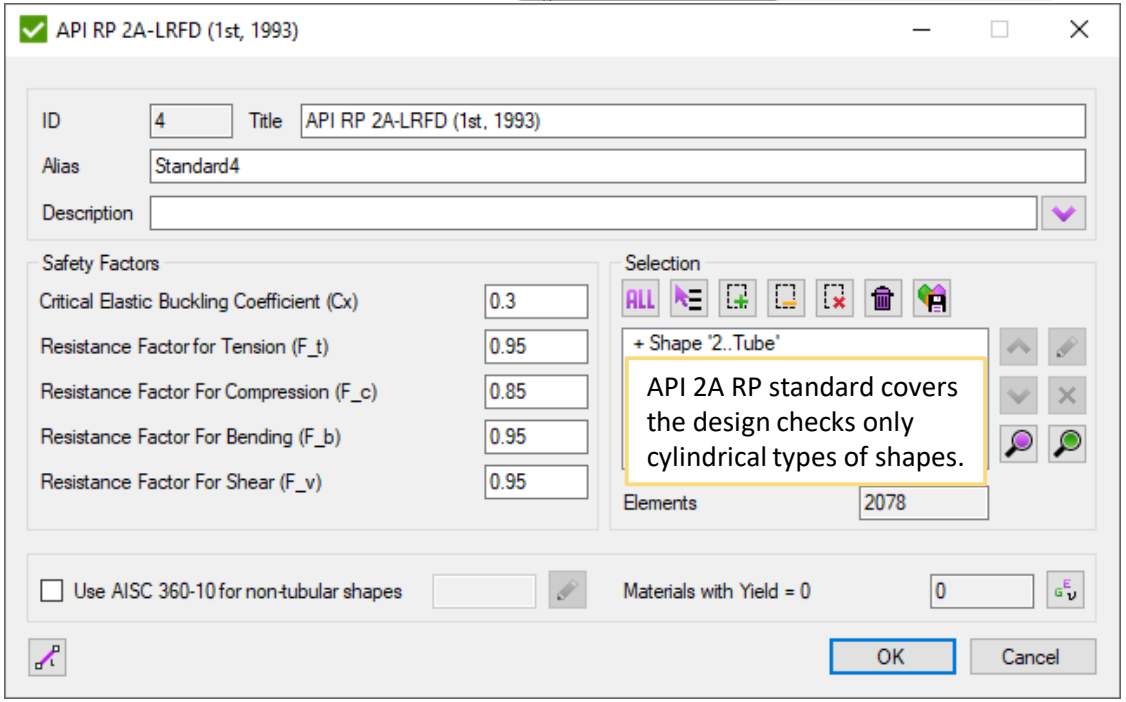
The theoretical value of C_x is 0.6. However, a reduced value of C_x = 0.3 is recommended for use in Equation D.2.2-3 to account for the effect of initial geometric imperfections within API Spec 2B tolerance limits, Reference D2.

ϕ_t = resistance factor for axial tensile strength, 0.95

ϕ_c = resistance factor for axial compressive strength, 0.85

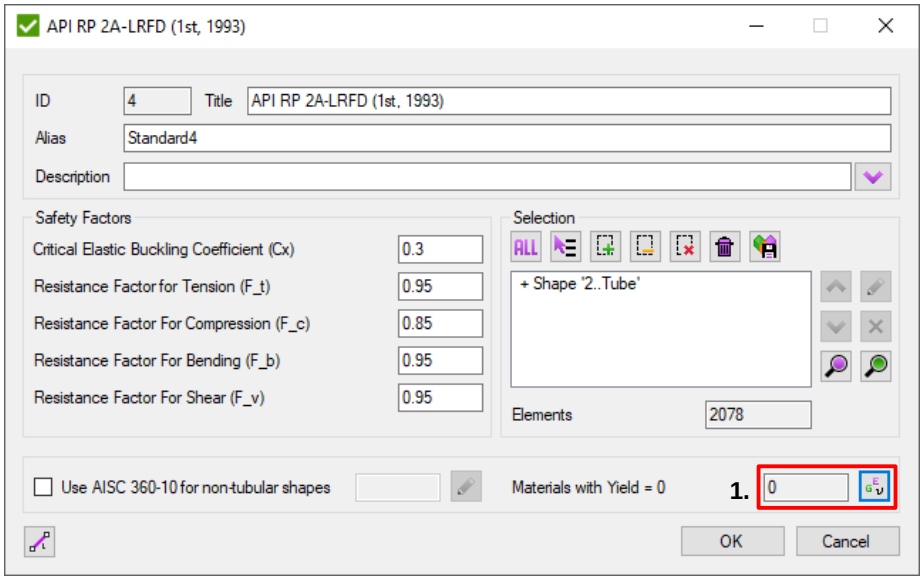
ϕ_b = resistance factor for bending strength, 0.95.

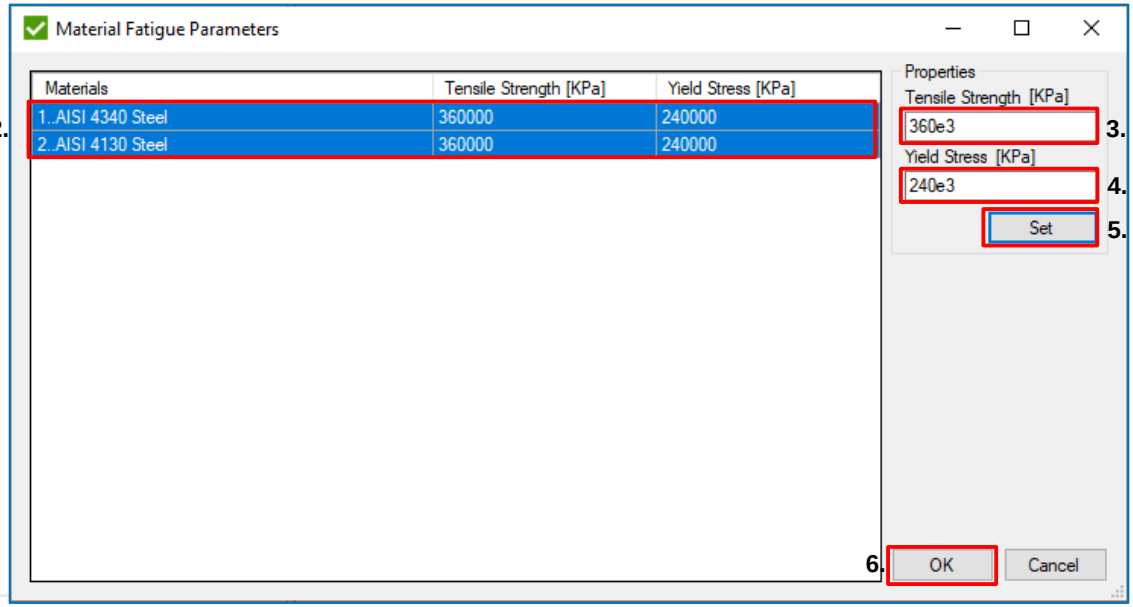
ϕ_v = resistance factor for beam shear strength, 0.95



Define Material Characteristics

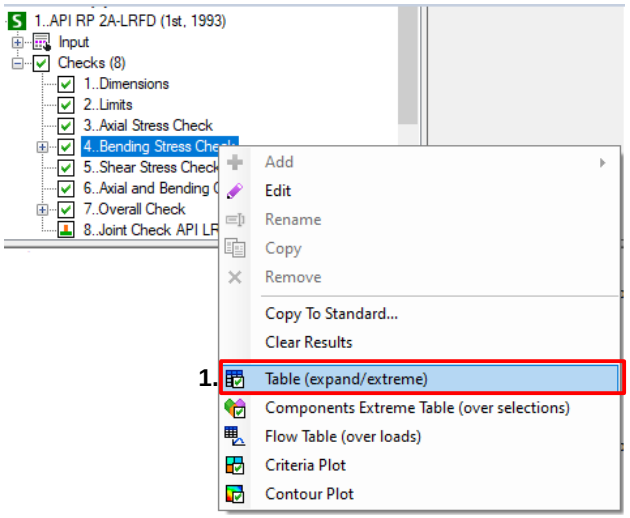
1. Press  to set the material yield stress and tensile strength
2. Select All Materials (Ctrl+A)
3. Tensile Strength: **360e+3 [kPa]**
4. Yield Stress: **240e+3 [kPa]**
5. Press *Set*
6. Press *OK*

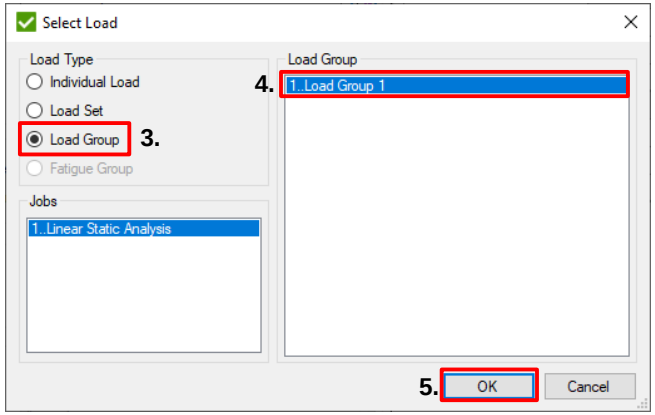


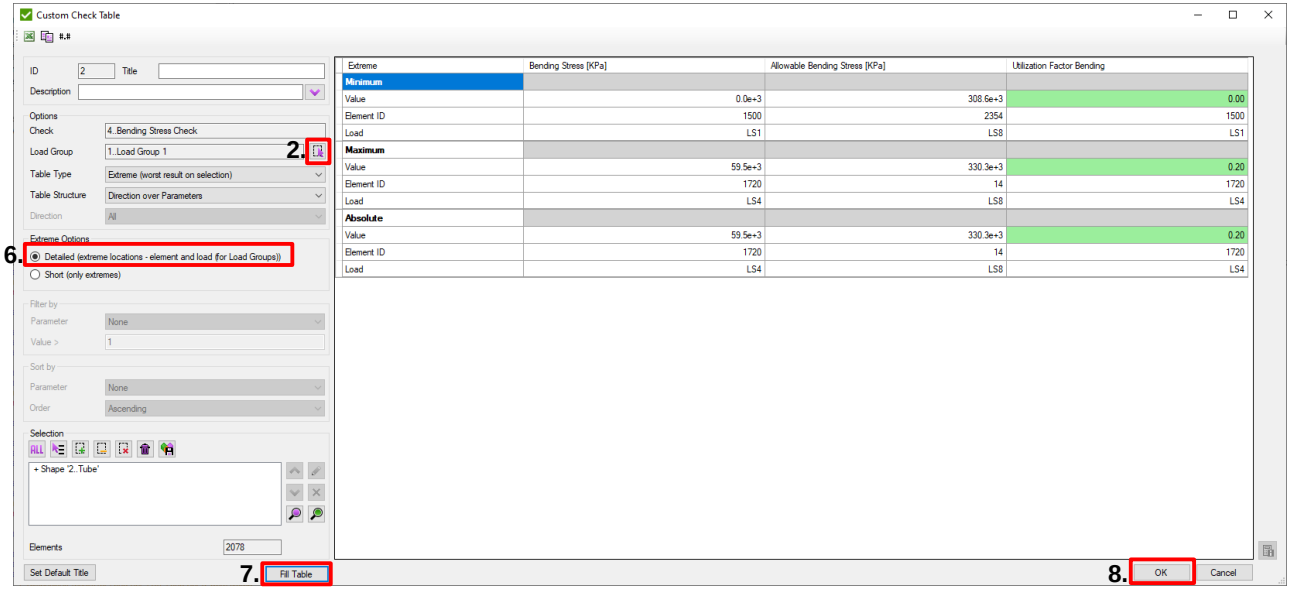


Extreme table for bending check

1. Execute *Table* from the **Bending Stress Check** context menu
2. Press  to select load
3. Load Type: **Load Group**
4. Load: **1..Load Group 1**
5. Press *OK*
6. Extreme Options: **Detailed**
7. Press *Fill Table*
8. Press *OK*



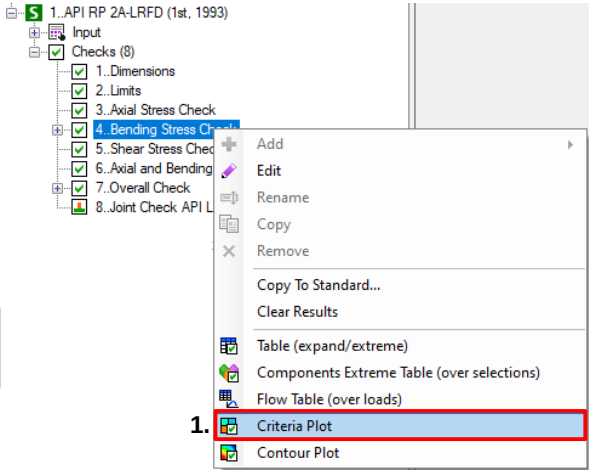


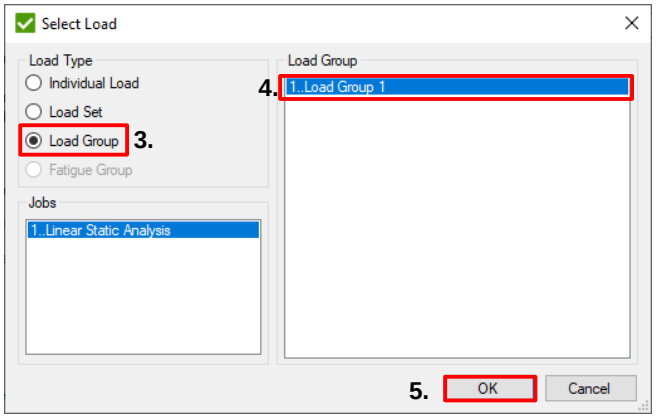


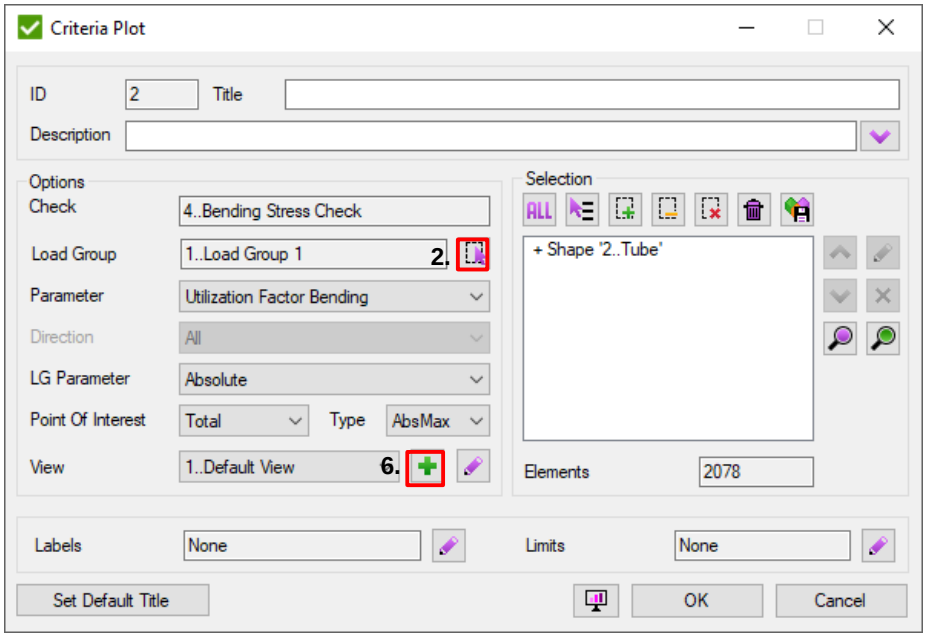
Overall Check contains results from all checks. With the help of one table/plot it is possible to verify if the model passes the checks (< 1). Overall Utilization Factor = worst Uf among all checks.

Criteria Plot for Bending Stress Check

1. Execute *Criteria Plot* from **Bending Stress Check** context menu
2. Press  to select load
3. Load Type: **Load Group**
4. Load: **1..Load Group 1**
5. Press *OK*
6. Press to add view

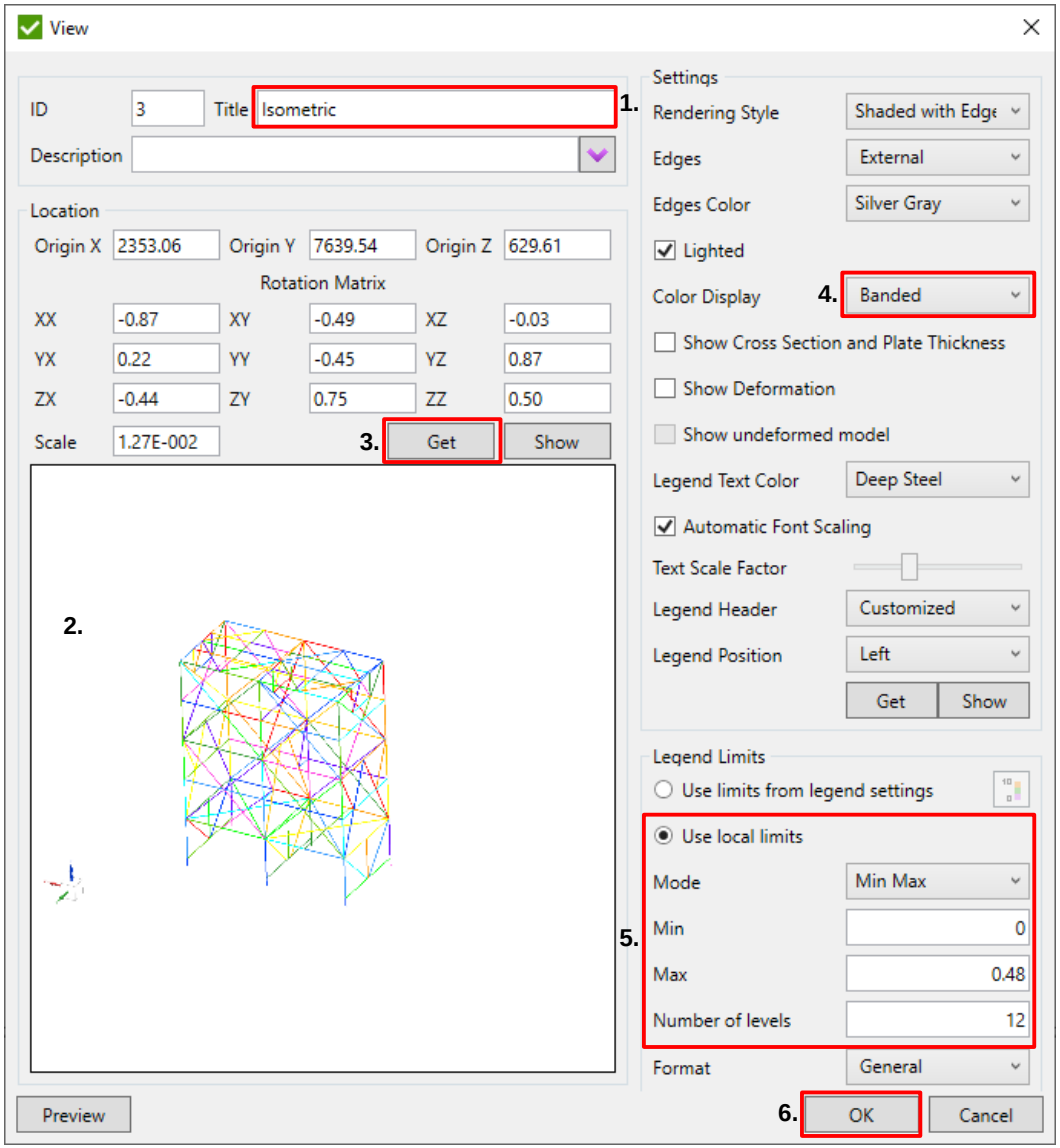






Plot. Create View

1. Title: **Isometric**
2. Orient model in Simcenter as shown on the picture
3. Press *Get*
4. Color Display: **Banded**
5. Select: **Use local limits**. Max: **0.48**
6. Press *OK*



Display Plot

1. Press  to display plot
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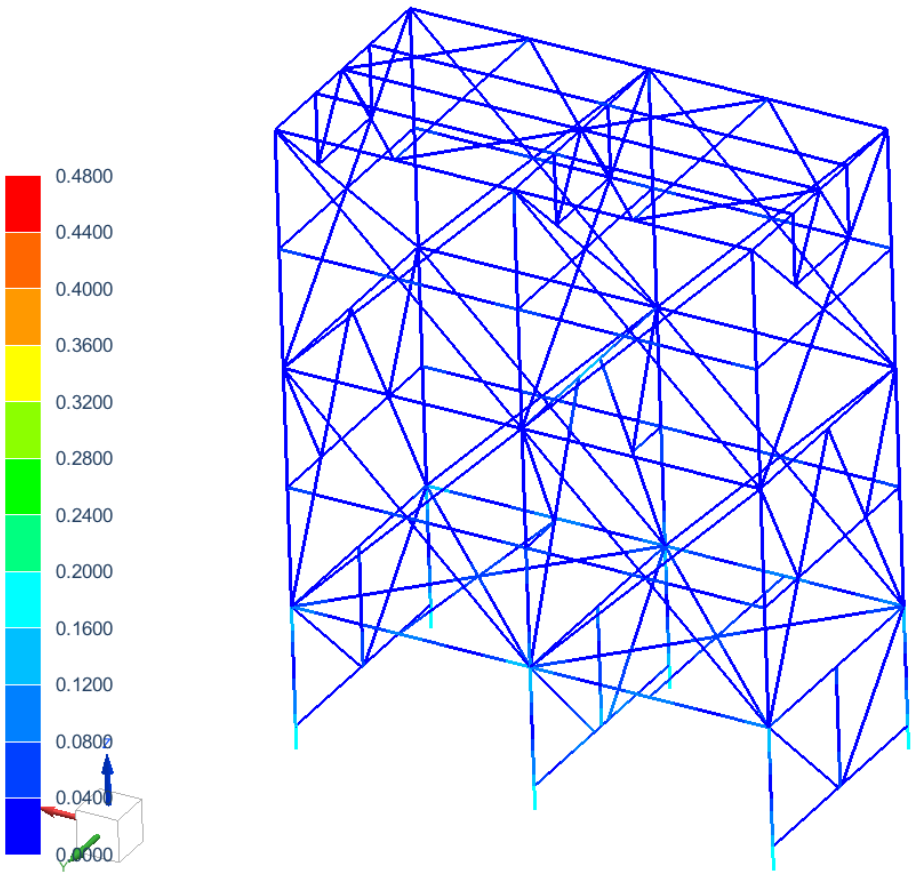

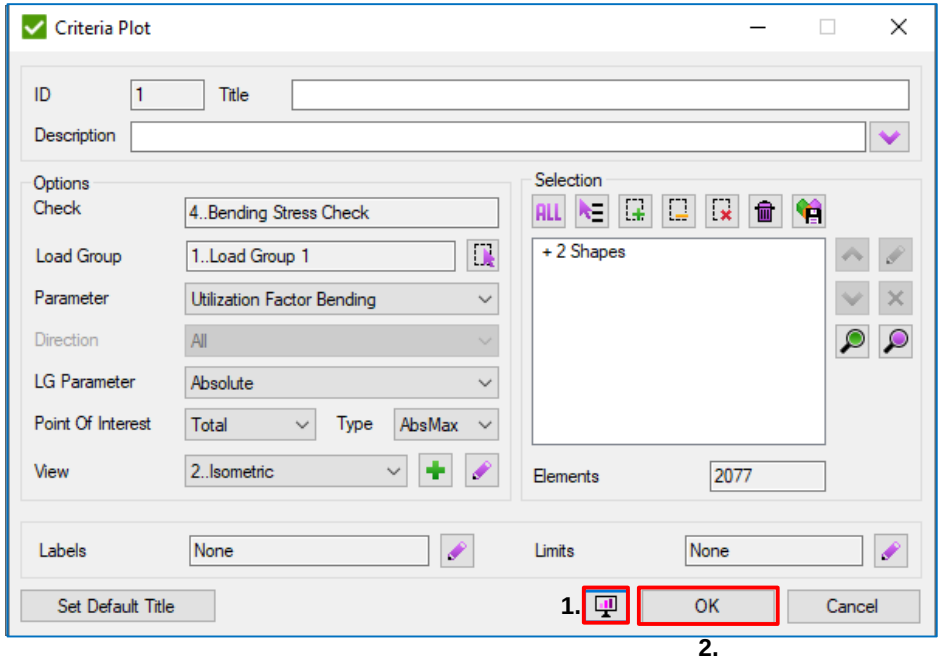

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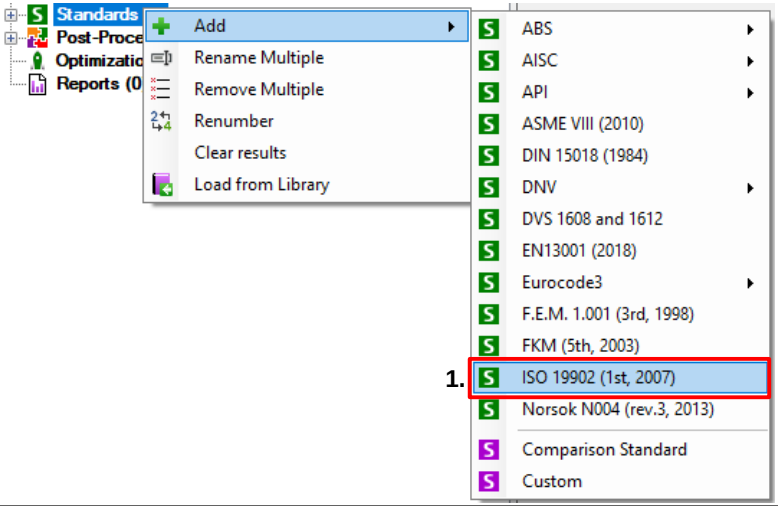

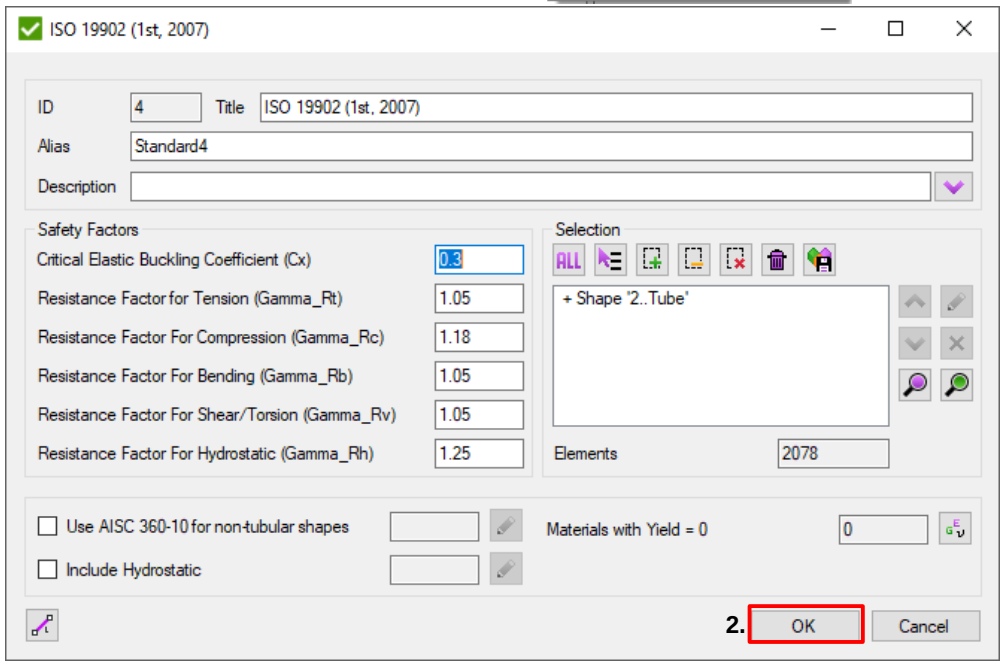

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ISO 19902 standard

C_x is the elastic critical buckling coefficient, see below;

The theoretical value of C_x for an ideal tubular is 0,6. However, a reduced value of $C_x = 0,3$ should be used in Equation (13.2-10) to account for the effect of initial geometric imperfections within the tolerance limits given in Clause 21. A reduced value of $C_x = 0,3$ is implicit in the value of f_{xe} used in Equations (13.2-8) and (13.2-9).

$\gamma_{R,t}$ is the partial resistance factor for axial tensile strength, $\gamma_{R,t} = 1,05$.

$\gamma_{R,c}$ is the partial resistance factor for axial compressive strength, $\gamma_{R,c} = 1,18$.

$\gamma_{R,b}$ is the partial resistance factor for bending strength, $\gamma_{R,b} = 1,05$;

$\gamma_{R,v}$ is the partial resistance factor for shear strength, $\gamma_{R,v} = 1,05$;

$\gamma_{R,h}$ is the partial resistance factor for hoop buckling strength, $\gamma_{R,h} = 1,25$.

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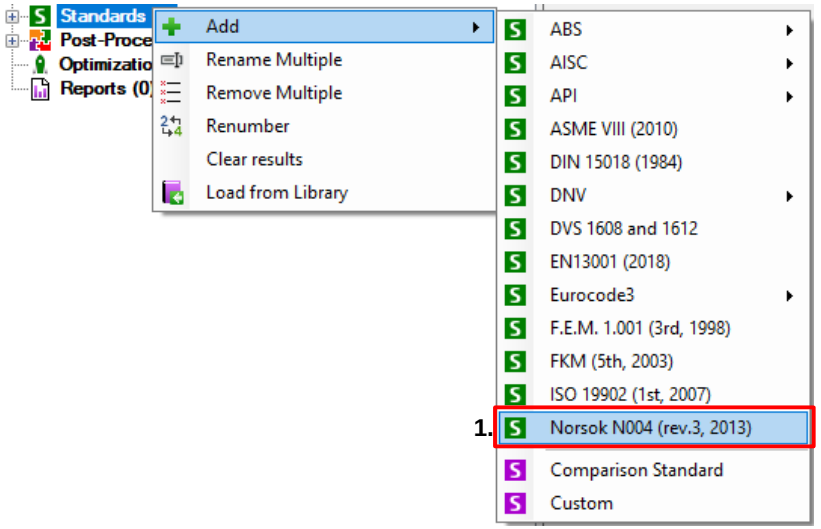

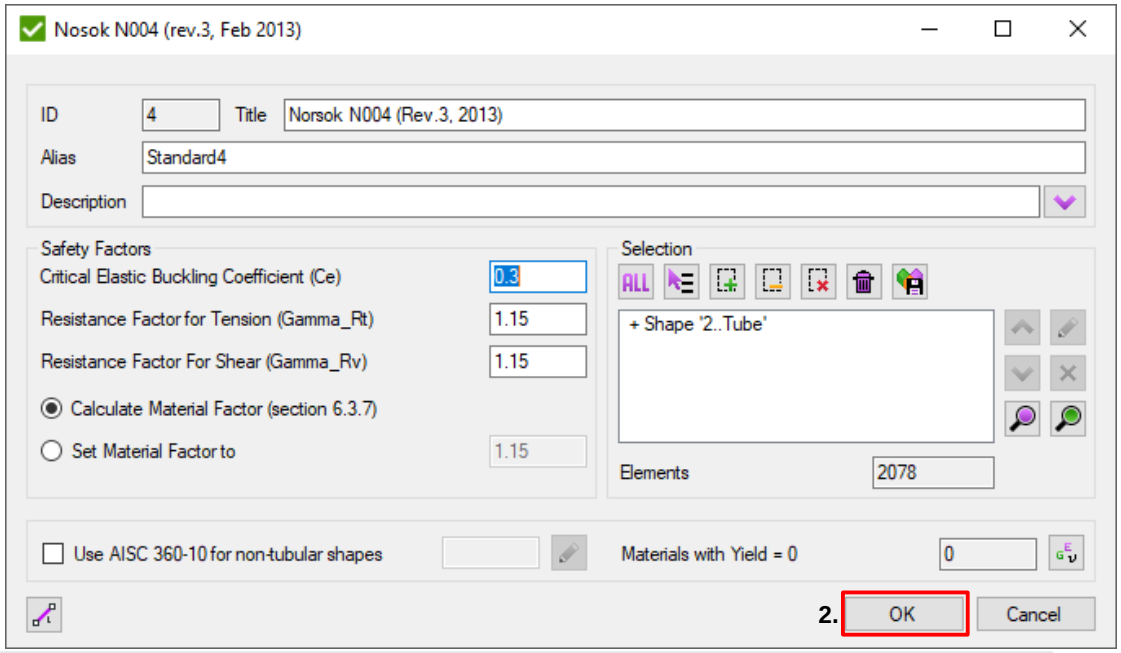

Norsok N004 procedure is similar to API 2A RP. In overall check it is possible to verify if the structure passes all checks : Overall Utilization Factor = worst Uf among all checks < 1.

Add Norsok N004 standard

C_e = critical elastic buckling coefficient = 0.3

$\gamma_{R,t}$ = material factor for tension = 1.15

$\gamma_{R,v}$ = material factor for shear = 1.15

γ_M = see section 6.3.7

$$\gamma_M = 1.15 \quad \text{for } \bar{\lambda}_s < 0.5 \qquad (6.22)$$

$$\gamma_M = 0.85 + 0.60\bar{\lambda}_s \quad \text{for } 0.5 \le \bar{\lambda}_s \le 1.0$$

$$\gamma_M = 1.45 \quad \text{for } \bar{\lambda}_s > 1.0$$

where

$$\bar{\lambda}_s = \frac{|\sigma_{c,Sd}|}{f_{cl}} \cdot \lambda_c + \left(\frac{\sigma_{p,Sd}}{f_h}\right)^2 \cdot \lambda_h \qquad (6.23)$$

where f_{cl} is calculated from Equation (6.6) or Equation (6.7) whichever is appropriate and f_h from Equation (6.17), Equation (6.18), or Equation (6.19) whichever is appropriate.

$$\lambda_c = \sqrt{\frac{f_y}{f_{cle}}} \quad \text{, and} \quad \lambda_h = \sqrt{\frac{f_y}{f_{he}}} \qquad (6.24)$$

f_{cle} and f_{he} is obtained from Equation (6.8), and Equation (6.20) respectively.

$\sigma_{p,Sd}$ is obtained from Equation (6.16) and

$$\sigma_{c,Sd} = \frac{N_{Sd}}{A} + \frac{\sqrt{M_{y,Sd}^2 + M_{z,Sd}^2}}{W} \qquad (6.25)$$

N_{Sd} is negative if in tension.

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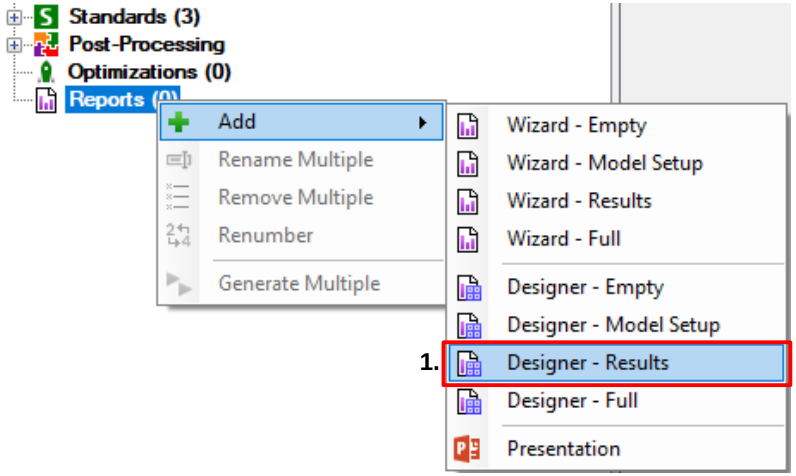

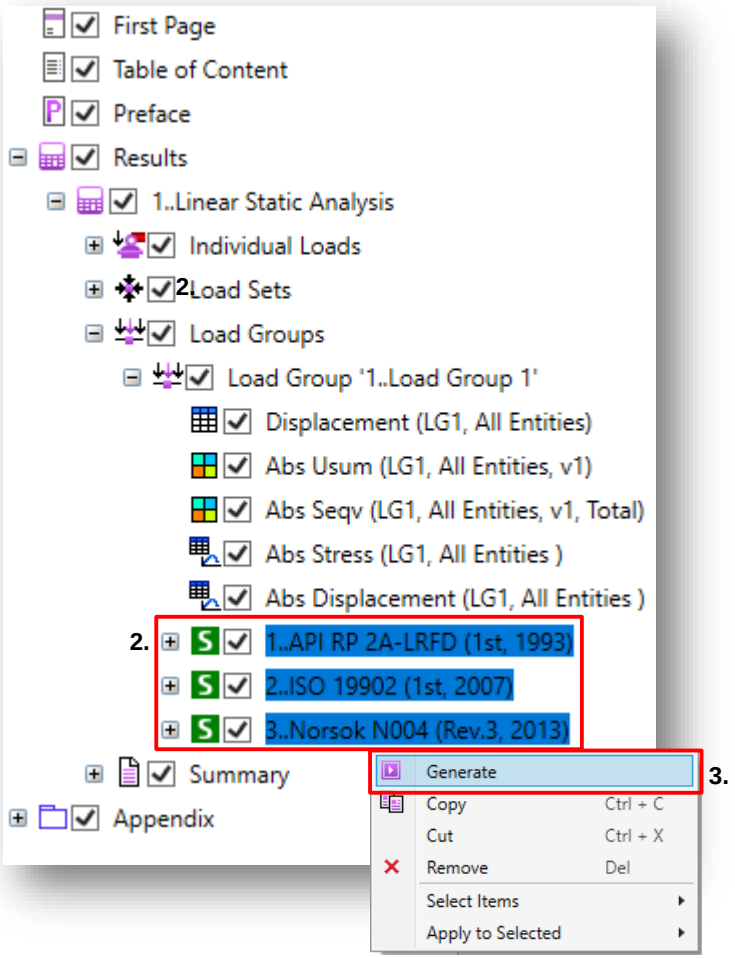

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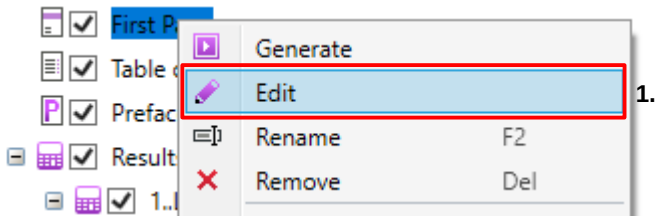

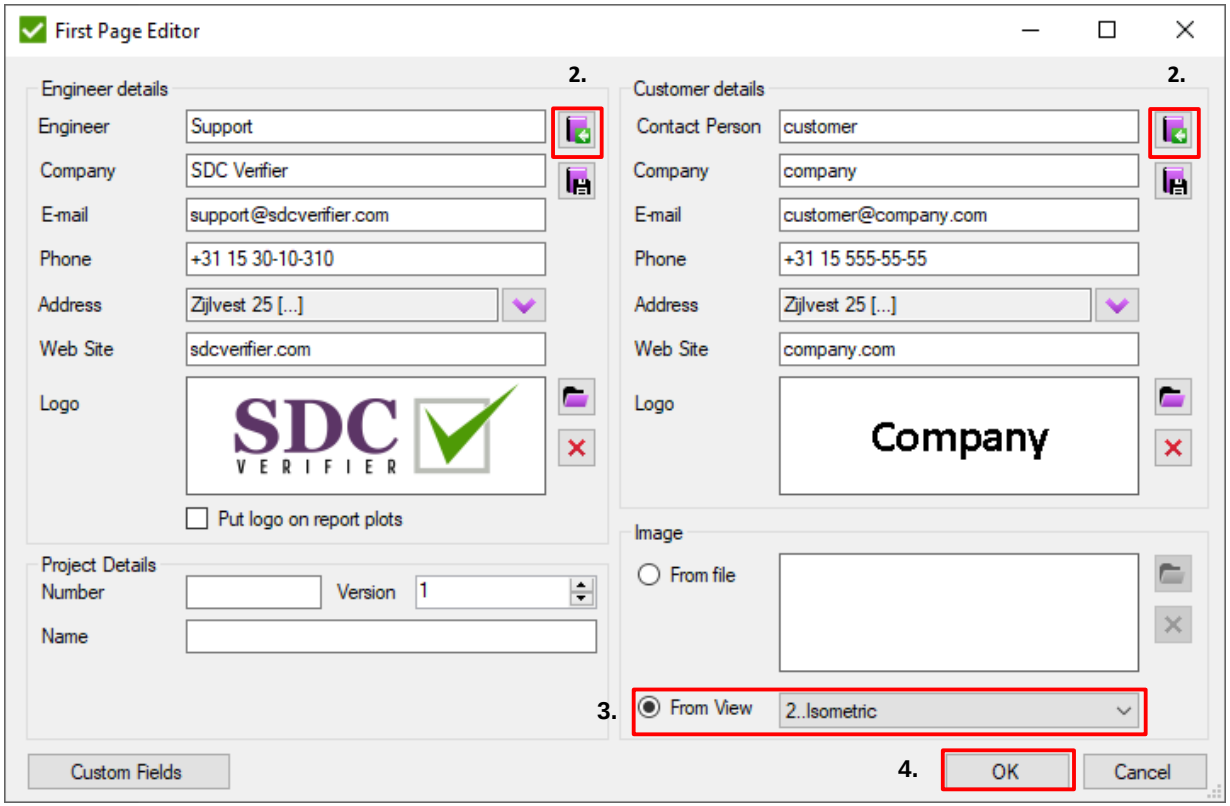

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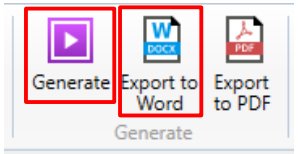

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