Scantling of sailing yacht mast and sail deformation simulation using Finite Elements.

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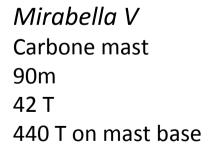
Content

Mast design and scantling Modeling a sail with finites elements Correlation with on board data measurements

Accuracy in mast scantling

Why?









Salute
Aluminium mast
70m
30 T
350 T on mast base

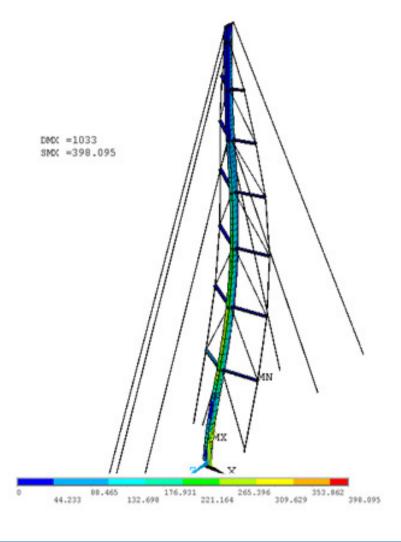
Accuracy in mast scantling

How?Finite Elements Analysis

3D geometrie

Non linear analysis

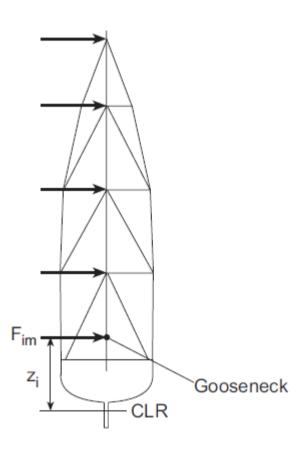
• INPUTS?



Accuracy in mast scantling

• Sail loads : rules





Why not modeling the sails with the mast?

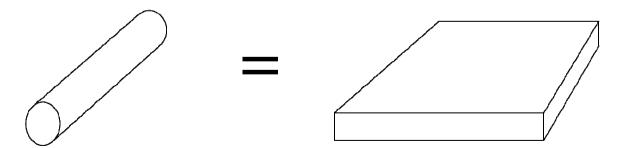
How to model a sail?

- Membrane
- Cable net

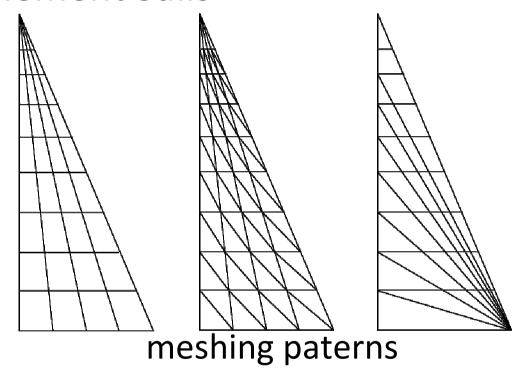
• What is a cable net?



Equivalent cross sections

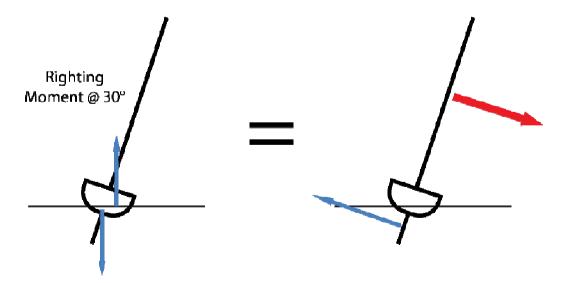


Cable element Sails

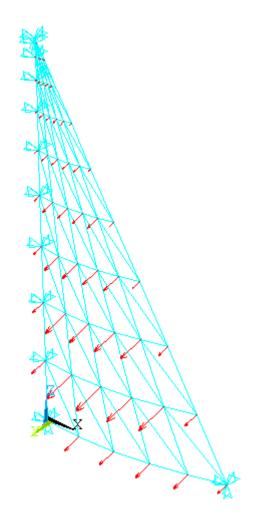


Orientation of the elements

- LoadsUniform pressure
- Righting moment at 30°



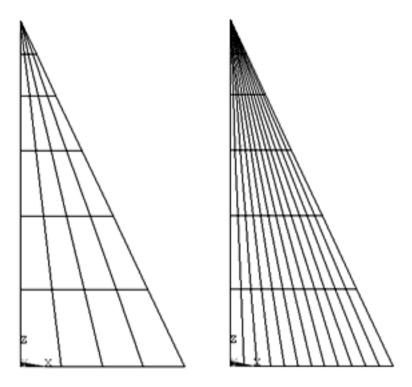
Boundary conditions



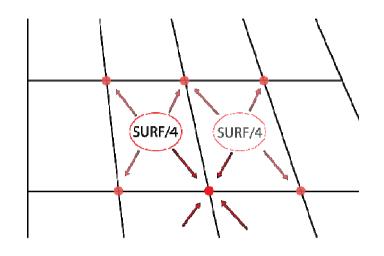
Pre-processing of Sail FE model

- Necessity of an automated computation
 - Sail dimensions
 - mesh density
 - Discretization of load and cable diameter

→ Pre processing using Matlab

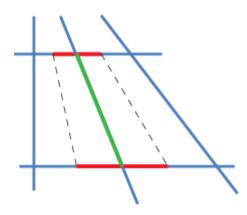


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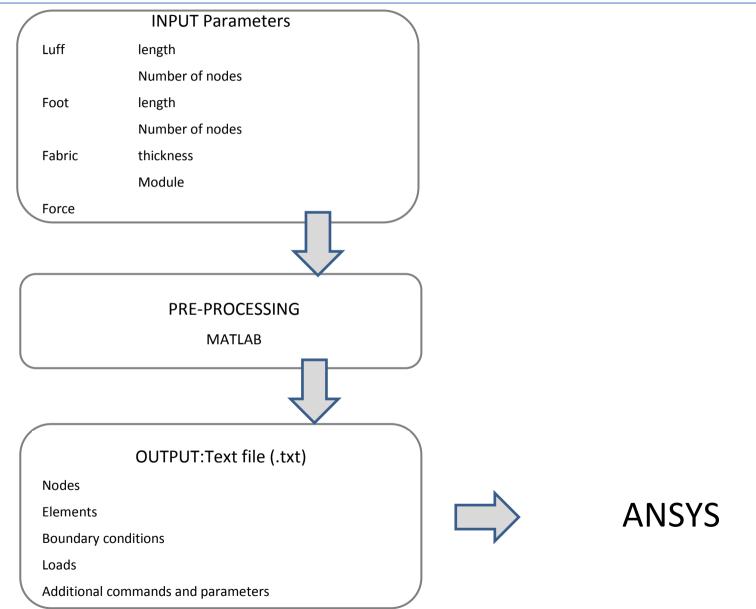


Load discretization

Cable diameter discretization

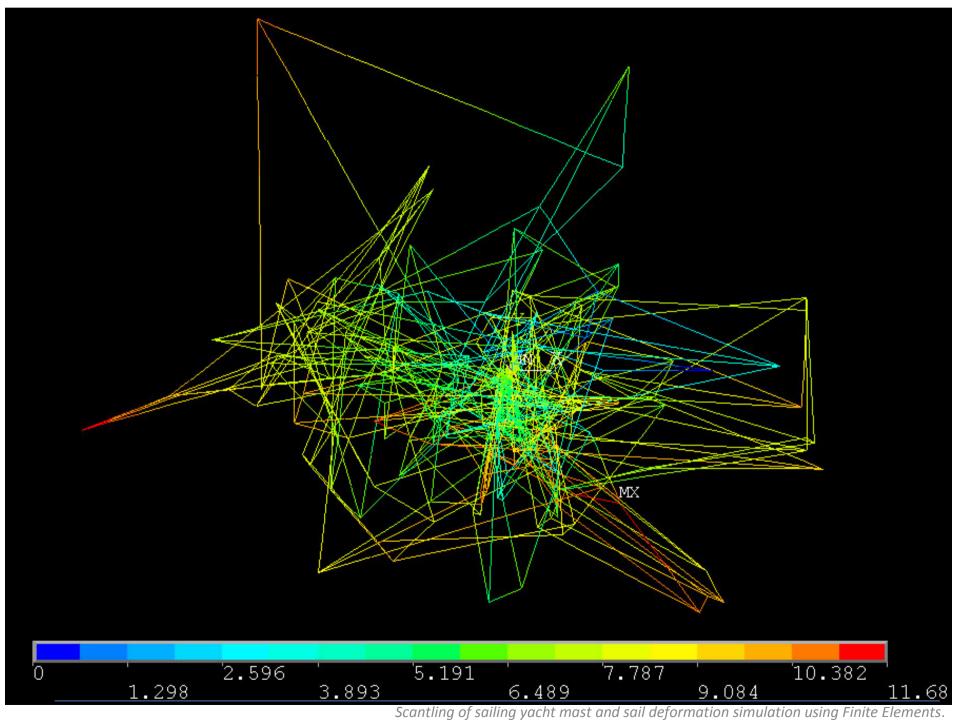


Pre-processing of Sail FE model



Preliminary results:

Problems of stability and convergence



Stiffness of the sail in compression?

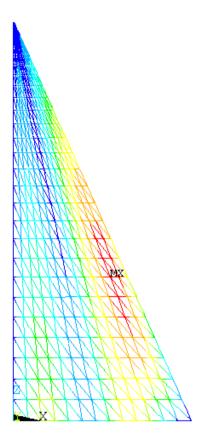
Element type

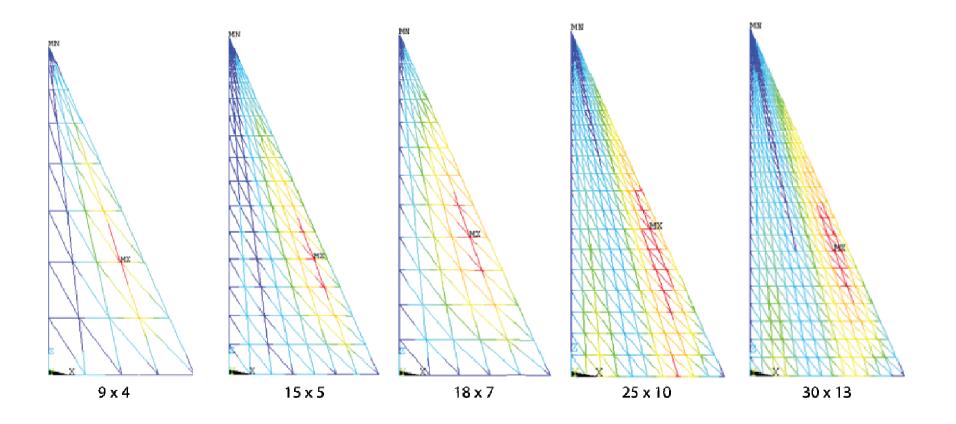
Link 10 no compression stiffness

Link 8 compression stiffness

• Deformation : less than 1%

Deformation pattern correct





• Element strain: less than 1%

Deformation pattern correct

Reaction loads: correct order of magnitude

Data processing

Super sailing yacht Riela



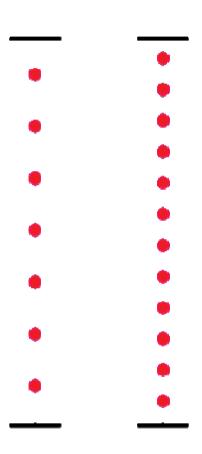
- On board data recording system
 - Loads data (shrouds, mast base)
 - Navigation data (speed, heel angle,...)

- 2 months of recording
- Final data file 10 GB

Data processing

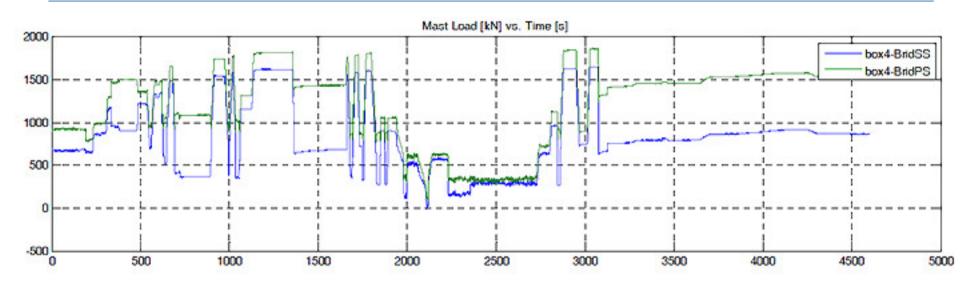
2 different recording system:

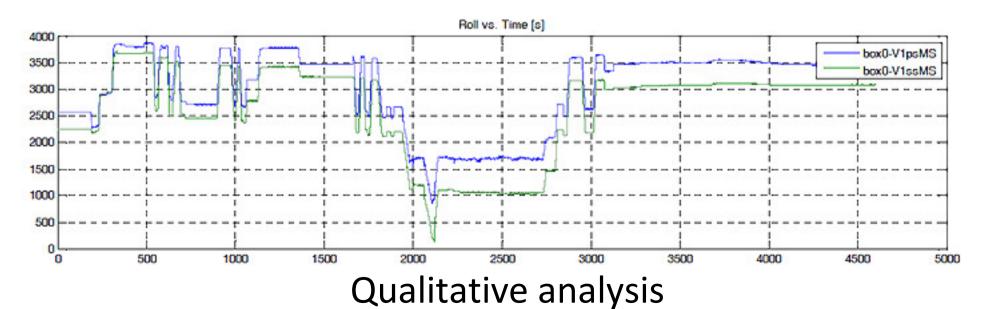
Different sampling frequencies



Necessity of a more advanced data processing

Data processing





Integration of the sail FEM to mast model

More advanced data processing and results correlation.

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