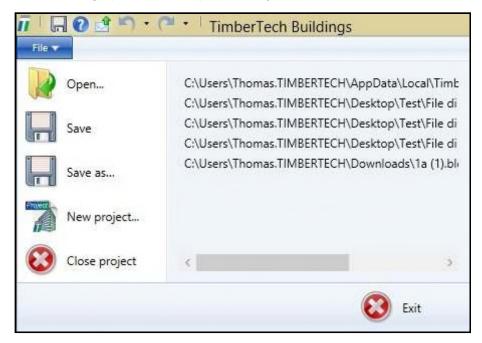
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1 Tools in the File menu

The following operations are provided by the File menu.



1.1 Open



The Open command provides the opening of an existing file.

1.2 Save



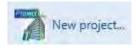
The command saves the project on the existing file.

1.3 Save as



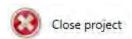
The command saves the project on a new file.

1.4 New project



Creates a new empty file and a new project.

1.5 Close project



The command quits the project. If the project has not been saved the software gives the choice to save it.

2 Tools of Draw menu

The commands in the *Draw* menu allow the user to draw the structural model. Other useful informations can be found in *Chapter 8*.

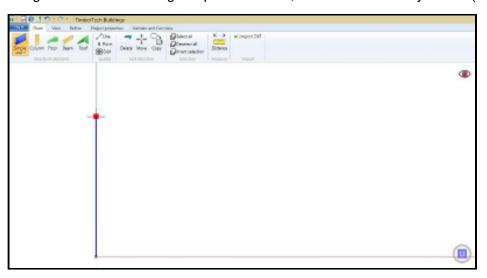


2.1 Structural elements

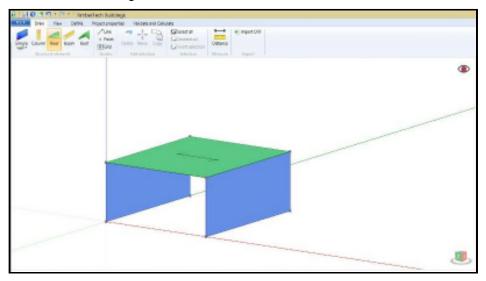
2.1.1 Simple wall



The Simple wall element can be drawn selecting two points on the screen. The software automatically assigns to the wall an height equal to 2.80 m; the user can modify it later (see **Chapter 8**.).



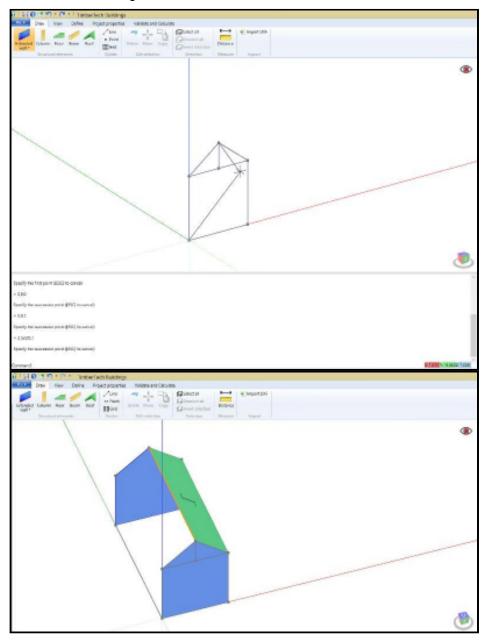
The wall element can also be defined typing *Wall* in the command window and thereafter the points coordinates. The first point is defined by the *absolute coordinates*, i.e. in the global system (for instance: 4,4,0). The second point coordinates can be defined in two ways using the absolute or the relative coordinates. If the user prefers the second way, he must put the symbol @ before the coordinates (for instance: @4,4,0; the values represent the distances along the three directions x, y and z).



2.1.1 Extended wall

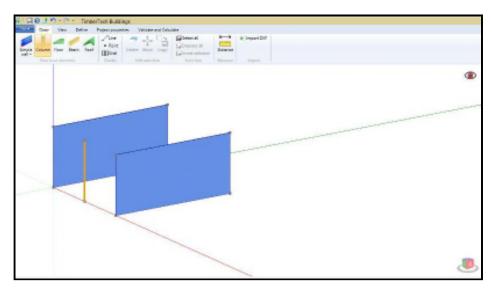


The *Extended wall* element can be defined drawing the wall vertexes on the screen. This command is used to define non rectangular walls or walls supporting a beam like the ridges one. The Extended walls can be also used to design rectangular walls: in this case the supported walls are considered non primary elements.



2.1.2 Pillar

The *Pillar* element can be defined by a single point on the screen: the software assigns automatically to it an height equal to 2.80 m.

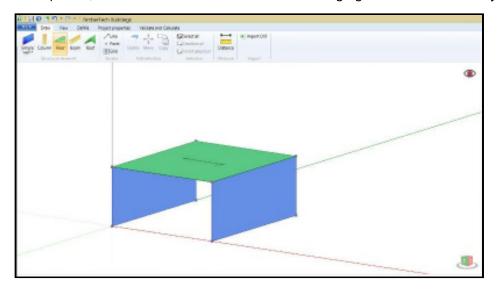


The user can use the command window to create a new element, typing *Pillar* and then the first point coordinates.

2.1.3 Floor element



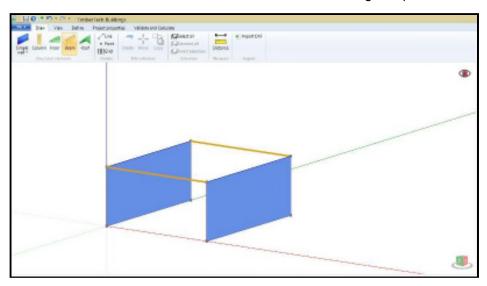
The *Floor* element can be straight designed on the screen defining at least three points. The points must be coplanar, with the same z-coordinate and belonging to a vertex of an any form polygon.



The user can define the Floor element directly in the command window, typing *Floor* and then the points coordinates.

2.1.4 Beam element

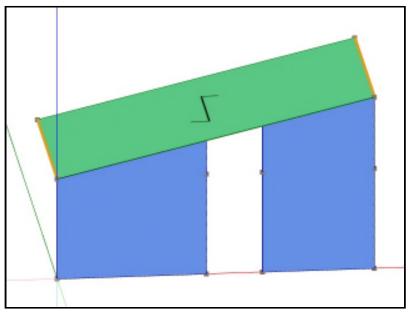
The Beam element can be drawn on the screen selecting two points.



The user can define the Beam element directly in the command window, typing **Beam** and then inputting the points coordinates.

Advice: It could happen to design a beam, above a wall opening, supporting an inclinded roof.

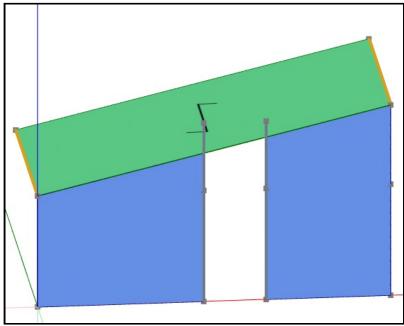
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The procedure to define the beam is described in the following steps. If the user designs a new line intersecting another one, the software will automatically create a node.

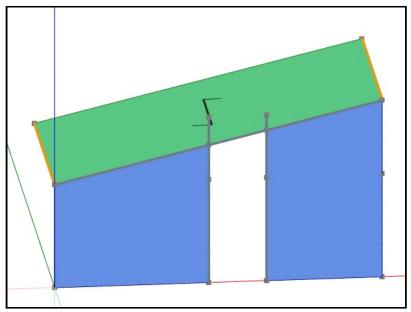
This does not happen if the user moves an existing line on another one.

- Design two vertical lines (see paragraph 2.2.1): the lower point can be designed left-clicking the mouse, the upper one can be defined typing the relative coordinates, for instance: @0,0,5

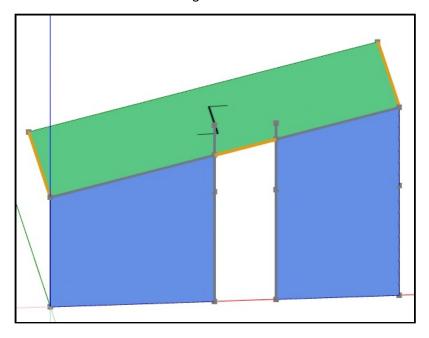


- Design the line above the walls. This line belongs to the intersection between the plane of the roof and the plane of the walls. Two nodes will be created; they will be useful to define the new beam.

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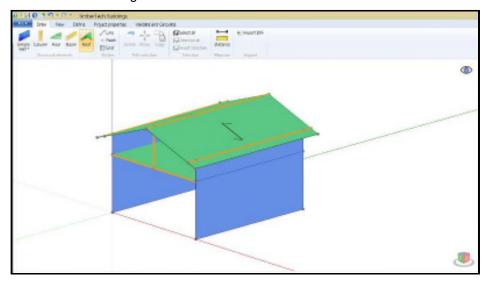
- Use the new nodes to design the beam.



2.1.5 Roof element

The Roof element is defined in the same way as the Floor element (see *Floor element*). The Roof command provides the input of a pitched roof with a grade to the horizontal at no higher than 80 degree.

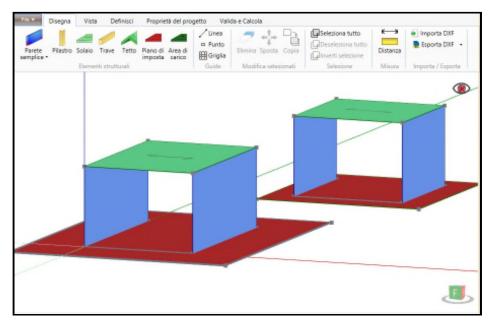
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In the same way as the other elements, the Roof can be defined typing **Roof** and inputting the points coordinates in the command window.

2.1.6 Base element

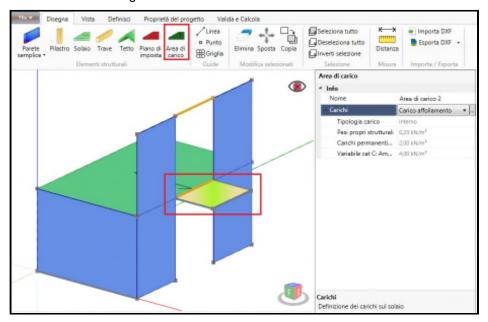
The Base element can be straight designed on the screen defining at least three points. The points must be coplanar, with the same z-coordinate and belonging to a vertex of an any form polygon. The Base element is very useful when there are buildings with bodies belonging to several levels.



The user can define the Base element directly in the command window, typing Base and then the points coordinates.

2.1.6 Load element

The *Load* element can be straight designed on the screen putting at least three points on a floor element or a roof element. The points must belong to a vertex of an any form polygon. The Load element is very useful in the case of not uniform load, like a floor with a terrace.



The user can define the Load element directly in the command window, typing Load and then the points coordinates.

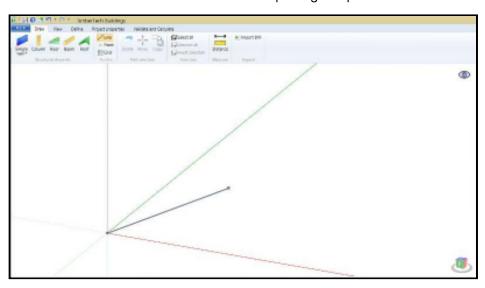
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2.2.1 Line



The Line command is used to drawn a line in any direction. Thanks to the lines, the user can draw easily the structural elements in the model. The line can be defined selecting two point on the screen or typing *Line* in the command window and then inputting the points coordinates.



2.2.2 Point

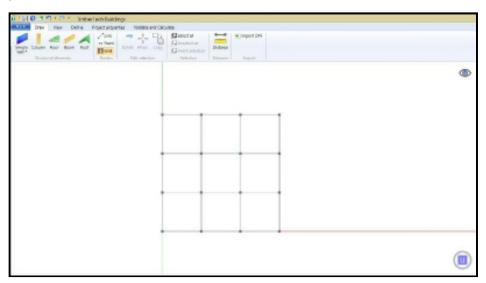


The command is used to define directly on the screen a point. It is useful to draw and to place a structural element. The point can be defined typing *Point* in the command window and then inputting the points coordinates.

2.2.3 Grid



The *Grid* command defines, in the x-y plane, a grid of equidistant points belonging to perpendicular directrices. The user can select two points on the screen or type *Grid* in the command window and the points coordinates.



2.3 Edit selection



2.3.1 Delete



The *Delete* command deletes all the selected elements. The user can type **Delete** on the command window or press *Del* on the keyboard.

2.3.2 Move



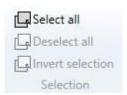
The command moves in the model all the selected elements. To move the elements the user has to input the initial and the final points directly on the screen or writing their coordinates in the command window. In the same way as the other commands, the user can also type **Move** in the commands line.

2.3.3 Copy



This command is used to copy the selected graphical elements. To copy the elements the user has to input the initial and the final points directly on the screen or inputting the coordinates in the command window. The user can also type *Copy* in the line command.

2.4 Selection

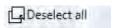


2.4.1 Select all



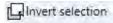
The command Select all is used to select all the graphical elements of the model. The user can use directly the command line typing **Select All** in it.

2.4.2 Deselect all



The command deselects all the selected graphical elements. The user can use directly the command line typing **Select None** in it.

2.4.3 Invert selection



The command is used to invert the selection. The command could be invoked by typing **Select Invert** in the command window.

Note: the user can select the objects left-clicking the mouse. Moving the cursor from the left to the right all objects which lie entirely within the window will be selected; moving the cursor from the right to the left all objects which lie entirely within the window and those which cross the window border will be selected.

2.5 Distance

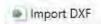
2.5.1 Distance (Distance)



The *Distance* command measures the distance between two selected points. The measurement data along the axis (x, y and z) are displayed on the command line (for instance: Distance: 4,53 m; X: 3,21 m; Y: 7,10 m; Z: 0,86 m;). The command could be invoked by typing *Distance* in the command window.

2.6 Import

2.6.1 Import Dxf



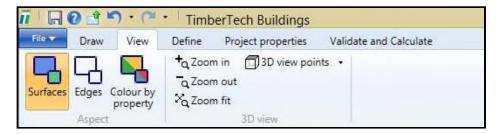
The command allows the user to import a dxf file within points, lines and polylines, useful to define, for instance, a pitched roof.



The command is linked to a window in which the user can select the dfx file and specify the importing scale. If the scale is too much small, the software will alert the user.

3 Tools of the View Menu

The View tools help the user to display the structural model.



3.1 Appearance

3.1.1 Surfaces



The *Surfaces* command allows the user to display the surfaces and the definition points of the structural elements.

3.1.2 Edges



The Edges command allows the user to display the edges of the structural elements.

3.1.3 Colour by property



The command allows the user to display the elements properties: walls, floors, roofs, columns, beams. The user can easily display the materials, the cross-sections, the types and even the connections and the loads.

3.2 3D View

3.2.1 Zoom in



The command allows the user to zoom in the current view.

3.2.2 Zoom out



The command allows the user to zoom out the current view.

3.2.3 Zoom fit;



The command allows the user to display all the graphical elements in the current view.

3.3 3D Point of view



The menu allows to choose a type of view (orthogonal or axonometric) to display the current view.

3.3.1 Up



The command sets a view from above.

3.3.2 Down



The command sets a view from below.

3.3.3 Left



The command sets a view from the left.

3.3.4 Right



The command sets a view from the right.

3.3.5 Front



The command sets a frontal view.

3.3.6 Back



The command sets a back view.

3.3.7 SW



The command sets an axonometric view: South-West.

3.3.8 SE



The command sets an axonometric view: South-East.

3.3.9 NW



The command sets an axonometric view: North-West.

3.3.9 NE



The command sets an axonometric view: South-East.

Note:

The user can perform zoom and pan with a wheel mouse:

- · zoom: scrolls up and down to zoom out and zoom in the view;
- pan: press the mouse wheel button and drag the mouse;
- point of view: rigth-click the mouse and drag it.

3.4 Other tools

3.4.1 Select view

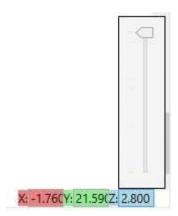


If the user selects the icon on the upper right side of the screen the checkbox will appear. The user can select the elements he wants to display or the floor levels to display the elements belonging to it.

The non selected elements can not be displayed.



If the user select *Current floor* it will appear a cursor (on the lower right side of the console) which allows to choose the level to display.



3.4.2 Point of view



The icon, in the lower right side of the visualization window, allows the user to set the orthogonal views (see: **3D Point of view**) double-clicking on the desired cube face.

4 Tools in Define Menu

The tools in the Define menu allow the user to:

- consult the materials and joints catalogues;
- · define the structural elements type;
- · define the loads on the structural elements;



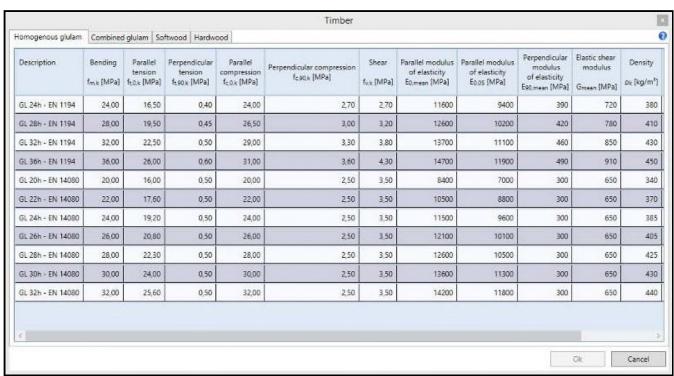
4.1 Materials and joints catalogue

4.1.1 Timber



The Timber command allows to consult the performance data of:

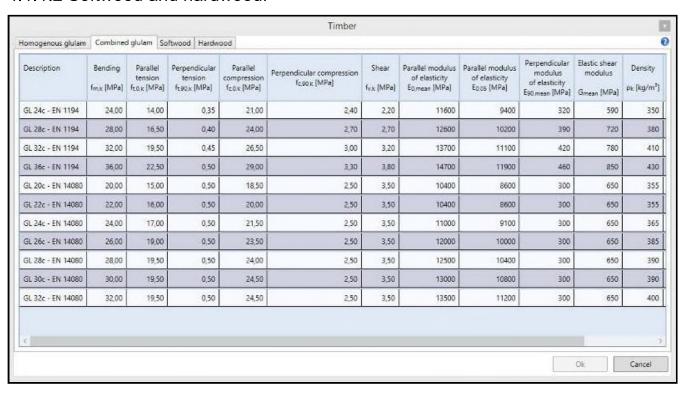
4.4.1.1 Homogenous and combined glulam:



The tables provide the mechanical properties values of different strength classes:

- f_{m.k}: bending strength;
- f_{t,0,k}: parallel tension strength;
- f_{t 90 k}: perpendicular tension strength;
- f_{c,0,k}: parallel compression strength;
- f_{c,90,k}: perpendicular compression strength;
- f_{v,k}: shear strength;
- E_{0,mean}: mean value of the parallel modulus of elasticity;
- E_{0.05}: characteristic value of parallel modulus of elasticity;
- E_{90,mean}: mean value of the perpendicular modulus of elasticity;
- G_{,mean}: mean value of the elastic shear modulus;
- ρ_{,k}: density (characteristic value);
- $\rho_{,m}$: density (mean value);
- γ: volumetric weight;

4.1.1.2 Softwood and hardwood:

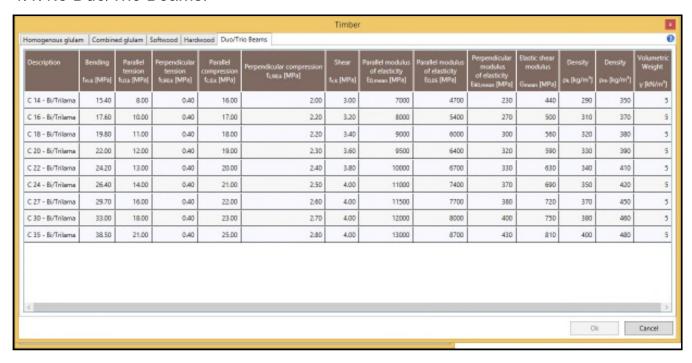


The tables provide the mechanical properties values of different strength classes>:

- f_{m,k}: Bending strength;
- f_{t.0.k}: Parallel tension strength;
- f_{t.90,k}: Perpendicular tension strength;
- f_{c.0.k}: Parallel compression strength;
- f_{c.90,k}: Perpendicular compression strength;
- f_{v.k}: Shear strength;

- E_{0.mean}: Mean value of the parallel modulus of elasticity;
- E_{0.05}: Characteristic value of parallel modulus of elasticity;
- E_{90,mean}: Mean value of the perpendicular modulus of elasticity;
- G_{.mean}: Mean value of the elastic shear modulus;
- $\rho_{.k}$: Density (characteristic value);
- $\rho_{,m}$: Density (mean value);
- γ: Volumetric weight;

4.1.1.3 Duo/Trio Beams:



The tables provide the mechanical properties values of different strength classes>:

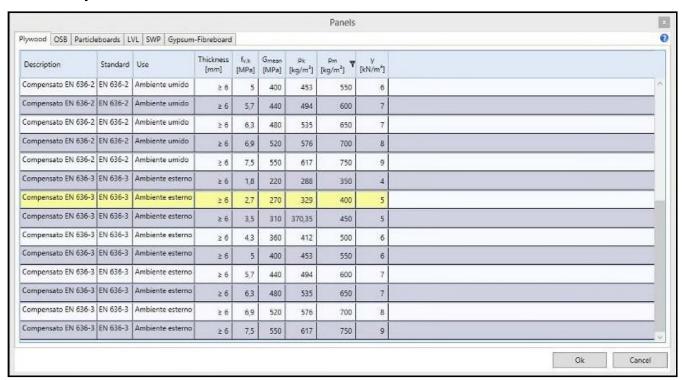
- f_{m,k}: Bending strength;
- f_{t,0,k}: Parallel tension strength;
- f_{t,90,k}: Perpendicular tension strength;
- f_{c,0,k}: Parallel compression strength;
- f_{c,90,k}: Perpendicular compression strength;
- f_{v,k}: Shear strength;
- E_{0.mean}: Mean value of the parallel modulus of elasticity;
- E_{0.05}: Characteristic value of parallel modulus of elasticity;
- E_{90.mean}: Mean value of the perpendicular modulus of elasticity;
- G_{.mean}: Mean value of the elastic shear modulus;
- $\rho_{.k}$: Density (characteristic value);
- $\rho_{,m}$: Density (mean value);
- γ: Volumetric weight;

4.1.2 Panels



The Panels command allows the user to consult the performance data of different panel types:

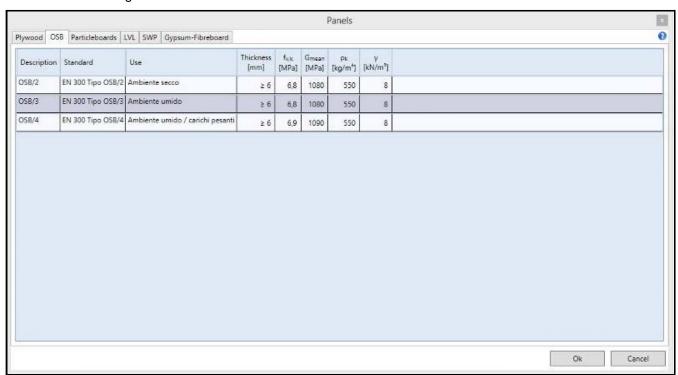
4.1.2.1 Plywood



The tables provide the mechanical properties values of different *use classes* (dry conditions, humid conditions and exterior conditions), according to EN 636-1, EN 636-2 and EN 636-3:

- · Thickness;
- f_{v,k}: Shear strength;
- G_{mean}: Mean value of Shear modulus;
- ρ_k: Characteristic density;
- ρ_m: Mean density;
- γ: Volumetric weight;

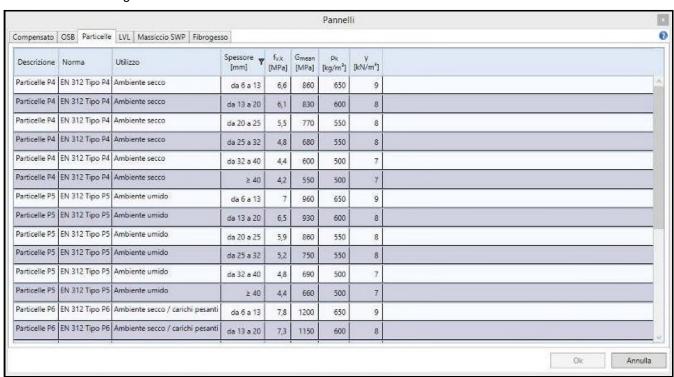
4.1.2.2 OSB



The tables provide the mechanical properties values of different *use classes*: panels OSB/2 in dry conditions, panels OSB/3 in humid conditions and panels OSB/4 for humid conditions and heavy loads according to EN 300:

- · Thickness;
- f_{v,k}: Shear strength;
- G_{mean}: Mean value of Shear modulus;
- ρ_k: Characteristic density;
- ρ_m: Mean density;
- γ:Volumetric weight;

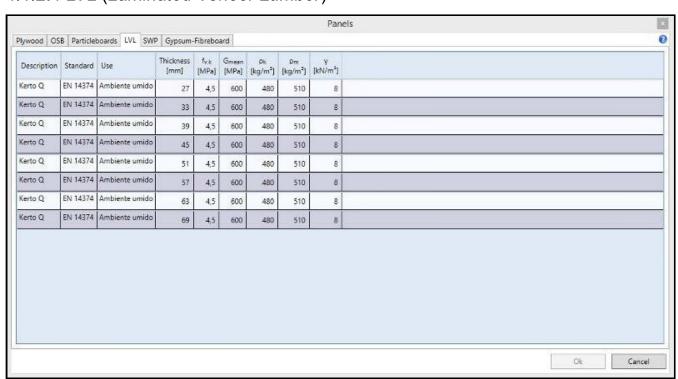
4.1.2.3 Particleboards



The tables provide, according to EN 312,the mechanical properties values of different particleboards: P4 type for the use in dry conditions, P5 in humid conditions, P6 for heavy loads and humid conditions:

- · Thickness;
- f_{v.k}: Shear strength;
- G_{mean}: Mean value of Shear modulus;
- ρ_k: Characteristic density;
- ρ_m: Mean density;
- γ:Volumetric weight;

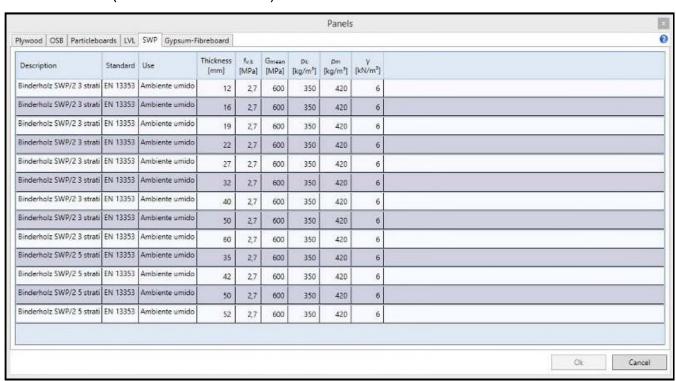
4.1.2.4 LVL (Laminated Veneer Lumber)



The table provides, in addition to the product description and the use conditions, according to EN 14374, the following mechanical and physical properties values:

- · Thickness;
- f_{v.k}: Shear strength;
- G_{mean}: Mean value of Shear modulus;
- ρ_k: Characteristic density;
- ρ_m: Mean density;
- γ:Volumetric weight;

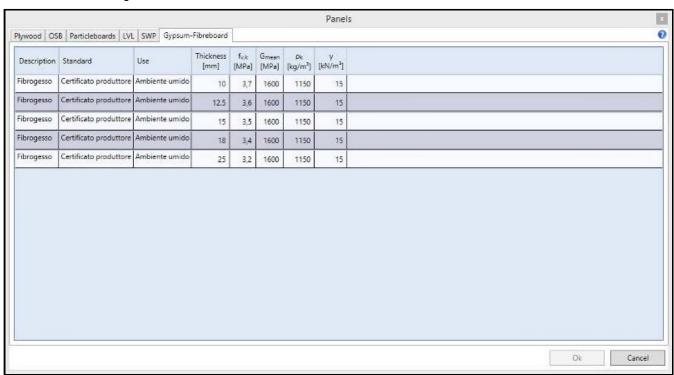
4.1.2.5 SWP (Solid Wood Panels)



The table provides, in addition to the product description and the use conditions, according to EN 13353, the following mechanical and physical properties values:

- · Thickness;
- f_{v,k}: Shear strength;
- G_{mean}: Mean value of Shear modulus;
- ρ_k: Characteristic density;
- ρ_m: Mean density;
- γ:Volumetric weight;

4.1.2.6 Gypsum-Fibreboard



The table provides, in addition to the product description and the use conditions, the following mechanical and physical properties values:

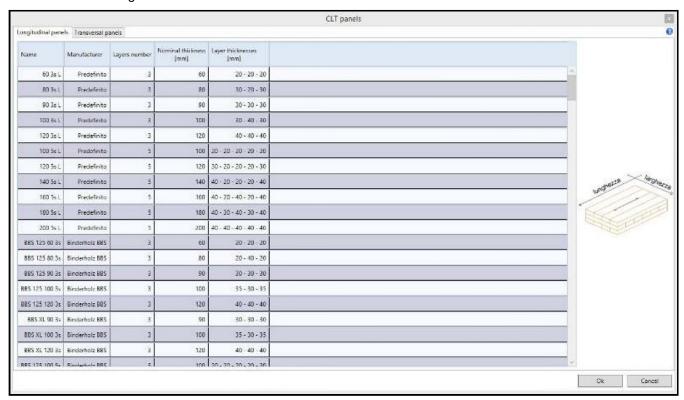
- · Thickness;
- f_{v.k}: Shear strength;
- G_{mean}: Mean value of Shear modulus;
- ρ_k: Characteristic density;
- ρ_m: Mean density;
- γ:Volumetric weight;

4.1.3 CLT

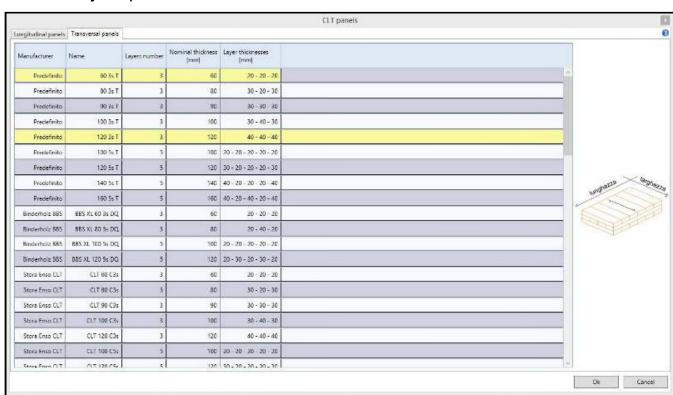


The *CLT command* provides the access to the performance table of the CLT panels (Cross laminated timber). There are two types of panels depending on the external layers orientation:

External layers parallel to the longitudinal direction



External layers parallel to the transversal direction



The table provide the mean product data:

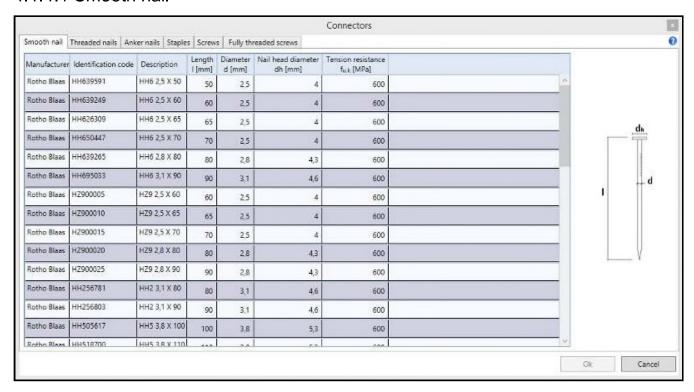
- Manufacturer;
- Code describing the product (for instance.: 90 3s L) nominal thickness, the number of layers, the external layers orientation (L: longitudinal orientation; T: transversal orientation);
- Nominal thickness;
- · Layers stratigraphy.

4.1.4 Fasteners



The Fasteners command allows the user to consult the performance tables with the technical data of the following products:

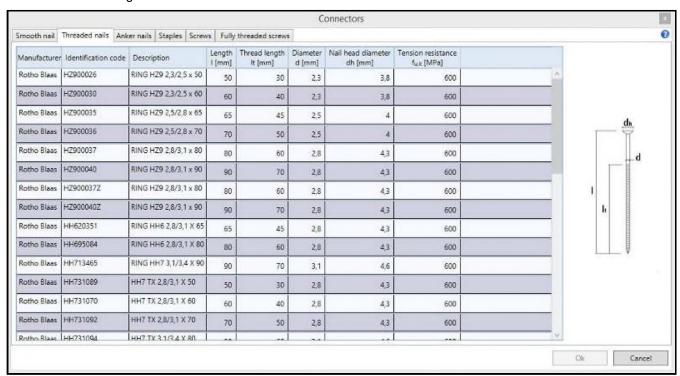
4.1.4.1 Smooth nail



The table provides the manufacturer, the identification code, the description and the following geometrical and mechanical values:

- I: Length;
- · d: Diameter;
- d_h: Head diameter;
- f_{u,k}: Tension strength;

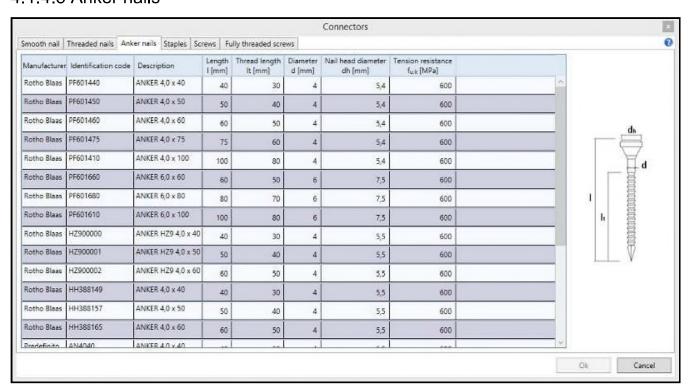
4.1.4.2 Threaded nails



The table provides the manufacturer, the identification code, the description and the following geometrical and mechanical values:

- I: Length;
- I_t: Threaded nails;
- · d: Diameter;
- d_h: Head diameter;
- f_{u,k}: Tension resistance.

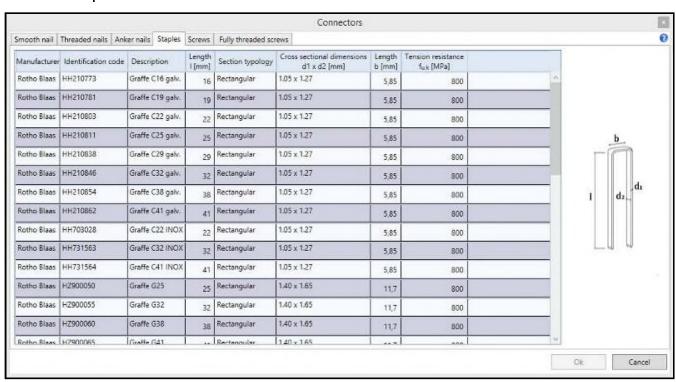
4.1.4.3 Anker nails



The table provides the manufacturer, the identification code, the description and the following geometrical and mechanical values:

- I: Length;
- I_t: Threaded nails;
- · d: Diameter;
- dh: Head diameter;
- f_{u.k}: Tension resistance.

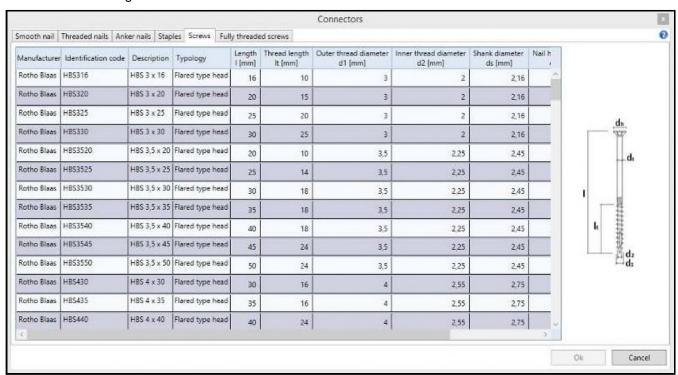
4.1.4.4 Staples



The table provides the manufacturer, the identification code, the description and the following geometrical and mechanical values:

- I: Length;
- Section typology;
- Cross sectional dimensions d₁ x d₂;
- b: length;
- f_{u,k}: tension strength;

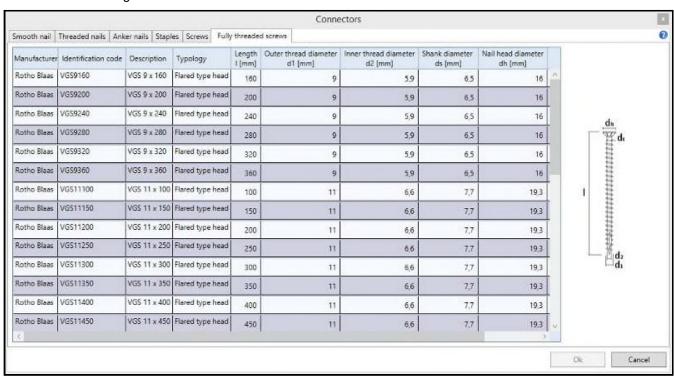
4.1.4.5 Screws



The table provides the manufacturer, the identification code, the description and the following geometrical and mechanical values:

- Type (Flared type head, large type head);
- I: length;
- d₁: Outer thread diameter;
- d₂: Inner thread diameter;
- d_s: Shank diameter;
- d_h: Nail head diameter;
- f_{u,k}: Tension strength;

4.1.4.6 Fully threaded screws



The table provides the manufacturer, the identification code, the description and the following geometrical and mechanical values:

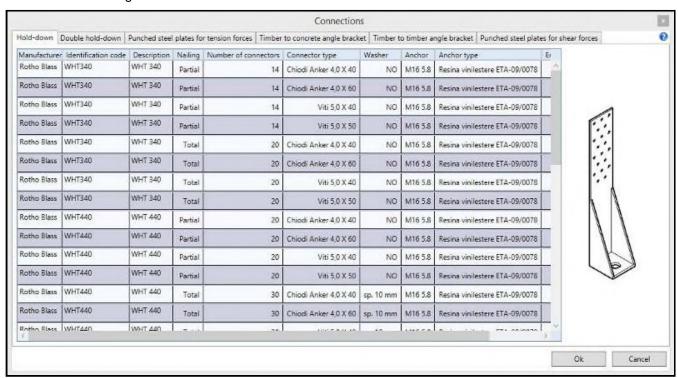
- Type (Flared type head, large type head);
- I: length;
- d₁: Outer thread diameter;
- d₂: Inner thread diameter;
- d_s: Shank diameter;
- d_h: Nail head diameter;
- f_{u,k}: Tension strength;

4.1.5 Anchors



The Connectors elements command provides the access to the performance table of anchors:

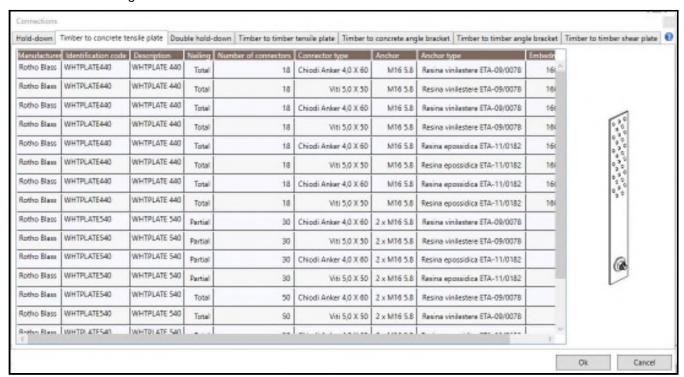
4.1.5.1 Hold-Down



The table provides the manufacturer, the identification code, the description, the geometrical and mechanical values, and the following implementing informations:

- Nailing: partial or total;
- · Connectors number: number of connectors used;
- · Connector type: nailed or screwed;
- Washer: if the washer are present they are identified by the thickness;
- Anchor: anchor type used in the anchoring system;
- Anchoring type: type used to fix the anchor;
- · Embedment depth;

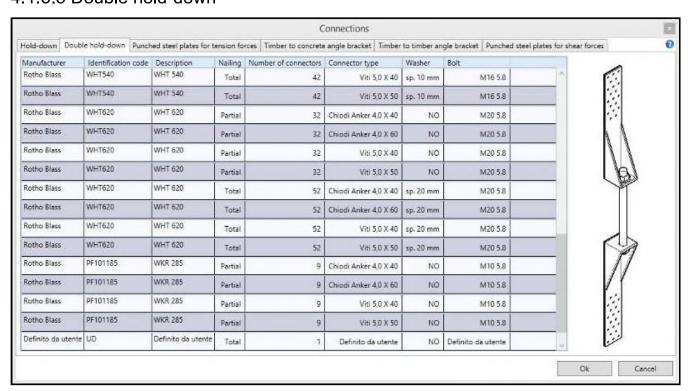
4.1.5.2 Timber to concrete tensile plate



The table provides the manufacturer, the identification code, the description, the geometrical and mechanical values, and the following implementing informations:

- · Nailing: partial or total;
- · Connectors number: number of connectors used;
- · Connector type: nailed or screwed;
- Anchor: anchor type used in the anchoring system;
- Anchoring type: type used to fix the anchor;
- Embedment depth;

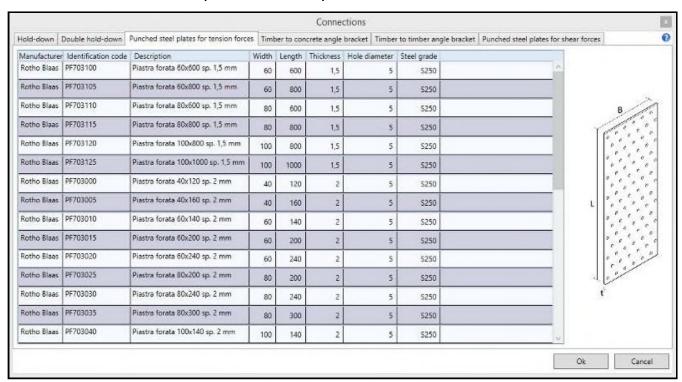
4.1.5.3 Double hold-down



The table provides the manufacturer, the identification code, the description, the geometrical and mechanical values, and the following implementing informations:

- · Nailing: partial or total;
- · Connectors number: number of connectors used;
- · Connector type: nailed or screwed;
- Washer: if the washer are present they are identified by the thickness;
- · Anchor: anchor type used in the anchoring system;

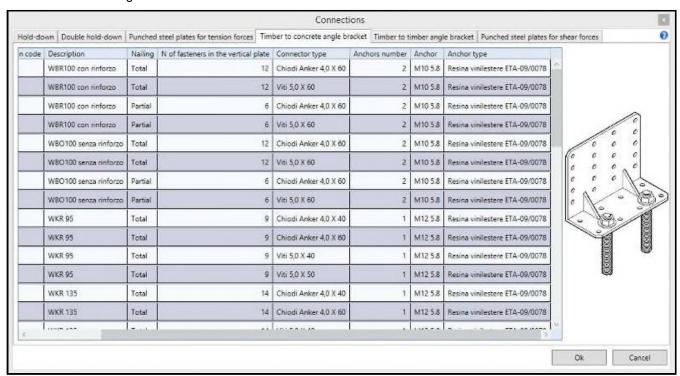
4.1.5.4 Timber to timber punched steel plates for tension forces



The table provides the manufacturer, the identification code, the description and the following geometrical and mechanical values:

- B: width;
- · L: length;
- · t: thickness;
- · hole diameter;
- · Steel grade;

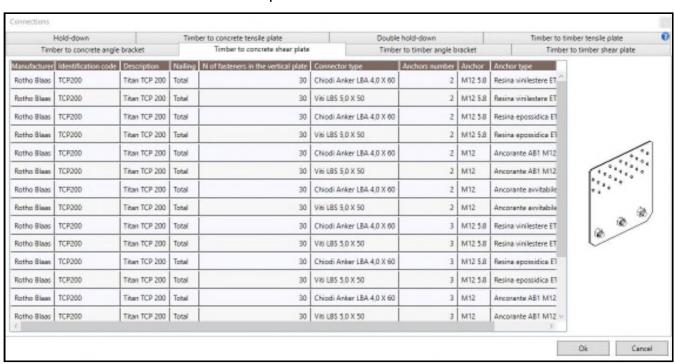
4.1.5.5 Timber to concrete angle bracket



The table provides the manufacturer, the identification code, the description and the following implementing informations:

- · Nailing: partial or total;
- · Connectors number: number of connectors used;
- · Connector type: nailed or screwed;
- · Number of anchors;
- Anchor: anchor type used;
- Anchoring type: type used to fix the anchor;

4.1.5.6 Timber to concrete shear plate



The table provides the manufacturer, the identification code, the description and the following implementing informations:

- · Nailing: partial or total;
- · Connectors number: number of connectors used;
- · Connector type: nailed or screwed;
- · Number of anchors;
- Anchor: anchor type used;
- Anchoring type: type used to fix the anchor;

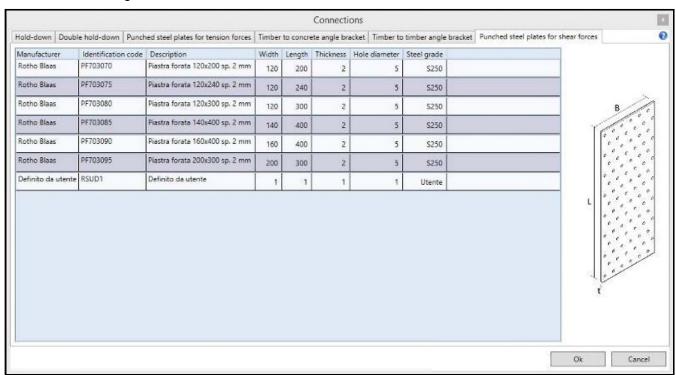
4.1.5.7 Timber to timber angle bracket



The table provides the manufacturer, the identification code, the description and the following implementing informations:

- · Nailing: partial or total;
- Number of fasteners in the vertical plate;
- Connector type: nailed or screwed according to the anchoring system sizes;
- Number of fasteners in the horizontal plate;

4.1.5.8 Timber to timber punched steel plates for shear forces



The table provides the manufacturer, the identification code, the description and the mechanical and geometrical proprieties:

- B: width;
- · L: length;
- t: thickness;
- · Hole diameter;
- · Steel grade;

4.2 Elements

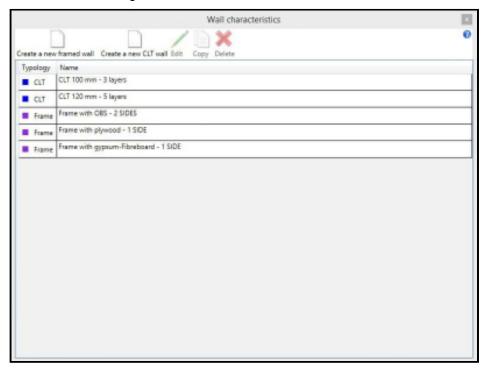


The *Elements* menu allows the user to fully define the geometrical characteristics of the structural elements and the walls connectors (type and number of anchors systems).

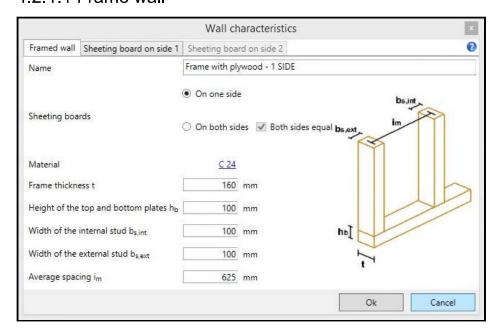
4.2.1 Wall type



The command *Wall Type* allows the user to define a wall type and to modify or copy an existing one. The user can select the predefined walls: frame walls or CLT walls.



4.2.1.1 Frame wall



The *Create Frame* command allows the user to define a new wall type, specifying the geometrical and mechanical properties of the frame and of the sheeting boards. In the first window the user can:

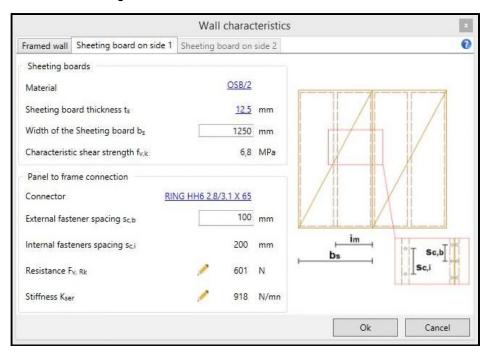
- · assign a name to the wall type;
- · define the sides number with sheeting boards;
- · define the frame material selecting the database data;
- · define the geometrical proprieties of the frame elements;

The geometrical proprieties of the frame elements are:

- Frame thickness t;
- Height of the top and bottom frame hb;
- Width of the internal stud b_{s.int};

- Width of the external stud b_{s.ext};
- Average spacing i_m;

The user can define the geometrical and mechanical characteristics of the sheeting board selecting the windows Sheeting board on side1/side2:



In these windows the user can assign:

- the external sheeting board material selecting OSB, plywood, particleboard or gypsum-fibreboard from the database;
- · the connectors type, consulting the database;
- the geometrical characteristics of the boards;
- · the external fasteners spacing;

The geometrical characteristics of the boards are:

- Sheeting boards thickness t_s;
- Sheeting boards width b_s;

The internal fasteners spacing $s_{c,i}$ is deduced from the external one $s_{c,b}$ according to UNI EN 1995-1-1: 2005, point 10.8.2: $s_{c,i} = min(2s_{c,b}; 300 \text{ mm})$.

The total strength of the board-frame connection $F_{v,Rk}$, shown in the window, is deduced according to UNI EN 1995-1-1: 2005, point 8.2.2.

The fasteners stiffness K_{ser} , shown in the window, is calculated according to UNI EN 1995-1-1: 2005, point 7.1.

Note:



Left-clicking the mouse on this icon, the user can modify the strength and the stiffness of the wall.

4.2.1.2 CLT



The command *Create CLT wall* allows the user to create a new wall type, defining the geometrical and mechanical characteristics of the CLT panels. In the first window the user has to:

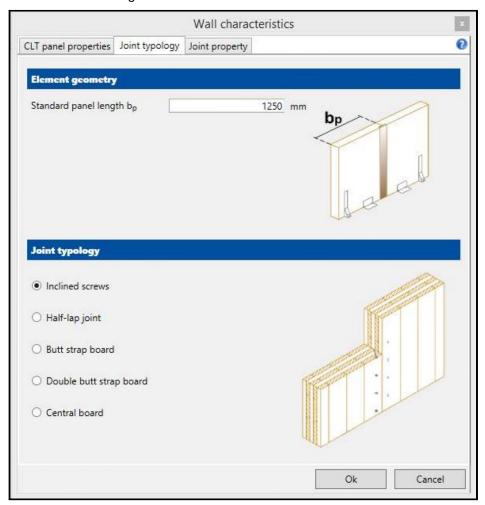
- select, by the checkbox, the monolithic or jointed wall;
- · assign the name to the new wall;
- select the panel cross section and the panel material from the Database.

The user can rotate by 90 degrees the orientation of the panel layers.

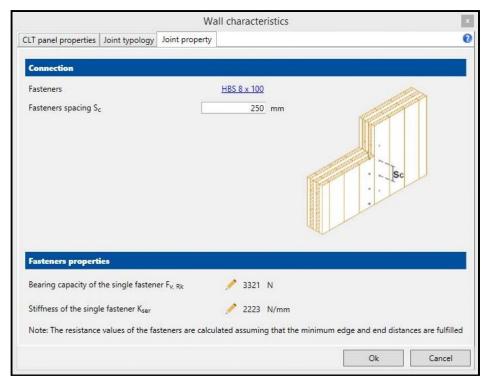
According to the selection, the software calculates the shear modulus G_{eff}, with reference to the model proposed in the publication *Verification of CLT-plates under loads in plane - Bogensperger T. Moosbrugger T. e Silly*". The user can modify the value on the basis experimental results or more accurate models.

If the user selects the jointed wall, the definition of the joints type and proprieties will be done in the following windows:

Joint typology



Joint property



The user can define:

- The joint typology consulting the Database;
- The fasteners spacing S_c;

The bearing capacity of the single fastener $F_{v,Rk}$, provided in the dialog box, is calculated according to the UNI EN 1995-1-1: 2005, point 8.2.2.

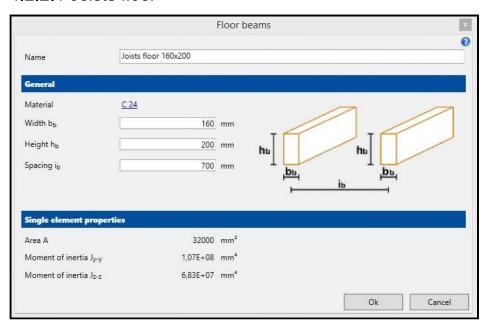
The stiffness of the single fastener K_{ser} , provided in the dialog box, is calculated according to the UNI EN 1995-1-1: 2005, point 7.1.

4.2.2 Floor type



The command *Floor type* provides the definition of the floor type and to modify or copy the existing ones. The user can even select a predefined floor type: joist floor, solid wood floor and CLT floor.

4.2.2.1 Joists floor



The *Create Joists Floor* command is used to create a new floor type and to define the beams characteristics. In the dialog box the user can:

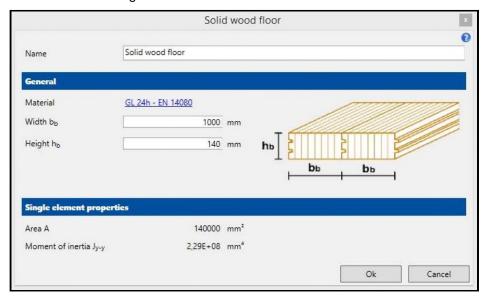
- assign a name to the new floor;
- · define the beam material from the internal Database;
- · define the beams geometrical proprieties;

The geometrical proprieties of the beams are:

- Beam width b_b;
- Beam height h_b;
- Spacing of the beams i_b;

The assumed value of the inertial proprieties are shown in the dialog box.

4.2.2.2 Solid wood floor



The command *Create a Solid wood floor* allows the user to define a new Solid wood floor type, and to define the geometrical proprieties of the single element. The user has to define, in the dialog box:

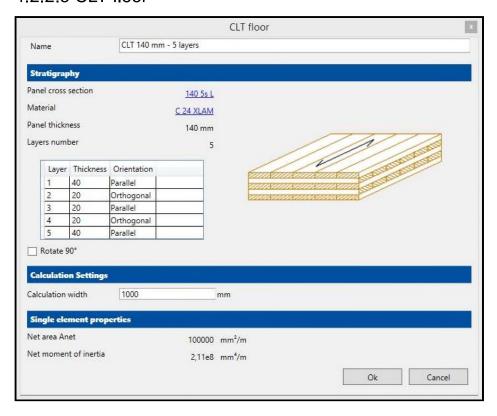
- assign a name to the new floor;
- define the panels material from the internal Database;
- define the geometrical proprieties of the glulam panels;

The user has to define the following geometrical proprieties:

- Panel width b_b;
- Section height of the panel h_b;

The area value and inertial proprieties are provided in the dialog box.

4.2.2.3 CLT floor



The command *Create a CLT floor* allows the user to define a new CLT floor type, and to define the geometrical proprieties of CLT panels. The user has to define, in the dialog box:

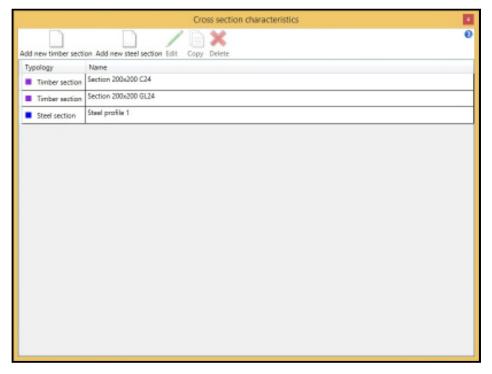
- assign a name to the new floor;
- define the panels stratigraphy from the internal Database;
- · define the material proprieties;
- define the orientation of the external layers: parallel or orthogonal to the calculation direction;
- define the calculation width: the width used to verify the panels that is the spacing used to solve the static model;

The dialog box provides the inertial proprieties: the net area and the net moment of inertia.

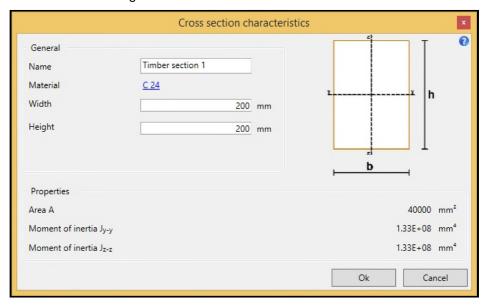
4.2.3 Timber cross section



The command *Cross section* allows the user to define a beam cross section and to modify or copy an existing one. The user can select a predefined cross section.



If the user clicks the Add new timber section command, he will define a new section:

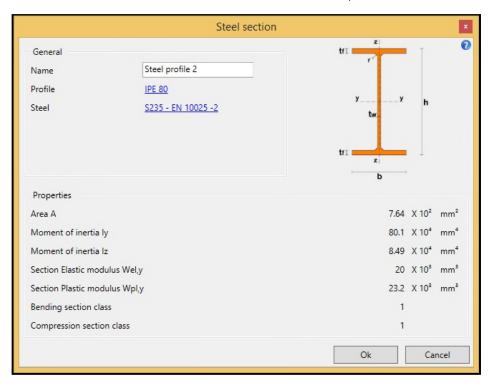


In the dialog box the user has to:

- assign the name to the new section;
- · assign the section material, consulting the internal Database;
- · assign the geometrical proprieties of the section

The dialog box provides the inertial proprieties: area and inertial moments about the main axes.

If the user clicks the *Add new steel section* command, he will define a new section:



In the dialog box the user has to:

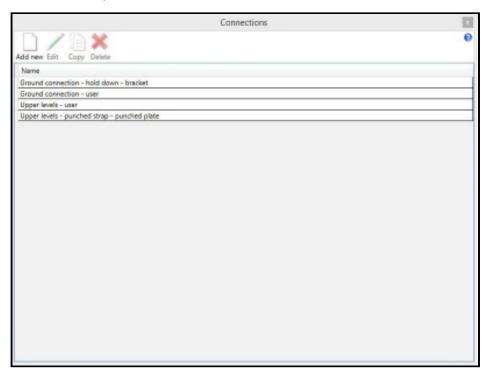
- · assign the name to the new section;
- assign the steel profile, consulting the internal Database;
- · assign the steel type

The dialog box provides the inertial proprieties: area, inertial moments, elastic and plastic modulus about the main axes.

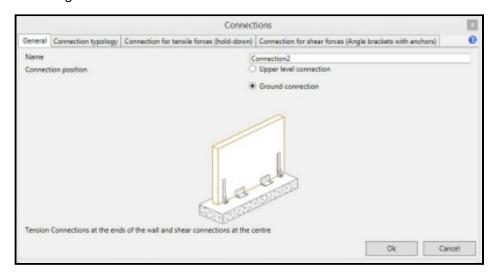
4.2.4 Connections



The command is used to define a new connection and to modify or to copy an existing one. The user can also choose a predefined connection.



Selecting the Add new command the user can "create" a new connection:



In the first dialog box the user can:

- assign the name;
- assign, by the checkbox, the connection position (ground connection, upper level connection);

According to the connection position, the next dialog box allows the user to define the connection typology (for tension and shear forces).

Note: calculation of the bearing capacity of the nailing - values from certificate

For connections in whose certificate is provided the characteristic value of the nailing resistance (hold down, double hold down, timber to concrete tensile plate, timber to concrete angle bracket, timber to timber angle bracket, timber to concrete shear plate) the following applies.

 R_k indicates the characteristic value of the bearing capacity of the nailing assumiong that the minimum edge and end distances are fulfilled and with reference to a characteristic density of the timber equal to 350 kg/m³. For a density of the used material lower than 350 kg/m³ in the calculation phase the resistance of the nailing will be corrected using the following equation

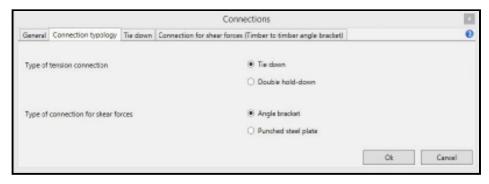
 $R_{k,dens} = R_k \cdot (\rho_k / 350)^2$. In the calculation the resistance of the nailing will be evaluated using the actual density of the wood used.

Note: calculation of the resistance of the nailing - calculated values (Johansen theory)

For connections in which the value of the bearing capacity of the nailing is calculated using the theory of Johansen (timber to timber tensile plates and timber to timber shear plates) the following applies.

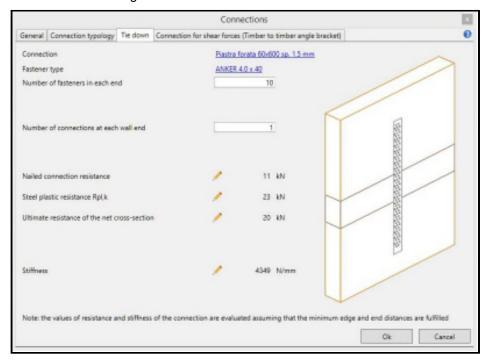
 R_k indicates the characteristic value of the bearing capacity of the nailing assuming that the minimum edge and end distances are fulfilled and with reference to a characteristic density of the timber equal to 350 kg/m³. The characteristic load-carrying capacity of a steel-to-timber connection depends on the thickness of the steel plates: for steel plates of thickness more than or equal to t_{thick} the calculation is done in the hypothesis of thick plate, whereas in the case of plates with thicknesses less than t_{thick} the calculation is done by linear interpolation between the limiting thin (plates with a thickness equal to t_{min}) and thick plate values.

4.2.4.1 Upper level connection



The next dialog boxes allow the user to fully define the connectors used for the chosen connection.

Tension connection *Tie down*:



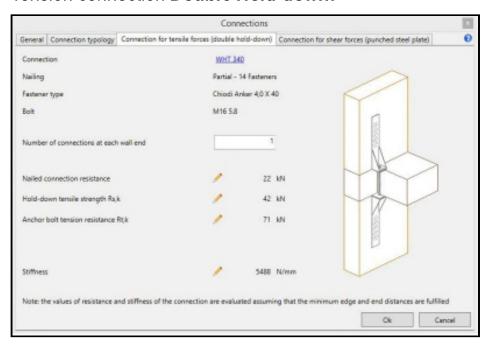
The user can define:

- · the connector type;
- · the fasteners type;
- · the number of fasteners in each end
- · the number of connections at each wall end

The dialog box provides:

- the nailed connection resistance R_{c,k};
- the steel plastic resistance R_{c,pl};
- the ultimate resistance of the net cross-section R_{u,k};
- the stiffness value.

Tension connection **Double Hold-down**:



The user can define in the dialog box:

- the connector type;
- the eccentricity coefficient;
- the number of connections at each wall end;

The dialog provides:

- · the fasteners type;
- · the bolt type;
- the nailed connection resistance R_{c,k};
- the Hold-down tensile strength R_{s,k};
- the anchor bolt tension resistance R_{t,k};
- the stiffness.

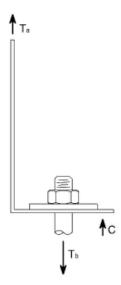
Note: eccentricity coefficient

The tension force acting on the bolt is calculated taking into account the additional moment due to the non-alignment between the external force acting on the vertical flange of the hold down and the bolt itself using a coefficient indicated as k_t.

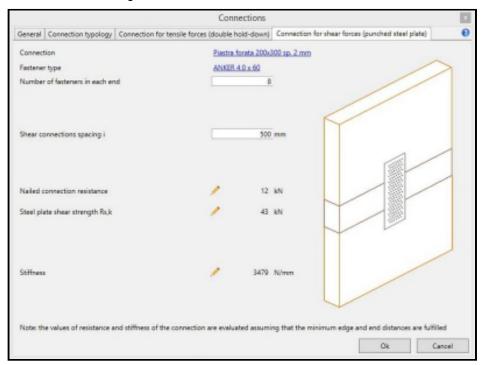
$$T_b = T_a \cdot k_t$$

where

- T_b: is the tension force acting on the bolt increased by the effect of the eccentricity between the flange and bolt
- Ta: is the tension force acting on the hold down
- kt: is the eccentricity coefficient



Connection for shear forces Punched steel plate:



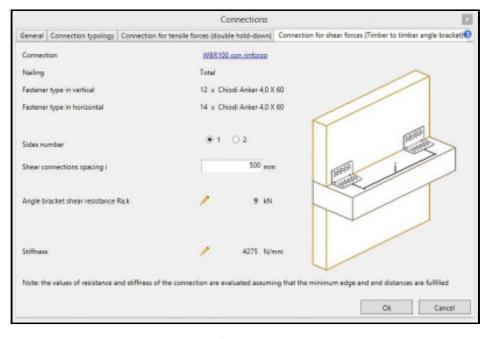
In the dialog box the user can define:

- the connector type;
- · the fasteners type;
- the number of fasteners in each end;
- the shear connections spacing;

The dialog box provides:

- the nailed connection resistance R_{c,k};
- the steel plate shear strength R_{c,pl;}
- the stiffness.

Connection for shear forces Angle bracket:



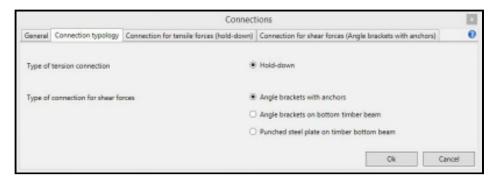
In the dialog box the user can define:

- the connector type;
- the sides number (1/2) on which to apply the connection;
- shear connections spacing i;

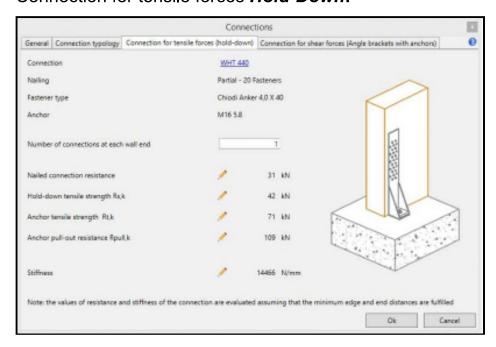
The dialog box provides:

- the fastener type;
- · the faster type in vertical;
- · the fastener type in horizontal;
- the angle bracket shear resistance Ra,k;
- · the stiffness.

4.2.4.2 Ground connection



Connection for tensile forces Hold-Down:



In the dialog box the user can define:

- the connector type;
- the eccentricity coefficient;
- the number of connections at each wall end;

The box provides:

- the nailing type;
- the fastener type;
- · the anchor type;
- the nailed connection resistance R_{c,k};
- the hold-down tensile strength R_{s,k};
- the anchor tensile strength R_{t,k};
- the stiffness.

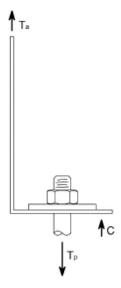
Note: eccentricity coefficient

The tension force acting on the anchor is calculated taking into account the additional moment due to the non-alignment between the external force acting on the vertical flange of the hold down and the anchor itself using a coefficient indicated as k_t .

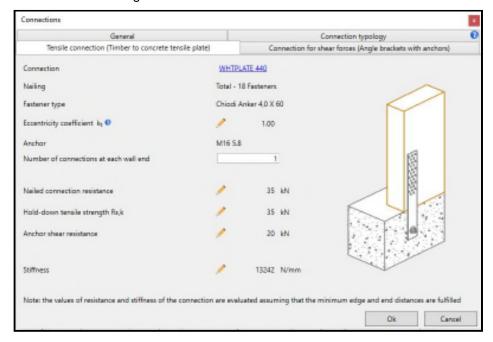
$$T_p = T_a \cdot k_t$$

where

- T_p : is the tension force acting on the anchor increased by the effect of the eccentricity between the flange and the anchor
- Ta: is the tension force acting on the hold down
- k_t: is the eccentricity coefficient



Connection for tensile forces Timber to concrete tensile plate:



In the dialog box the user can define:

- the connector type;
- the eccentricity coefficient k_t;
- · the number of connections at each wall end;

The box provides:

- · the nailing type;
- the fastener type;
- · the anchor type;
- the nailed connection resistance R_{c,k};
- the plate tensile strength R_{s,k};
- the anchor shear strength R_{v,k};
- · the stiffness.

Note: eccentricity coefficient

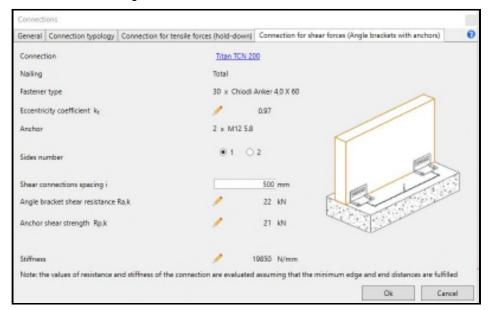
The shear force acting on the anchor is calculated taking into account the redistribution of the total force acting on the plate between all the anchors present. This redistribution is assessed through a partition coefficient, denoted by k_t .

$$V_p = T_a \cdot k_t$$

where

- V_p: is the shaer force acting on the anchor
- Ta: is the tension force acting on the metal plate
- kt: is the eccentricity coefficient

Connection for shear forces Angle bracket with anchors:



In the dialog box the user can define:

- the connector type;
- · the eccentricity coefficient;
- the sides number (1/2) on which to apply the connection;
- the shear connections spacing i;

The dialog box provides

- · the nailing type;
- the fastener type;
- · the anchor type;
- the angle bracket shear resistance Ra,k;
- the anchor shear strength R_{p,k};
- · the stiffness.

Note: eccentricity coefficient

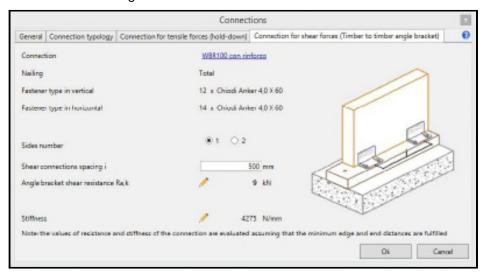
The shear force acting on the most loaded anchor is calculated taking into account the additional moment due to the non-alignment between the external forces acting on the vertical flange of the angle bracket and the anchor itself using a coefficient, indicated as k_t .

$$V_p = V_a \cdot k_t$$

where

- V_p : is the shear force acting on the anchor increased by the effect of the eccentricity between the flange and the anchor
- Va: is the shear force acting on the angle bracket
- kt: is the eccentricity coefficient

Connection for shear forces Angle bracket on bottom timber beam:



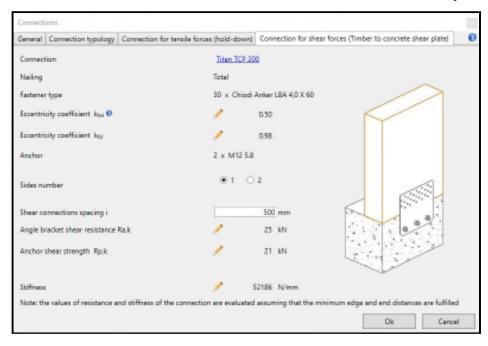
In the dialog box the user can define:

- the connector type;
- the sides number (1/2) on which to apply the connection;
- he shear connections spacing i;

The dialog box provides:

- · the nailing type;
- the fastener type in vertical;
- · the fastener type in horizontal;
- the angle bracket shear resistance R_{a,k};
- the stiffness;

Connection for shear forces *Timber to concrete shear plate*:



In the dialog box the user can define:

- the connector type;
- the eccentricity coefficient ktH;

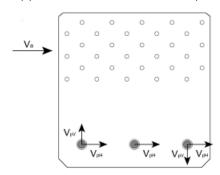
- the eccentricity coefficient k_{tV};
- the anchor type;
- the sides number (1/2) on which to apply the connection;
- the shear connections spacing i;

The dialog box provides:

- the angle bracket shear resistance R_{a.k};
- the anchor shear strength R_{p,k};
- · the stiffness;

Note: eccentricity coefficient

The shear force acting on the most loaded anchor can be considered composed by two components: a component parallel to the shear force acting on the plate and a component orthogonal to it. The latter one is due to the additional moment associated with the lever arm between the nailing (point of application of external forces) and the row of anchors.



The two components of the shear force acting on the anchor can be evaluated by means of two factors k_{tH} and k_{tV}

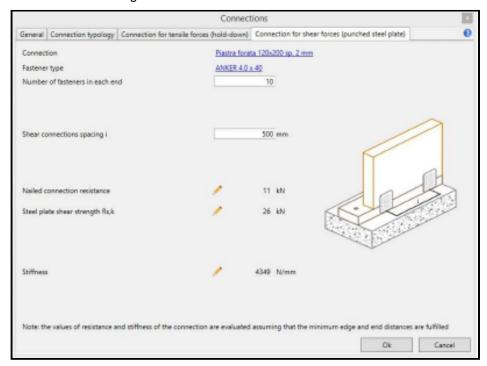
$$V_{p,H} = V_a \cdot k_{tH}$$

$$V_{p,V} = V_a \cdot k_{tv}$$

The total shear force acting on the anchor can be calculated with the following expression

$$V_p = [(V_{p,H})^2 + (V_{p,V})^2]^{1/2}$$

Connection for shear forces Punched steel plate on timber bottom beam:



In the dialog box the user can define:

- · the connectors type;
- · the fasteners type;
- · the number of fasteners in each end;
- · the shear connections spacing;

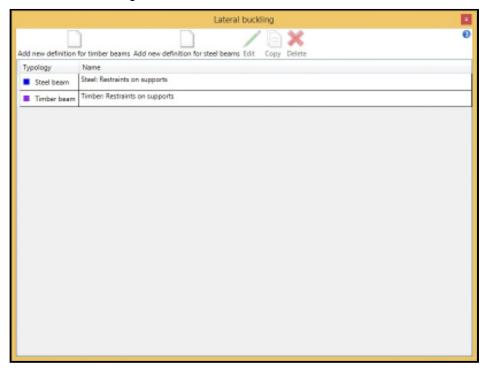
The dialog box provides:

- the nailed connection resistance R_{c,k};
- the steel plate shear strength R_{s.k.}
- · the stiffness;

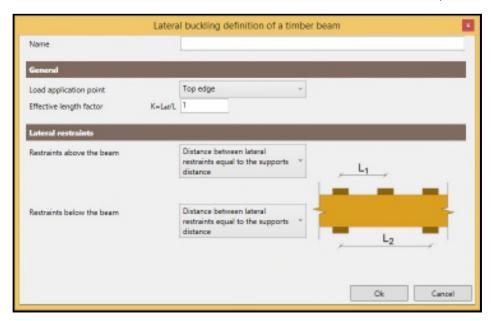
4.2.5 Lateral buckling



The command *Lateral buckling* allows the user to define the restraints on supports for a group of beams and to modify or copy an existing one. The user can select a predefined group of restraints on support.



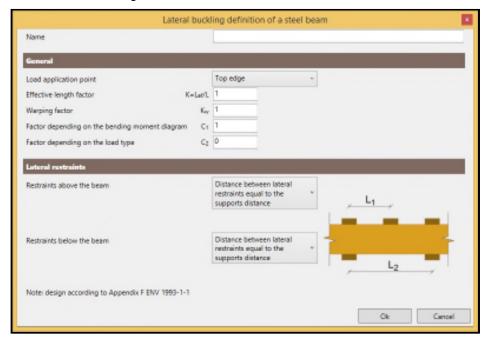
If the user clicks the *Add new definition for timber beams* command, he will define a new group:



In the dialog box the user has to:

- assign the name to the new group;
- · assign the load application point;
- · assign the effective lenght factor;
- assign the lateral restraints;

If the user clicks the *Add new definition for* steel *beams* command, he will define a new group:



In the dialog box the user has to:

- · assign the name to the new group;
- · assign the load application point;
- assign the effective length factor, the warping factor and factors depending on the bending moment diagram and the load type;
- · assign the lateral restraints;

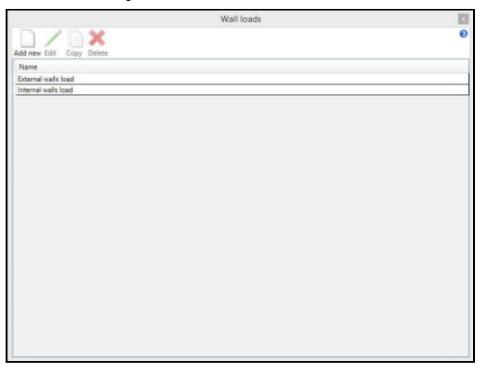
4.2.6 Loads



4.2.6.1 Wall loads



The Wall loads command is used to assign loads to the wall and to edit or copy the existing ones (the software distinguishes the loads between internal and external walls):

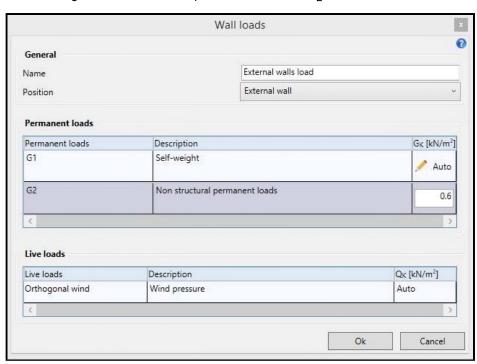


The user can define new wall loads selecting the command Add new. In the dialog box the user has to:

- · assign the name to the load;
- define the wall position (internal or external);

If the user defines an External wall he will:

- modify the self-weight load G₁, calculated automatically by the software, clicking the special icon;
- assign a non structural permanent loads G₂;

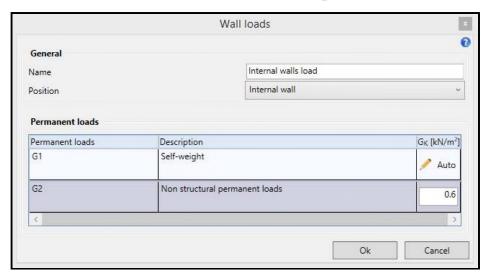


The variable load *Wind pressure* can not be modified, because it is automatically calculated according to the model geolocation;

If the user defines an Internal wall, he will:

• modify the self-weight load G₁, calculated automatically by the software, clicking the special icon;

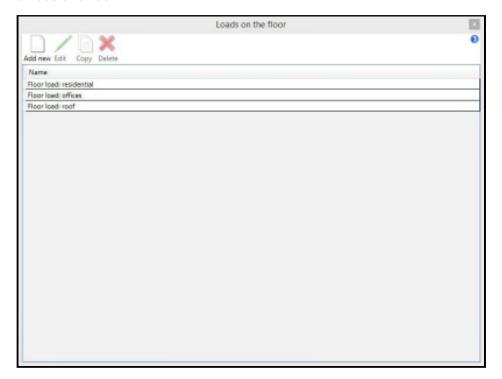
assign a non structural permanent loads G₂;



4.2.6.2 Floor loads;



The command *Floor loads* is used to assign loads to the floors and to edit or copy the existing ones. In the dialog box the user can select the predefined loads depending on the different uses: residential, offices and roof:



If the user select the Add new command, he will assign the floor loads. In the dialog box the user has to:

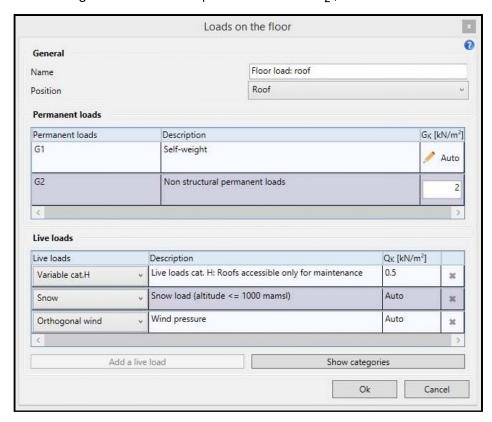
- · assign the name to the floor load;
- define the floor position by the drop-down menu (roof or floor);

4.2.6.2.1 Roof

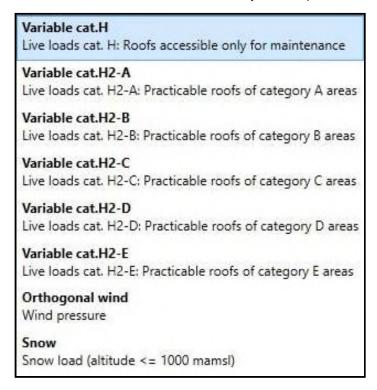
If the user chooses the Roof he will:

• modify the self-weight load G₁, calculated automatically by the software, clicking the special icon;

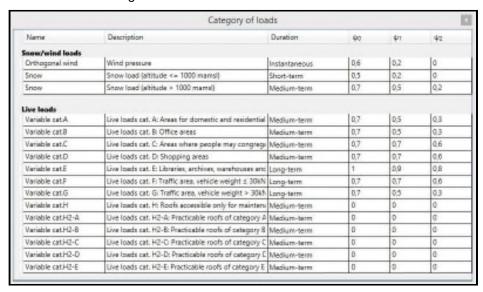
assign a non structural permanent loads G₂;



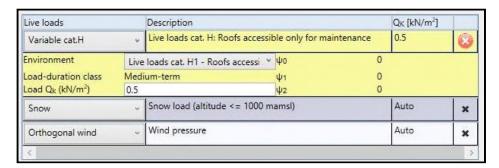
The user will edit the variable loads by the drop-down menu Variable, selecting the load category:



The *Show category* command provides the access to the table which defines the variable loads category, according to the point 3.1.4 of the Italian Technical Code (NTC 2008):



The user can delete selected loads by clicking the special icon on the right side of the *Vertical loads* window:



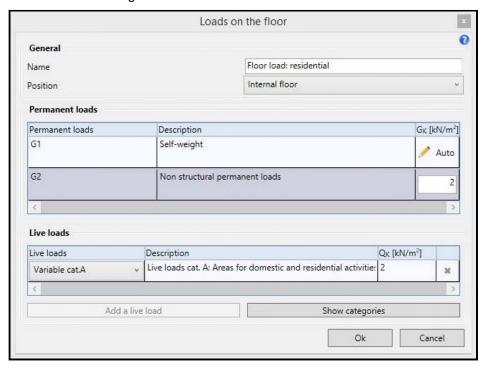
The user can add a new variable loads selecting the Add a live load command.

The wind load and the snow load can not be modified by the user because they are automatically calculated according to the model geolocation.

4.2.6.2.2 Internal floor

If the user defines the Internal floor he will:

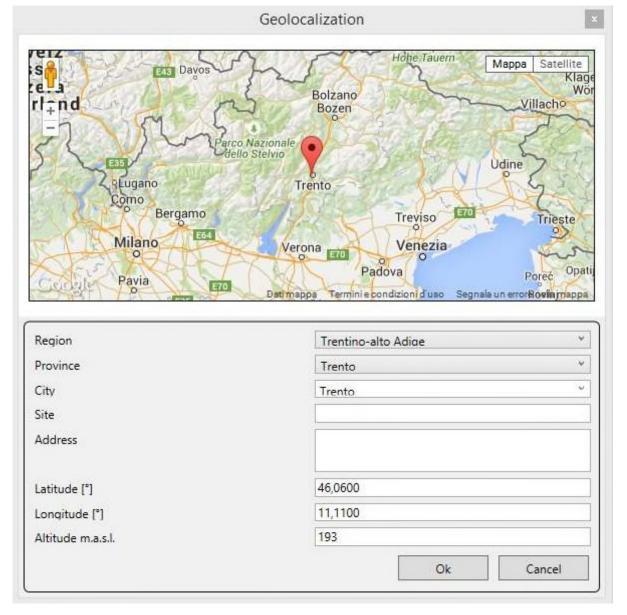
- modify the self-weight load G₁, calculated automatically by the software, clicking the special icon;
- assign a non structural permanent loads G₂;
- assign the variable load Q_k selecting the corresponding icon;



5 Project Properties Tools



5.1 Geolocation

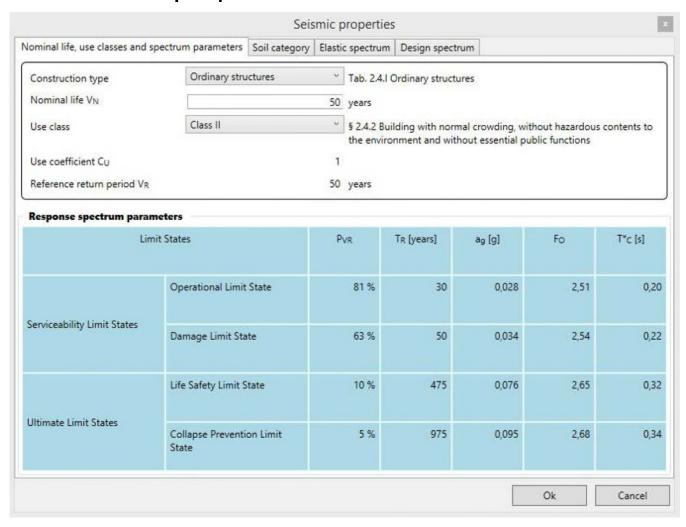


The command *Geolocation* allows the user to define the site of the building. The site can be located in the following ways:

- placing the cursor on map;
- selecting, in the corresponding drop-down menu, the region, the province and the city of the structure site;

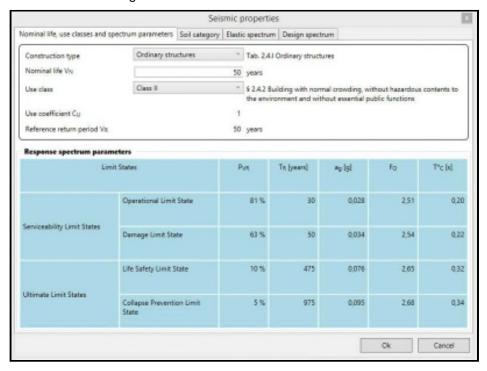
• typing directly the coordinates (latitude e longitude) and the altitude in meters above the sea level.

5.2 Seismic properties



The command *seismic proprieties* allows the user to define the seismic parameters according to the Italian Technical Code: *Nuove Norme Tecniche per le costruzioni* (chapter 3, section 3.2)

5.2.1 Nominal life, use class and spectrum parameters



The user has to define, in the dialog box:

- the construction type (by the drop-down menu);
- the nominal life V_N;
- the use class in the corresponding drop-down menu;

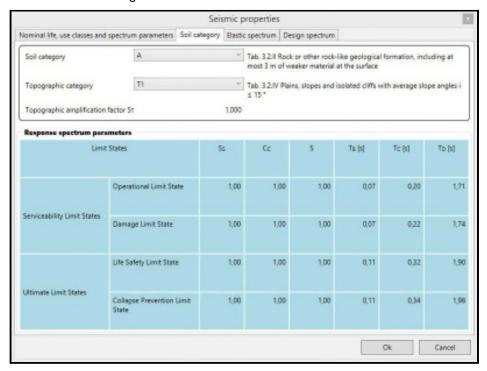
The dialog box provides:

- the use coefficients values C_U, corresponding to the selected use class;
- the reference return period value V_R given by the equation $V_R = V_N x C_U$;

The window shows the parameters, corresponding to the Serviceability Limit States and Ultimate Limit States, used to define the elastic response spectrum:

- P_R: exceedance probability in the reference return period;
- T_R: reference return period corresponding to the exceedance probability;
- a_q: design ground acceleration;
- F₀: horizontal spectral acceleration amplification factor;
- T^{*}_C: period when the spectrum constant-velocity starts;

5.2.2 Soil category



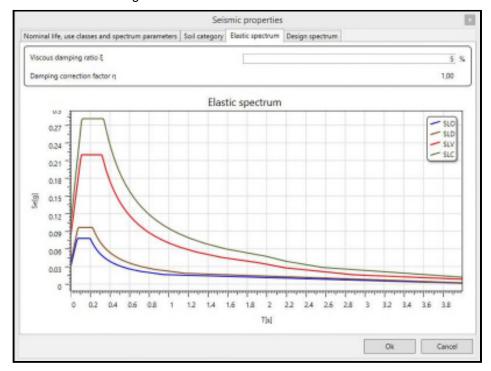
In the dialog box the user will:

- the soil category in the drop-down menu;
- the topographic category in the corresponding drop-down menu;
- the ratio between the height h of the site and the height H of the hill;

The dialog box provides the topographic amplification factor S_T and, corresponding to the Serviceability Limit States and the Ultimate Limit State, the value of the following parameters:

- S_S: is stratigraphic amplification factor;
- C_C: is a coefficient depending on the category of subsoil;
- S: is the Soil Factor depending on the soil category and on the topographic category. The parameter is obtained by the formula S = S_S·S_T;
- T_B : is the period when the plateau at constant acceleration of the spectrum starts, defined by the expression $T_B = T_C/3$;
- T_C : is the period when this plateau ends defined by the expression $T_C = C_C \cdot T_C^*$;
- T_D is the value defining the beginning of the constant displacement response range of the spectrum defined by the expression T_D = 4,0·a_q/g +1,6;

5.2.3 Elastic spectrum



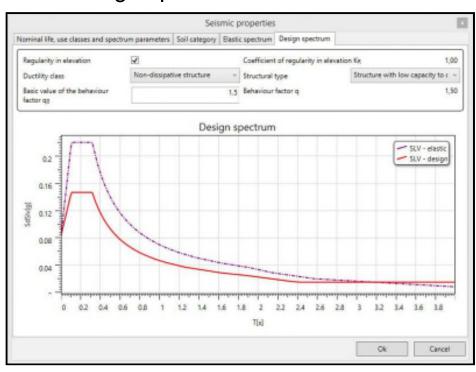
The elastic spectra, corresponding to the Serviceability Limit States and Ultimate Limit States, are displayed in the window. They are fully defined by the user parameters according to the expressions of the **Italian Technical Code** (Norme Tecniche per le costruzioni) at the point **3.2.3.2.1**.

The user must define:

• the value of the *viscous damping ratio* ξ (expressed as a percentage), depending on the materials, structural typology and soil category.

The value of the *viscous damping ratio* depends on the damping correction factor η , which modifies the response spectrum in case of ξ different from 5%.

5.2.3 Design spectrum



The design spectrum is displayed in the dialog box (the red line). This spectrum is obtained applying the behaviour factor **q**; it considers the dissipative capacity of the structure. The Italian Technical Standards (**NTC 2008**), point **3.2.3.5**, provide the following prescription:

If the Ultimate Limit State checks are not carried out through the use of appropriate accelerograms and dynamic analysis by time step integration, in order to design or check the structures, the dissipative capabilities can be brought into account by reducing the elastic forces; the reduction takes **simply** into account the inelastic energy dissipation capacity of the structure, its overstrength and the increase of its own period as a result of plasticisation. In this case, the design spectrum $S_d(T)$ to be used both for the horizontal components and for the vertical component, is the corresponding elastic spectrum with the ordinates reduced by replacing in the formulas **3.2.3.2.1** η with 1/q.

The user, in the dialog box, must:

- define the structural regularity in elevation;
- · define the ductility class;
- modify if necessary, the basic value of the behaviour factor q₀, provided by the Italian Technical Standars NTC 2008, point 7.7.3;

The dialog box provides:

- the coefficient of regularity in elevation K_R, which is equal to 1 in case of regularity in elevation and 0,8 otherwise;
- the behaviour factor calculated by the formula $q = q_0 \cdot K_R$;

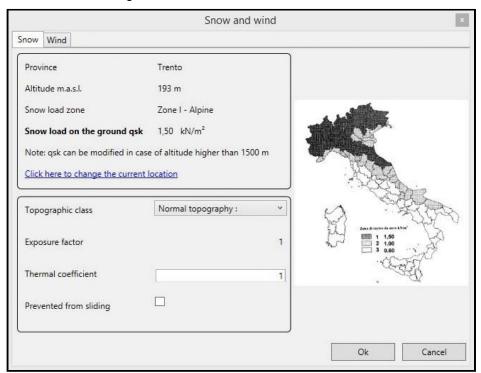
5.3 Snow/Wind



The command *SnowlWind* allows the user to complete the loads definitions according to the structural site geolocation.

The wind load and the snow one are obtained according to the Italian Technical Standards **NTC 2008** at the point **3.3** (*Wind loads*) and **3.4** (*Snow loads*), respectively.

5.3.1 Snow



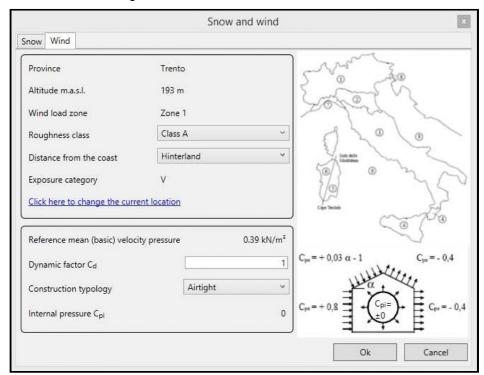
In the dialog box the user has to:

- select, in the drop-down menu, the site topographic class according to the location of the structure;
- edit the exposure factor C_E provided by the software;
- choose, in the checkbox, whether the snow is prevented from sliding;
- edit, if necessary, the site geolocation;

The dialog box provides:

- the province where the structure is located;
- · the site altitude in meters above sea level;
- the Snow load zone;
- the snow load on the ground q_{sk};
- the assumed thermal coefficient Ct;

5.3.2 Wind



In the dialog box the user has to:

- select, in the drop-down menu, the site topographic class according to the structure location;
- select, in the drop-down menu, the distance from the coast used to define the exposure category;
- modify the dynamic C_d assumed by the software;
- select, in the drop-down menu, the construction typology depending on the external openings; this
 datum is used to calculate the internal pressure C_{Di};

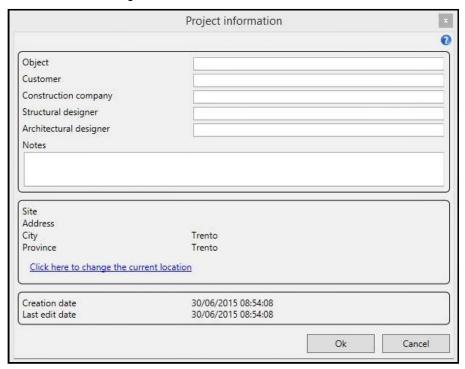
The dialog box provides:

- the province where the structure is located;
- the site altitude in meter above sea level;
- the wind load zone;
- the exposure category of the site;
- the reference mean (basic) velocity pressure q₀;
- the internal pressure C_{pi}.

5.4 Project informations



The command *Project informations* allows the user to type, in the dialog box, the informations about the project object, the customer, the construction company, the structural designer and the architectural designer. In the dialog box the user can modify, if necessary, the site geolocation.

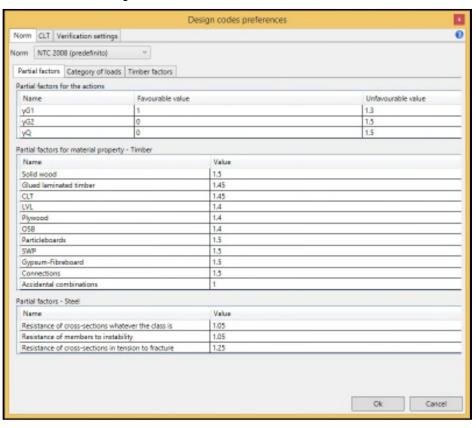


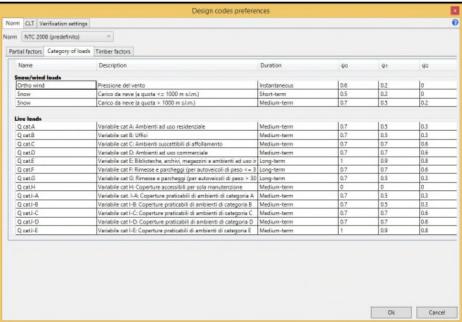
5.5 Design codes preferences

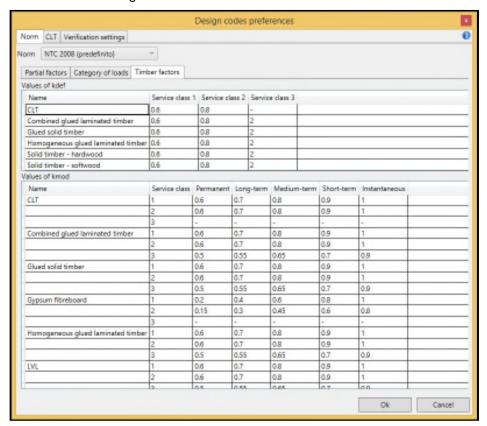


5.5.1 Norm

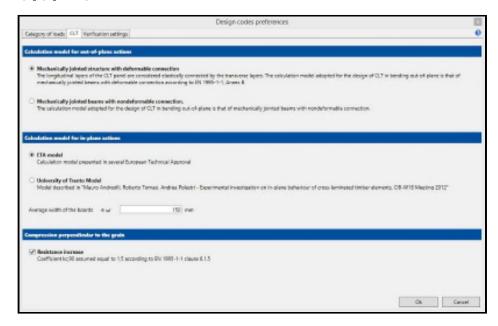
The command provides the access to the table reporting the partial factors for the actions, the partial factors for timber and steel, the loads combination factors which depend on the load duration and the timber factors kded and kmod.







5.5.2 CLT



The tab *CLT* allows the user to choose the calculation model used to verify the CLT elements. With regard to the out of plane loads, the user can choose two methods:

- model based on the assumption of mechanically jointed structure with deformable connection;
- model based on the assumption of mechanically jointed beam with non-deformable connection;

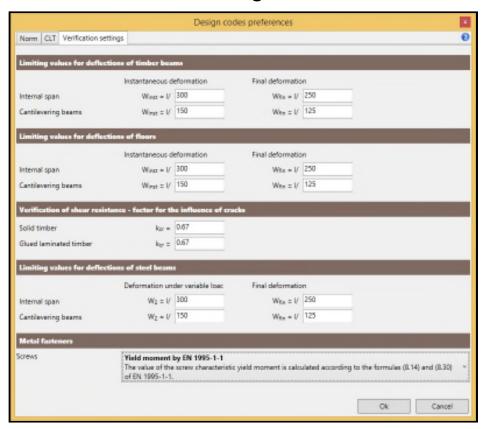
With regard to the in-plane actions, the user can choose between:

- ETA model;
- Model developed by the University of Trento;

The user can even:

- modify the average width of the boards a_{ref}. The parameter is used to calculate the in-plane strength and the assumed shear modulus G_{eff} calculated according to the model proposed in: *Verification fo CLT-plates under loads in plane, Bogensperger T., Moosbrugger T., Silly G.*"
- increase the compression strength perpendicular to the grain assuming k_c equal to 1,5.

5.5.3 Verification settings



The *Verification settings* tab provides the access to the dialog box which allows to set the limit deformations of the beams and of the floors. The user can modify the factor for the cracks influence in the shear verification. With regard to the yield moment of the screws, the user can choose between:

- · ETA model;
- EN 1995-1-1.

6 Validate and Calculate Tools

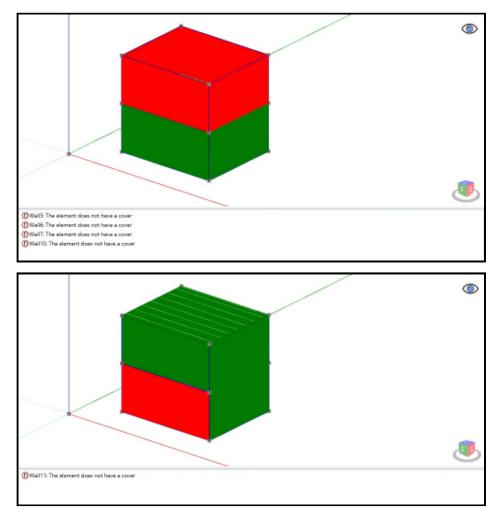


The commands Validate and calculate allows to validate the structural model.

6.1 Validate

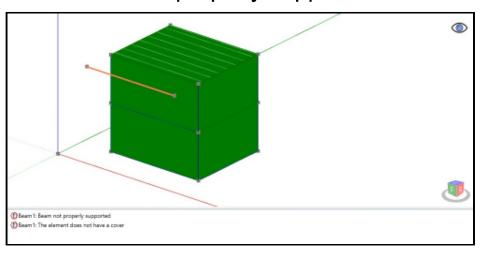
Clicking the *Validate and calculate* command the software validates the model, finds the bad constrained elements or the structural elements badly defined (referring to the model hypothesis). These structural elements are displayed in red. The following paragraphs describe the most commons case where the model is badly defined.

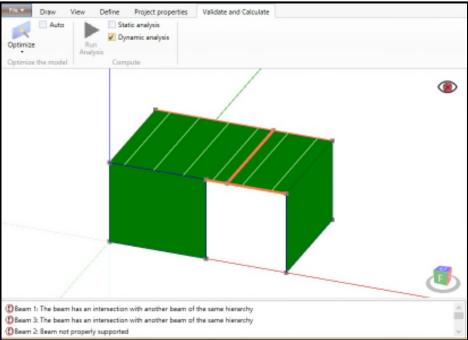
6.1.1 Element without a cover



A wall element has to ever support a floor element except the non primary wall. The pillar element, in the same way, must support a beam element.

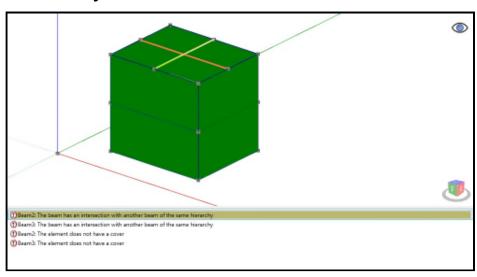
6.1.2 Beam not properly supported





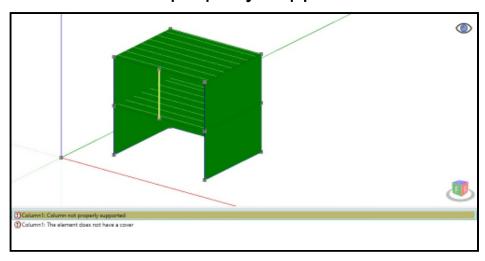
The beam element has to ever be supported by a pillar or a wall. If a beam supports another beam, this last one has to be defined as a secondary element (or 3th and so on).

6.1.3 The beam intersects another beam of the same hierarchy



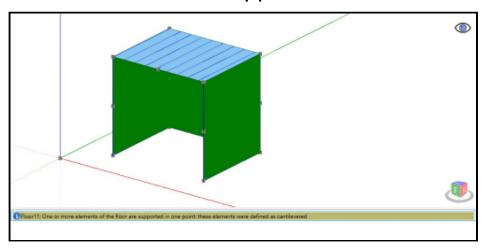
Two elements, belonging to the same hierarchy, must not intersect each other. To overcome the model problem, the user has to assign one of them to a lower hierarchy (2th or 3th).

6.1.4 Pillar not properly supported



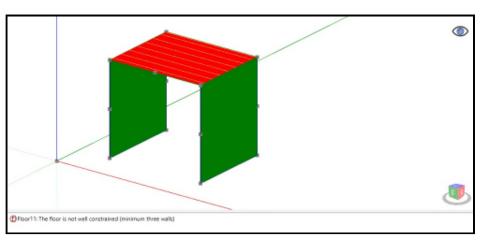
The pillar element must be supported by another pillar, by a wall or by a beam element.

6.1.5 Floor not well supported



The floor must be supported by the walls or by beam element (orthogonal to the floor direction). If the floor is supported in one point, it will be considered as cantilevered.

6.1.6 Floor not well constrained

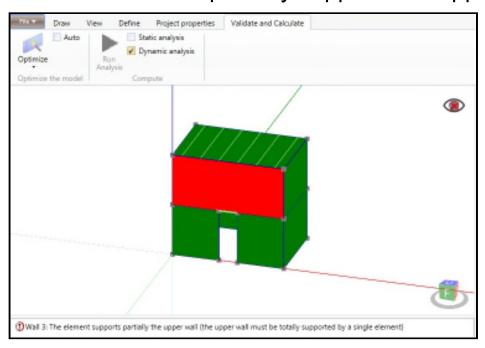


The floor must be supported by at least three walls. The wall elements must be defined as <u>primary</u>, that is enable to overcome the seismic action.

If the floor seems to be well constrained but the software reports the error, the user must verify:

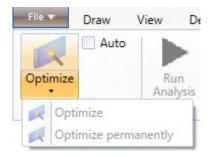
- · if all the walls are defined as primary
- if the software automatically assigns to a wall a different hierarchy
- if the walls (at least three) are well positioned

6.1.7 The element partially supports the upper primary wall



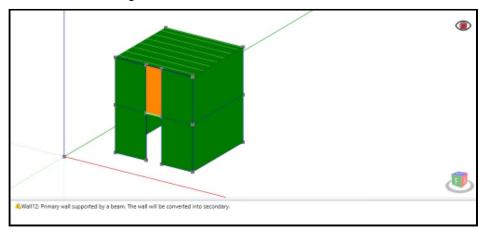
The primary wall element must be totally supported by one single wall.

6.2 Optimize

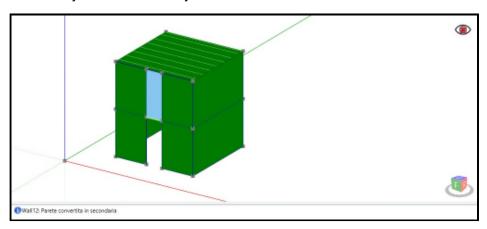


The software *Validate* command identifies the structural element which can not be assumed to be primary elements (element which are resistant to the horizontal loads). The command *Optimize* allows the user to modify this elements hierarchy (displayed in orange). The command Optimize permanently allows the user to permanently change the model after the optimization process

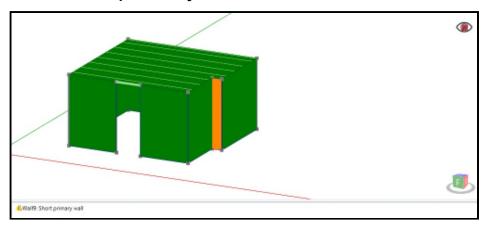
6.2.1 Wall not properly supported



In this case the element, supported by a beam, can not overcome the horizontal loads and the software will classify it as a secondary element.



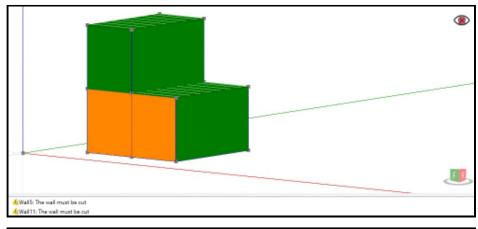
6.2.2 The primary wall is too short

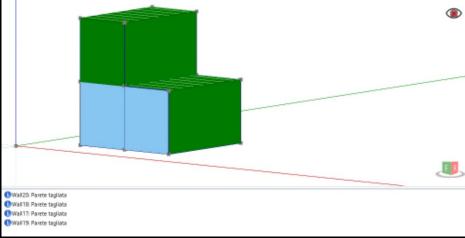


The walls, that are shorter than h/4, will classified as secondary walls.

6.2.3 The wall must be cut

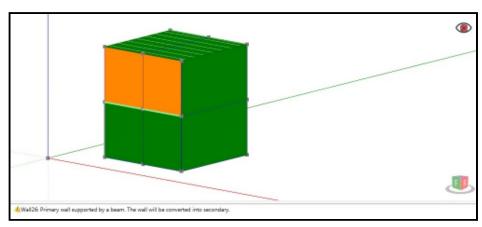
When a primary wall is more than 0.6 m longer than the supported one, the element must be cut where the supported elements "ends".



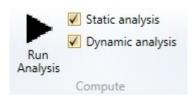


6.2.4 The primary wall is supported by a beam

If a wall is supported by a beam the software will automatically define it as a secondary element. The user could also delete the beam: in this case the beam has not any loads because they are directly transferred by the upper wall to the underlying one.



6.3 Run analysis



The command *Run Analysis* runs the structural analysis of the model. The model can be correctly analysed when all the elements are green.

The user can run different analysis:

- · Analysis of vertical loads and horizontal load of the wind;
- Seismic Static Analysis*;
- Seismic Dynamic Analysis*;

^{*} the software ever run the analysis of vertical load

7. Tools



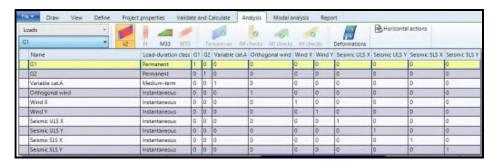
The *Analysis* menu allows the user to look at the element forces and deformation, to control the data and the elements checks.

7.1 Combination



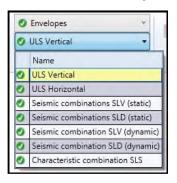
The menus *Combinations* allows the user to select a load or a combination to display the respective forces/deformations of the elements and the checks data. The red symbol near the combination (in the drop-down menu) means the non successful verification.

7.1.1 Loads



If the user selects *Loads*, the first item in the drop-down menu, he could select the single loads category of which data he wants to display (the forces/deformations levels and the checks data).

7.1.2 Envelopes



If the user selects Envelopes, the second item in the drop-down menu, he could select the combination category of which data he wants to display (the maximum forces/deformations value of all the envelopes corresponding to the selected categories).

7.1.3 ULS Vertical



If the user selects *ULS Vertical*, the second menu in the first drop-down menu, he could select the combination category of which data he wants to display. The combinations are obtained according to the **Italian Technical Code** (NTC 2008), point **2.5.3**. In the case of timber structures, the definition of the loads combinations needs to be pointed out. If the load combination considers actions corresponding to different duration classes, the software will assign to the strength the respective k_{mod} factor. That is why the software automatically considers all the combinations: find out the worst one is not elementary.

7.1.4 Seismic Combinations



If the user selects the Seismic Combinations (first drop-down menu) he could select one of the 32 combinations to display the results data. The combinations are obtained by changing the centre of mass, to consider the accidental eccentricity, and by changing the values and the directions of the seismic actions (the 100% of the value in one direction corresponds to the 30 % of the value in the other direction.

The user can also decide to display the Seismic Combinations corresponding to the Static Analysis or to the Dynamic Analysis.

7.1.5 Characteristic combinations SLS



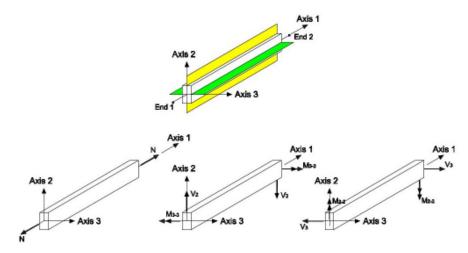
If the user selects *Characteristic combinations SLS*, second drop-down menu,he could select the combination of which data he wants to display (forces, deformations and elements checks).

7.2 Forces/Moments and stresses

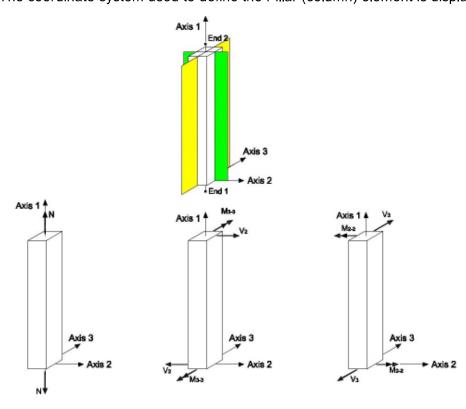


The menu allows the user to display (with different colour shades) the forces/stresses level of the selected load combinations (for the all type of structural elements). The colours bar, corresponding to the different levels of forces/stresses from the minimum value to the maximum one, is displayed on the bottom side of the screen. The table provides in detail the value of the forces, of the moments and of the stresses of the elements belonging to the same category.

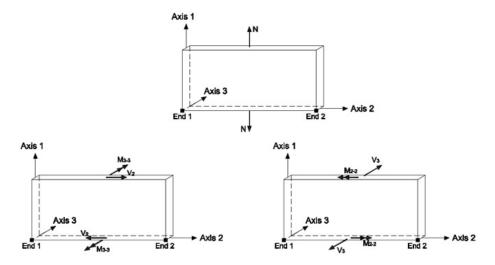
Each element (column, beam, wall, floor) of the structural model has its own coordinate system used to define the properties and the response of the element. The systems are schematically shown in the following figures.



The coordinate system used to define the Pillar (column) element is displayed in the following figure:



The coordinate system used to define the Wall element is displayed in the following figure:

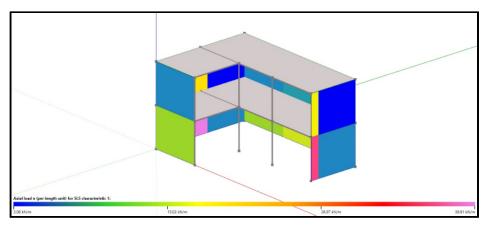


7.2.1 Wall



The user can select, in the drop-down menu, the structural response he wants to display:

- · n: axial stress per unit length;
- m₂₂: bending moment about the local axis 2 (out of plane moment) per unit length;
- v₃: shear along local axis 2 per unit length;
- m_{33} : bending moment about the local axis 2 (in plane moment) per unit length;
- v₂: shear along local axis 2 per unit length;
- V_a: shear force in the connections;
- T_a: tension force in the connections;

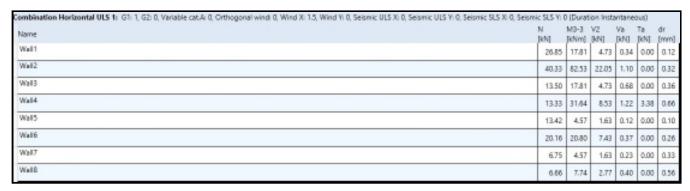


The user can display the element response corresponding the selected combination in the *Combination menu*. (The combinations ULS Vertical do not produce any shear and any out of plane moment in the walls).

The table, below the model display window, provides the maximum of the forces/stresses and moments:

• N: total axial force (integration of *n* along the wall length);

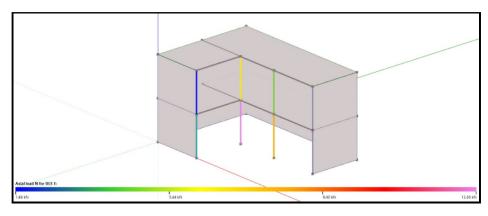
- M₂₂: bending moment about local axis 2 that is the integral of m22 along the wall length;
- V₃: total shear calculated by the integration of v3 along the wall length;
- V_a: shear force of connection;
- T_a: tension force on connection;
- d_r: interstorey drift;



7.2.2 Column



The user can select, in the drop-down menu, the Axial force.



The table, below the model display window, provides the axial force values of all the columns:

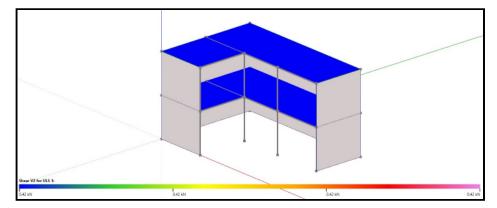
bination ULS 1: G1: 1, G2: 0, Variable cat.A: 0, Orthogonal wind: 0, Wind X: 0, Wind Y: 0, Seismic ULS X: 0, Seismic ULS Y: 0, Seismic SLS X: 0, Seismic SLS X: 0 (Duration Permanent)	
Name	N [kN]
Column1	2.96
Column2	13.36
Column3	8.47
Column4	1.48
Column5	6.68
Column6	4.24

7.2.3 Floor



The user, in the drop-down menu, can select:

- M₃₃: bending moment about the local axes 3 (bending moment in plane 1-2);
- V₂₂: shear force along local axes 2(Shear 2);
- W_{inst}: maximum of the instantaneous deformation;
- W_{fin}: maximum of the final deformation;



The user can select, in the drop-down menu, the forces/moments or the deformation corresponding to the selected *Combination*.

The table, below the model display window, provides the maximum value of the forces and deformations.

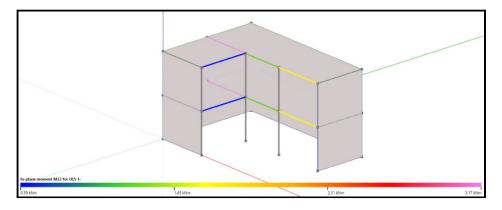


7.2.4 Beam



The user, in the drop-down menu, can select the following responses he wants to display:

- M₃₃: bending moment about the local axes 3 (bending moment in plane 1-2);
- V₂₂: shear force along local axes 2(Shear 2);
- W_{inst}: maximum of the instantaneous deformation;
- W_{fin}: maximum of the final deformation;

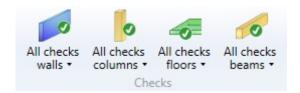


The user can select, in the drop-down menu, the forces/moments or the deformation corresponding to the selected *Combination*.

The table below the model display window provides the maximum value of the forces and deformations.

mbination ULS 1: G1: 1, G2: 0, Variable cat.A: 0, Orthogonal wind: 0, Wind X: 0, Wind Y: 0, Seismic ULS X: 0, Seismic ULS Y: 0, Seismic SLS X: 0, Seismic SLS Y: 0 (Duration Permanent)		
Name		V2 [kN]
Beam1	1.62	1.84
Beam2	1.19	1.57
Beam3	0.59	0.67
Beam4	1.62	1.84
Beam5	1.19	1.57
Beam6	0.59	0.67
Beam7	3.17	3.60
Beam8	3.17	3.60

7.3 Checks



The table below the model display window provides the elements checks in percentage of the maximum value of the strength. For instance: Bending equal to 68% involves the test passed; vice versa, a Bending moment equal to 103% involves the bending failure of the element.

7.3.1 Wall



The user can select one of the following checks:

- Stability;
- · Compression of the wall supports;
- Shear;
- · Shear on connections;
- Tension force on the connections;
- · Displacement;

The user can select, in the drop-down menu, the checks he wants to display. The software considers the significant checks depending on the selected combination.

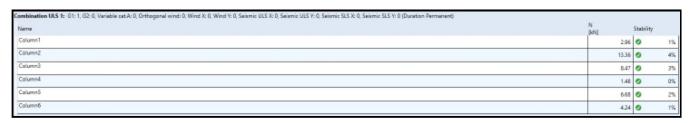
The table below the model display window provides the elements checks in percentage.



7.3.2 Column



The user can choose to display the stability check.



7.3.3 Floor

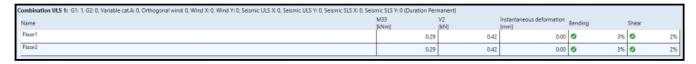


The user can select one of the following checks:

- · Shear;
- Bending;
- W_{inst}: maximum of the instantaneous deformation;
- W_{fin}: maximum of the final deformation;

The user can select, in the drop-down menu, the checks he wants to display. The software considers the significant checks depending on the selected combination.

The table below the model display window provides the elements checks in percentage.



7.3.4 Beam

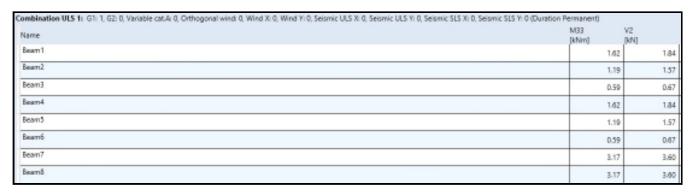


The user can select one of the following checks:

- Shear;
- · Bending;
- W_{inst}: maximum of the instantaneous deformation;
- W_{fin}: maximum of the final deformation;

The user can select, in the drop-down menu, the checks he wants to display. The software considers the significant checks depending on the selected combination.

The table below the model display window provides the elements checks in percentage.



7.4 Deformations



The command *Deformations* allows the user to display the model deformations due to horizontal loads. This command is available only in the case of wind and seismic loads.

Note: the user can display the deformations due to the vertical loads, selecting the element (floor or beam) he wants to examine and the desired combination and then clicking the *Details* button.



It is also possible to increase and to reduce the zoom factor with the slider shown in the previous figure. To deeply understand the structural deformation, the user can also run the model animation.

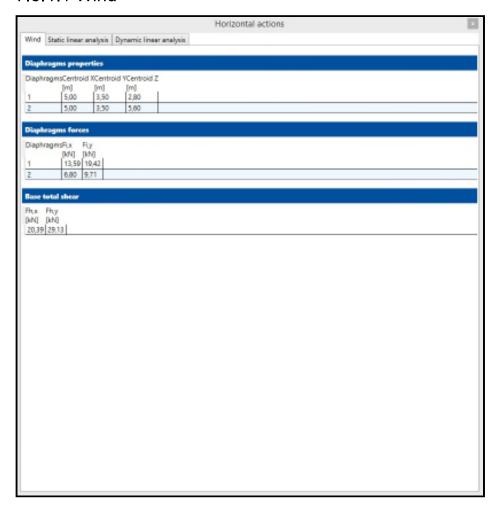
7.5 Details



7.5.1 Details

The command *Details* provides the access to the summary tables which report the horizontal loads (wind and seismic loads) and the most important parameters used to calculate them.

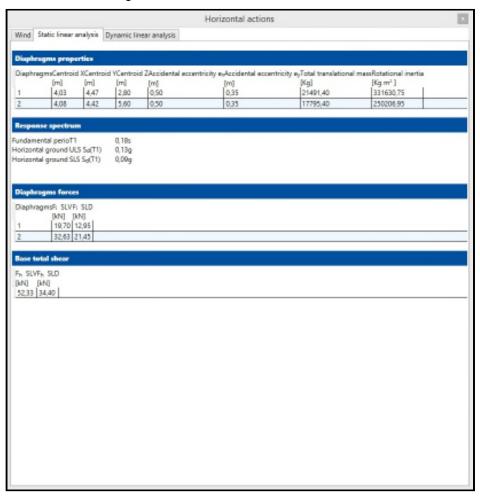
7.5.1.1 Wind



The tables provides, for each structure diaphragms:

- Centroid X: the centroid X coordinate of the entire surface of the walls perpendicular to the Y
 direction;
- Centroid Y: the centroid Y coordinate of the entire surface of the walls perpendicular to the X direction;
- Centroid Z: height above foundation of the diaphragm;
- F_{i,x}: the force acting along X direction on the i-th diaphragm;
- F_{i,y}: the force acting along Y direction on the i-th diaphragm;
- F_{h,x}: the total force, at the base, acting along X direction;
- $F_{h,x}$: the total force, at the base, acting along X direction;

7.5.1.2 Static linear analysis



The table diaphragm properties provide the following data;

- Centroid X: the centroid X coordinate of the entire surface of the walls perpendicular to the Y
 direction;
- Centroid Y: the centroid Y coordinate of the entire surface of the walls perpendicular to the X direction;
- Centroid Z: height above foundation of the diaphragm;
- e_x, e_v: the accidental eccentricity in X direction and in Y direction;
- total translational mass: the sum of all the loads and masses acting on each diaphragm;
- · the rotational inertia;

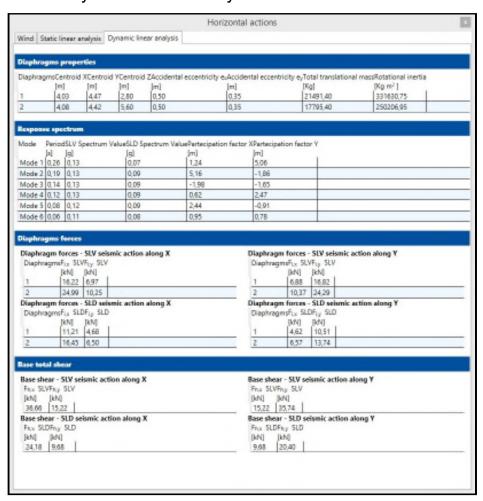
The table Response spectrum provides the following data:

- the fundamental period T_1 given by the equation $T_1 = C \cdot H^{3/4}$ where C = 0.5;
- the SLV response spectrum value corresponding to the fundamental period T₁;
- the SLD response spectrum value corresponding to the fundamental period T₁;

The other two tables provide:

- F_{i,x}: the force acting along X direction on the i-th diaphragm (in case of SLV and SLD);
- F_{i,y}: the force acting along Y direction on the i-th diaphragm (in case of SLV and SLD);
- F_{h,x}: the total force, at the base, acting along X direction (in case of SLV and SLD);
- F_{h,x}: the total force, at the base, acting along X direction (in case of SLV and SLD);

7.5.1.2 Dynamic linear analysis



The table *Diaphragm properties* provides the following data;

- Centroid X: the centroid X coordinate of the entire surface of the walls perpendicular to the Y
 direction;
- Centroid Y: the centroid Y coordinate of the entire surface of the walls perpendicular to the X direction;
- Centroid Z: height above foundation of the diaphragm;
- e_x, e_v: the accidental eccentricity in X direction and in Y direction;
- total translational mass: the sum of all the loads and masses acting on each diaphragm;
- the rotational inertia;

The table Response spectrum provides the following data:

- the mode number and the corresponding period T_i;
- the SLV and the SLD response spectrum value corresponding to the each period T_i;
- the partecipation factor along X and Y;

The Diaphgrams forces table provides:

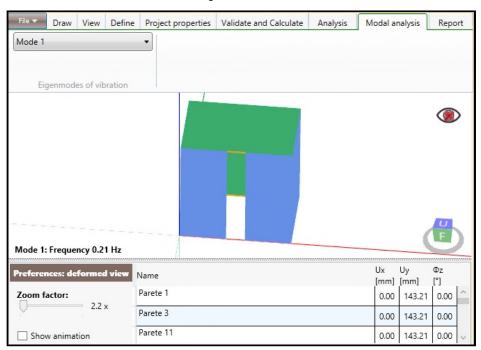
• F_{i,x}: the force acting along X direction on the i-th diaphragm (in case of SLV and SLD and for a seismic action along X and along Y);

• F_{i,y}: the force acting along Y direction on the i-th diaphragm (in case of SLV and SLD and for a seismic action along X and along Y);

The Base total shear table provides:

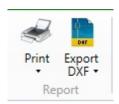
- F_{h,x}: the total force, at the base, acting along X direction in case of SLV and SLD and for a seismic
 action along X and along Y);
- F_{h,x}: the total force, at the base, acting along X direction in case of SLV and SLD and for a seismic action along X and along Y);

7.6 Modal Analysis

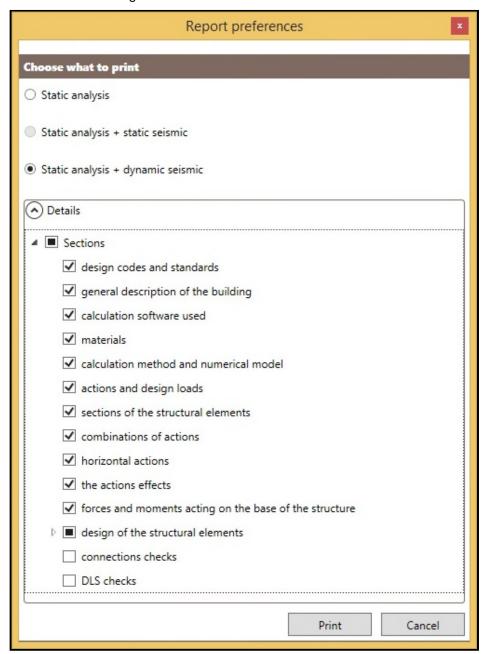


The command *Modal Analysis* allows the user to select a vibration mode to display the respective frequency and the modal deformations.

7.7 Report



7.7.1 Print



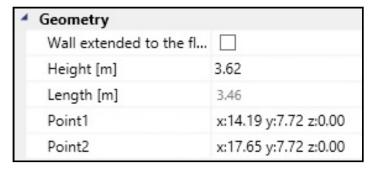
If the user selects *Print*, he could select the report preferences.

8. Elements properties

If the user selects a model element, both on the stage of model design and on the analysis one, a window, on the right side of the screen will appear. The window provides the definition data of the element: geometry, mechanical properties and loads. On the stage of **model definition**, the user can modify the element properties in the drop-down menu. On the **analysis** stage, the box provides the loads/stresses, the elements displacements the design data.

8.1 Wall

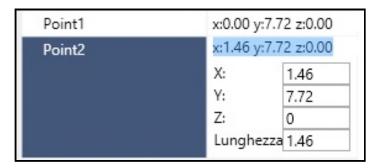
8.1.1 Geometry



The user can:

- extend the selected wall to the overhanging floor or roof from the checkbox;
- · modify the element height;
- · modify the element length;

To modify the wall length, the user must select the coordinates of one of the end point (Point 1, Point 2). In this way the user can assign new values to the point coordinate or to directly modify the elements length (in the dialog box). If the user modify the length, the software will *lengthen* or *shortens* from the considered point.



8.1.2 Info

In the Info box, the user can:

- Modify the wall typology;
- Modify the loads;

Modify the connection;

The *Info* box provides the following informations:

8.1.2.1 Frame Wall

4	Element checks	
	Instability of the internal stud	3%
	Instability of the external stud	1%
	Orthogonal compression of the internal stud	7%
	Orthogonal compression of the external stud	5%
	Shear: fasteners	4%
	Shear: sheeting boards	0%
4	Checks: shear force on connections	
	Shear force on angle bracket	6%
	Shear force on anchor	5%
4	Checks: tension force on connections	
	Nailed connection	0%
	Failure of the net cross-section	0%
	Anchor tension failure	0%
	Anchor pullout	0%

Wall typology

- Typology: the typology of the wall;
- Material: the structural elements material (frames and studs);
- · External stud: section area of the external stud;
- Internal stud: section area of the internal stud;
- Sheeting panel side 1: the panel material and type;
- Sheeting panel side 2: the panel material and type;

Loads

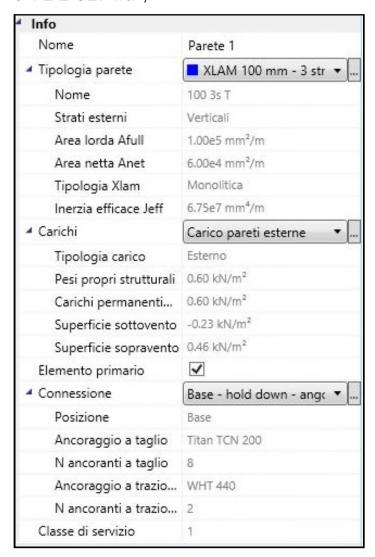
- Load typology: load applied on the internal walls or on the external ones;
- Self-weight load: the self-weight load, per unit area, of the walls;
- · Non structural permanent load: load, per unit area, of the surface finishing;
- Leeward surface*: wind pressure on the non directly exposed wall;
- Windward surface*: wind pressure on the non directly exposed wall;
- Primary element: it states the element hierarchy for the horizontal actions;

Connection**

- Position: connection position (ground connection or upper level connection);
- · Shear connection: shear connection typology;
- N of shear connection: number of shear connections;
- Tension connection: Tension connection typology;
- N of hold-down/tie-down: total number of tension connections;
- Service class: service class depending on the wood humidity.

* only for external walls; **only in the case of primary wall.

8.1.2.2 CLT wall;



Wall typology

- · Typology: wall typology;
- · Name: wall definition;
- External layers: orientation of external layers;
- Gross area A_{full}: gross area of the cross section;
- Net area A_{net}: net area of the vertical layers sections;
- · CLT typology: wall typology which could be monolithic or jointed;
- Effective moment of inertia J_{eff}: the inertia is obtained from the vertical layer total inertia assumed to be connected by the transversal panels;

Load

- Load typology: load applied on the internal walls or on the external ones;
- Self-weight load: the self-weight load, per unit area, of the walls;
- Non structural permanent load: load, per unit area, of the surface finishing;
- Leeward surface*: wind pressure on the non directly exposed wall;

- Windward surface*: wind pressure on the non directly exposed wall;
- Primary element: it states the element hierarchy for the horizontal actions;

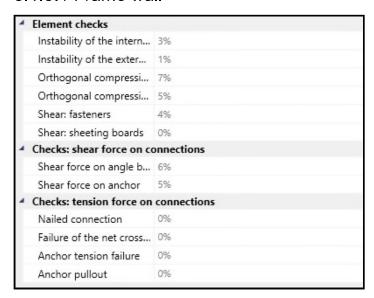
Connection**

- Position: connection position (ground connection or upper level connection);
- Shear connection: shear connection typology;
- N of shear connection: number of shear connection;
- Tension connection: Tension connection typology;
- N of hold-down/tie-down: total number of tension connection;
- Service class: service class depending on the wood humidity.

8.1.3 Element checks

The box *Element checks* provides the following data:

8.1.3.1 Frame wall



Element checks

- Instability of the internal stud: check of the instability of the internal stud;
- Instability of the external stud: check of the instability of the external stud;
- Orthogonal compression of the internal stud: check of the orthogonal compression of the internal stud:
- Orthogonal compression of the external stud: check of the orthogonal compression of the internal stud;
- Shear fasteners: check of the connection between the sheeting panels and the frame;
- Shear panels: check of the sheeting panels shear;

Check of the shear force connections:

- Shear force on angle bracket: check of the shear force on angle bracket;
- Shear force on the anchor: check of the shear force on the anchor;

^{*} only for external walls; **only in the case of primary wall.

- Nailed connection*: check of the preforated plate nailing (tension connection);
- Failure of the net cross-section*: check of the failure of the preforated plate;

Checks of the tension connection:

- Nailing*: check of the nailed connection resistance;
- Failure of the net cross-section: check of the hold-down tensile strength (steel ultimate tensile strength);
- · Anchor tension failure: check of the anchor tension failure;
- · Anchor pullout: check of the pull-out resistance;
- Yielding of the gross-section*: check of the steel plastic resistance (net cross-section of the plate);
- Tension failure of the net cross-section:* check of the ultimate tension resistance of the plate net cross-section;

8.1.3.2 CLT wall

4	Verifiche elemento		
	Instabilità	1%	
	Compressione appogg	1%	
	Taglio: tranciamento la	2%	
	Taglio: torsione superfi	1%	
4	Verifiche ancoraggi a taglio		
	Taglio angolare	6%	
	Taglio tasselli	5%	
4	Verifiche ancoraggi a tra	zione	
	Chiodatura	0%	
	Trazione acciaio	0%	
	Trazione tassello	0%	
	Estrazione tassello	0%	

Element checks

- · Instability: check of the element instability;
- Support compression: check of the support compression;
- Shear perpendicular to grain: check of shear bearing in the boards;
- Torsional failure: check the shear failure due to torsion-like mechanism in the gluing interfaces;

Check of the shear force connections:

- Shear force on angle bracket: check of the shear force on angle bracket;
- Shear force on the anchor: check of the shear force on the anchor;
- Nailed connection*: check of the preforated plate nailing (tension connection);
- Failure of the net cross-section*: check of the failure of the preforated plate;

Checks of the tension connection:

^{*} only in the case of upper level walls;

- Nailing*: check of the nailed connection resistance;
- Failure of the net cross-section: check of the hold-down tensile strength (steel ultimate tensile strength);
- Anchor tension failure: check of the anchor tension failure;
- Anchor pullout: check of the pull-out resistance;
- Yielding of the gross-section*: check of the steel plastic resistance (net cross-section of the plate);
- Tension failure of the net cross-section:* check of the ultimate tension resistance of the plate net cross-section;

8.1.3 Forces

⁴ Fo	Forces	
n		11.88 kN/m
1	l	17.58 kN
v	2 (In-plane)	5.10 kN/m
V	/2 (in-plane)	7.55 kN
n	n33 (in-plane)	12.14 kNm/m
N	/33 (in-plane)	17.97 kNm
▲ Co	onnections Forces	
S	ingle connection she	3.77 kN
S	ingle connection tens	4.70 kN

The forces meaning is better explaind in the part 7: Menu Tools Analysis.

8.1.4 Displacement

Displacements	
Absolute displacement	14.57 mm
Absolute displacement	4.94 mm
Absolute rotation	0.00°
Interstory drift dr	5.93 mm

The data provided in the box *Displacement* do not need to be explained.

8.2 Column

8.2.1 Geometry/Info

^{*} only in the case of upper level walls;



In the box **Geometry** the user can modify the position and the height of the selected Column. In the dialog box **Info** the user can modify the cross-section area. The following informations are reported:

- · Name: name of the element;
- Service class: the service class depending on the timber humidity;

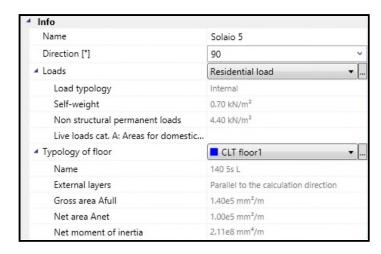
8.2.2 Checks/forces



The dialog box **Element checks and Forces** provides the checks of column instability and the value of the axial force.

8.3 Floor (Roof)

8.3.1 Info



In the dialog box **Info**, , by the drop-down menu, the user can modify:

- the floor direction (of the beams or of the external layers in the case of CLT floors);
- · the applied loads;
- · the typology fo the floor;

The box provides also the following informations:

Info

· Name: name of the element;

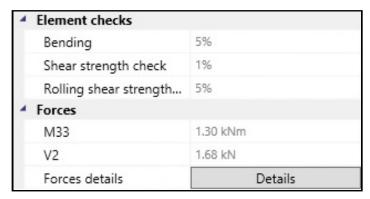
Loads

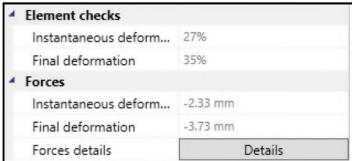
- Load typology (internal or external load);
- · Self weight of the floor;
- Non structural permanent load of the floosir;
- · Live loads category;

Typology of floor

- External layers*: orientation of the panel external layers (parallel or orthogonal to the calculation direction);
- Area A: area of the cross-section;
- Gross area A_{full}: gross area of the cross-section*;
- Net area A_{net}: cross sectional area of the wall portion considered in the verification *;
- Moment of Inertia J_z**;
- Moment of Inertia J_v:
- · Net moment of Inertia*

8.3.2 Checks/Forces



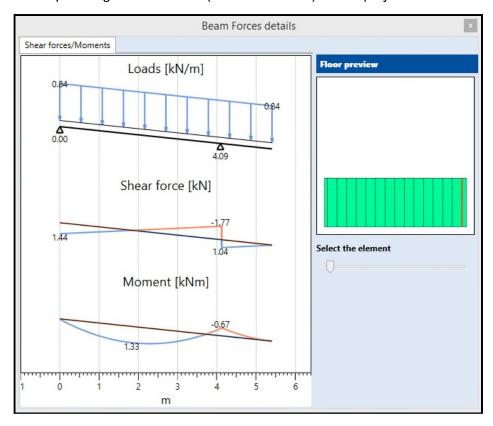


The meaning of the data in the box **Checks and forces** do not need to be explained. The only term that changes, depending on the floor type, is the shear one: in the case of CLT floor the software check both shear strength and rolling shear strength.

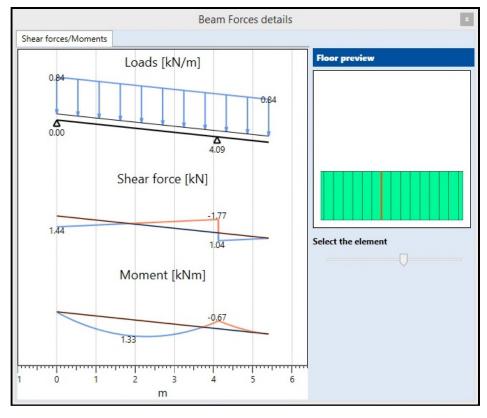
8.3.3 Details (Solid Wood Floor/Joists Floor)

^{*} only in the case of CLT floor; ** only in the case of solid wood floor;

If the user selects the command *Details* it will appear a window where the static schemes and the enveloped diagrams of forces (or deformations) are displayed.



The user, moving the cursor in the floor preview, can select the element whose diagram is desired to be displayed:

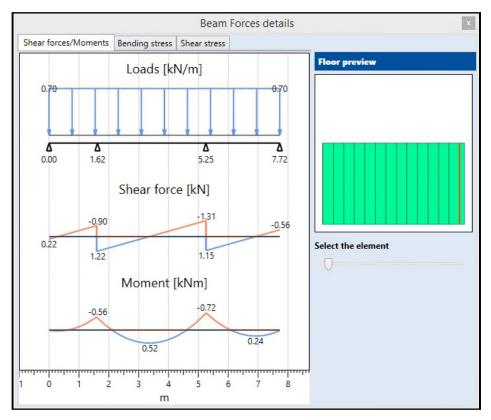


NB: If no values are displayed, these are lower than 0.01 unit;

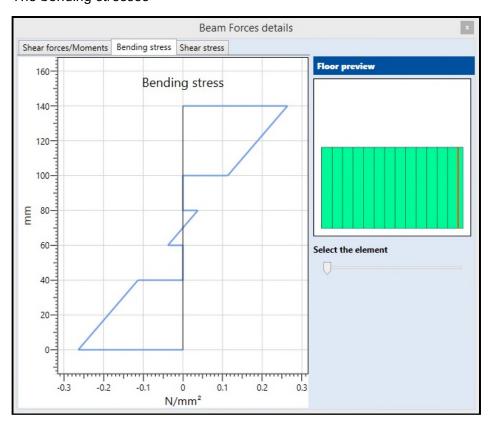
8.3.3 Details (CLT Floor)

If the user selects the command Details it will appear a window where the following data displayed.

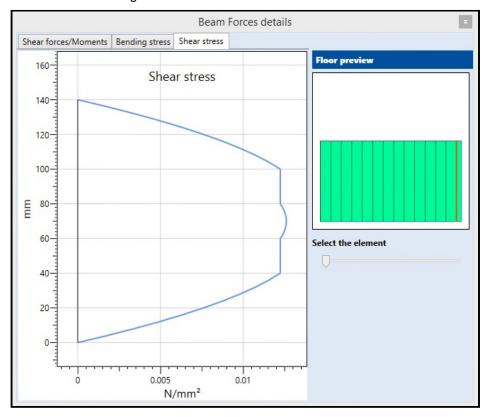
Enveloped diagrams of forces (or deformations)



The bending stresses



The shear stresses



NB: If no values are displayed, these are lower than 0.01 unit;

8.4 Beam

8.4.1 Geometry/Info

In the box **Info**, , by the drop-down menu, the user can modify:

- the length (in the same way as done for the wall elements);
- Cross-section typology;
- Beam hierarchy (Primary element, 2nd, 3th);

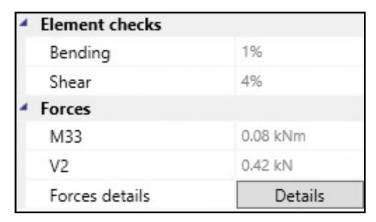
The box also provides the following informations:

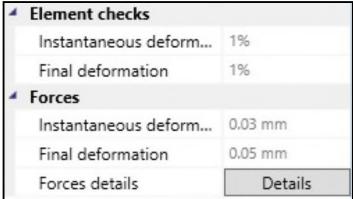
- · Name: the element name;
- Service class, depending on the timber humidity;
- · Lateral buckling;
- · Custom deformation limits;

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Beam	
■ Geometry	
Point1	x:2.50 y:0.00 z:2.80
Point2	x:3.50 y:0.00 z:2.80
Length [m]	1.000
Beam hierarchy	Primary
▲ Info	
Name	Beam 2
▲ Section	Sezione 200x200 C24
Area A	40000 mm ²
Moment of inertia Jy	1.33E+08 mm ⁴
Moment of inertia Jz	1.33E+08 mm ⁴
Service class	1
Lateral buckling	No torsional buckling
Custom deformation limits	S Default

8.4.2 Checks/Forces

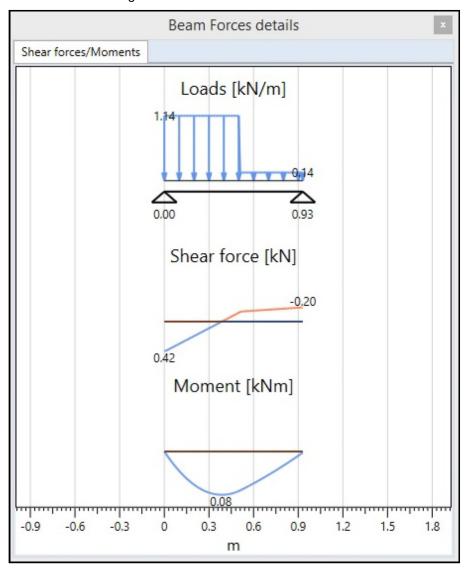




The meaning of the data do not need to be explained.

8.4.3 Details

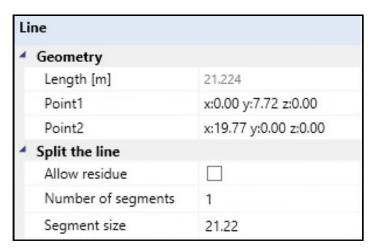
If the user selects the command *Details* it will appear a window where the static schemes and the enveloped diagrams of forces (or deformations) are displayed.



NB: If no values are displayed, these are lower than 0.01 unit;

8.5 Line and Grid

8.5.1 Line

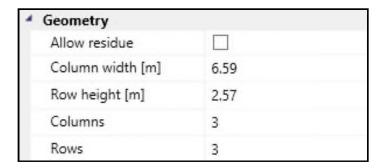


The user can:

- edit the length and the position changing the ends coordinates (see: 8.1.1 Wall Geometry).
- choose the number of segments that divide the line;

The option *allow residue*, allows the user to specify the length of the dividing line segments. If the segment size does not allow to perfectly divide the line, the last segment size will be equal to the residue.

8.5.2 Grid



The user can

- · define the number of columns and rows of the grid;
- · define the column width and the row height;

In the same way as the line definition (see: 8.5.1), the user can select the option Allow residue.