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CAISSON

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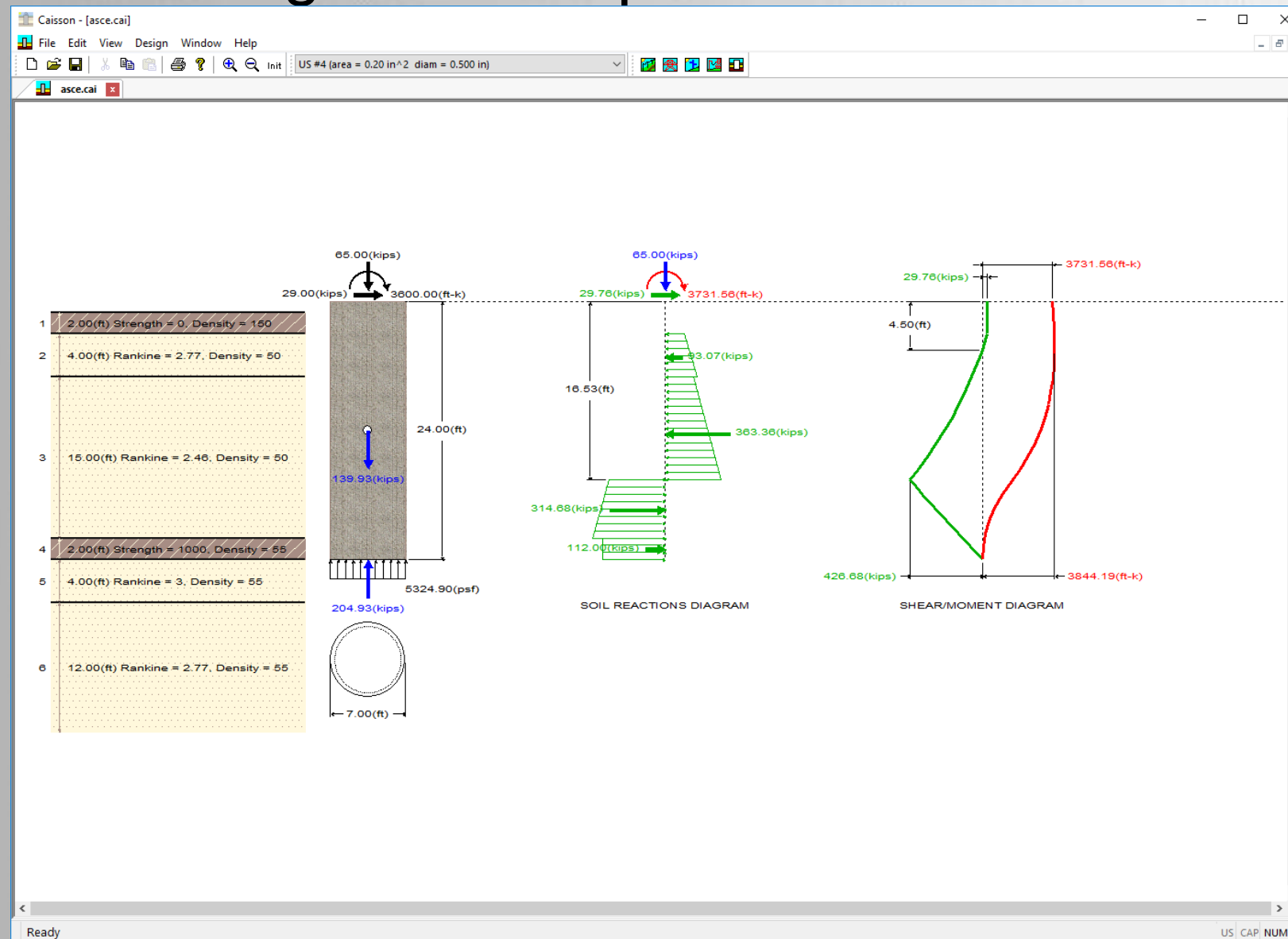
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# Introduction

- What is CAISSON
  - Analysis & Design Assumptions
  - Example
- CAISSON in PLS-POLE
  - How CAISSON works in PLS-POLE
  - Examples

# What is CAISSON

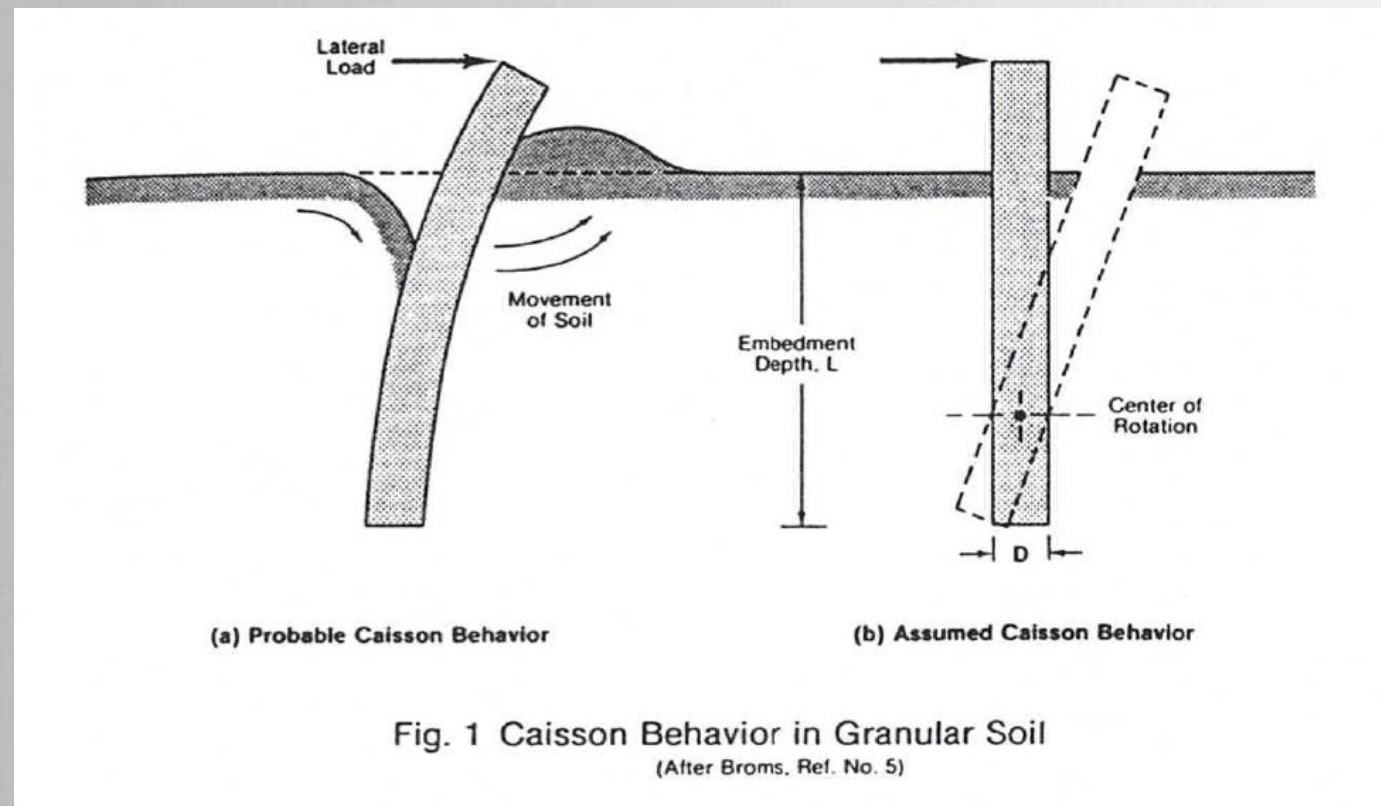
- CAISSON is a PLS Application suited for the analysis and design of moment resisting concrete pier foundations and direct embedded poles.



Product Info Page  
<https://www.powerlinesystems.com/caisson>

# Design Method used in CAISSON

- “Analysis and Design of Laterally Loaded Piles and Caissons in a layered soil system”
- Multi-layered adaption of Broms Method.
- The failure occurs because the ultimate resistance of the soil is exceeded.
  - At ultimate loads the foundation does not fail.
  - Failure takes place when the pile rotates as a unit around a point located below the ground surface.



# Foundation Design & Analysis Inputs

- Project Information
- Foundation parameters
  - Caisson or direct embedded pole
  - Foundation geometry and design parameters
  - Foundation material properties
  - Calculation Options
- Soil input parameters for each layer
  - Soil Type
  - Thickness of layer
  - Density of dry or submerged soils
  - Undrained shear strength for cohesive soils
  - Coefficients of internal friction for non-cohesive soils

Foundation Design and Analysis

Project title: SAMPLE PROBLEM FROM ASCE PAPER

Project notes: APPENDIX A

☐ Caisson is a direct embedded pole

Geometry

Pier or pole diameter (ft) 7

Reveal (ft) 1

Embedded depth (ft) designed

Embedded depth increment (ft) 0.5

Diameter increment (ft) 0.5

Materials

Concrete compressive strength (ksi) 4

Steel yield strength (ksi) 60

Steel percent (%) designed

Minimum steel percent (%) 0.32

Calculation options

☒ Full 8CD

☐ Conservative 4CD

Bearing transfer distance (ft) 0.25

☐ Find single design for all load cases.

Soil Layers | Load Cases

Soil layers are entered from ground level down.

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Enter Rankine Coefficient of earth pressure (KP) or Angle of Internal Friction (PHI) for cohesionless soil. The program will calculate the other.

$KP = \tan^2(45 \text{ deg} + \text{PHI}/2)$

	Soil Type	Thickness (ft)	Density (lbs/ft^3)	Strength (psf)	Rankine Coef.	Angle of Int. Friction (deg)
1	Clay	2	150	0	0	-90
2	Sand	4	50	0	2.77	28
3	Sand	15	50	0	2.46	24.96
4	Clay	2	55	1000	0	-90
5	Sand	4	55	0	3	30
6	Sand	12	55	0	2.77	28
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# Design & Analysis – Load Cases

- Multiple Load Cases
  - Loads applied to top of foundation for Caisson
  - Loads applied at ground line for direct embedded pole
  - Soil Strength Factor

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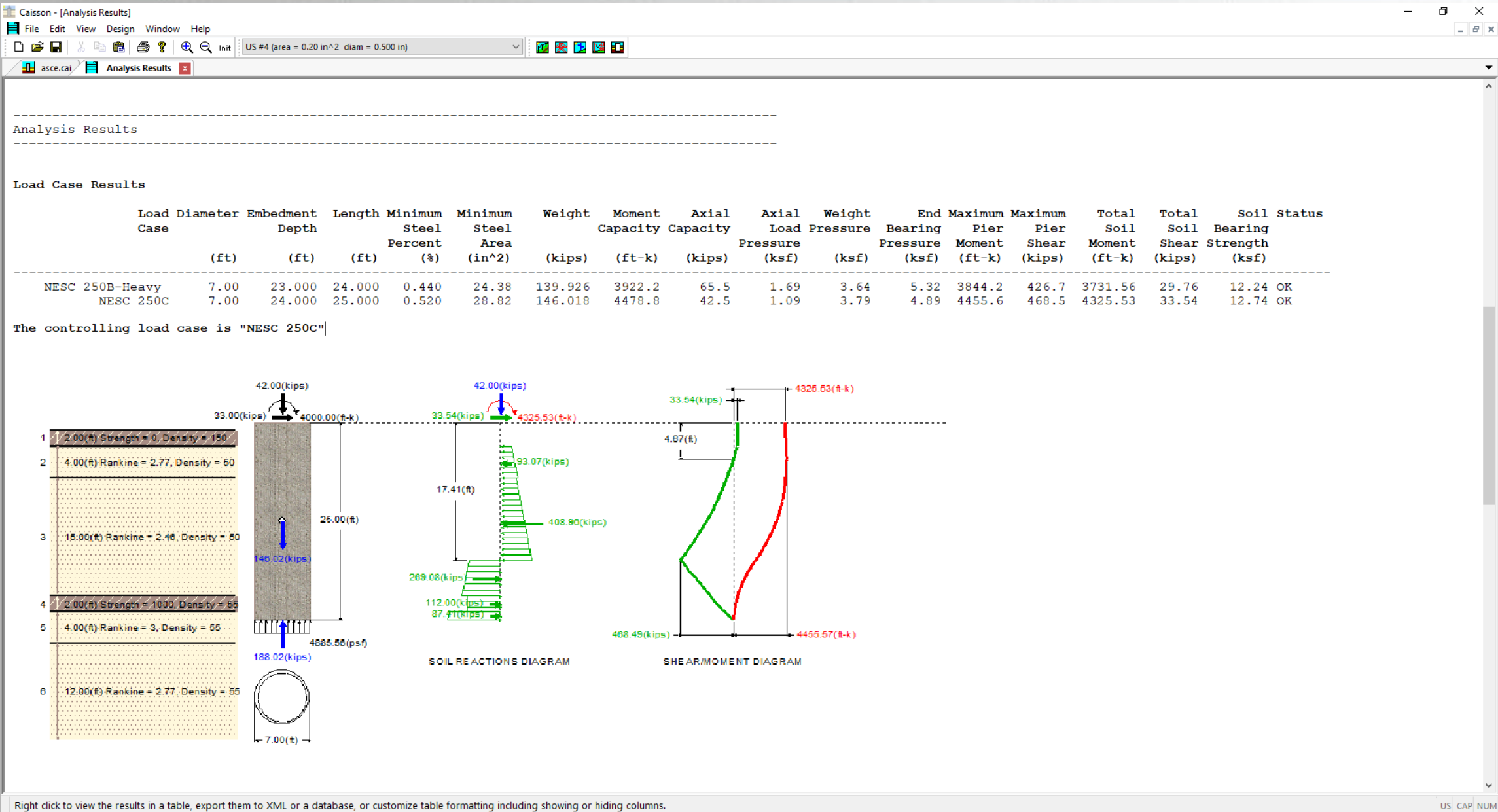
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Soil Layers Load Cases

	Load Case	Moment (ft-k)	Axial (kips)	Shear (kips)	Soil Strength Factor
1	NESC 250B-Heavy	3600	65	29	1
2	NESC 250C	4000	42	33	1
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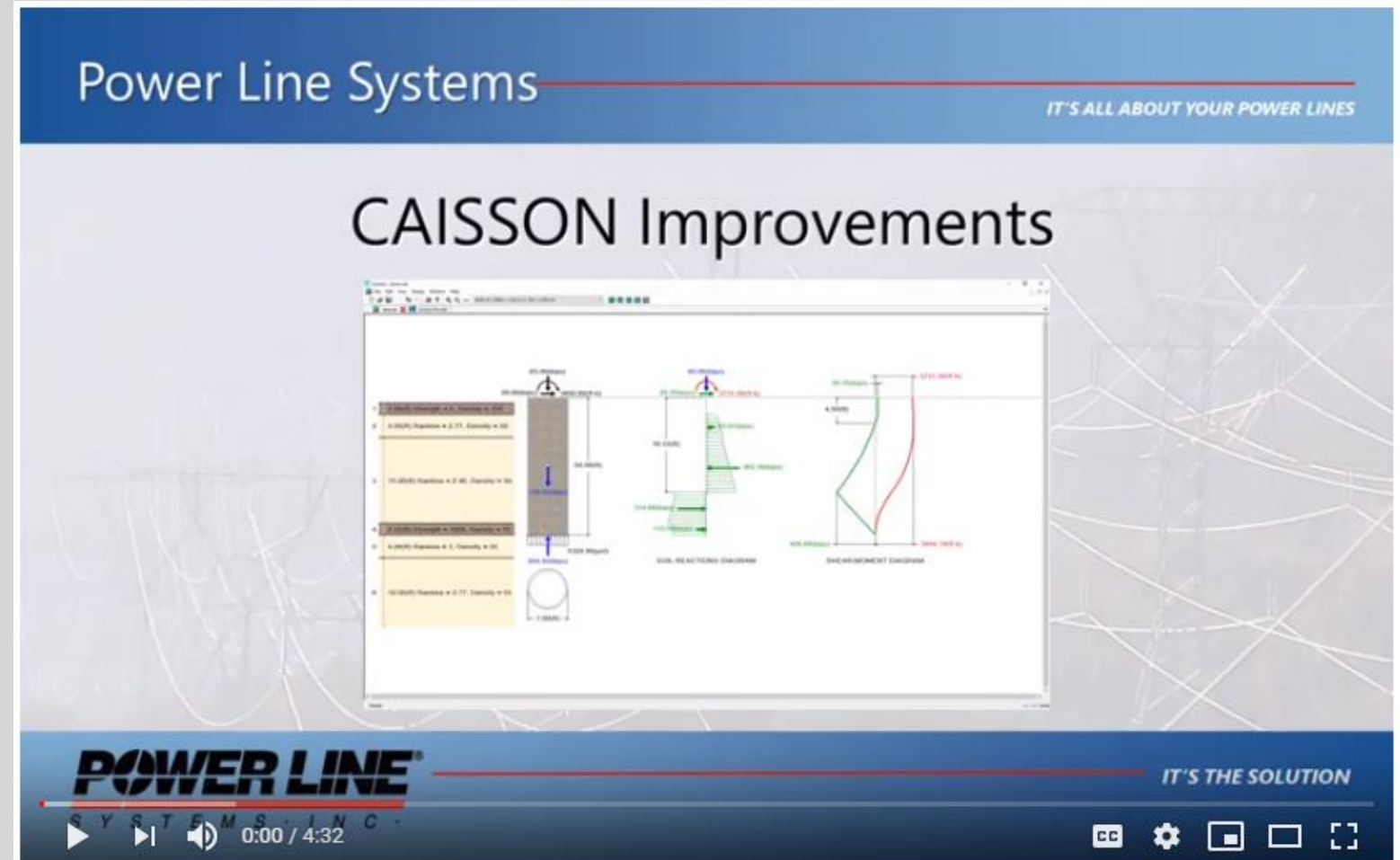
# Analysis Results



# CAISSON Updates

- Starting in version 15.30
  - Multiple Load Cases
  - Analysis Vs. Design
  - Soil Strength Factor
  - Bearing Capacity
  - Improved Graphics
- See the video located

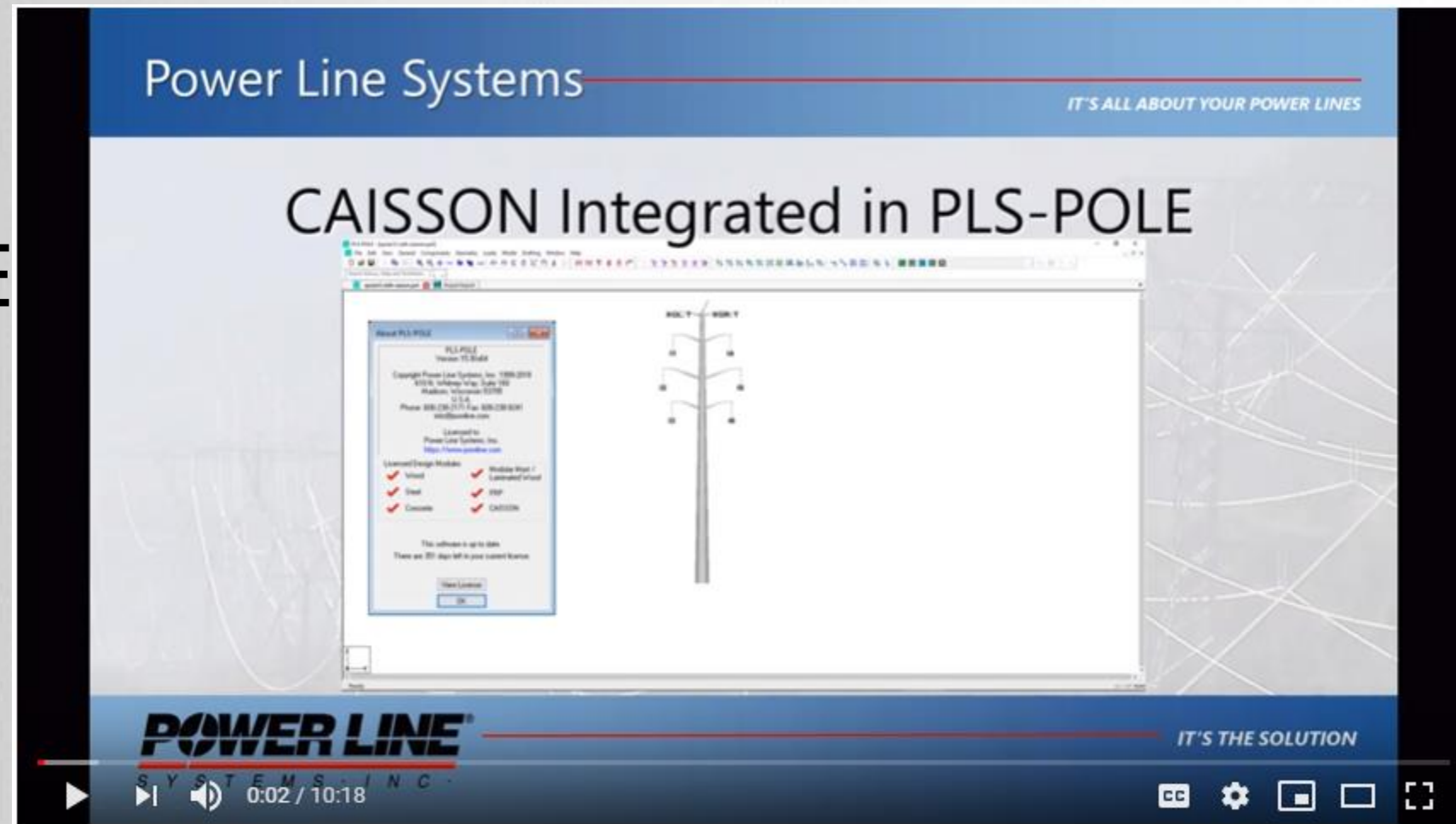
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Dh2AoH1CQy0&t=1s>



CAISSON Improvements in Version 15.30

# CAISSON Integrated in PLS-POLE

Starting in version 15.50  
CAISSON has been  
integrated within PLS-POLE



CAISSON Integrated in PLS-POLE

— See the video located

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UYgU2SHCQOA&t=2s>

# CAISSON Foundation Inputs in PLS-POLE

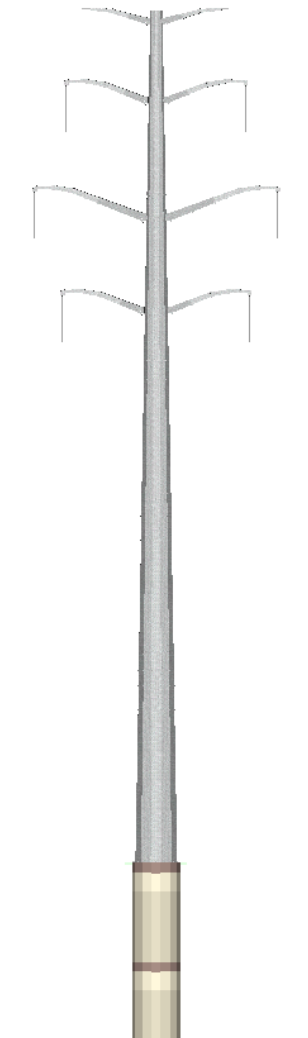
- Geometry/Miscellaneous/Foundation Strength...
  - Nominal Capacities
  - Foundation Parameters
    - CAISSON Design & Analysis
    - Yes or No to enable CAISSON
    - Inputs for foundation diameter, pier revel, embedment, rebar

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Foundation Strength

Restrained Joint Label	P: g
Long. Shear Capacity (lbs)	200000.000
Trans. Shear Capacity (lbs)	200000.000
Horz. Shear Capacity (lbs)	0.000
Comp. Capacity (lbs)	1000000.000
Uplift Capacity (lbs)	50000.000
Resultant Capacity (lbs)	0.000
Trans. Moment Capacity (ft-lbs)	24999999.200
Long. Moment Capacity (ft-lbs)	24999999.200
Bending Moment Capacity (ft-lbs)	0.000
Torsional Moment Capacity (ft-lbs)	999999.968
Long. Stiffness (lbs/ft)	0.000
Trans. Stiffness (lbs/ft)	0.000
Vertical Stiffness (lbs/ft)	0.000
Long. Rotational Stiffness (ft-lbs/deg)	0.000
Trans. Rotational Stiffness (ft-lbs/deg)	0.000
Vertical Rotational Stiffness (ft-lbs/deg)	0.000
Run CAISSON Design and Analysis	Yes
Pier/Pole Diameter (ft)	10.000
Maximum Pole Diameter (ft)	8.888
Anchor Bolt Cage Diameter (ft)	9.604
Pier Reveal (ft)	1.00
Pier/Hole Depth (ft)	0.00
Rebar Type	
Rebar Qty	0

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# CAISSON Soil Layer Inputs in PLS-POLE

- Geometry/Miscellaneous/Soil and Caisson Settings...
  - Geometry for foundation if in design mode
  - Foundation Materials
  - Calculation Options
  - Soil input parameters for each layer
  - Loads are taken from PLS-POLE

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Soil and Caisson Design and Analysis

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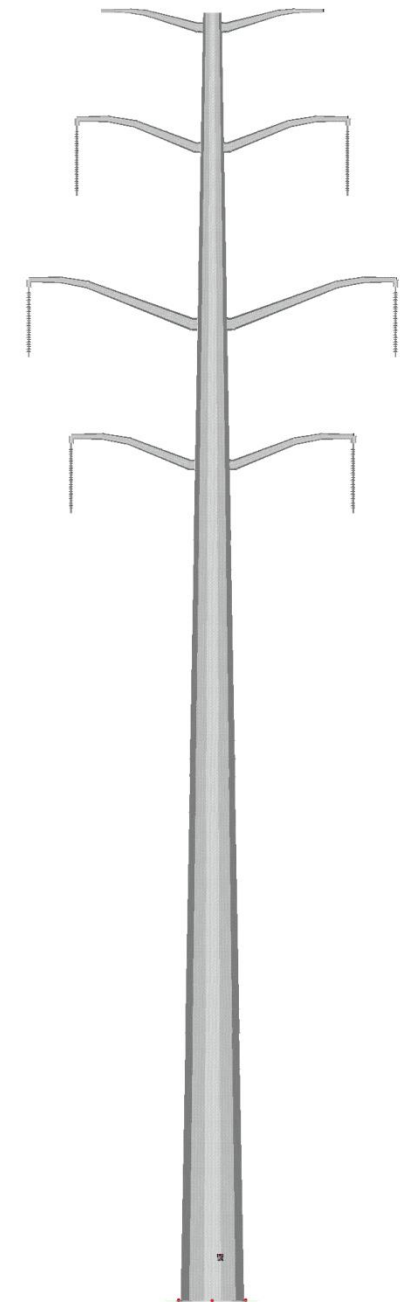
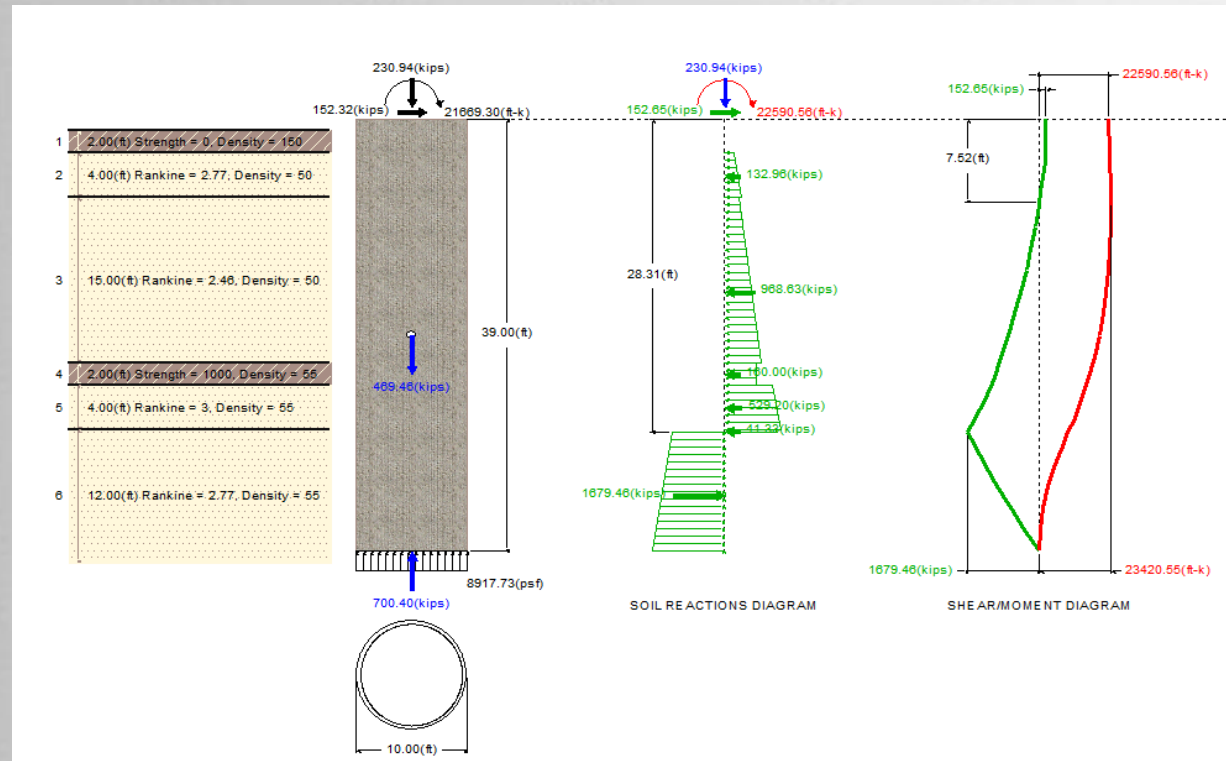
*** Analysis Results:						
Maximum element usage is 96.25% for Tubular Davit "TR" in load case "ICE + WIND"						
Maximum insulator usage is 90.44% for Suspension "I1" in load case "WIND"						
Maximum foundation usage is 99.65% for Foundation Design "P:g" in load case "WIND"						
Foundation Design Forces For All Load Cases:						
Note: loads are factored.						
	Load Case	Foundation Description	Axial Force (kips)	Shear Force (kips)	Bending Moment (ft-k)	Foundation Usage %
	DEAD LOAD ONLY	P:g	108.33	0.11	8.44	98.55
	WIND	P:g	230.94	152.32	21669.27	99.65
	ICE + WIND	P:g	278.51	21.09	2891.57	96.69

Foundation Designs for Load Case "WIND":

Joint Label	Applied Shear	Soil Shear Capacity	Soil Shear Usage	Applied Moment	Soil Moment Capacity	Soil Moment Usage	-----End Bearing Pressure-----					-----Pier Design-----										Max.		
							Applied	Pier	Total	Soil	Soil	Diam.	Embed.	Length	Rebar	Rebar	Rebar	Steel	Weight	Max.	Max.	Moment	Moment	Usage
							Axial	Weight		Strength	Usage		Depth		Type	Qty	Spacing	Area		Shear	Moment	Capacity	Usage	
	(kips)	(kips)	(%)	(ft-k)	(ft-k)	(%)	(ksf)	(ksf)	(ksf)	(ksf)	(%)	(ft)	(ft)	(ft)			(in)	(%)	(kips)	(kips)	(ft-k)	(ft-k)	(%)	(%)
P:g	152.32	152.86	99.6	21669.27	22509.05	96.3	2.04	5.55	7.59	17.01	44.6	12.00	35.50	36.50	(see tables)			0.62	627.91	1766.73	23287.00	27476.57	84.8	99.65

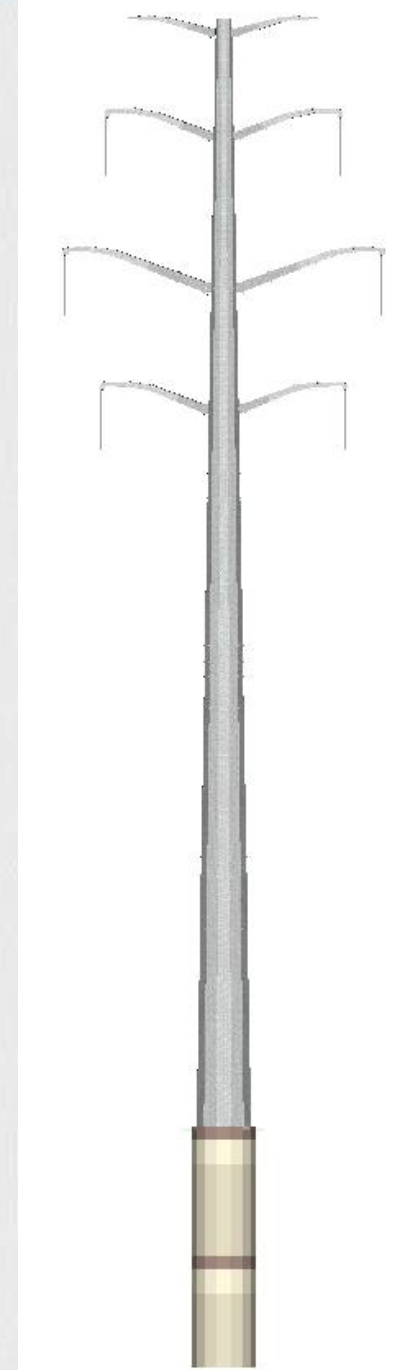
# CAISSON Example

- Design a foundation within CAISSON
  - Steel pole spoex12.pol from PLS-POLE examples



# CAISSON in POLE Example

- Design foundations within PLS-POLE
  - Caisson for steel pole spoex12.pol from PLS-POLE examples
  - Direct embed wood pole wpoex9.pol from PLS-POLE examples



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