



How to Generate Rapid Lift Rigging Designs

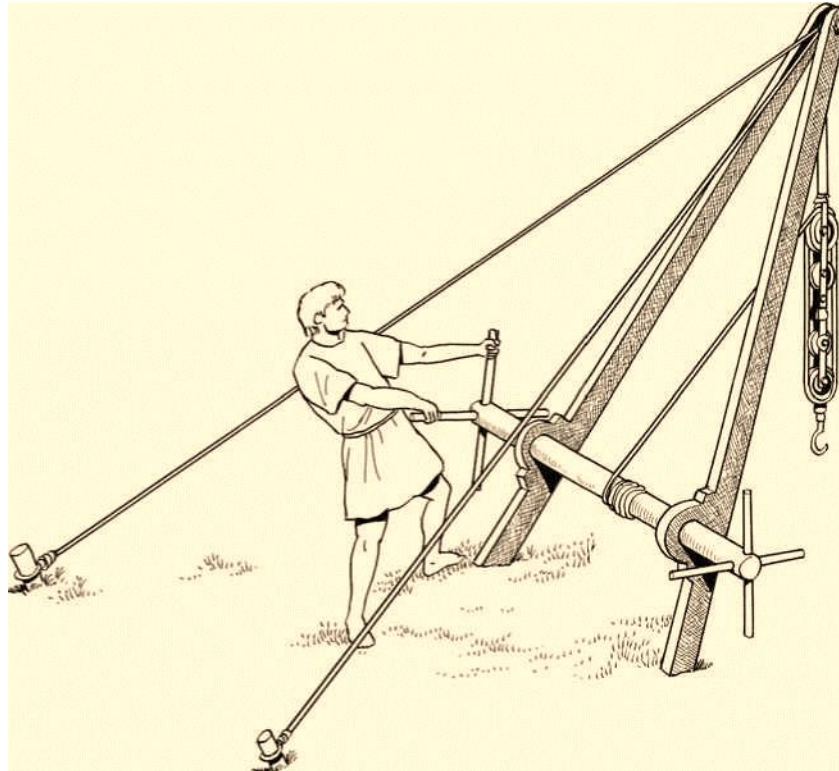
An example of design automation

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where "Rapid" means one hour or less



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SECTION 2: PROBLEM STATEMENT

- A. Need for early alignment of engineers and designers in Rigging layout design
- B. Exploit opportunities for improved design workflow



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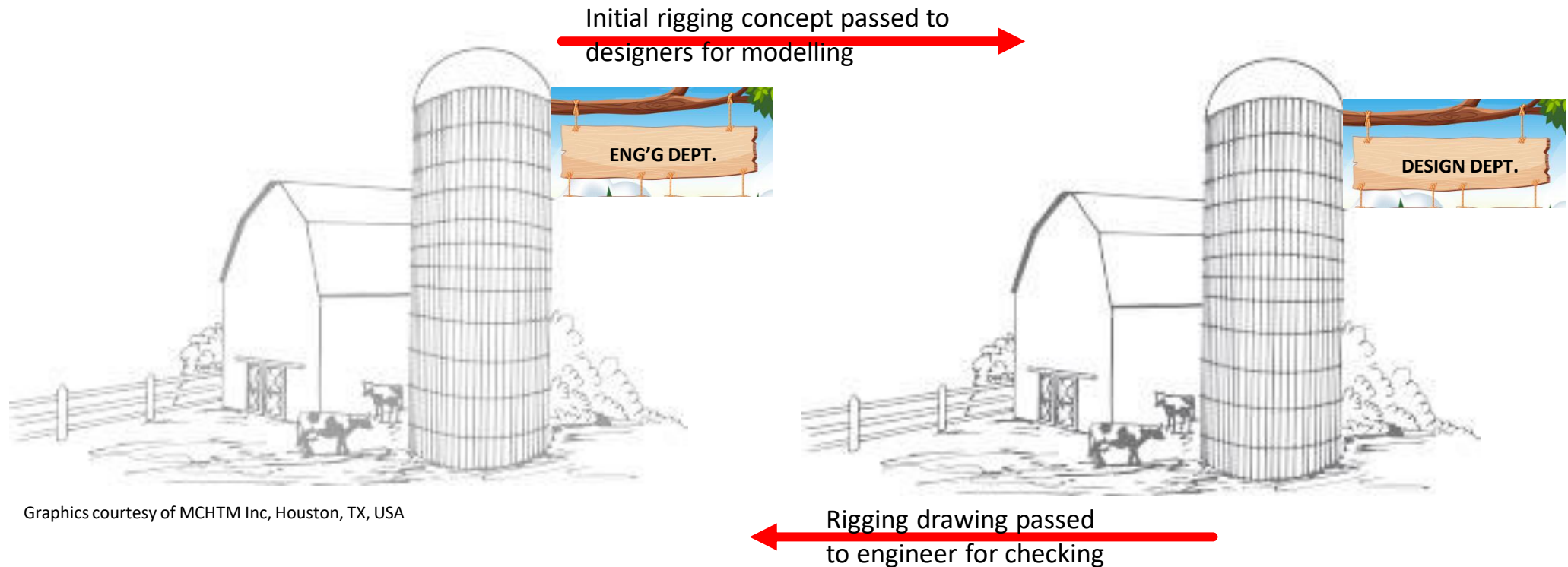
Attention is restricted here to single crane lifts of “Packages” having four lift points.



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SECTION 3: TYPICAL CURRENT PRACTICE

Back & forth exchange of information:
engineers → designers → engineers → designers



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... “silo-based” so review cycles can be many

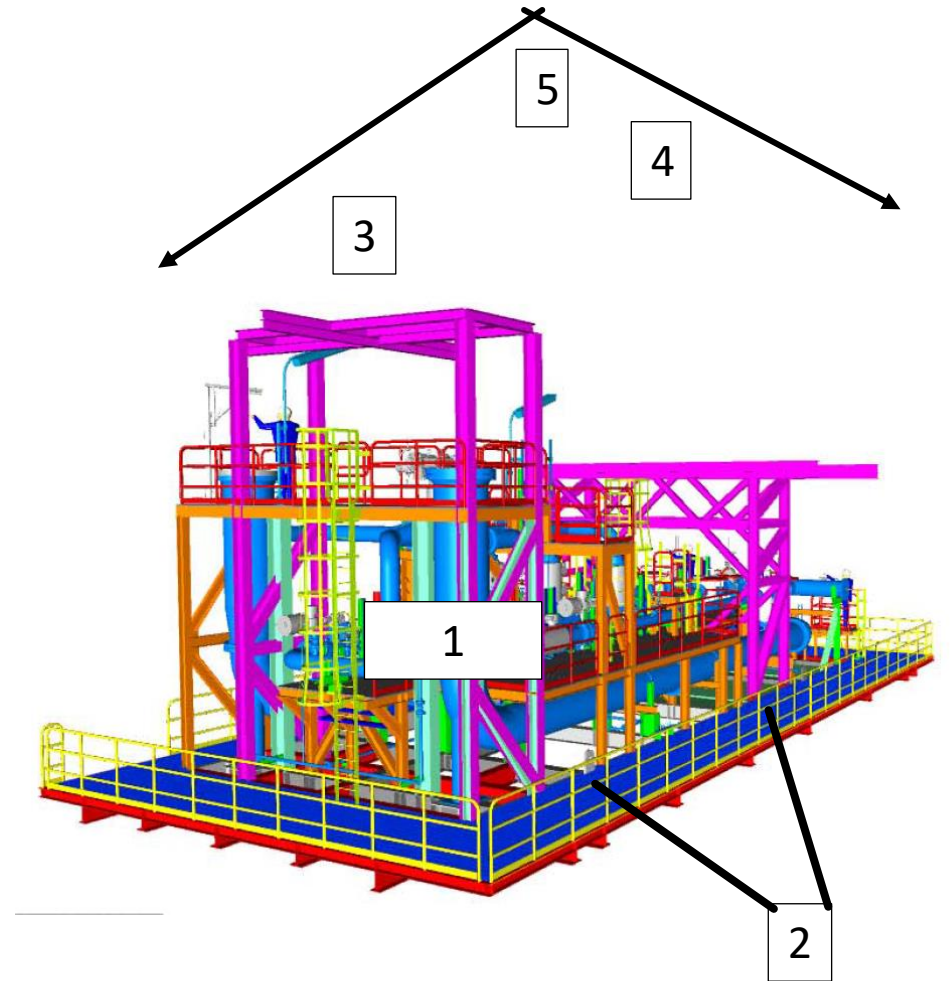
SECTION 4: PROPOSED SOLUTIONS

- A. Calculate the key rigging system 3D work points
- B. Standardize and automate the layout calculations involved

4A: Solutions Methodology Overview

Rigging arrg't design proceeds in 5 steps:

STEP	DESCRIPTION
1	Obtain the Package weight and CoG (and thus the ideal PP)
2	Establish the Package strong points
3	Work out the key setting-out work points
4	Estimate the sling forces
5	Adjust the arrangement (ie the PP) eg for sling matching



CoG – Centre-of-gravity
PP – Crane “pick” point

SECTION 4A: Solutions Methodology Details

Step 1. Start with (Lift) Package with known weight and CoG



Note: the IDEAL Hookpoint will be directly above the CoG)

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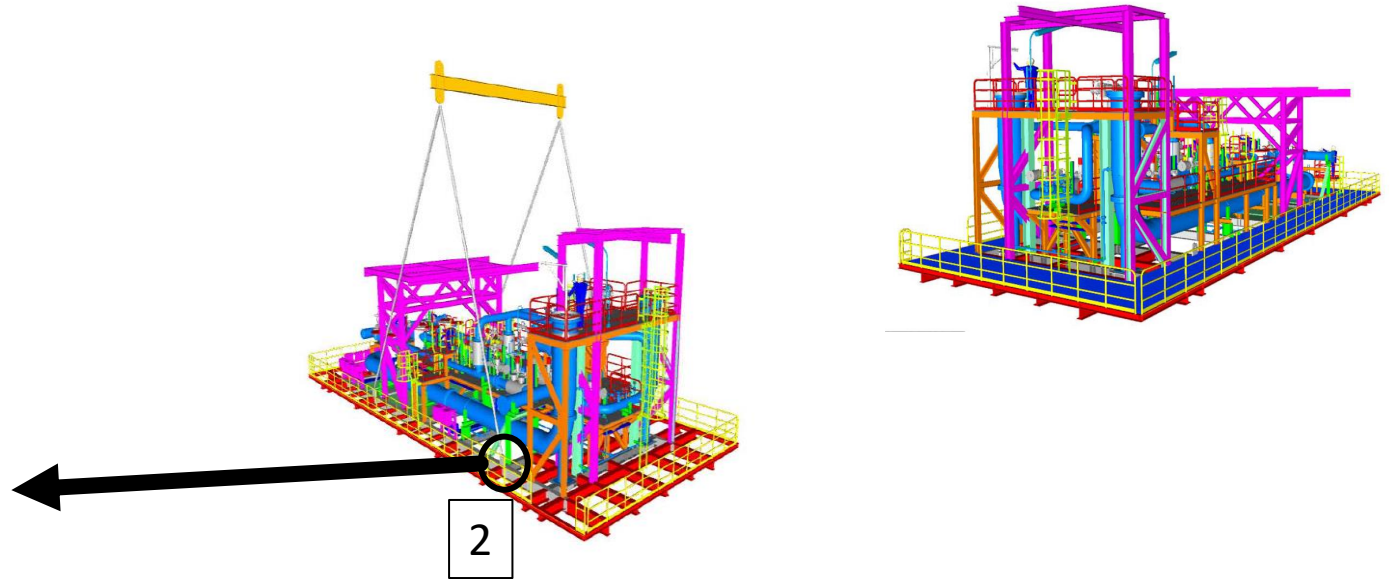
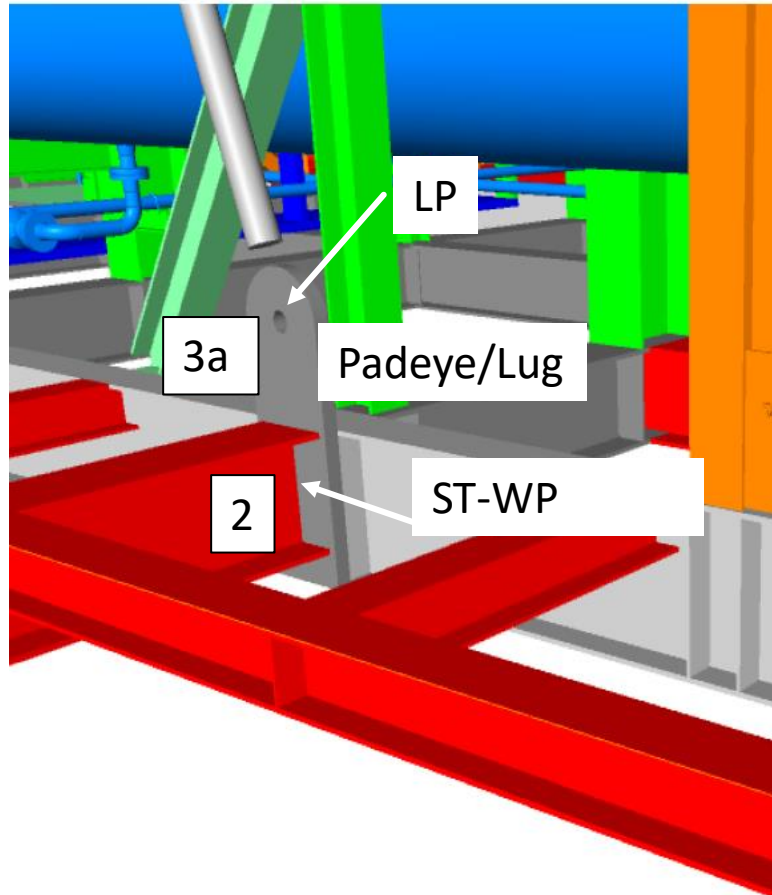


Step 2. Select strong points on the package to lift from

Steps 1 and 2 based on design input....

SECTION 4A : Solutions Methodology Details (con't)

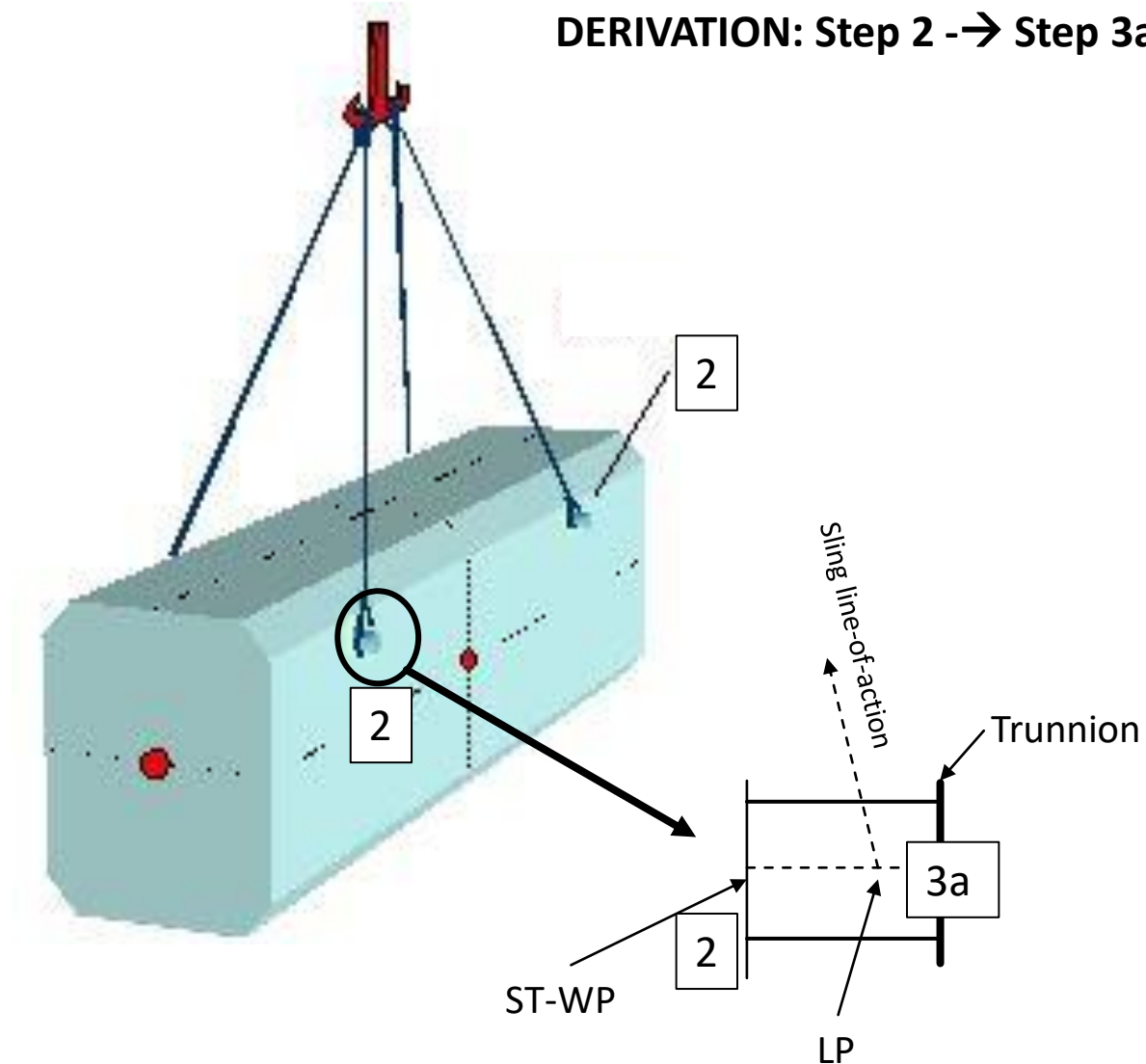
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WP – Work point
LP –Lift Point
ST-WP – Package Strong Point

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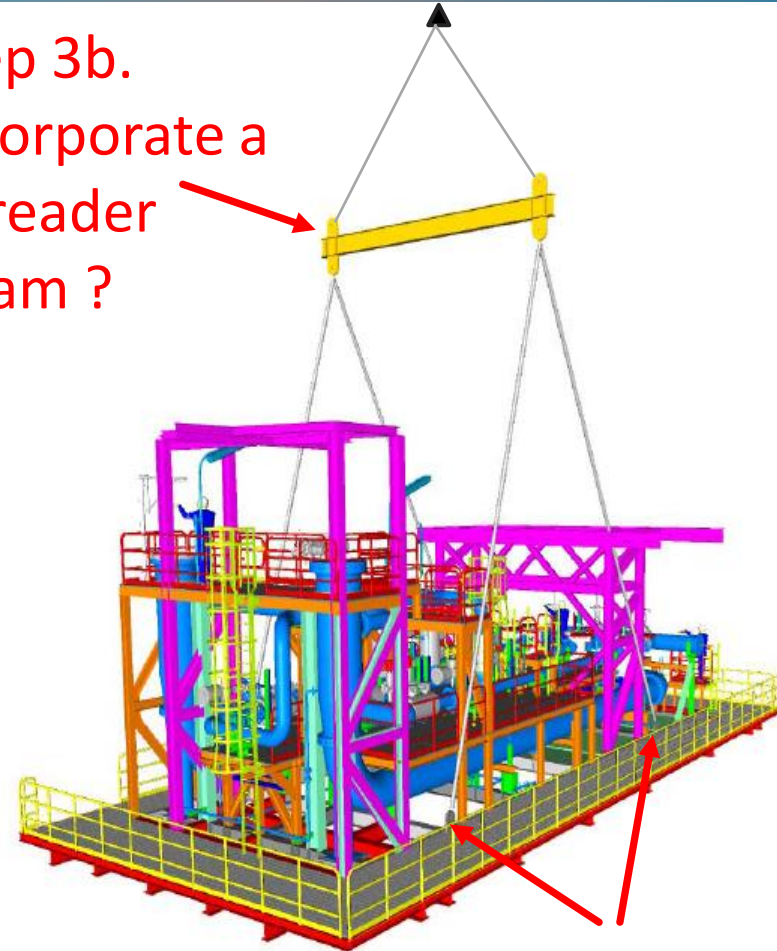
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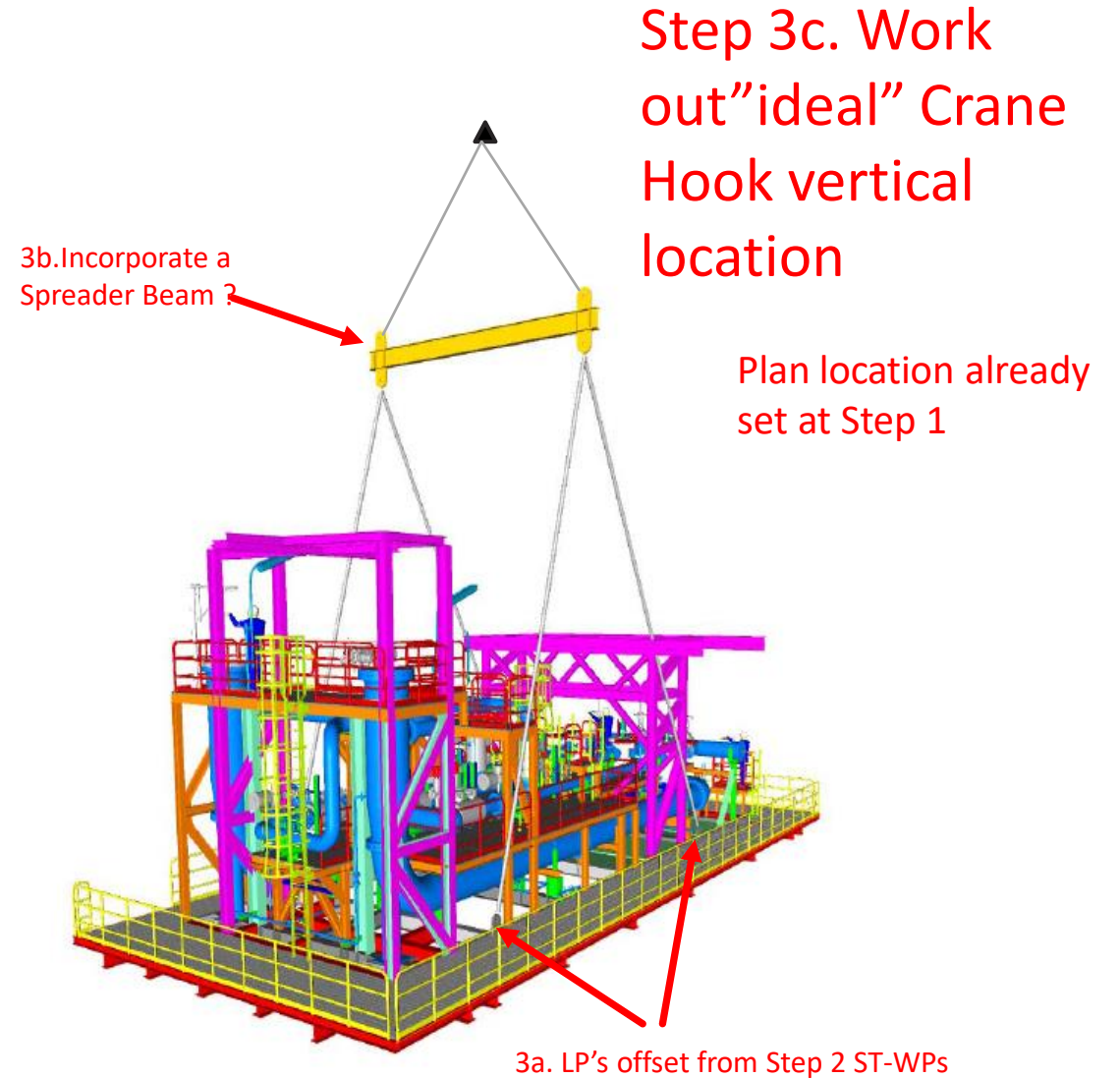
... From Step 2 precede to Steps 3a & 3b by calculation

Step 3b.
Incorporate a
Spreader
Beam ?

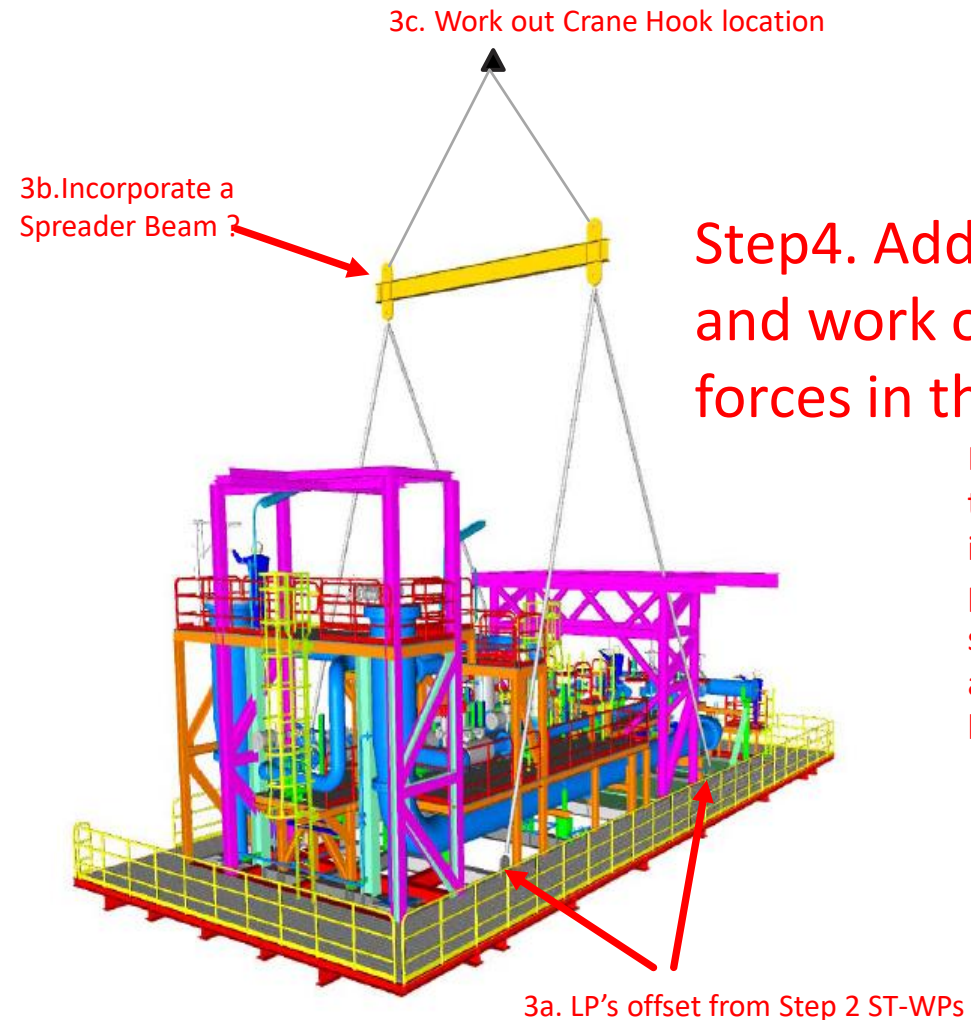


3a. LP's offset from Step 2
ST-WPs (connected to the
Package by LP attachment)

... From Step 3b precede to Step 3c by calculation



... From Step 3c precede to Step 4 by calculation



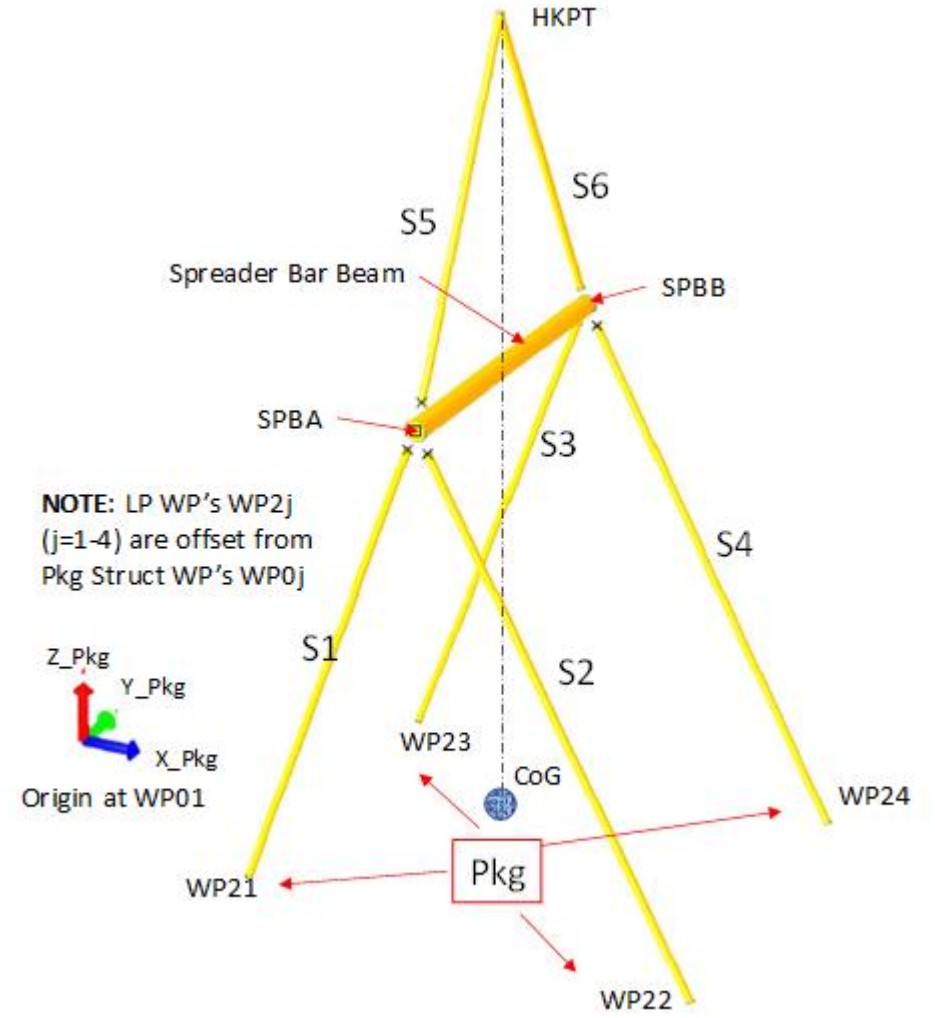
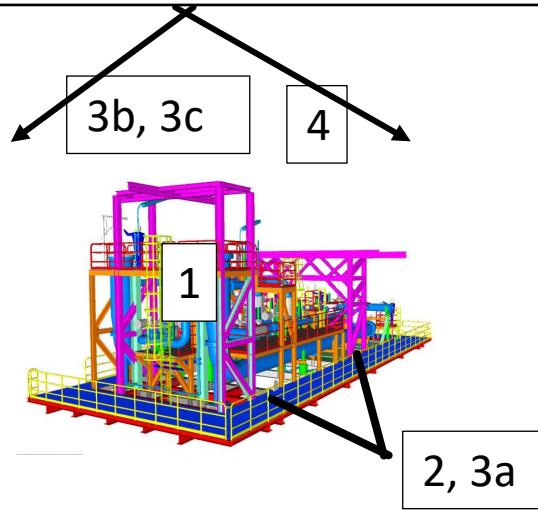
Step 4. Add Slings and work out forces in them.

NOTE: Nominally this is a statically indeterminate problem but simplifying assumptions can be made.

SECTION 4A : Solutions Methodology Steps 1-4 Recap

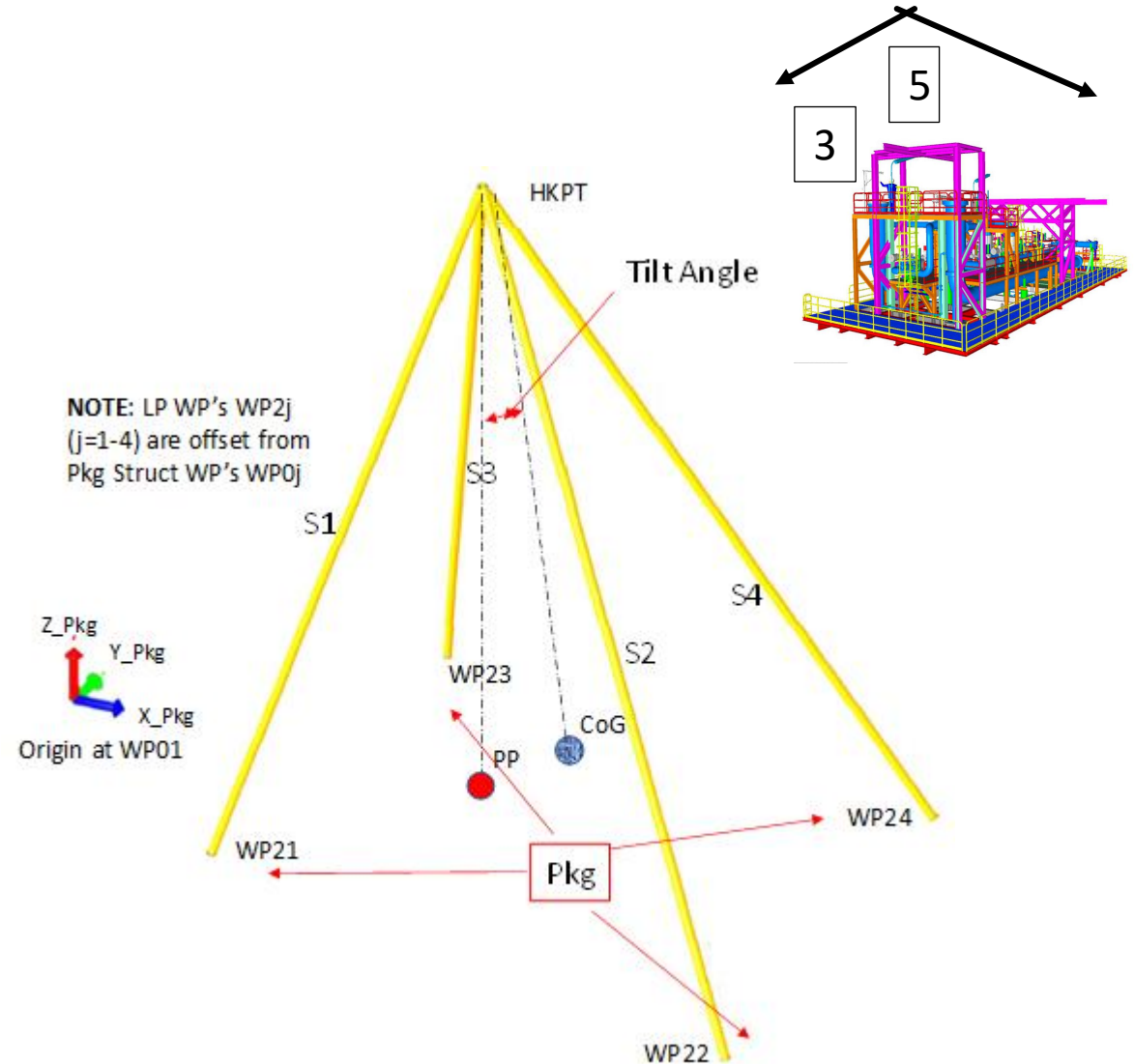
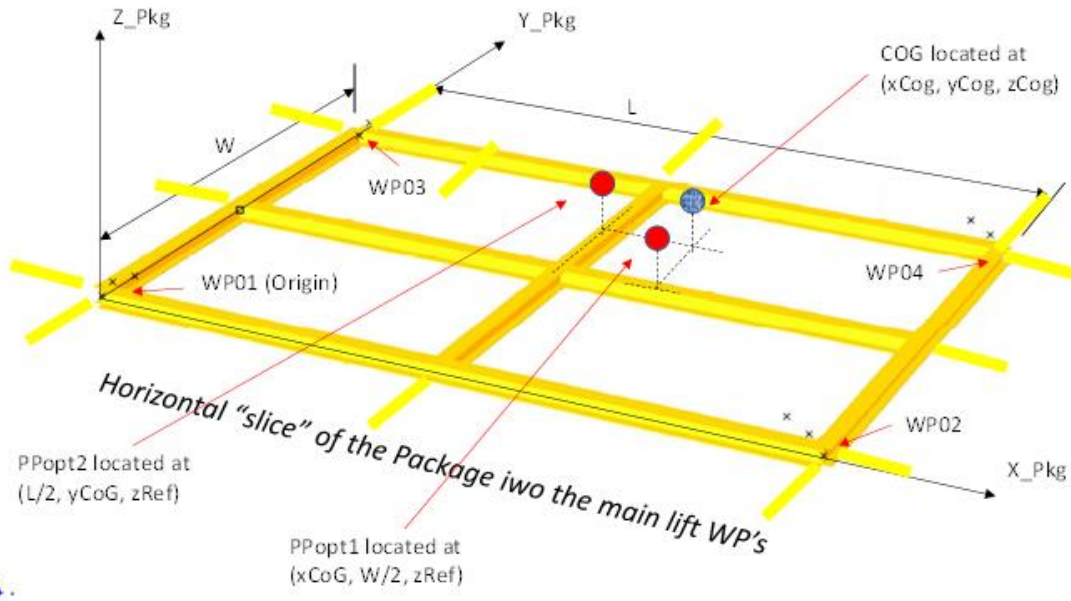
STEPS	INITIAL DESIGN PASS (ideal case – No Package Tilt)
1 & 2	Weight & CoG input and Package strong points selection
3a, 3b & 3c	Key Rigging system work point locations calculation
4	Estimate sling loads

For more details, refer to following article posted on TheNavalArch.com:
<https://www.thenavalarch.com/preliminary-rigging-arrangement-design-of-4-point-single-hook-lifts-for-non-specialists/>



SECTION 4A : Solutions Methodology Step 5

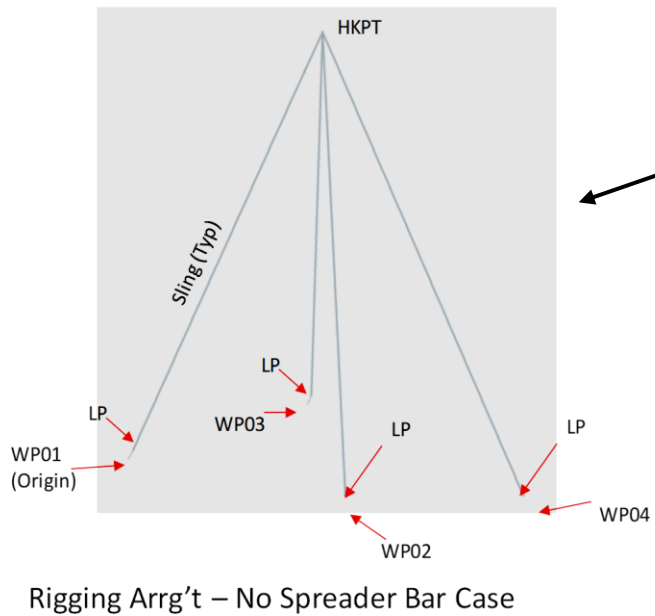
STEPS	RIGGING ARRANGEMENT FINE-TUNING
5	Determine alternate hook point location based on a specified Package "Tilt" to achieve one or more pairs of slings with equal lengths ie matching slings



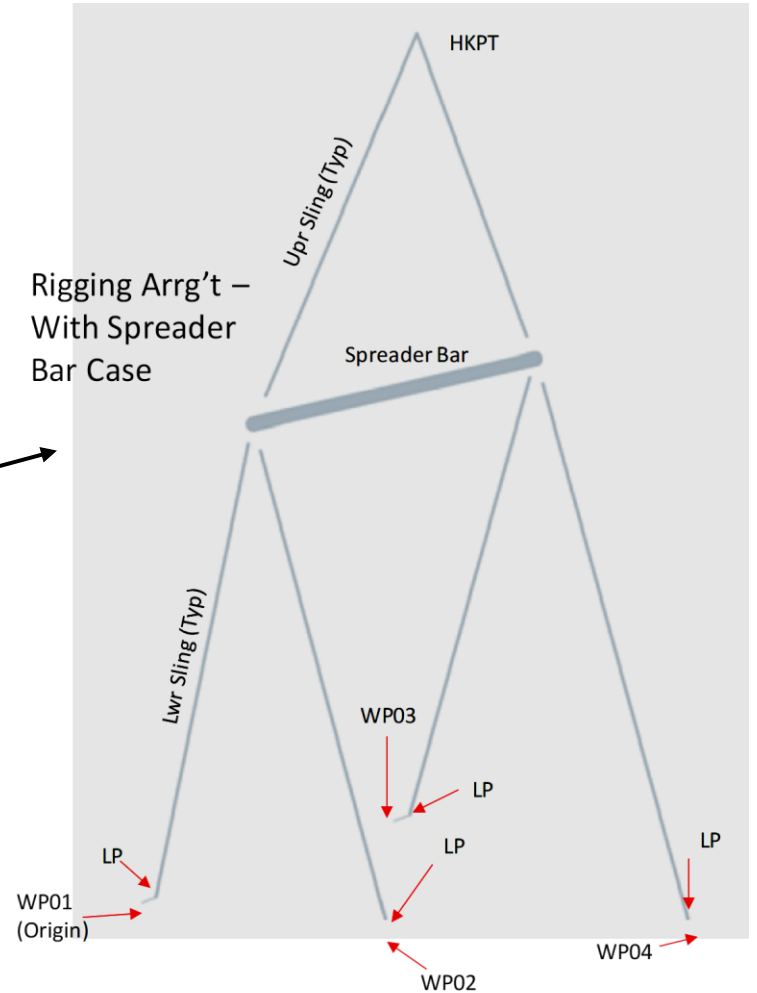
SECTION 4B: PROPOSED SOLUTIONS

Generate input to other computer applications for further design development

SID	POST-PROCESSING OPERATIONS
1	Export WPs to a “starter model” built with AutoCAD 3D
2	Export Structural analysis program input files for Rigging System sub-model e.g StaadPro and SACS



SAMPLE Step 4b1 Outputs



SECTION 4B: SOLUTIONS IMPLEMENTATION

HELPFUL CALCULATION APPS AVAILABLE FROM TheNavalArch.com	NOTES
TNA_RiggingArrgtsGenerationV1basic.exe (“zero-tilt”)	All three are supplied with auxiliary macro-enabled workbook GenerateAcadStarterRigging ModelV1.xlsm (for Solution 4B-1)
TNA_RiggingArrgtsGenerationV1plus.exe	
TNA_ControlledTiltRiggingArrgt_V1.exe (“specified tilt”)	
https://www.thenavalarch.com/software/marine-operations/preliminary-rigging-arrangement-4-point/	All three are available from this web order page

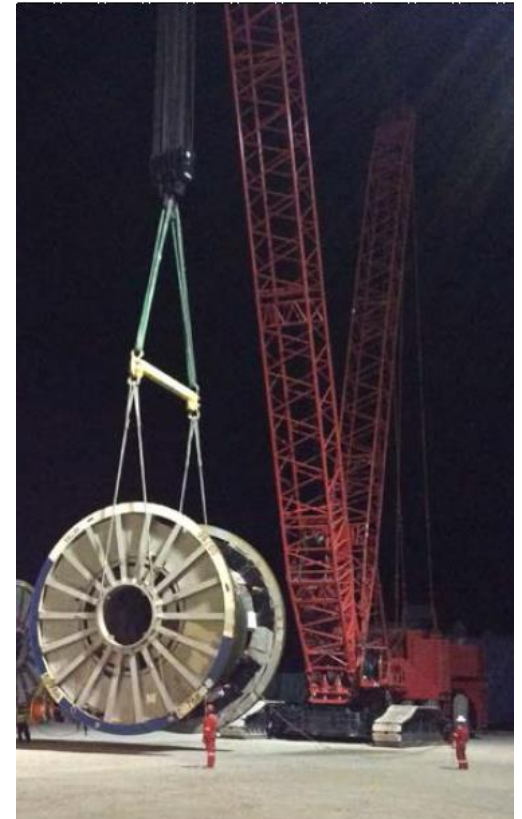


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SECTION 6: PRESENTATION RECAP

1. Rigging design Problem statement – Early alignment of engineers & designers plus assess automation potential for their work processes
2. Typical present practice – Engineers → Designers → Engineers → Designers
3. Proposed solutions – Establish main 3D Rigging system work points and automate the calculations & 3D model(s) set-up
4. Calculation Apps are available from TheNavalArch.com to enable rapid development of preliminary rigging arrangement designs

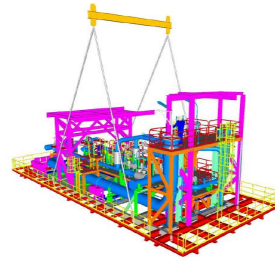


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