

VIRTUAL PROTOTYPING IN AN ELEVATOR FOR MARINE APPLICATION

- NAVALIMPIANTI GROUP is specialized in engineering, design and construction of complete systems for access, hoisting and handling of cargo on all kind of ships.
- The Technical Departments of NAVALIMPIANTI GROUP are able to fully develop the design and to coordinate the project using the most advanced techniques in order to obtain solutions to satisfy Client's specific requirements.

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 - Branch Office and factory in Monfalcone.
 - **TECNIMPIANTI s.p.a** with its technical offices and workshops in Sicily.
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- Navalimpianti offers solutions in constructions for all Marine Applications about:
 - Specialized Equipment for Cruise Vessels & Ferries
 - Sliding roofs, Swimming pool covers.
 - Elevators and related hydraulic control systems.
 - Ramps (stern, bow, quarter, internal)
 - Tender Embarkation Platforms.
 - Service Cranes .

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INTRODUCTION:

Navalimpianti wants to develop a hoisting system to transfer vehicles container and other, between the ship decks, applicable in cargo vessels and in navy ships.

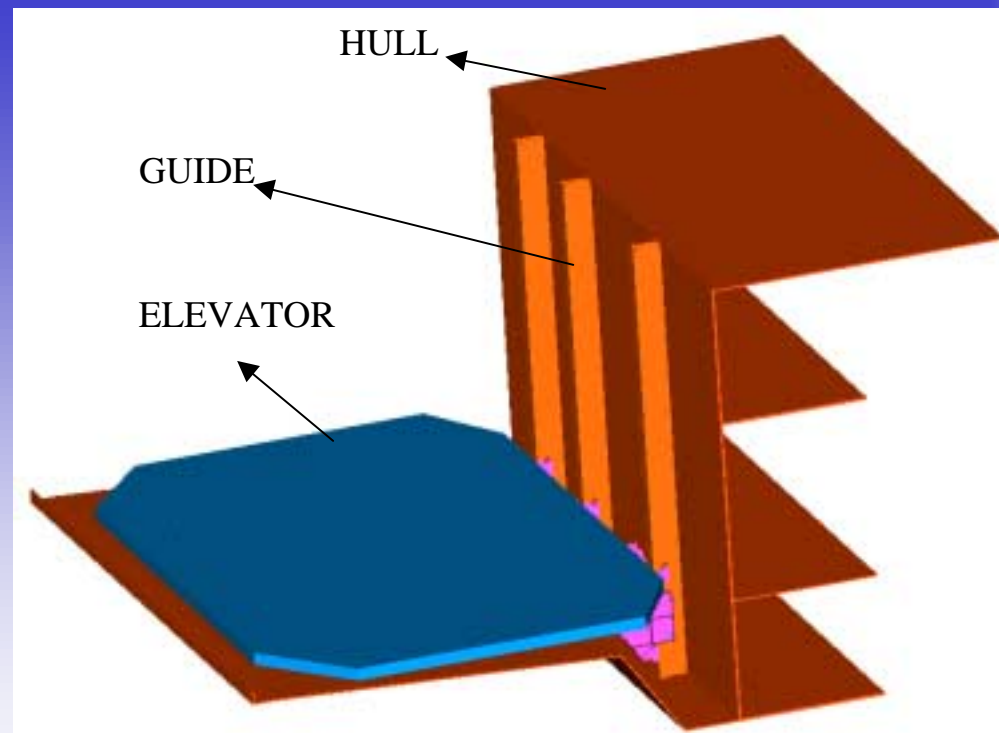
- The goals of this project are:
 - To verify and validate a solution for all the project where loading platforms for carrying on-off vehicles are required.
 - To have a new significant model to use for future equipments.
 - To used I-DEAS cad platform and ADAMS to improve the capabilities of the project.

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THE PLATFORM ARRANGEMENT:

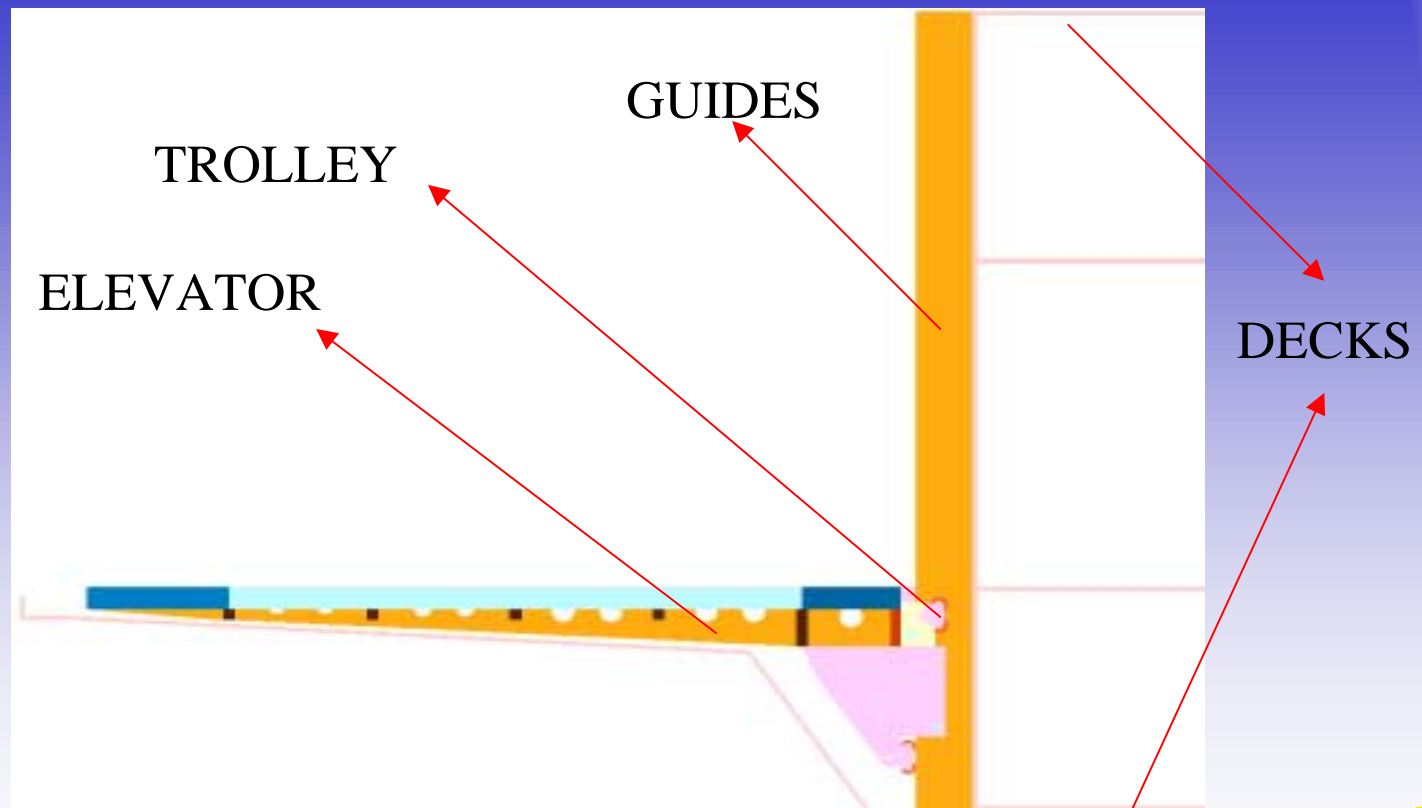
- 3-D model: the main dimensions of the elevator are about 21m X 14m a and a weight less then 55 tons.
- We have three vertical guides, a platform and a oportune trunk to contain the elevator in each working position.



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GENERAL ARRANGEMENT:

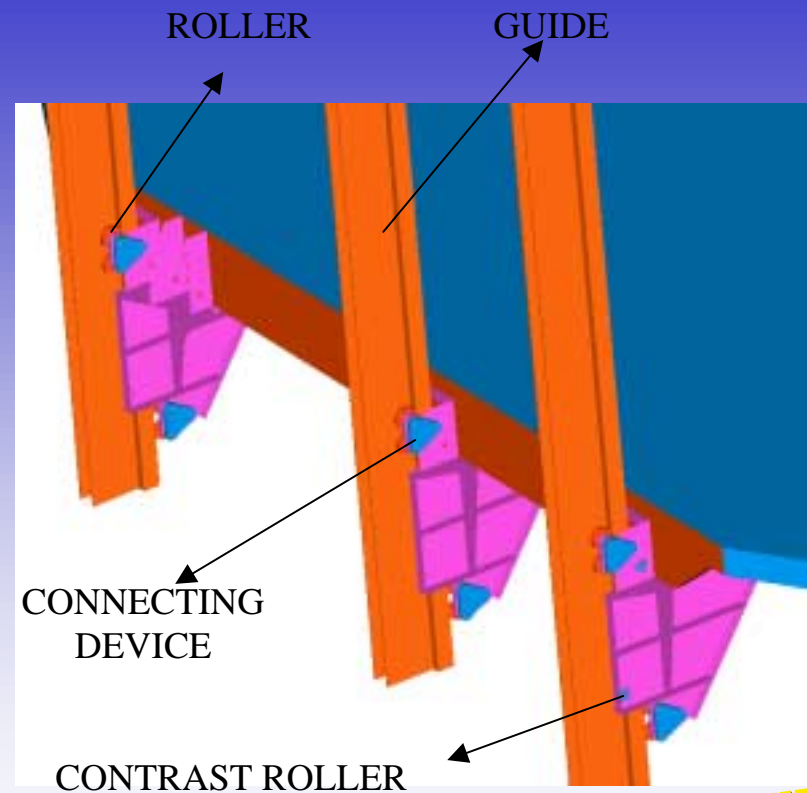


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CONNECTING DEVICES SKETCH

- Connecting devices sketch to interface the elevator with the hull, into a suitable trunk between ship decks.
- 24 rollers
- 12 connecting devices
- 4 contrast rollers



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DYNAMIC MODEL:

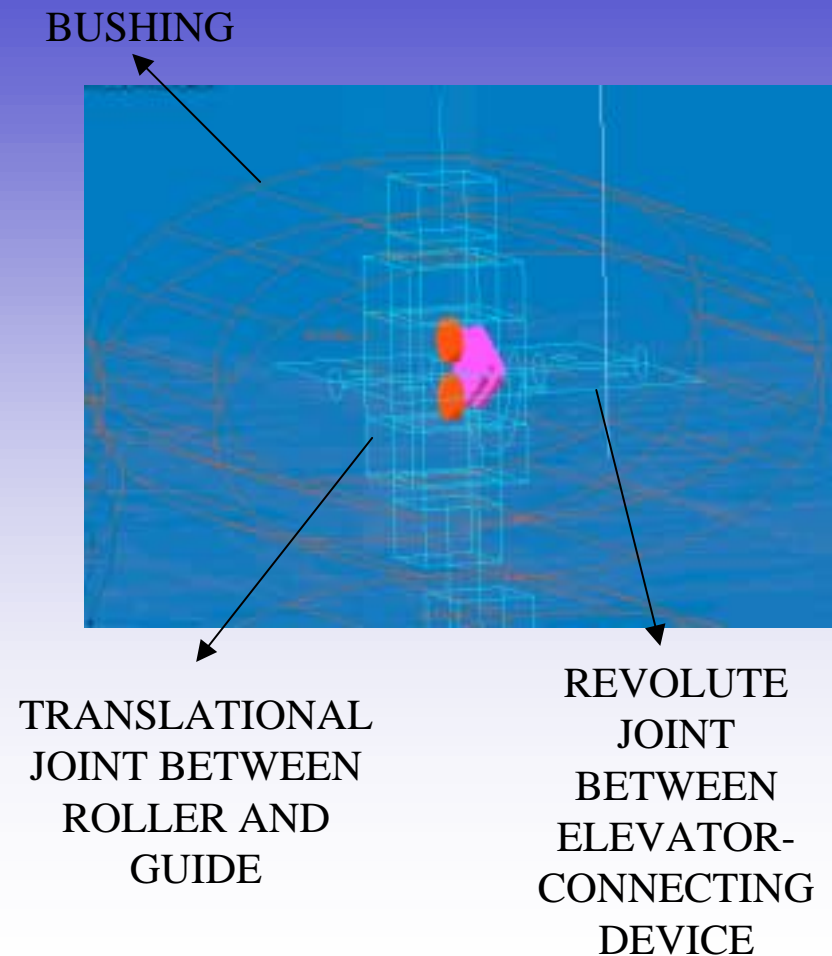
- **The main goals are:**
- To use bushing elements to concentrate the model flexibility on connecting points between rollers and support devices.
- 2) To validate the model in every work conditions, by using the necessary inputs, i.e. wave motions, different loads, boundary conditions and obtain the general behavior, like reaction forces, platform accelerations and so on.
- To simulate the wind up of the three wire ropes necessary to lift the platform.
- To obtain this we followed two different ways:
 - the first one by the rigid model by using bushing elements.
 - the second one by using a complete platform flexible body.

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TROLLEY MODEL :

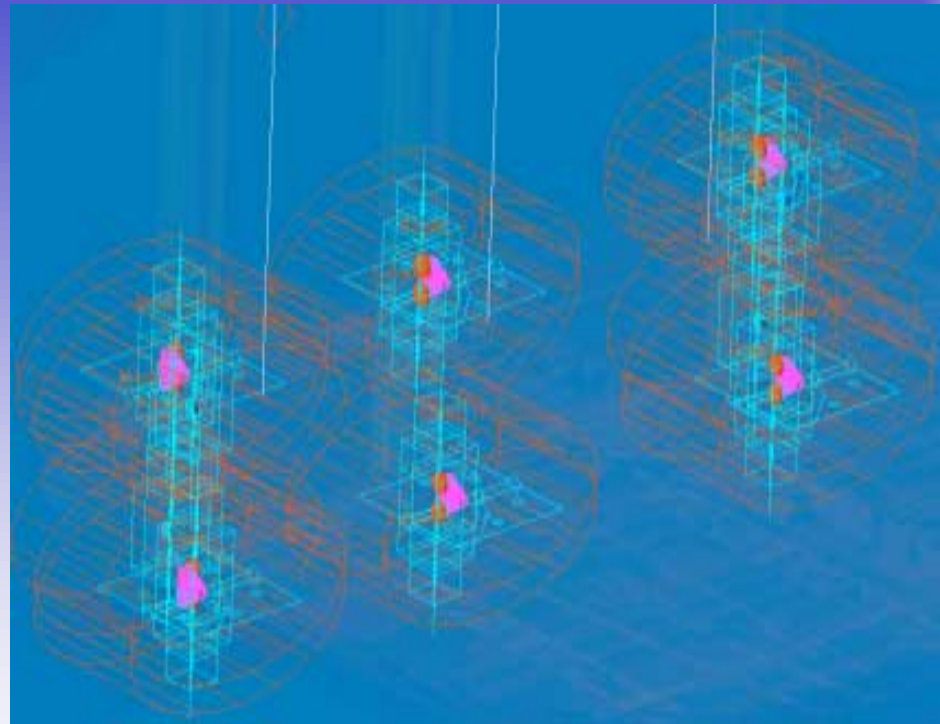
- Create a simple model of the trolley with a bushing element for connecting rollers and supports and a cam/cam joints between guides and rollers.
- Modify the cam/cam contacts with translational joints.
- Improve the model stability.
- Discover the bushing stiffness.



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FIRST CASE WITH RIGID MODEL:

- Trolleys with bushing elements to concentrate the global flexibility, in the roller's center.
- For the symmetry of the arrangement it is not necessary to consider all rollers.

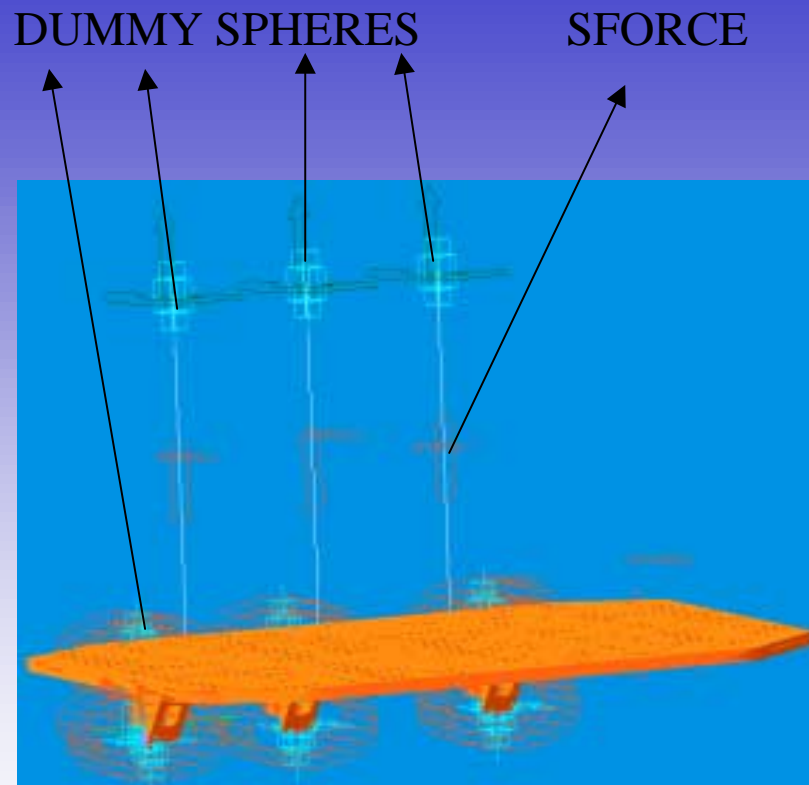


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WIRE ROPES MODEL TO LIFT THE PLATFORM:

- To use dummy spheres to create three Measures. (Coupled spheres)
- To create three SFORCE proportional to Measures about dummy parts to simulate the wire ropes behavior.
- To impose a lift speed about 200 mm/sec at the first three spheres.

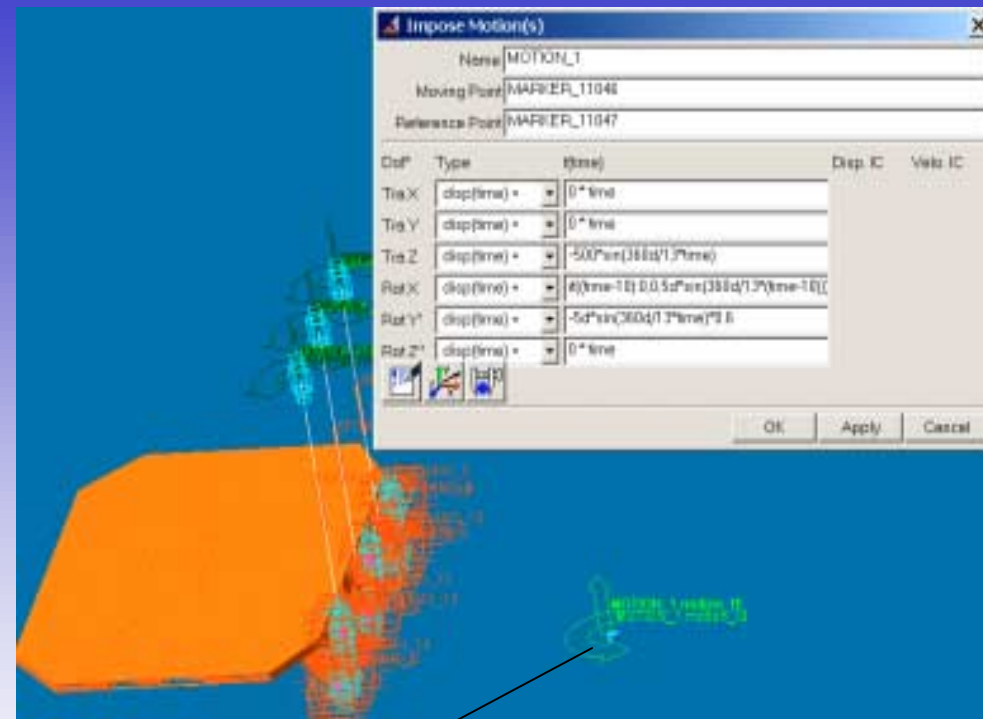


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WAVE MOTION:

- In this model it is shown the main oscillatory motions to consider the most important kind of wave motions:
 - 1- Heaving motion.
 - 2- Rolling motion.
 - 3- Pitching motion.
- Applied by a general point motion to ship's C.G..

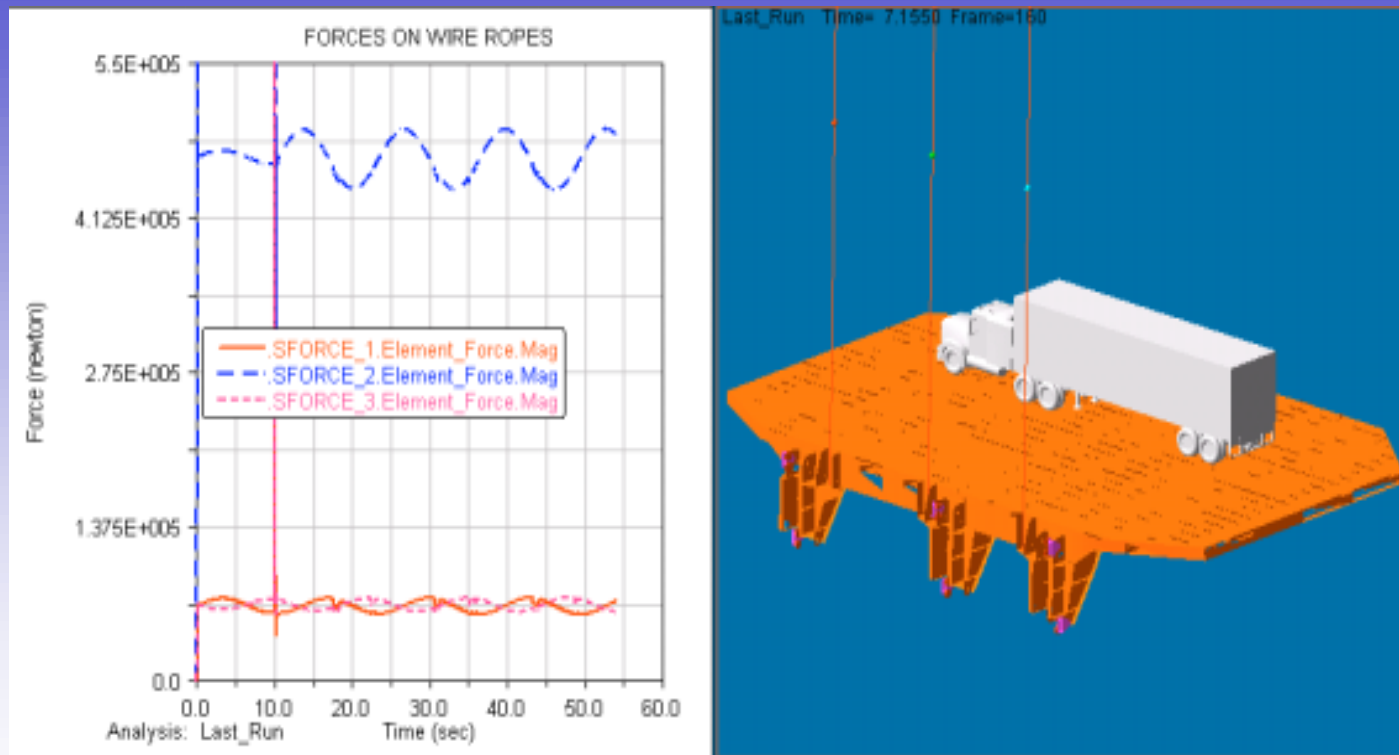


SHIP'S C.G. AND INPUT FOR WAVE MOTION

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RESULTS:

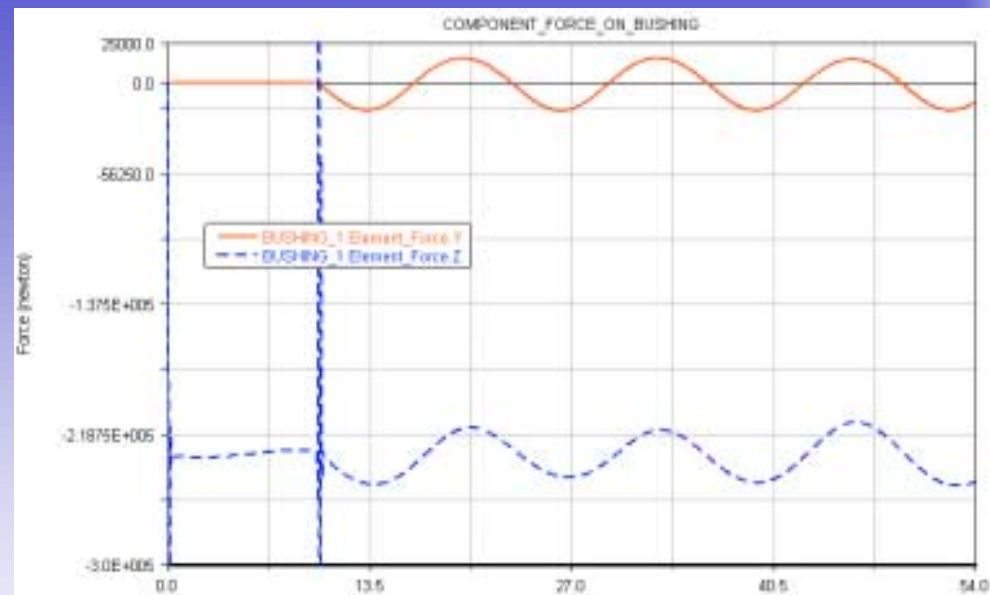
- Wire rope forces, are subdivided by three, it's possible to appreciate the oscillatory values.



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BUSHING RESULTS:

- Components of one bushing element. They have an oscillatory trend proportional to input wave motions.
- Observe the unsteady behavior when act the Rolling motion with a phase angle.

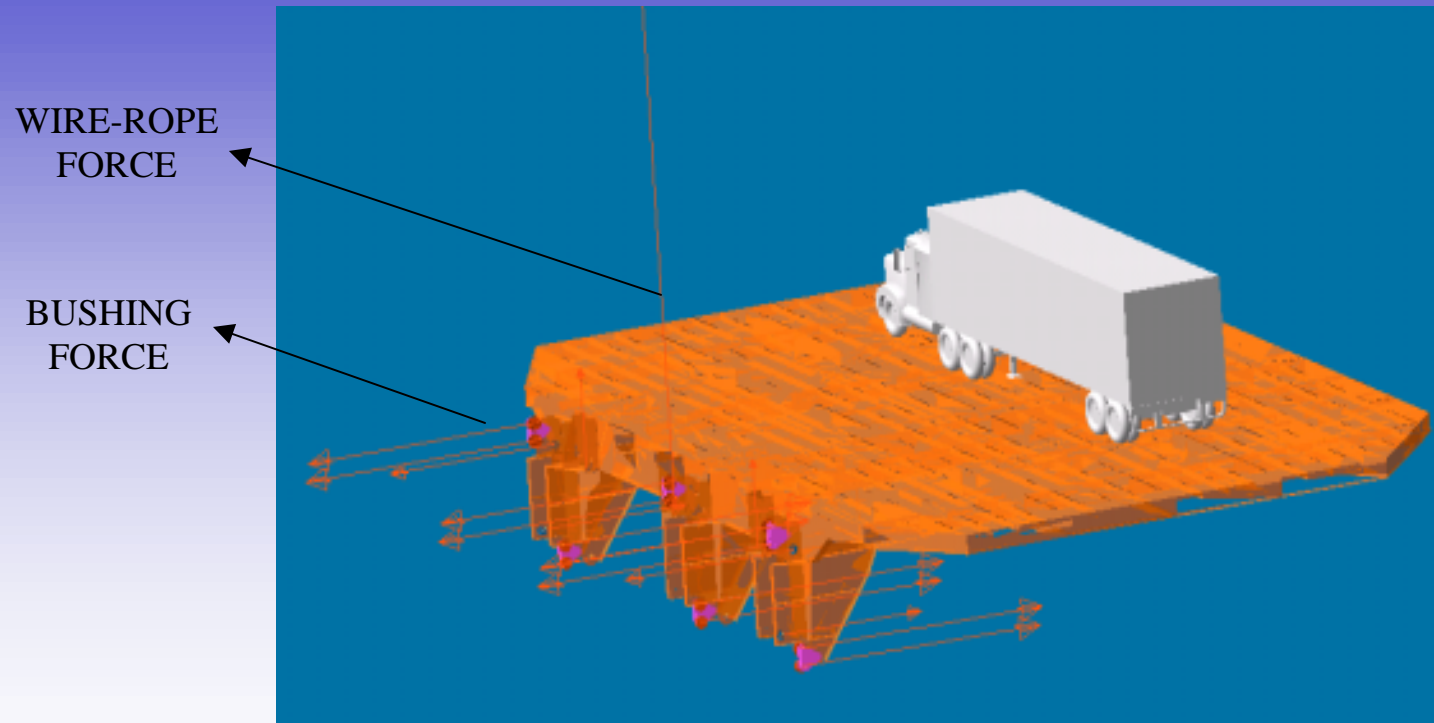


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FORCES:

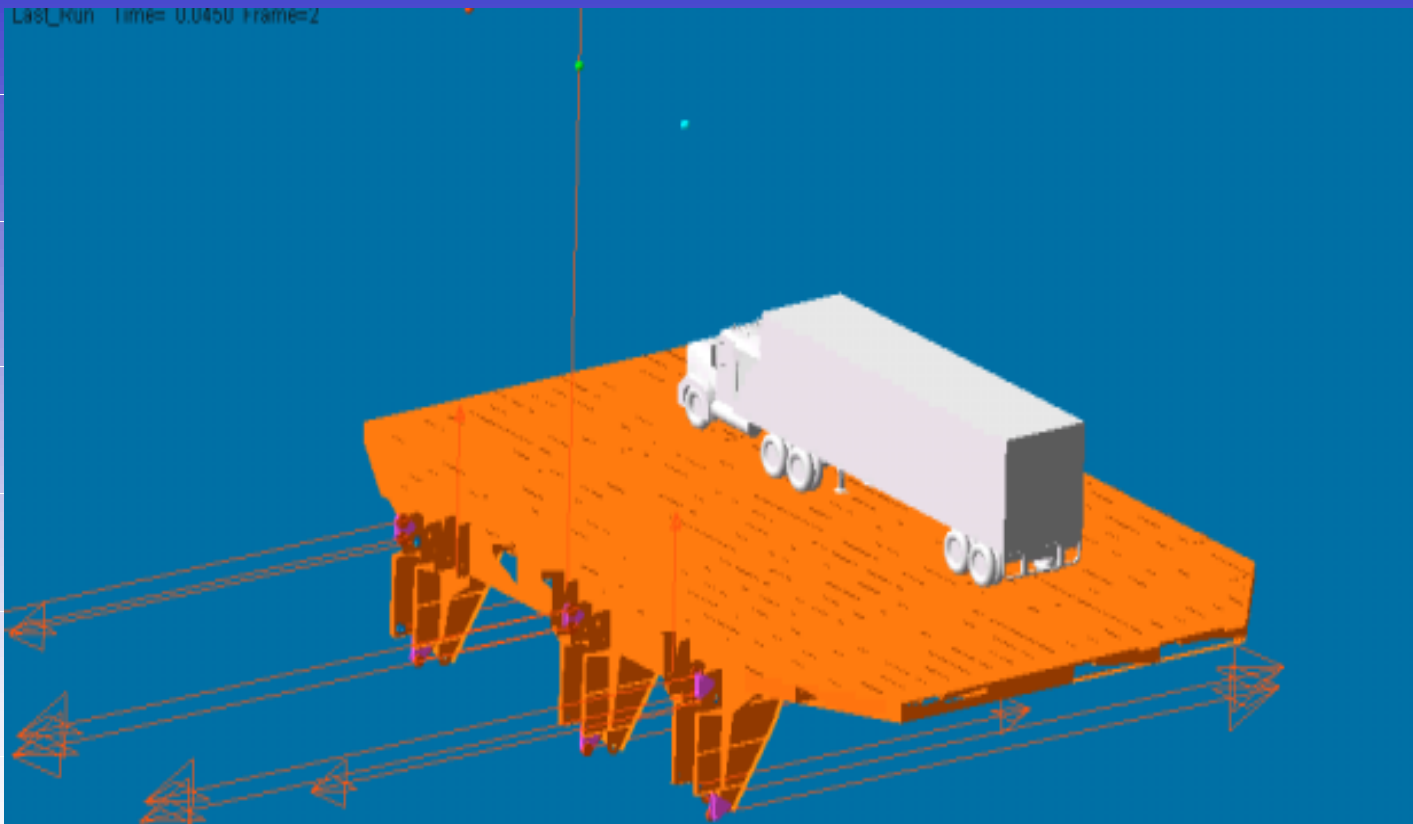
- Total forces on each bushing elements and each wire ropes at a generic frame of simulation.



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SIMULATION:

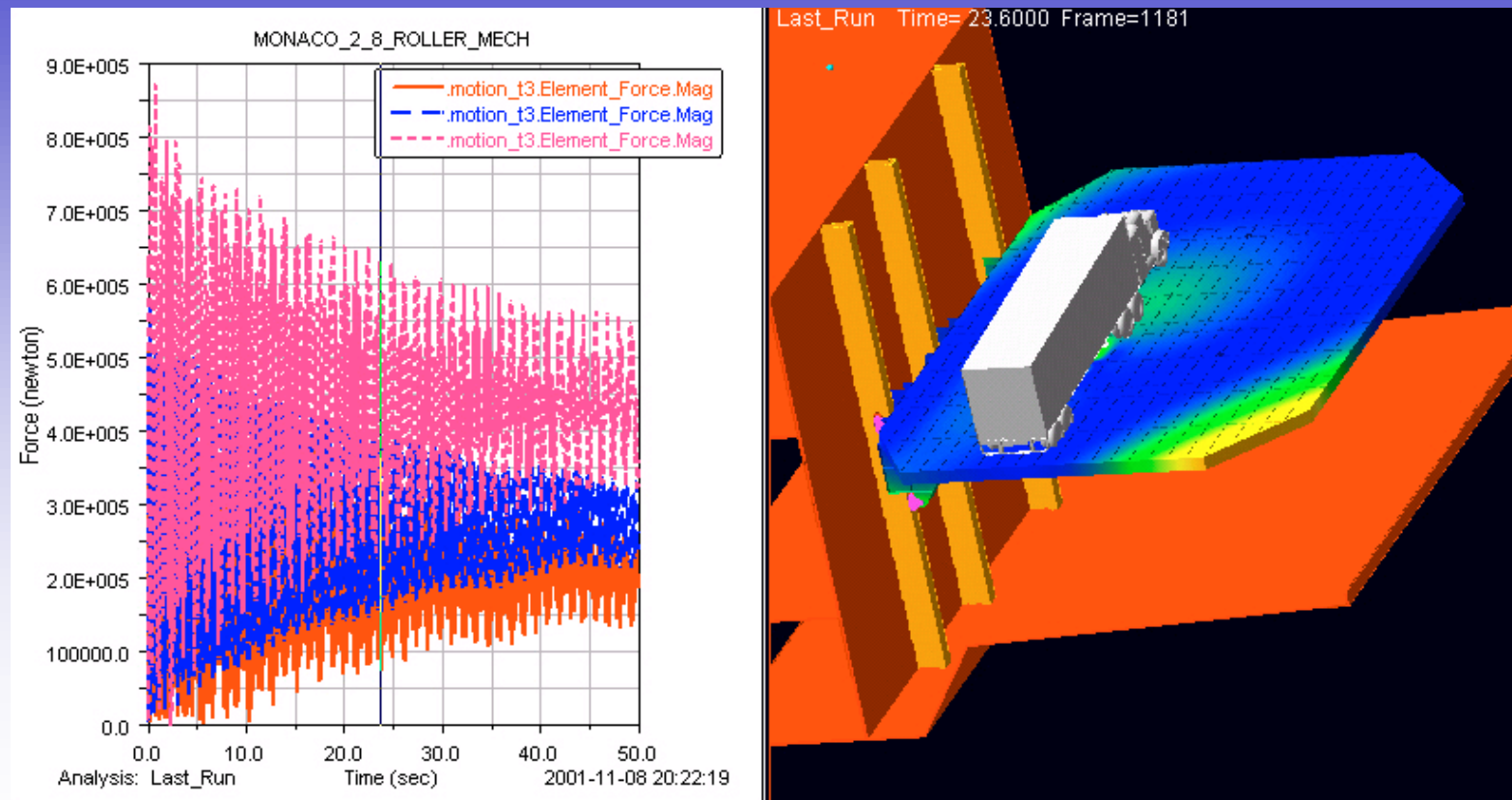


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FLEXIBLE BODY (partial results):

- The damper trend of the forces for the platform as a flexible body.



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BENEFITS:

- Reduce the cost of the project.
- No experimental testing needed and less possible future modifications.
- Reduce time to market.

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