# Finite element simulation of railway through concrete-filled steel tube tied arch bridge based on static analysis

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**Abstract.** Jane has a branch structure arch bridge high complexity characteristics of large-scale. This paper uses the ANSYS software on a supporting railway simply supported tied arch bridge model, system analysis in the main combination, combination of main + additional force combination, simply supported bridge stiffness and strength of concrete, prestressed steel beam, suspender, arch rib, provide technical support for the optimization design of Jane branch bridge.

## Analysis model and calculation parameters

## Finite element models

The upper structure of a railway bridge is 1-48m through concrete-filled steel tube simply supported arch, which falls within the beam arch composite structure. The length of the main girder of the bridge is 48m, and the span is 46.5m. The bridge consists of three parts, namely the beam part, 2 arch ribs and the 9 pairs of suspenders. Among them: the beam section is prestressed concrete structure, adopts the longitudinal beam system with two main beams, the main longitudinal beam is on both sides, the beam height is 1.6m, the span span ratio is 1/29.06, and the Liang Kuan changes from midspan 1.4m to end 2.2m. The thickness of the bridge deck is 0.3m, the end beam height is 1.6m, the width is 2.0m, the middle beam height is 1.6m, and the width is 0.3m. 1 small stringers are arranged in the center, and the slight longitudinal beam is 1.6m high and 0.3m wide. Beam concrete adopts C50. The suspender is composed of steel wire and is arranged in parallel. The longitudinal arrangement of the hangers is 4m, and the whole bridge is fitted with 9 pairs of PES (FD) 7-55 suspenders. The tensile strength standard value of the suspended cable is 1670Mpa, the fatigue stress amplitude is 200Mpa, and the breaking cable force is 3535KN. The sling steel wire is executed according to GB5223 standard, with double HDPE jacket and stainless steel sheath. The anchor adopts LZM7-55 belt universal joint structure, cold casting pier head anchors. The span of arch ribs is 46.5m, the span to span ratio is f/L=1:6, and the arch axis adopts two times parabolas. The arch rib adopts circular end section, the middle arch rib is high 0.8m and wide 1.3m equal section; the section of arch rib connecting the arch foot part changes from high 0.8m to high 1.3m, and the width gradually varies from 1.3m to 1.8m. Made of 16mm steel plate, C50 concrete is a lot of concrete in arch tube. According to the design information, a geometric and a finite element model is established in the ANSYS software environment, as showed in figure 1.

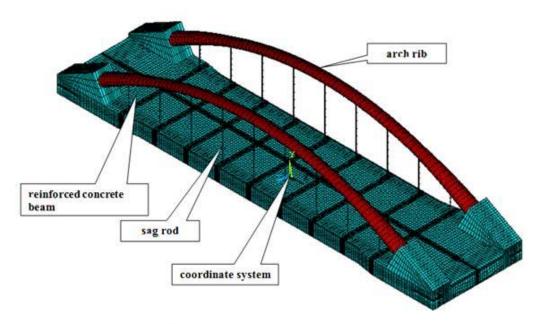


Fig 1 Calculation model of Concrete filled steel tube tied arch bridge-

# **Model unit system**

The unit adopts the system model: length - meter (m), quality (kg), time - kg seconds (s), - Newton (N), density of 3 kg / M (kg/m3), speed - radians / sec (rad/s) and stress (Pa), frequency - PA Hertz (Hz).

# Model element type

Unit type: concrete area using SOLID185 element to simulate the beam; using LINK180 simulation unit, beam longitudinal prestressed steel beam, end beam of prestressed steel beam, a small beam of prestressed steel beam; using BEAM189 simulation unit, suspender, arch rib; using MASS21 unit simulation bridge two dead load distribution along the bridge.

# Material parameters and specifications

Establish the finite element model, use the material parameters, specifications, as shown in table 1.

Table 1 material parameters and specifications of finite element model

Name	Sectional specifica tion	Nominal diameter (m)	Modulus of elasticity (Pa)	Poiss on ratio	Thermal expansi on coeffici ent	Density (kg/m <sup>3</sup> )
Derrick	PES(FD) 7-55	0.05192	2.0×101 1	0.28	1.2×10- 5	7850
Beam concrete	C50	/	3.45×10 10	0.2	1.0×10- 5	2400
Longitudinal tendon	12-7φ5	/	2.0×101 1	0.28	1.2×10- 5	7850
End beam transverse reinforcement	5-7φ5	/	2.0×101 1	0.28	1.2×10- 5	7850
Transverse reinforcement of center beam	5-7φ5	/	2.0×101 1	0.28	1.2×10- 5	7850
Steel tube arch	Q345	/	2.0×101 1	0.28	1.2×10- 5	7850

#### **Constraints**

For Jane Branch bridge, imposing the simple constraints, constraints for both ends of the bearing center position. According to the coordinate system shown in Figure 1, is on the side of restrictions imposed by the center of the support X, Y, zero displacement direction; on the other side of the support center, zero displacement under Y direction; both ends of the support center to coordinate in Z is zero, the point zero applied displacement along the Z direction. Fig. 2 is a schematic diagram of an applied displacement constraint[1].

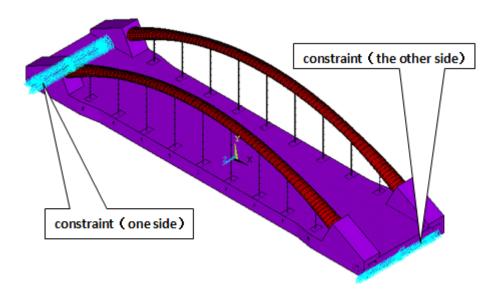


Fig 2 imposed constraints of calculation model

# Load handling

According to the basic code for design of railway bridges and culverts (TB10002.1-2005), the load combinations of the bridge are associated with the main force, the main force and the additional force, and the most unfavorable combination is calculated.

#### Main combinations

The loads are as follows: dead load (dead weight, two stage dead load, concrete shrinkage, creep and prestress) + live load on the train (considering the vertical live load impact coefficient + lateral sways force) on the train. The processing mode is:

# Structure self weight

Is Jane branch of an arch bridge with its own weight, determined by concrete and steel, the density of arch rib? In the computational model, the forward gravity acceleration along the coordinate axis y is applied.

## Two phase dead load

The weight of auxiliary facilities, including: fastener, rail board, ballast, ballast wall, grade of waterproof layer, cable trough, sidewalk railings, sidewalks and other ancillary facilities in rail weight: 96KN/m; weight: 60kg/m (0.6KN/m); pavement load: N=5KN/m. These loads total: 96+0.6+5=101.6KN/m, along the entire bridge length distribution. A mass point is set at the top of the beam to simulate the mass corresponding to these weights[2].

## Concrete shrinkage

The influence of arch rib concrete shrinkage is based on the basic specifications of the railway bridge and culvert (TB10002.1-2005), considering the concrete temperature dropping by 10 degrees.

In the calculation model, setting the coefficient of thermal expansion, the concrete arch rib, set the zero strain reference temperature of 30 DEG C, for all other materials (concrete, reinforced beam beam, suspender, arch rib steel tube), are set to zero strain reference temperature of 20 DEG C. In the

calculation model, the ambient temperature is 20 degrees, and the temperature of concrete inside the arch ribs is reduced by 10 degrees.

# Steel beam is prestressing force

The longitudinal, transverse and other reinforcing bars of the beam, the precipitating force 1302MPa. In the computational model, pure stress is applied[3].

# Lateral rocking force

Take 100kN as the center load, take the most unfavorable position, and take the horizontal perpendicular line central line acting on the rail top surface. Take the actual loading point, the bridge from a height of 0.826m (including ballast height 0.65M; rail height 0.176m), and is situated in the center of the bridge length.

## Live load

The live load is medium live load, and the distribution is given in figure 3.

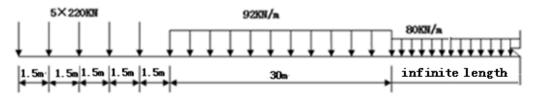


Fig 3 Sketch Map of Standard live load of People's Republic of China Railway

When calculating, the dynamic coefficients of the bridge span considered are:

$$1+u=1+a\times(\frac{6}{30+I})=1.11$$

Type:  $a=4\times(1-h)=1.4\leq 2$ ; h=0.65m, as the bridge filling thickness; L=46.5m, simple branch span arch bridge.

After the test and calculation results, in the live load in the computation model is applied to the root weight of 220KN: the first train load, and in the left bar in the first arch root left at 3M, the rest of concentrated load, line set of load, orderly arrangement; line set of load, pressure to force put on the deck.

#### Main combination

For the above load (structural weight, two stage dead load, arch rib concrete contraction, steel beam pretension, lateral swing force, live load, etc.) in combination. The highest combined load is shown in figure 4.

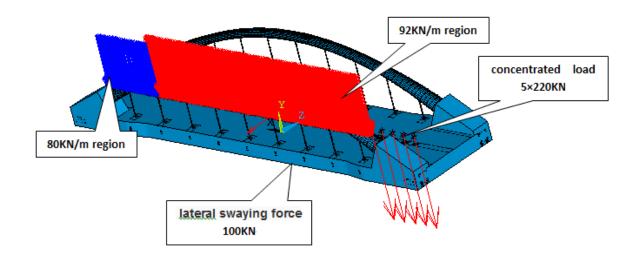


Fig 4 The main load combination diagram

#### Main force + additional force combination

The loading form includes the combined effects of any combination + braking force + wind force + temperature and force. Among them, the highest combination is the same as before, and the additional force is applied as follows[4].

#### **Brake force**

Depending on the 10% calculation of the live load, the vertical horizontal force acts at the top of the track at 2m. Take the actual loading point, the bridge from a height of 2.826m (including ballast 0.65m height and height of rail top rail 0.176m, height 2.0m above). FIG. 16 illustrates the braking force

## Temperature force

Overall rise and fall shall be discussed at 25. When temperature is thought, the temperature of steel is 15 degrees higher than that of concrete. When considering cooling, the temperature of steel is 10 degrees lower than that of concrete. The temperature force is taken into account on the basis of concrete shrinkage of the arch rib (the concrete temperature is reduced by 10 DEG C).

## Wind power

The effect of transverse wind force (780MPa) on the bridge, arch rib and car body is thought.

The wind acting on the bridge is applied directly to the pressure.

The wind pressure acting on the arch ribs is applied with a concentrated transverse load (approximately, the center length of the arch rib is 39.352m, and the height of the arch rib cross section is 130mm, so that it is conservative).

The wind area of the train is estimated according to the rectangular belt of 3M height. The length of the train at the top of the track is 2m, and the length is computed according to the length of the bridge (48m). Fig. 5 shows the wind force of the bridge.

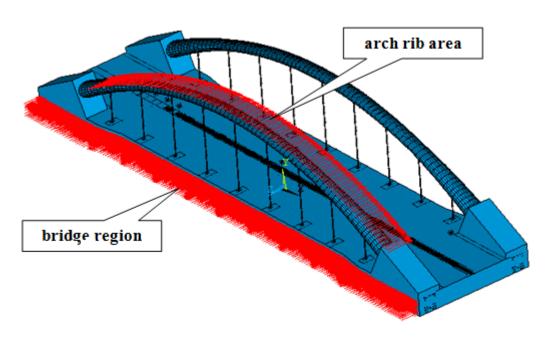


Fig 5 Schematic diagram of wind-force

## Strength calculation summary

Under typical working conditions, the strength calculation result is expressed as 2. Table 2 strength calculation results under typical working conditions

Transver Vertical Stress of Reinforc se Suspend Arch rib deformat bridge Working deformat ing bar ion of stress er condition body ion of stress(M bridge stress(M (MPa) bridge (MPa) Pa) Pa) (mm) body(m m) Main combination -30.0 88.7  $\pm 0.8$ +10.6+1160 +408Combination of main force + additional force -29.1  $\pm 1.0$ +11.3+1130+416128 (overall temperature rise) Main combination + additional combination -29.5  $\pm 3.0$ +10.488.5 +1170+413(overall cooling) Design ≤58 ≤58 ≤50) ≤1860 ≤1670 ≤345 requirement

#### Conclusion

In the main, the main arch combination + additional force combination (overall heating), the main + additional force combination (overall cooling), allowed values are less than the specification of vertical deformation of beam (L/800), the allowable value of transverse beams degeneration is far

less than the standard (L/800). The vertical rigidity and lateral rigidity of tied arch bridge comply with the requirements, and the design is conservative.

Concrete bridge in the main, the main + additional force combination (overall heating), the main + additional force combination (overall cooling) compressive strength design of three kinds of load combinations under stress are far less than the C50 value of concrete. The design dimension of the longitudinal beam is conservative.

The maximum stress of the prestressed beam in the beam body is under the three combinations of the main combination, the main force + the additional force combination (the overall warming), the main force and the additional force (cooling), and the stress varies little. In addition, the overall temperature rise of the bridge is less than that of the overall cooling, and the stress of the reinforcing beam is reduced by 3%.

The stress (compressive stress) of the arch rib under three kinds of load combinations is less than its compressive strength design value (345Mpa), and the maximum stress appears at the foot of the arch. Under the combination of main force plus additional force, the overall temperature of bridge increases by 25C0, and the maximum compressive stress of arch rib increases from 88.5Mpa to 128Mpa, with an increase of 45%.

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