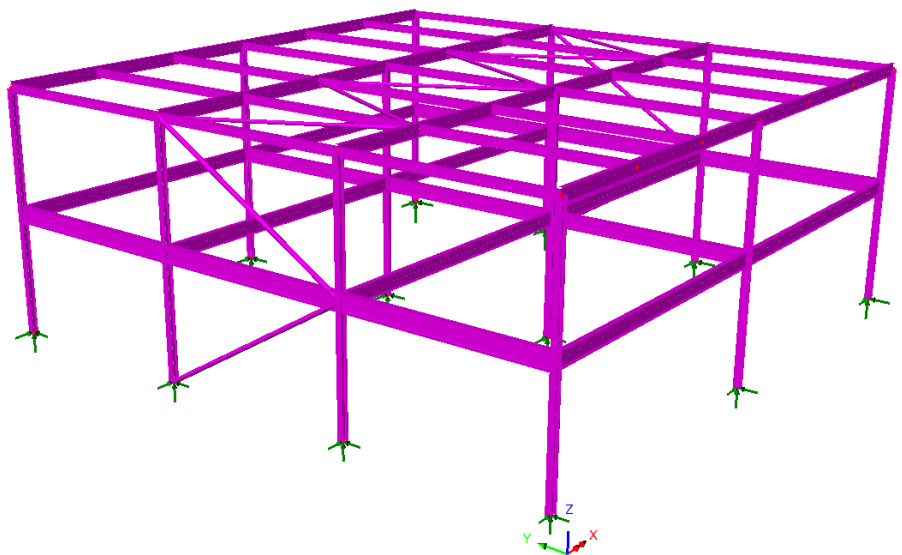


# Steel Frame Design to EN 1993-1-1

For LUSAS version:	24.0
For software product(s):	LUSAS <i>Civil &amp; Structural</i> or LUSAS <i>Bridge</i> .
With product option(s):	Steel Frame Design

## Description

This example concentrates on the design of steel members of a 3D frame in accordance with EN 1993-1-1:2005+A1:2014. Values for Nationally Determined Parameters (NDPs) are taken from the UK National Annex.



The frame consists of hot rolled structural steel sections, steel grade S 275, hot finished hollow sections, steel grade S 355 H and user-defined grade hollow section.

Columns are spaced at 5m centres along the model's y-axis, and 7.5m centres along its x-axis. The first floor consists of precast slabs spanning 7.5m between the steel beams. A perimeter facade runs around the perimeter of the building and is supported on the first-floor perimeter beams. The roof consists of a lightweight deck and appropriate build-up spanning 2.5m between steel beams.

The precast slabs are considered to provide sufficient restraint to the compression flange of the supporting beams at first floor level (and so do not require a check for lateral torsional buckling). All other beams are taken as not having sufficient restraint to the compression flange.

A simplified form of wind load is applied to the intersection of beams and columns in the XZ plane only. The vertical effects of the wind loading are ignored.

The following loads are considered in addition to the self-weight of the steel beams:

Location	Loading
First floor dead load (from precast)	4.2kN/m <sup>2</sup>
First floor live load	4.0kN/m <sup>2</sup>
Perimeter facade	8.0kN/m
Roof dead load	0.50kN/m <sup>2</sup>
Roof live load	0.60kN/m <sup>2</sup>
Wind load at 1 <sup>st</sup> floor level	1.5kN/m <sup>2</sup>

The following load combinations are considered:

- Dead + Imposed**
- Dead + Imposed (leading) + Wind (accompanying)**
- Dead + Wind (leading) + Imposed (accompanying)**
- Dead (inf) + Wind**

Units used are kN, m, t, s, C throughout.

### Objective

- To carry out design checks to a selected design code and confirm suitability for steel member sizes.

## Keywords

3D, Steel, Frame, Structural, Design code checks, Eurocode 3, EN 1993-1-1, Design Member, Design Attribute, Load Combinations, Enveloping, Error Codes, Member Utilisation Ratio, Member Report, Reporting

## Associated Files

Associated files can be downloaded from the user area of the LUSAS website.



- steel\_frame\_design\_preliminary.lvb** creates the basic model geometry. The example uses the model created by the file as a starting point.
- steel\_frame\_design\_original\_sections.lvb** rebuilds the whole model and carries out the definition of combined lines (where required) and the definition and assignment of the steel design attributes to all members. To be used where stated in case of user errors in preparing the model for a design check.

## Modelling

### Running LUSAS Modeller

For details of how to run LUSAS Modeller, see the heading *Running LUSAS Modeller* in the *Introduction to LUSAS Worked Examples* document.

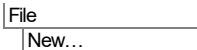
**Note.** This example is written assuming a new LUSAS Modeller session has been started. If continuing from an existing Modeller session select the menu command **File>New** to start a new model file. Modeller will prompt for any unsaved data and display the New Model dialog.

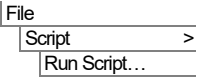
### Creating a New Model

- Enter a file name of **steel\_frame\_design\_preliminary**
- Use the default **User-defined** working folder.
- Ensure an Analysis category of **3D** is set.
- Click the **OK** button.

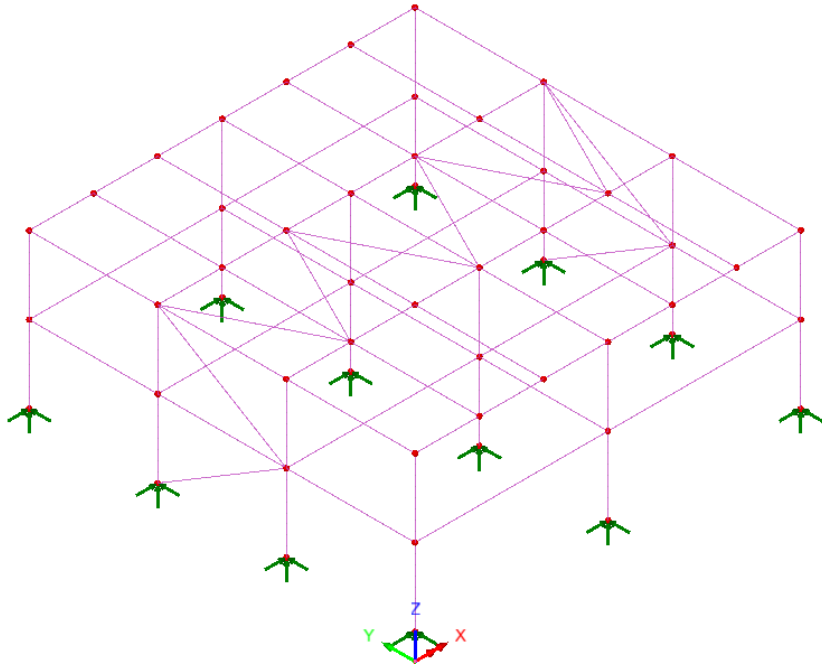


**Note.** There is no need to enter any other new model details when the intention is to run a script to build an initial model, since the contents of the script will overwrite any other settings made.






To create the model required for this example, open the script file **steel\_frame\_design\_preliminary.lvb** that was downloaded and placed in a folder of your choosing.



toggling the **Fleshing** button on and off will show the steelwork arrangement.

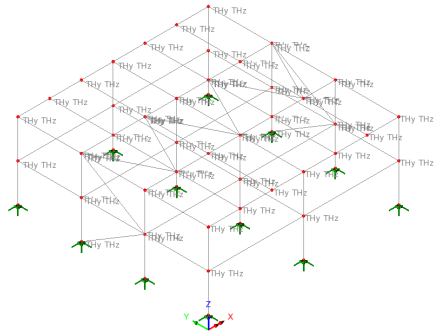


**Note.** If it is required to visualise any beam end releases select the  Treeview and double click on **Mesh**, select the **Visualise** tab and select the **Beam end releases** option.

## Save the model



Save the model file.



## Design Code Checking

Design code checking is carried out in LUSAS as a post-processing operation following the solving of an analysis model. In LUSAS a steel member is represented by

a line in the model that is assumed to span between and be restrained or supported by its end points. For situations where a series of lines may represent a single steel member, such as when one beam is supporting crossbeams along its length, the series of lines representing the supporting beam will need to be specified as a combined line by using the combined line facility.

Steel beam design attributes need to be assigned to members to provide design related information. Since the assigned steel beam design attributes have no impact on the structural analysis they can be assigned after the analysis has been run. Changes can be made to a design attribute (for example, changing a grade of steel) without re-running the structural analysis.

### Meshing considerations

In this model two line meshes are defined, both using thick beam elements with a linear interpolation order so that the example can be run in any LUSAS software product version. Each line mesh has different end release conditions and is dependent upon whether the line representing a steel member is considered continuous, has a moment connection at its end or has a simple connection at its end.



**Caution.** For design code checking purposes a line mesh should have at least 2 elements and preferably (as in this model) a minimum of 4 elements assigned to each line. Using a single element can cause difficulties with detecting the shape of the bending moment diagrams for buckling checks. Using an excessive element assignment to each line will increase the time required to carry out the design checks.

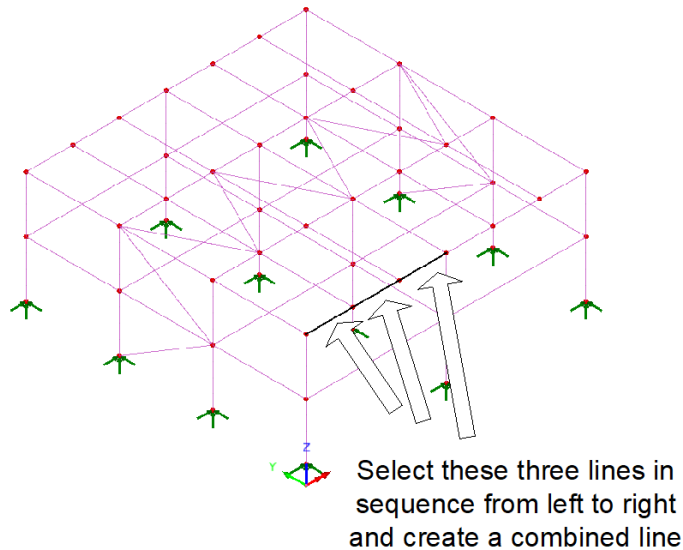


**Caution.** Checks to a design code cannot (currently) be carried out if the rotation about centroid on the Geometric line attribute is set to anything other than 0 degrees, or if a section has been mirrored prior to being assigned to a model. In the model supplied, the external columns were required to be rotated through 90 degrees such that their major axis lay in global x-direction. For design checking purposes this was (and should be) done by setting the beta angle to 90 degrees during the line mesh assignment, rather than by rotating a section about its centroid on the Geometric line attribute dialog. Applying a local coordinate system during the line mesh assignment is an alternative method.

Effects of deformed geometry and whether a first order analysis or second order analysis should be used are not currently considered. Second order effects need to be accounted for manually.

### Creating Design Members

Steel members can be represented by either a single line or a combined line (made up of a series of lines). In this example a combined line must be used to define the 7.5m long roof members running parallel to the X-axis between columns. All other members are defined by lines.



- Select the three lines indicated in the order shown on the previous image.

This creates a combined line from the selection. The line colour changes to indicate a combined line.

- **Repeat this procedure** for the remaining seven sets of three lines representing the roof members running parallel to the X-axis so that eight separate combined lines are created in total.



**Caution.** The direction of all lines used to define a combined line must be the same. Errors can be introduced in the buckling checks if this is not the case.

### Defining the Steel Frame Design Attributes

Steel frame design attributes are used to provide additional information about model features that enable design checks to supported design codes. Note that this additional information is not required for a general structural analysis to be carried out.

All lines modelling steel members need to be assigned a suitable steel frame design attribute. However, first a design code needs to be selected.



**Note.** Since the design attributes have no impact on a structural analysis, they can be assigned either before or after an analysis has been run. Furthermore, changes can be made to a design attribute (e.g. changing a grade of steel) without the need to re-solve the model.

## Selecting a Design Code

Design  
Steel Frame  
Design...

- From the Country drop list choose **Europe**, and from the Design code list choose **EN1993-1-1: 2005+A1:2014**.
- Click the **OK** button to finish.

Name	Clause	Value
Class 1 & 2 bending d...	5.4.2	Plastic section pr...
fy & fu chosen from	3.2.1 (1)	Product standard
Limiting value of fu/fy	3.2.2 (1)	1.1
Elongation at failure (%)	3.2.2 (1)	15.0
Limiting value of eu/ey	3.2.2 (1)	15.0
$\gamma_{M0}$	6.1 (1)	1.0
$\gamma_{M1}$	6.1 (1)	1.0
$\gamma_{M2}$	6.1 (1)	1.1
$\lambda_{LT0}$ rolled & hollow	6.3.2.3 (1)	0.4

## Creating the design attributes

Attributes  
Design  
Steel Frame  
Design...

The steel frame design attribute dialog is displayed:

EN1993-1-1 / EN1993-2 Steel Frame Design

Member is an angle section

General | Compression | Bending | Shear | Advanced

Section manufacture: Hot rolled section

Section fabrication: Hot rolled section


Steel product standard: EN 10025-2

Steel grade: S 275


Axial (tension): Ratio of net area to gross area: 0.8

Name: UC column (new)


### For the columns:

- On the General tab ensure that 'Section fabrication' is set to **Hot rolled section**.
- Ensure that 'Steel product standard' **EN 10025-2** is selected.
- From the 'Steel grade' pull-down menu select **S 275**
- Change the 'Ratio of net area to gross area' to **0.8**
- Enter the attribute name as **UC column**
- Click the **Apply** button to add the design attribute to the Attributes  treeview.

Then,


- From the 'Steel fabrication' drop list, select **Hot finished SHS**.
- In the 'Steel product standard' drop list ensure **EN 10210-1** is selected.
- From the 'Steel grade' drop list choose **S 355 H**
- Change the 'Ratio of net area to gross area' to **1.0**
- Enter the attribute name as **Hollow column**
- Click the **Apply** button to add the attribute to the  treeview.

### For the floor beams:


- In the 'Steel fabrication' pull-down menu select **Hot rolled section**.
- Ensure that 'Steel product standard' **EN 10025-2** is selected.
- From the 'Steel grade' pull-down menu choose **S 275**
- Enter the attribute name as **First floor beam**
- Click the **Apply** button to add the attribute to the  treeview.

Then,


- With 'Steel fabrication' set as **Hot rolled section**, 'Steel product standard' set as **EN 10025-2** and 'Steel grade' set as **S 275**, change the 'Ratio of net area to gross area' to **0.9**
- Select the **Bending** tab, and change the 'Flange restraint' to **Top flange restrained**

- Enter the attribute name as **First floor beam top restrained**
- Click the **Apply** button to add the attribute to the  treeview.


### For the roof beams:

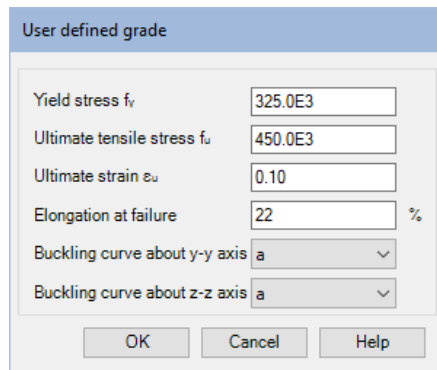
- With the General tab showing ‘Steel fabrication’ set as **Hot rolled section**, ‘Steel product standard’ set as **EN 10025-2** and ‘Steel grade’ set as **S 275**, on the **Bending** tab, change the **Flange restraint** to **No restraint**
- Enter the attribute name as **Roof beam line**
- Click the **Apply** button to add the attribute to the  treeview.

Then,

- Switch to the **General** tab and with ‘Steel fabrication’ set as **Hot rolled section**, ‘Steel product standard’ set as **EN 10025-2** and ‘Steel grade’ set as **S 275**, change the **Ratio of net area to gross area** to **1.0**
- Select the **Compression** tab and for the Major axis change the ‘Unbraced length from’ to **Combined line** but for the Minor axis and Torsion settings, leave as **Line**.
- Enter the attribute name as **Roof beam combined line**
- Click the **Apply** button to add the attribute to the  treeview.

### For the bracing:


- Switch to the **General** tab and with ‘Steel fabrication’ set as **Hot rolled section** in the ‘Section fabrication’ pull-down menu select **Hot finished SHS**
- In the ‘Steel product standard’ pull-down menu select **User defined**.
- On the User Defined Grade dialog click in the Yield stress cell to cause the units conversion utility arrow  to appear. Click this arrow and on the Unit Converter dialog that appears ensure that **N/mm<sup>2</sup>** is selected, before entering yield stress  $f_y$  of **325** and click **OK**.
- In a similar manner, enter an ‘Ultimate tensile stress  $f_u$ ’ of **450** (N/mm<sup>2</sup>) and click **OK**.
- Enter the ‘Ultimate strain  $\epsilon_u$ ’ as **0.10**



The image shows a dialog box titled "User defined grade" with the following fields and values:


Field	Value
Yield stress $f_y$	325.0E3
Ultimate tensile stress $f_u$	450.0E3
Ultimate strain $\epsilon_u$	0.10
Elongation at failure	22 %
Buckling curve about y-y axis	a
Buckling curve about z-z axis	a

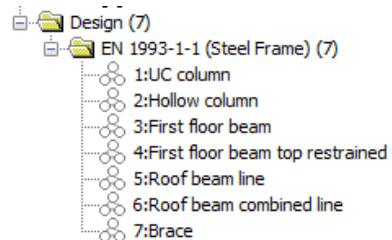
Buttons: OK, Cancel, Help

- Enter the 'Elongation at failure' as **22** (%)
- From the 'Buckling curve about y-y axis' pull-down menu choose **a**
- From the 'Buckling curve about z-z axis' pull-down menu. choose **a**
- Click **OK**
- Switch to the **Compression** tab, and for the **Major axis**, change the 'Unbraced length from' setting to **Line**.
- Enter the attribute name as **Brace**.
- Click the **OK** button to add attribute to the  treeview and close the dialog.



**Note.** When the user-defined option is chosen for the Steel product standard, ductility requirements are verified in accordance with EN 1993-1-1 clause 3.2.2 (1). Fracture toughness (3.2.3) and Through-thickness properties (3.2.4) requirements are assumed to have been met.





Seven design attributes will now be present in the  treeview. These now require assigning to relevant lines in the model that represent columns or beams.







## Assigning the Steel Frame Design Attributes

This is most easily done by assigning the attributes to lines selected by geometric type.





### For the columns:

- In the  Treeview right-click on the geometric attribute **External column** and choose **Select Assignments**.
- Drag and drop the design attribute **UC Column** from the  Treeview onto the selected lines.
- In the  Treeview right-click on the geometric attribute **Internal column** and choose **Select Assignments**. Ensure **Clear selection** is chosen on the Options dialog and click **OK**.
- Drag and drop the design attribute **Hollow Column** from the  Treeview onto the selected lines.




**For the floor beams:**

- In the  Treeview right-click on the geometric attribute **1st floor beam 3** and choose **Select Assignments**. Ensure **Clear selection** is chosen on the Options dialog and click **OK**.
- Drag and drop the design attribute **First floor beam** from the  Treeview onto the selected lines.
- In the  Treeview left-click on the geometric attribute **1st floor beam 1** and then, holding down the **Shift** key, also select the geometric attribute **1st floor beam 2**, then right-click and choose **Select Assignments**. On the Options dialog, ensure **Clear selection** is chosen and click **OK**.
- Drag and drop the design attribute **First floor beam top restrained** from the  Treeview onto the selected lines.

**For the roof beams:**

- In the  Treeview right-click the geometric attribute **Roof beam 1** and choose **Select Assignments**. Ensure **Clear selection** is chosen on the Options dialog and click **OK**.
- Drag and drop the design attribute **Roof beam line** from the  Treeview onto the selected lines.
- In the  Treeview right-click the geometric attribute **Roof beam 2** and choose **Select Assignments**. Ensure **Clear selection** is chosen on the Options dialog and click **OK**.
- Drag and drop the design attribute **Roof beam combined line** from the  Treeview onto the selected lines.

**For the bracing:**

- In the  Treeview right-click the geometric attribute **Wall Brace** and choose **Select Assignments**. Ensure **Clear selection** is chosen on the Options dialog and click **OK**.
- In the  Treeview right-click the geometric attribute **Roof Brace** and choose **Select Assignments**. Ensure **Add to selection** is chosen on the Options dialog and click **OK**.
- Drag and drop the design attribute **Brace** from the  Treeview onto the selected lines.

File  
Save As



Save the model file with a name of **steel\_frame\_design\_original\_sections.mdl**

### Running the Analysis


With the model loaded:



Select the **Solve Now** button from the toolbar and click **OK** to run the analysis.


A LUSAS Datafile will be created from the model information. The LUSAS Solver uses this datafile to perform the analysis.

#### If the analysis is successful...

Analysis loadcase results are added to the  Treeview

In addition, these files will be created in the LUSASFiles\`<model_name>` folder:



- steel\_frame\_design\_original\_sections.out** this output file contains details of model data, assigned attributes and selected statistics of the analysis.
- steel\_frame\_design\_original\_sections.mys** this is the LUSAS results file which is loaded automatically into the  Treeview to allow results processing to take place.

#### If the analysis fails...

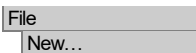
If the analysis fails, information relating to the nature of the error encountered can be written to an output file in addition to the text output window. Any errors listed in the text output window should be corrected in LUSAS Modeller before saving the model and re-running the analysis.

#### Rebuilding a Model

If it proves impossible to correct the errors reported, a file is provided to enable you to re-create the model from scratch and run an analysis successfully. You may download this file from the user area of the LUSAS website.



- steel\_frame\_design\_original\_sections.lvb** carries out the modelling of the example.



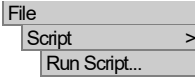
Start a new model file. If an existing model is open Modeller will prompt for unsaved data to be saved before opening the new file.

- Enter the file name as **steel\_frame\_design\_original\_sections**
- Use the default **User-defined** working folder.
- Ensure an Analysis category of **3D** is set.

- Click the **OK** button.



**Note.** There is no need to enter any other new model details when a script is run to build a model, since the contents of the script will overwrite any other settings made.



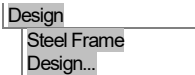
To recreate the model, select the file **steel\_frame\_design\_original\_sections.lvb** that was downloaded and placed in a folder of your choosing.



Rerun the analysis to generate the results.


## Re-selecting a Design Code


The steel frame design code selected during modelling is not currently retained in the .lvb file that was just run, so this needs to be re-selected to allow design results components to be viewed.





- From the Country drop list choose **Europe**, and from the Design code list choose **EN1993-1-1: 2005+A1:2014**.
- Click the **OK** button to finish.

## Viewing the Results

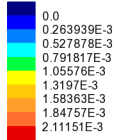
Analysis loadcase results are present in the  Treeview.

- In the  Treeview, right-click on **Permanent action** and select the **Set Active** option.

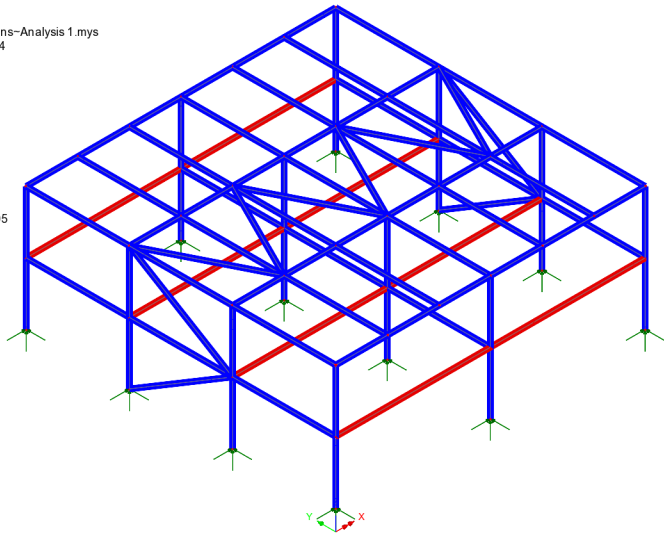
## Plotting Results Contours of Utilisation Ratio

-  Set the **Fleshing** to 'on' if it isn't already visible.
- If it is present, turn off the display of the **Deformed mesh**.
- With no features selected, click the right-hand mouse button in a blank part of the active window and select the **Contours** option to add the contours layer to the  Treeview.
- Select entity **Steel Frame: BS EN1993-1-1:2005+A1:2004:2014/NA+A1:2014** and component **Util(Fx\_t)** from the drop-down lists and click **OK** to see utilisation results for all members for the permanent action loadcase.

Analysis: Analysis 1  
Loadcase: 1:Permanent action  
Results file: steel\_frame\_design\_original\_sections-Analysis 1.mys  
Entity: Steel Frame - EN 1993-1-1.2005+A1.2014  
Component (Internal point): Utl(Fx<sub>1</sub>)



Maximum 2.37545E-3 at node 29 of element 105  
Minimum 0.0 at node 1 of element 1





### Defining an Envelope

An envelope is used to determine the highest utilisation of each member from the four design combinations defined.

Analyses  
Envelope...

In the Available panel of the Envelopes dialog:


- Select combinations (5) **Dead + imposed**, (6) **Dead + imposed + wind**, (7) **Dead + wind + imposed** and (8) **Dead (inf) + wind** and press the 'Add to' button .
- Change the name to **Design Envelope** and click **OK**.

An envelope attribute that will allow access to the maximum and minimum results will be created in the  Treeview.



**Note.** Load combinations (6) and (7) take the imposed load and wind load alternatively as the accompanying load in accordance with EN1990. Different factors are used within each included loadcase.

### Selecting and Viewing the Envelope Results

- In the  Treeview right-click on **Design Envelope** and select the **Set Active** option. On the Set Active dialog ensure that **Max / min primary component with coincident effects** is selected.

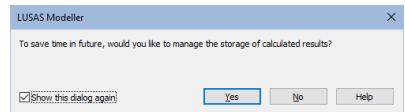
- Ensure entity **Steel Frame: BS EN1993-1-1:2005+A1:2004:2014/NA+A1:2014** and component **UtilMax** are selected from the respective drop lists
- Select **Change existing drawing layers to above component** (so that contours of UtilMax will be plotted in place of the Util(Fx\_t) as previously chosen on the Contours layer) and click the **OK** button.

Design calculations will take place. The progress bar at the bottom of the interface shows an approximation of the time remaining to complete the task.



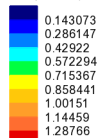
**Note.** Results for Modeller-calculated results components (such as those calculated for combinations and envelopes, and for other derived components such as design code-based utilisations, Wood-Amer, user-defined results etc.) can be stored to speed-up the initial and subsequent display of those results.

- If it appears, click **OK (Yes)** on the dialog that appears.
- If it appears, click **OK** on the subsequent dialog also.

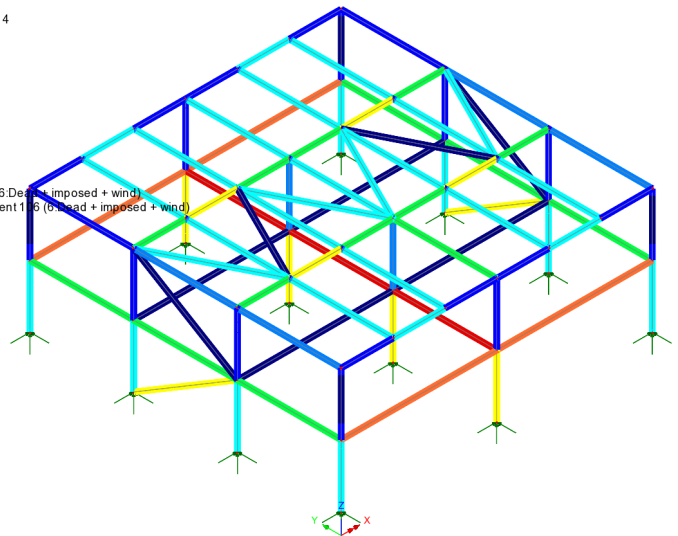


Once calculated, the utilisation ratios for all members will be shown. It can be seen that the utilisation ratio for several members is greater than 1.00. These members have failed the design checks and will be investigated further.

Envelope: 9.Design Envelope (Max - UtilMax)  
Entity: Steel Frame - EN 1993-1-1:2005+A1:2014  
Component (Internal point): UtilMax



Maximum 1.32749 at node 11 of element 133 (6.Deck + imposed + wind)  
Minimum 0.0398297 at Internal point 7 of element 116 (6.Deck + imposed + wind)



It can also be seen that several members have a very low utilisation ratio. For a refined design these members could also be investigated to obtain a more efficient section size, but for this worked example these members will not be reviewed further.


From the contour key the load combination causing the maximum utilisation can be seen to be **(6: Dead + imposed + wind)**.

### Alternative contour plots


Various appearance options are available to plot contour results. Of interest to this example are:

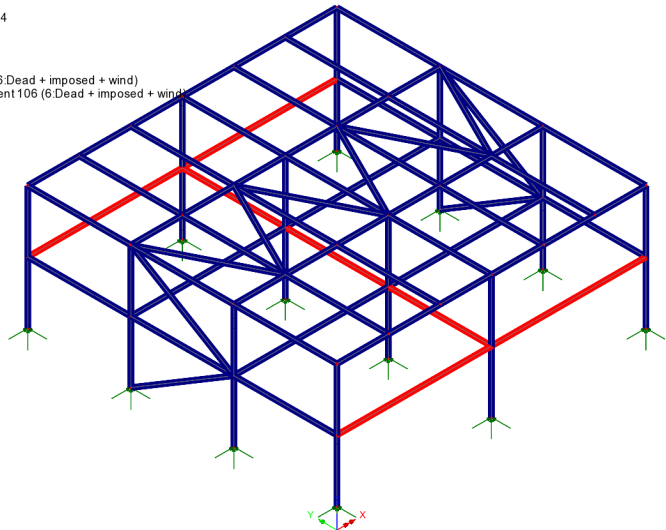
- Red/blue option
- Design contour option

The Red/blue contour option is useful to highlight members that pass and fail. To activate this appearance:


- In the  Treeview double-click on the **Contours** layer.
- Select the **Appearance** tab.
- Select the **Red/blue** option and click on the adjacent **Set** button.
- Change the **Value to pass through** from 0.0 to 1 and click **OK**.
- Click **OK** on the Contour Properties dialog.

The contour plot is as shown.

Envelope: 9:Design Envelope (Max - UtilMax)  
Entity: Steel Frame - EN 1993-1-1:2005+AT:2014  
Component (Internal point): UtilMax  
 1.0  
Maximum 1.32749 at node 11 of element 133 (6:Dead + imposed + wind)  
Minimum 0.0398297 at Internal point 7 of element 106 (6:Dead + imposed + wind)



The design contour option is not only useful to see members that fail but to also to get an assessment of the number member utilisations that pass the design checks. Members with a low utilisation (less than 70%) are not contoured. To activate this appearance:

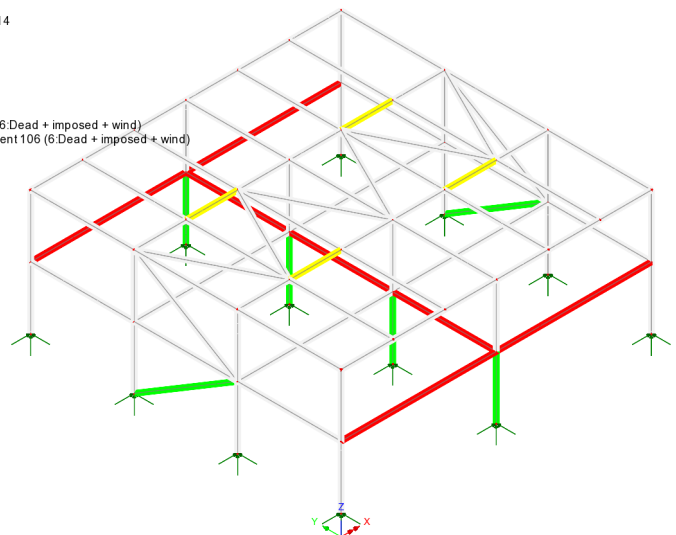
- In the  Treeview double-click on the **Contours** layer.
- Select the **Appearance** tab.
- Select the **Design** option.
- Click **OK** on the Contour Properties dialog.

The contour plot is as shown.

Envelope: 9.Design Envelope (Max - UtilMax)  
 Entity: Steel Frame - EN 1993-1-1:2005+A1:2014  
 Component (Internal point): UtilMax



Maximum 1.32749 at node 11 of element 133 (6:Dead + imposed + wind)  
 Minimum 0.0398297 at internal point 7 of element 106 (6:Dead + imposed + wind)



The Design contour appearance will be used for the remainder of this example.


## Member report

To investigate the design checks carried out for a particular member, a member report can be generated. The values written for each design check in the member report are the most onerous of the results for any (gauss point) position along a member.



**Note.** A member report cannot be generated for an envelope because co-existent effects would give misleading or incorrect results.

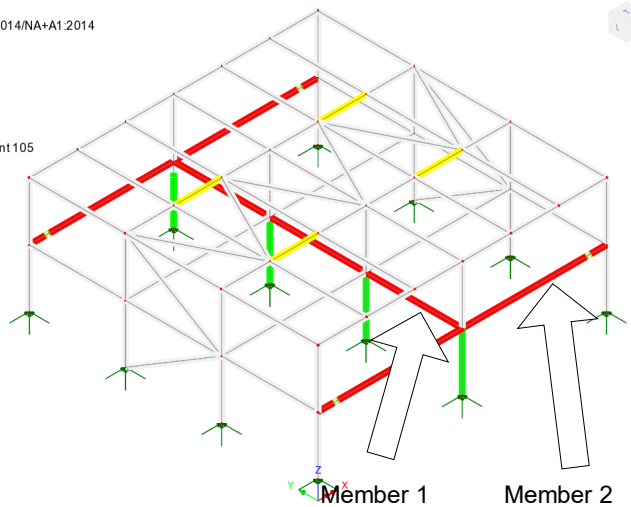
A load case or load combination must be set active before a member report is generated.

- In the  Treeview right-click on **6: Dead + imposed + wind** and select the **Set Active** option. This combination has the same maximum utilisation ratio as that for the **Design Envelope**.

Dead + imposed + wind  
Entity: Steel Frame - BS EN 1993-1-1:2005+A1:2014/NA+A1:2014  
Component (Internal point): UtilMax



Maximum 1.32749 at node 11 of element 133  
Minimum 0.0398297 at Internal point 9 of element 105



### Investigate Member 1

- Select 'Member 1' as shown on the preceding image.

After a pause whilst design calculations are carried out, a member design report is generated with the Maximum Utilisation (UtilMax) summary displayed. The status column on the left-hand side shows the maximum utilisation ratio for each design check made along the line.

Design >  
Steel Frame Design  
Report >  
Selected line...

Member 34, 13 Design checks

EN1993-1-1:2005+A1:2010

13 design checks

Util(Max)  
Element = 133, Internal point =  
Utilisation = 1.32749

Util(Fx,t)  
Element = 133, Internal point =  
Utilisation = 0.0

Util(Fx,c)  
Element = 133, Internal point =  
Utilisation = 0.0141146

Util(My)  
Element = 134, Internal point =  
Utilisation = 1.29272

Util(Mz)  
Element = 133, Internal point =  
Utilisation = 0.0

Util(Fz)  
Element = 133, Internal point =  
Utilisation = 0.377997

Util(Fy)  
Element = 133, Internal point =  
Utilisation = 0.0

Util(Fx,My)  
Element = 133, Internal point =  
Utilisation = 0.0

Util(Fy,Mz)  
Element = 133, Internal point =  
Utilisation = 0.0

Util(Fx,My,Mz)  
Element = 134, Internal point =  
Utilisation = 1.29272

Util(Fx,c,b)  
Element = 133, Internal point =  
Utilisation = 0.0

Util(My,Mz)  
Element = 133, Internal point =  
Utilisation = 0.0

Util(Fx,c,b)  
Element = 133, Internal point =  
Utilisation = 0.0

Util(My,Mz)  
Element = 133, Internal point =  
Utilisation = 0.0

### EN1993-1-1:2005+A1:2014 - UtilMax - Maximum utilisation

Member 34: 1st Floor beam 2 (356x171x45kg UB) Fail  
Element 133, Internal point 1  
Units: kN,m,t,s,C

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#### Design Data

Nominal value of yield strength  $f_y = 275.0E3$  (user)

where  $f_y$  is determined from Table 3.1

#### Section Properties

Flange thickness  $t_f = 9.7E-3$  (model)  
Web thickness  $t_w = 7.0E-3$  (model)

#### Parameters Calculated from Other Design Checks

Tension utilisation  $Util(Fx,t) = 0.0$  6.2.3  
Compression utilisation  $Util(Fx,c) = 0.0141146$  6.2.4  
Bending utilisation about y-y axis  $Util(My) = 0.0$  6.2.5  
Bending utilisation about z-z axis  $Util(Mz) = 0.0$  6.2.5

From the Design Check Summary report, it can be seen that by scrolling to the bottom of the report the maximum utilisation factor is obtained from the **Util(Fx\_c,My,Mz,b)** design check.

- Click on the **Util(Fx\_c,My,Mz,b)** entry to review the calculations for this particular design check.

After a pause whilst design calculations are formatted, the results for this design check will be displayed.

Member 34, 13 Design checks

EN1993-1-1:2005+A1:2010

13 design checks

Util(My)  
Element = 134, Internal point =  
Utilisation = 1.29272

Util(Mz)  
Element = 133, Internal point =  
Utilisation = 0.0

Util(Fz)  
Element = 133, Internal point =  
Utilisation = 0.377997

Util(Fy)  
Element = 133, Internal point =  
Utilisation = 0.0

Util(Fx,My)  
Element = 133, Internal point =  
Utilisation = 0.0

Util(Fy,Mz)  
Element = 133, Internal point =  
Utilisation = 0.0

Util(Fx,My,Mz)  
Element = 134, Internal point =  
Utilisation = 1.29272

Util(Fx,c,b)  
Element = 133, Internal point =  
Utilisation = 0.0

Util(My,b)  
Element = 133, Internal point =  
Utilisation = 0.0

Util(Fx,My,Mz,b)  
Element = 133, Internal point =  
Utilisation = 1.32749

### EN1993-1-1:2005+A1:2014 - UtilMax - Maximum utilisation

Member 34: 1st Floor beam 2 (356x171x45kg UB) Fail  
Element 133, Internal point 1  
Units: kN,m,t,s,C

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#### Design Calculation

$$M_{z,Rk} = f_y W_{pl,z} = (275.0E3)(0.146568E-3) = 40.3062$$

Utilisation for combined bending and axial compression buckling 6.3.3(4)

$$Util(Fx_c, My, Mz, b) = \max(Fx_c, My, Mz, b_1, Fx_c, My, Mz, b_2) = \max((1.24647), (1.32749)) = 1.32749$$

Combined bending and axial compression buckling check 1 Exp (6.61)

$$Fx_c, My, Mz, b_1 = \frac{|N_{Ed}|}{\chi_{LT} N_{Rk}} + k_{yy} \frac{|M_{y,Ed,max} + \Delta M_{y,Ed}|}{\chi_{LT} \frac{M_{y,Rk}}{\gamma_{M1}}} + k_{yz} \frac{|M_{z,Ed,max} + \Delta M_{z,Ed}|}{\gamma_{M1}}$$


$$= \frac{|(22.2513)|}{(0.953576)(1.57648E3)} + (0.95277) \frac{|(-275.378) + (0.0)|}{(1.0) \frac{(213.021)}{(1.0)}} + (0.635818) \frac{|(0.556881E-27) + (0.0)|}{(1.0) \frac{(40.3062)}{(1.0)}} = 1.24647$$

For class 1, 2 and 3 sections  $\Delta M_{y,Ed} = 0$  Table 6.7  
For class 1, 2 and 3 sections  $\Delta M_{z,Ed} = 0$  Table 6.7

Combined bending and axial compression buckling check 2 Exp (6.62)

$$Fx_c, My, Mz, b_2 = \frac{|N_{Ed}|}{\chi_{LT} N_{Rk}} + k_{yy} \frac{|M_{y,Ed,max} + \Delta M_{y,Ed}|}{\chi_{LT} \frac{M_{y,Rk}}{\gamma_{M1}}} + k_{zz} \frac{|M_{z,Ed,max} + \Delta M_{z,Ed}|}{\gamma_{M1}}$$

$$= \frac{|(22.2513)|}{(0.953576)(1.57648E3)} + (0.993908) \frac{|(-275.378) + (0.0)|}{(1.0) \frac{(213.021)}{(1.0)}} + (1.0597) \frac{|(0.556881E-27) + (0.0)|}{(1.0) \frac{(40.3062)}{(1.0)}} = 1.32749$$


**Note.** Member design reports may be added as a chapter to a model report by pressing the **Add to report**  button that is present in the report listing.

- Close the member report.

## Investigate Member 2

- Select ‘Member 2’ as shown on the preceding model image.

After a pause whilst design calculations are carried out, a member design check summary report is generated for this selected member.

From the Design Check Summary report it can be seen that the maximum utilisation factor is obtained from the **Util(Fx\_c,My,Mz,b)** design check.

- Click on the **Util(Fx\_c,My,Mz,b)** entry to review the calculations for this particular design check.

Design  
Steel Frame Design  
Report  
Selected line...

**EN1993-1-1:2005+A1:20**  
13 design checks

**Util(My)**  
Element = 101, Internal point =  
Utilisation = 0.409993

**Util(Mz)**  
Element = 101, Internal point =  
Utilisation = 0.0200125

**Util(Fx)**  
Element = 101, Internal point =  
Utilisation = 0.0967388

**Util(Fy)**  
Element = 101, Internal point =  
Utilisation = 0.0

**Util(Fx,My)**  
Element = 101, Internal point =  
Utilisation = 0.0

**Util(Fy,Mz)**  
Element = 101, Internal point =  
Utilisation = 0.0

**Util(Fx,My,Mz)**  
Element = 101, Internal point =  
Utilisation = 0.185656

**Util(Fx,c,b)**  
Element = 101, Internal point =  
Utilisation = 0.0

**Util(My,b)**  
Element = 101, Internal point =  
Utilisation = 1.22713

**Util(Fx\_c,My,Mz,b)**  
Element = 101, Internal point =  
Utilisation = 1.239

$$M_{z,Rk} = f_y W_{pl,z} = (275.0E3)(70.2913E-6) = 19.3301$$

### Design Calculation

Utilisation for combined bending and axial compression buckling 6.3.3(4)

$$Util(Fx_c, My, Mz, b) = \max(Fx_c, My, Mz, b_1, Fx_c, My, Mz, b_2) = \max((0.709371), (1.239)) = 1.239$$

Combined bending and axial compression buckling check 1 Exp (6.61)

$$Fx_c, My, Mz, b_1 = \frac{|N_{Ed}|}{\chi_{LT} N_{Rk}} + k_{yy} \frac{|M_{y,Ed,max} + \Delta M_{y,Ed}|}{\gamma_{M1}} + k_{yz} \frac{|M_{z,Ed,max} + \Delta M_{z,Ed}|}{\gamma_{M1}}$$

$$= \frac{|(0.0)|}{(0.883284)(1.1586E3)} + (0.572269) \frac{|(60.7627) + (0.0)|}{(0.331663) \frac{149.297}{(1.0)}} + (0.355984) \frac{|(0.386844) + (0.0)|}{\frac{19.3301}{(1.0)}} = 0.709371$$

For class 1, 2 and 3 sections  $\Delta M_{y,Ed} = 0$  Table 6.7

For class 1, 2 and 3 sections  $\Delta M_{z,Ed} = 0$  Table 6.7

Combined bending and axial compression buckling check 2 Exp (6.62)

$$Fx_c, My, Mz, b_2 = \frac{|N_{Ed}|}{\chi_{LT} N_{Rk}} + k_{zy} \frac{|M_{y,Ed,max} + \Delta M_{y,Ed}|}{\gamma_{M1}} + k_{zz} \frac{|M_{z,Ed,max} + \Delta M_{z,Ed}|}{\gamma_{M1}}$$

$$= \frac{|(0.0)|}{(0.0807395)(1.1586E3)} + (1.0) \frac{|(60.7627) + (0.0)|}{(0.331663) \frac{149.297}{(1.0)}} + (0.593306) \frac{|(0.386844) + (0.0)|}{\frac{19.3301}{(1.0)}} = 1.239$$

## General notes relating to member reporting

When the design code member report menu item is selected, the initial design check displayed in the member report is that for the active component in the contour plot, and not for the last design check reviewed. If no suitable component is active or no results layer is turned on the member report defaults to the Maximum Utilisation summary. If results layers are shown for both contours and diagrams, the contours layer takes precedence.


The **Design > Steel Frame Design Report > Selected line** menu item generates the calculations for each design check at the location with the highest utilisation along the line. If the calculations are required to be generated for a specific location along a selected line use the **Design > Steel Frame Design Report > Specified location** menu

item and specify the relevant element number and Internal Point.

The entity **UtilMax** shows the highest utilisation ratio in the member. This is associated with a specific element and Internal Point. The utilisation ratios provided in the Design Check Summary for the various design checks are the coexistent values at the specific element and Internal Point.


The **Design > Steel Frame Design Results** menu item provides a dialog to generate a summary for all or a selection of members. All or just specific design checks can be requested. An option also exists to limit the output to members meeting one of the following criteria:

- All Results**
- Utilisations > 1.0**
- Only Messages** Members that cannot be checked due to the messages stated – either due to incomplete or incompatible input, or if the check is outside the scope of the design checks.

After selection, an entry is created in the Utilities  treeview. The summary values can be displayed by double-clicking the entry and ensuring that **Display now** is selected.

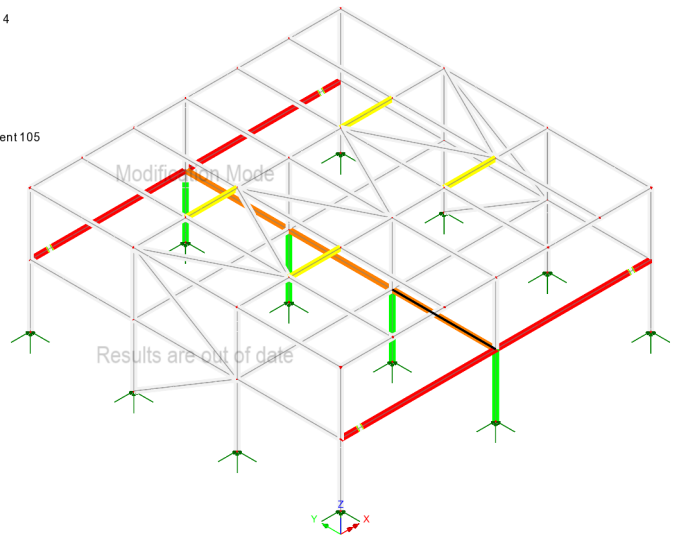
## Modifying the model, re-solving and checking results

Changes now need to be made to the model to enable the design to comply with the design code.


- In the  Treeview double-click on the geometric attribute **1st Floor Beam 2 (356x171x45kg UB major y)**.
- Change the size of the member from 356x171x45kg to **406x178x54kg UB** and click **OK**.

Design results are automatically re-computed to show illustrative effects of making that change to the model. This results in a new maximum value of around 1.2

Dead + imposed + wind  
Ently: Steel Frame - EN 1993-1-1:2005+A1:2014  
Component (Internal point): UtilMax  
0.7  
0.8  
0.9  
1.0  
Maximum 1.239 at node 2 of element 97  
Minimum 0.0398297 at internal point 9 of element 105



**Note.** The view window will display a watermark stating, “Modification Mode” and “Results are out of date” – this refers to the fact that a change has been made to the model and the results from the last solved model are being used to show the illustrative effects of making that change. Solving again (done later in this example) will update the results based upon the changes made.

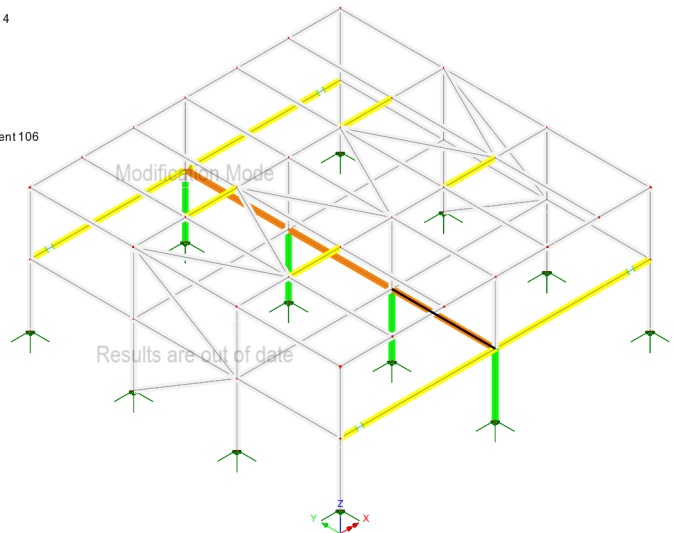
- In the  Treeview double-click on the geometric attribute **1st Floor Beam 3 (356x127x33kg UB major y)**.
- Change the size of the member from 356x127x33kg to **356x127x39kg UB** and click **OK**.

Design results are automatically re-computed to show illustrative effects of making that change to the model. This results in a new maximum value of around 0.98.

Dead + imposed + wind  
 Entity: Steel Frame - EN 1993-1-1:2005+A1:2014  
 Component (Internal point): UtilMax

	0.7
	0.8
	0.9
	1.0

Maximum 0.979024 at node 11 of element 133  
 Minimum 0.0189132 at internal point 8 of element 106



From viewing the results, the maximum utilisation is now less than 1.00 meaning that all sections are acceptable. Re-running the analysis on the updated model will confirm these illustrative results. This will be done after the updated model has been saved with a new name.



**Tip.** If it is required to stop re-calculation of results each time the section properties of a member are updated in this way (as is the default), turn-off the display of any of the active results layers (contours, values, diagrams etc.) or close the results file prior to requesting a re-solve being done once all changes have been made.

File  
 Save As




Save the model file as **steel\_frame\_design\_revised\_sections.mdl**



Select the **Solve Now** button to rerun the analysis and generate revised results. This will initially show utilisation contours and maximum and minimum values for the Permanent Action loadcase.

To complete the checking process, utilisation contours for the Design Envelope will be plotted:

- In the  Treeview right-click on **Design Envelope** and select the **Set Active** option. On the Set Active dialog, ensure that **Max / min primary component with coincident effects** is selected.
- Ensure entity **Steel Frame: EN1993-1-1:2005+A1:2004:2014/NA+A1:2014** and component **UtilMax** are selected from the drop-down lists.

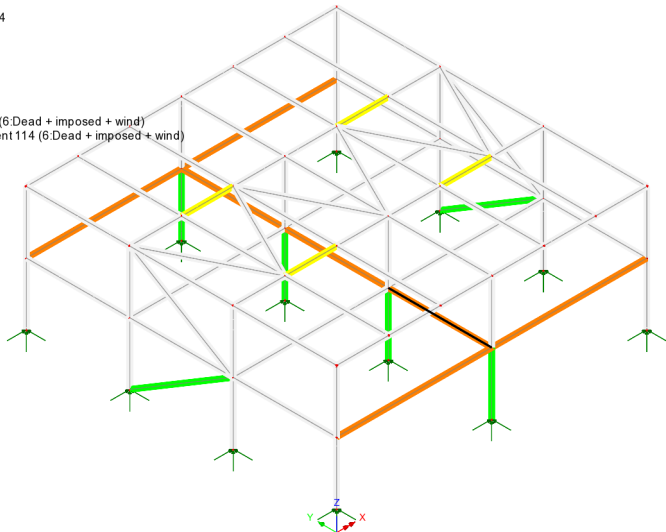
- Ensure that **Change existing drawing layers to above component** is selected and click the **OK** button.

The maximum utilisation is still less than 1.00, meaning that all sections still comply with the design code.

Envelope: 9:Design Envelope (Max - UtilMax)  
Ently: Steel Frame - EN 1993-1-1:2005+A1:2014  
Component (Internal point): UtilMax



Maximum 0.980307 at node 11 of element 133 (6:Dead + imposed + wind)  
Minimum 0.0336183 at Internal point 7 of element 114 (6:Dead + imposed + wind)



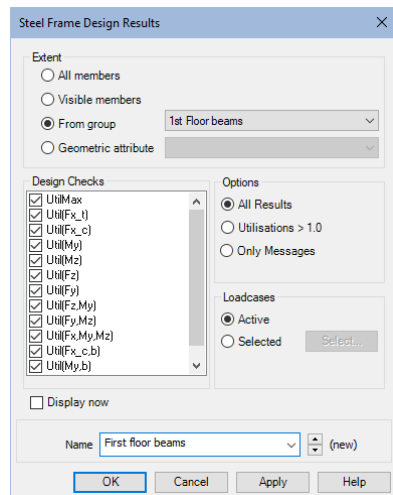
So, for this example the illustrative design results obtained by assigning revised section properties to a previously solved model very closely match the actual results obtained from re-solving the model using those revised properties.

## Creating a Steel Frame Design Summary report


Design  
Steel Frame Design  
Results

From this dialog, selections can be made to create a summary of steel frame design check results for all or selected members, results and loadcases. To illustrate how a sub-set of results can be output, a previously created group of just the first-floor beams is used.

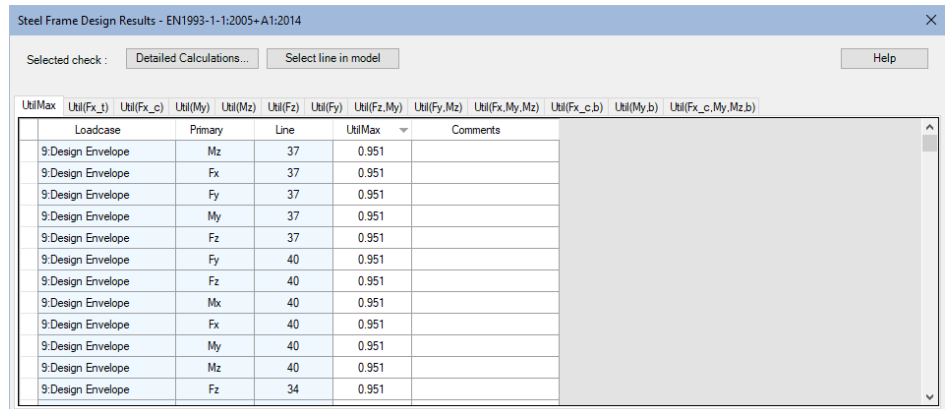
- In the 'From group' drop-down, select **1st Floor beams**
- In the design checks panel, ensure '**All**' available design checks are selected, for **All Results**, and for the **Active** loadcase.



- Enter a name of **First floor beams**.
- Click **OK**.

On completion a 'First floor beams' entry is created inside the Steel Frame Design Results folder in the Utilities  treeview.


If the **Show results** context menu item were selected for the 'First floor beams' entry (there is no need to do this for this example because it would take some time for the results table to be generated for this many results), the chosen steel frame design summary values would be calculated and displayed in a tabular format showing the utilisation of every member for each design check. An example output is shown below, with values of UtilMax for the lines representing first floor beams sorted in descending value.



Steel Frame Design Results - EN1993-1-1:2005+A1:2014

Selected check : Detailed Calculations... Select line in model Help




UtilMax	Util(Fx_t)	Util(Fx_c)	Util(My)	Util(Mz)	Util(Fz)	Util(Fy)	Util(Fz,My)	Util(Fy,Mz)	Util(Fx,My,Mz)	Util(Fx_c,b)	Util(My,b)	Util(Fx_c,My,Mz,b)
Loadcase	Primary	Line	UtilMax	Comments								
9:Design Envelope	Mz	37	0.951									
9:Design Envelope	Fx	37	0.951									
9:Design Envelope	Fy	37	0.951									
9:Design Envelope	My	37	0.951									
9:Design Envelope	Fz	37	0.951									
9:Design Envelope	Fy	40	0.951									
9:Design Envelope	Fz	40	0.951									
9:Design Envelope	Mx	40	0.951									
9:Design Envelope	Fx	40	0.951									
9:Design Envelope	My	40	0.951									
9:Design Envelope	Mz	40	0.951									
9:Design Envelope	Fz	34	0.951									

If the 'Detailed Calculations' button were pressed for a selected row, steel frame design results could be added to a model report by using the 'Add to report button'  on the results dialog, but for this example this will not be done. Instead, steel frame design summary results will be added to the model report using the reporting facility directly.

## Adding steel design summary reports to main reports



**Note.** Steel member design summary report data may be added as a chapter to a model report in three ways:



1. By pressing the **Add to report**  button that would be present on the Detailed Calculations report listing (if those results had been requested).
2. By selecting the **Add to report** option from the context menu of the 'First floor beams' entry in the Utilities  treeview.
3. By creating a new report and including the name of the entry in the Utilities  treeview that creates the summary results.

The third method is to be used in this example.

On the report dialog enter a report title of **Steel frame design**.

- Leave the modelling units and the number of significant figures set to default values.
- Enter a report name of **Steel frame design** and click **OK**.

A report entry will be created in the Report Treeview.

- In the  Treeview right-click on **Steel frame design** and select **Add Chapter**.
- Choose the **Results** tab.
- Check (tick) to **Include** the utility named **First floor beams** and click **OK**.
- In the  Treeview right-click on **Steel frame design** and select **View Report**.

After a period of time a PDF of the report is created. This can be saved and printed as required.

### Save the model

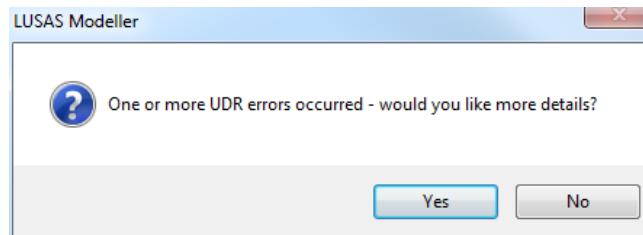


Save the model file.

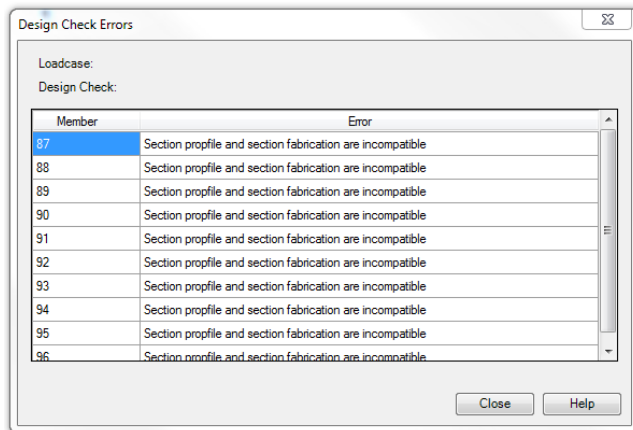
This completes the example.

### Discussion on error checking

If there are errors in a model that prevent design checks from taking place the following dialog will appear. To find out more details click **Yes** on the dialog.



The following dialog will appear, identifying all members affected by errors:



When a member or error in the dialog is active, that member can be selected on the model by right clicking on the dialog and clicking **Select member**.

In this example dialog, the error message indicates an issue with the section profile and the section fabrication and requires a different method of fabrication to be selected.

