

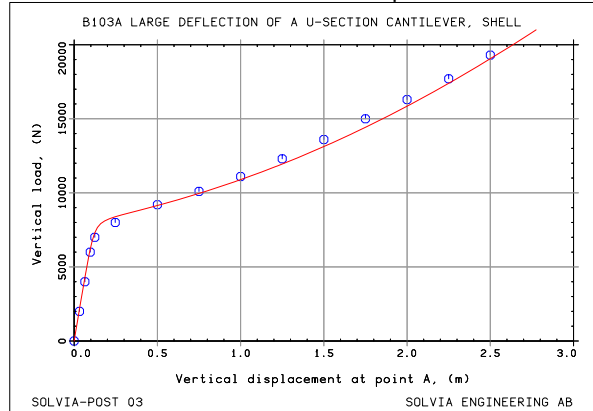
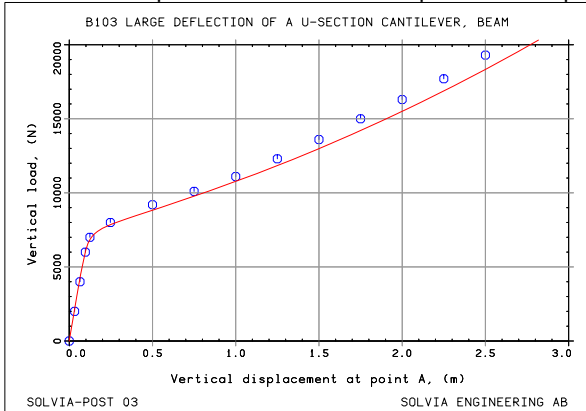
Examples of Capabilities in the SOLVIA® Finite Element System

Large Deflection of a U-section Cantilever

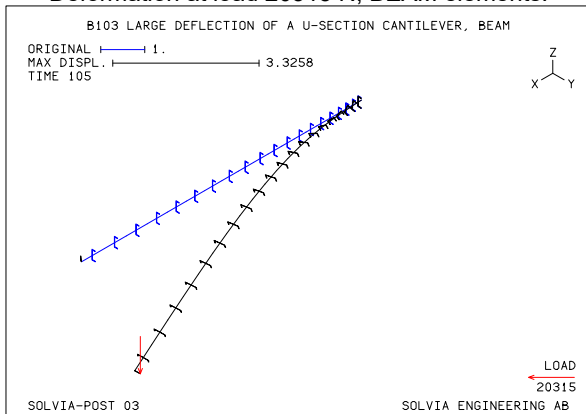
The 3D co-rotational BEAM element in SOLVIA can be used when the rotations are small or very large as well as for buckling analysis. It is formulated for small strains and is a very effective element. The nodes and the shear center need not coincide with the centroid so the BEAM element may, for example, be used for U-section beams and for stiffeners.

In examples B103 and B103A of the Nonlinear Verification Manual the BEAM element and the total Lagrangian 9-node SHELL element, respectively, are used to model a U-section cantilever. The tip load is gradually increased so that the rotations become quite large. The results below are in good agreement with a reference beam solution.

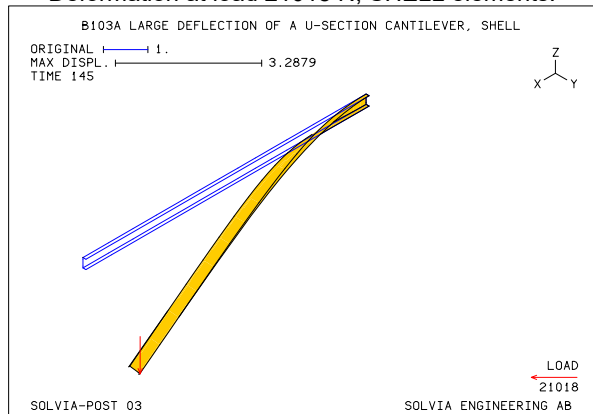
Tip load versus vertical displacement at point A at the web center line below the tip load.



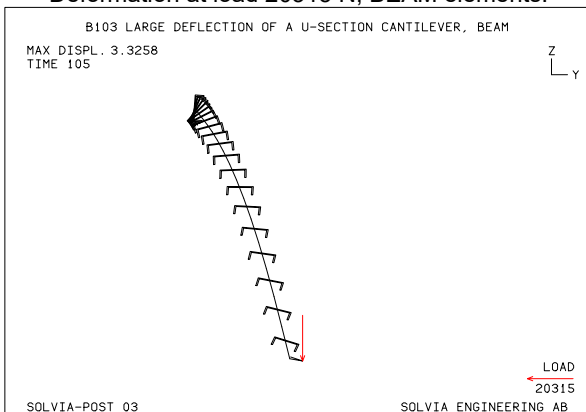
Deformation at load 20315 N, BEAM elements.



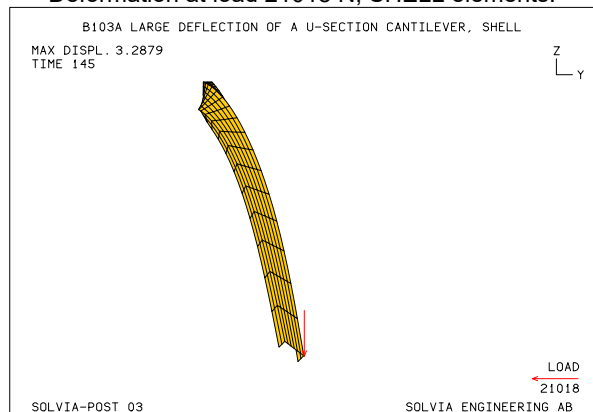
Deformation at load 21018 N, SHELL elements.



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