

Pre-Engineered Metal Buildings



What is a Pre-Engineered Metal Building?

This is NOT a “Pre-Engineered Metal Building”!



Nope !



Pre-Engineered Metal Buildings are...

Office buildings



Multi-story



Special use buildings



Places for fun



Big !



Bold !



BEAUTIFUL !



Pre-Engineered Metal Buildings

**Shade 'n
Shelter**



**Architecturally
Sensitive**

**Standard
Product**



Market Driven

**Simple Box
Buildings**



Complex Shapes

Custom-Engineered Metal Buildings

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Metal Buildings

ARE

Engineered To Order

What makes it challenging ?

- Building complexity varies
- Volume is seasonal & unpredictable
- Staff learning curve is long
- Competition is fierce - price and timing

Our goals.....

- **Reduce time...Front Door to Shop Floor**
(time-to-money)
- **Reduce back-charges**
(keep the money)
- **Reduce staff learning curve**
(save the money)
- **Minimize impact of complex work**
(improve revenue opportunity)

Our overall strategy.....

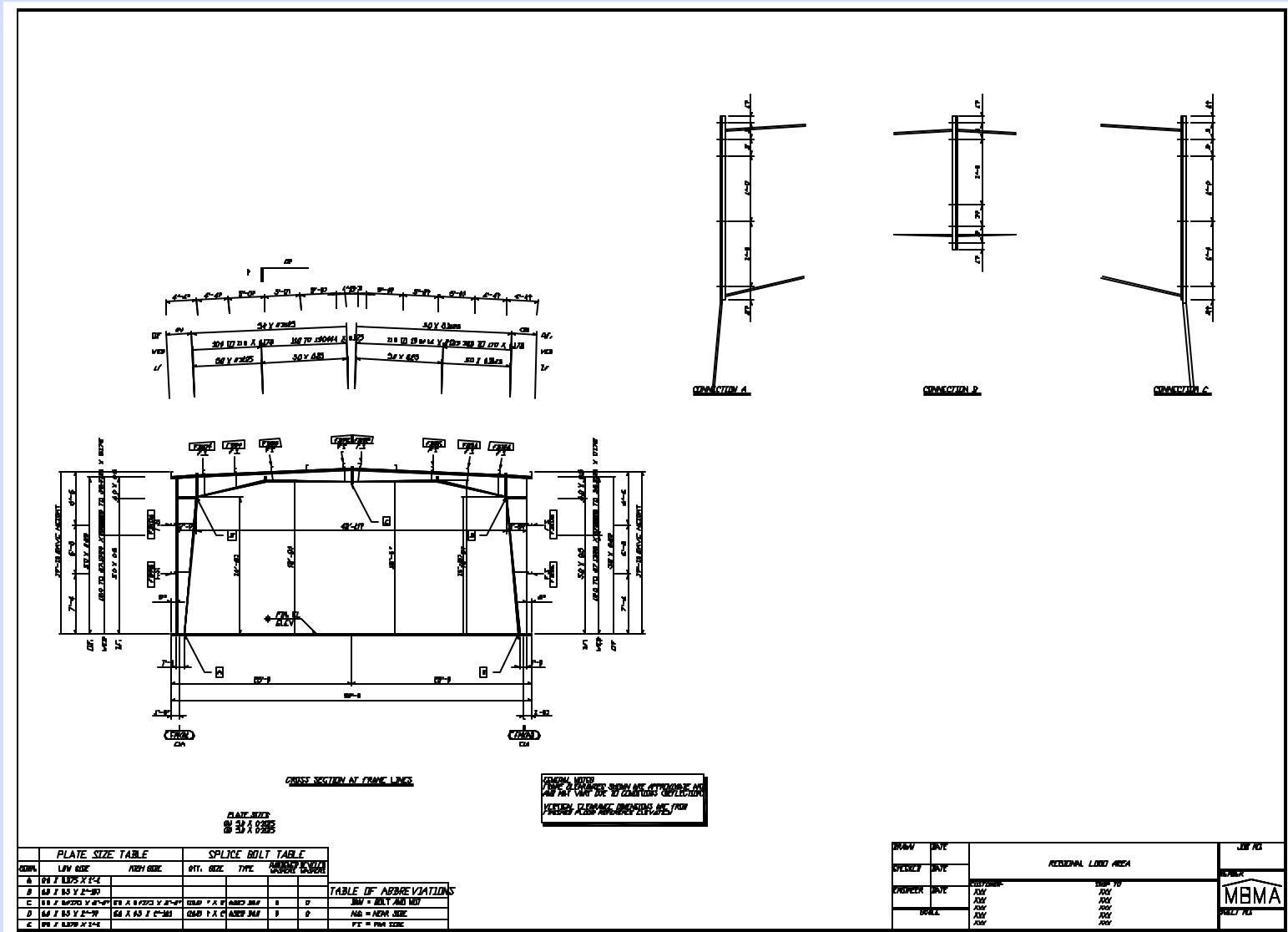
- **“Synergize” the customer**
.....design/estimating/sales software
- **Use innovative software innovatively**
.....leverage capability and commonality
- **Attack the biggest opportunity first**

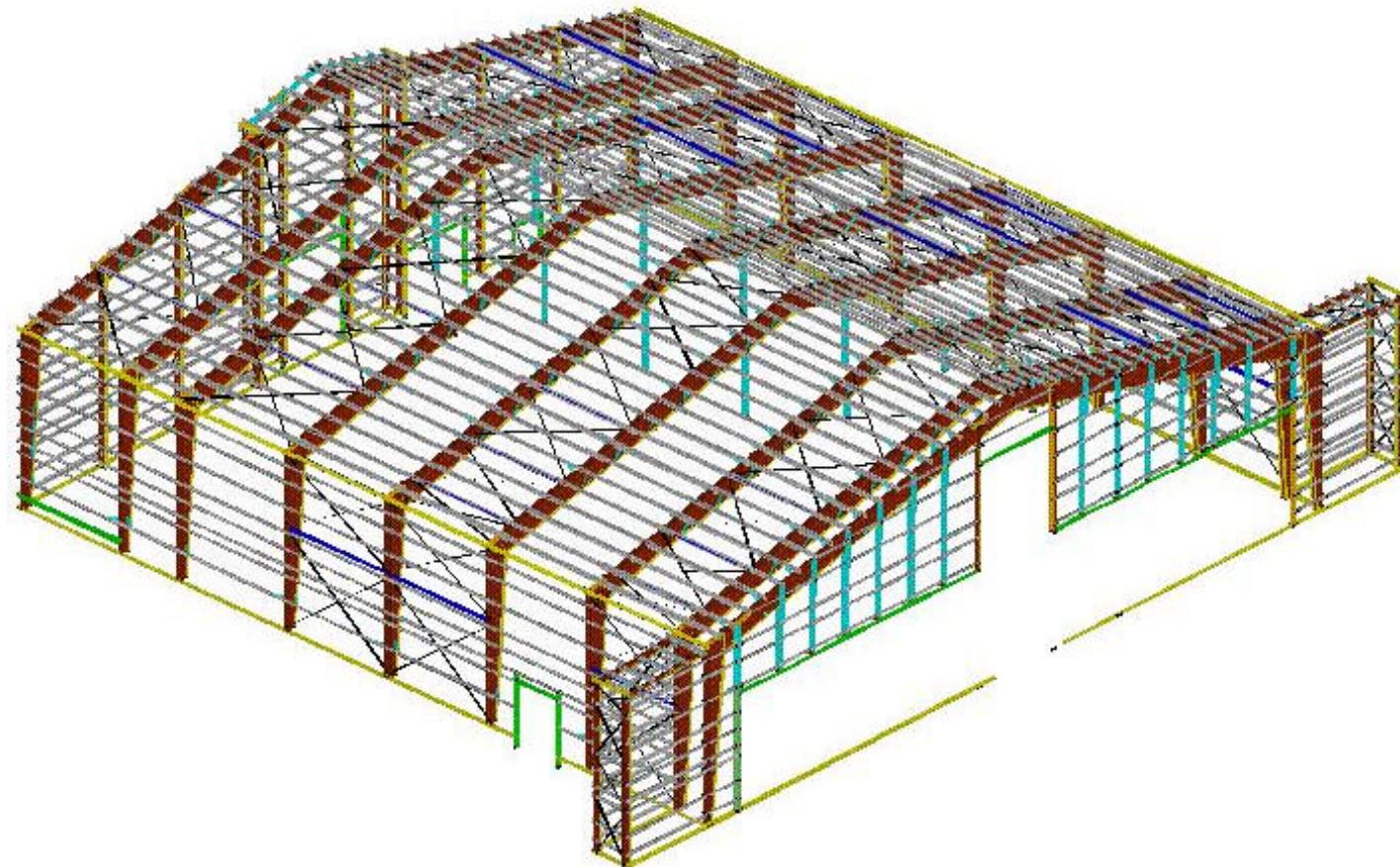
Our focus...Design/Detailing

- **Most calendar time expended**
- **Largest work-group**
- **Longest knowledge/skill learning curve**
- **Most negative impact due to complexity**
- **Most negative impact due to size of job**

Our vision....

- **One person - one job**
- **One system - all complexities**
- **One system - all inputs/outputs**
- **Automate 90% of all product knowledge**
- **All design work in 3-D**





Our Approach....

COMPUTER AIDED DESIGN? YES!

.....BUT MORE.....

COMPUTER AUTOMATED DESIGN?

Our tools....

Knowledge-Based Engineering Software
(Design ++® by Design Power, Inc.)

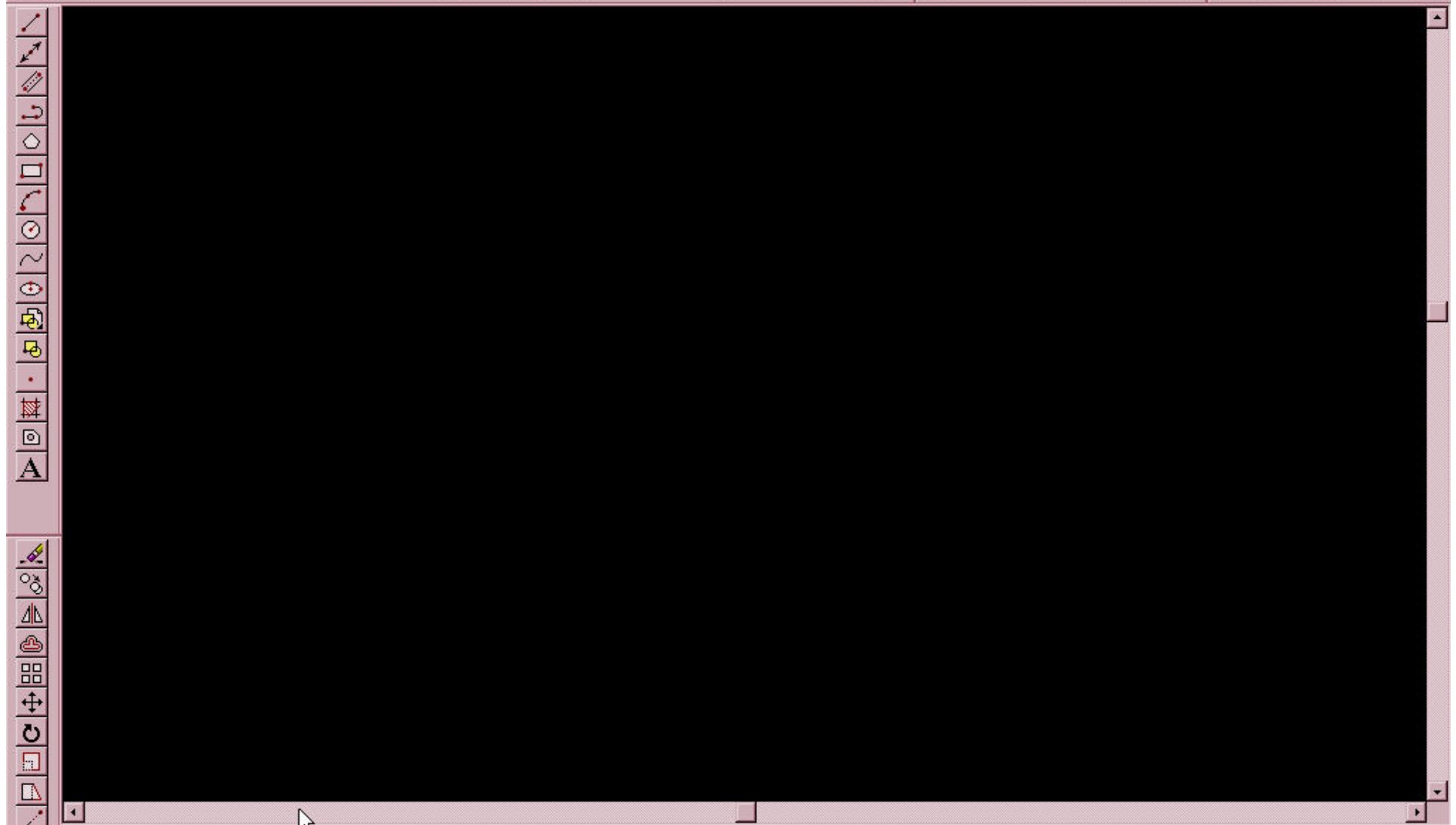
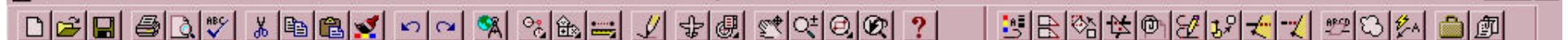
Computer Aided Drawing
(AutoCAD® by Autodesk, Inc.)

Knowledge-based Modeling

- **Define custom objects**
- **Rule editor and engine**
captures/applies domain knowledge
- **Tracks object dependencies**
- **Integrates with legacy design pgms**
- **Integrates with AutoCAD**

AutoCAD - [roger_test.dwg]

File Edit View Insert Format Tools Draw Dimension Modify Bonus XDS Help

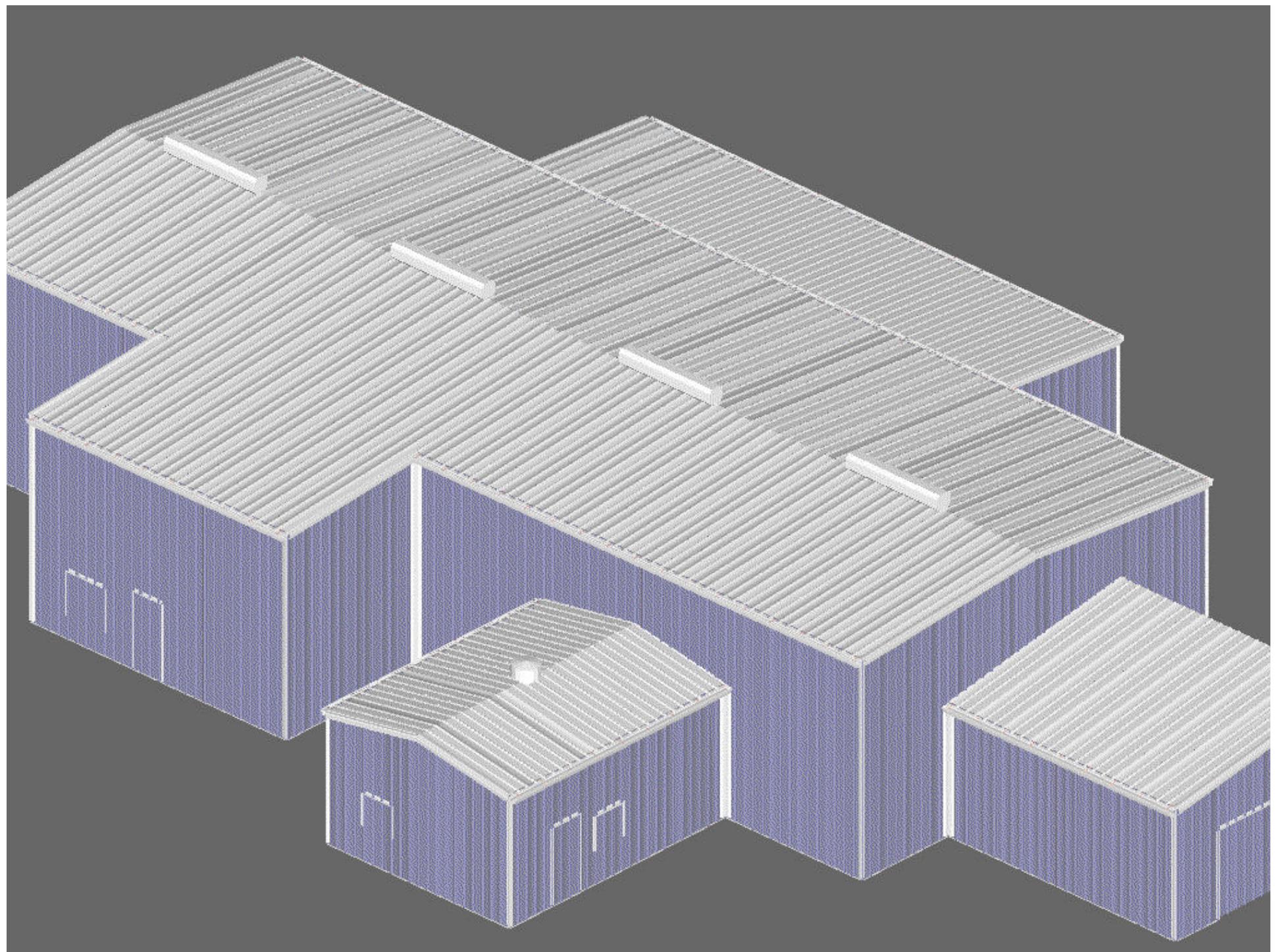


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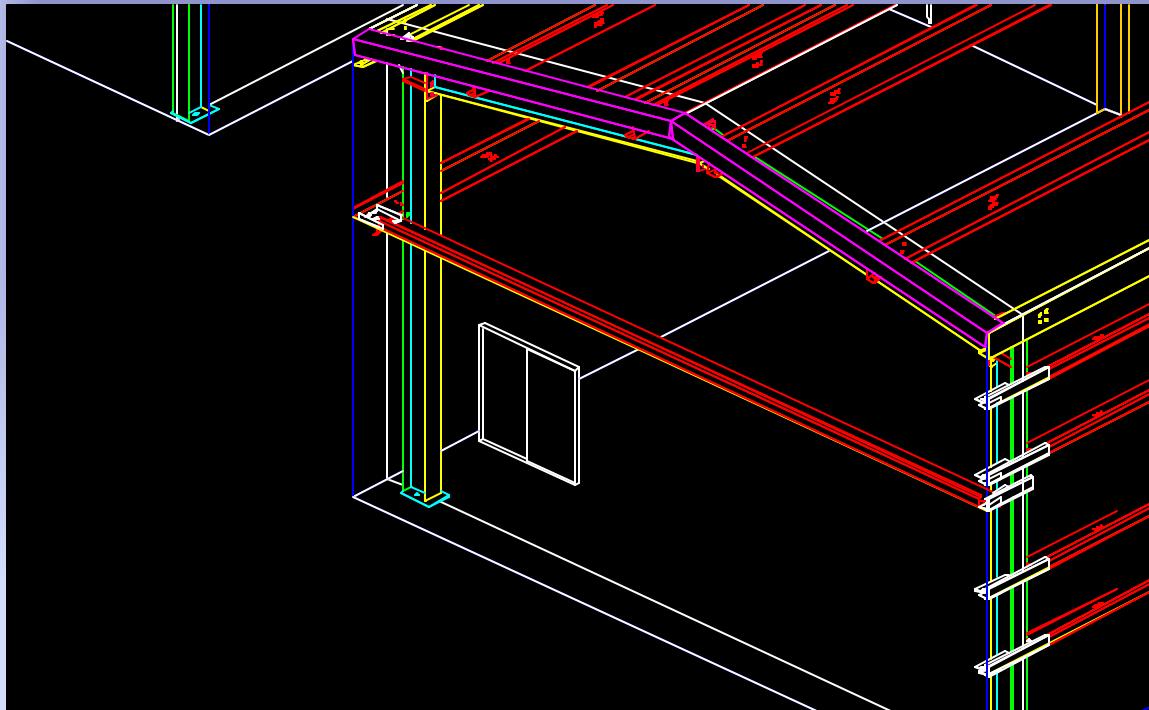
SNAP GRID ORTHO OSNAP MODEL TILE





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Effect of changes



Change :
Move standard
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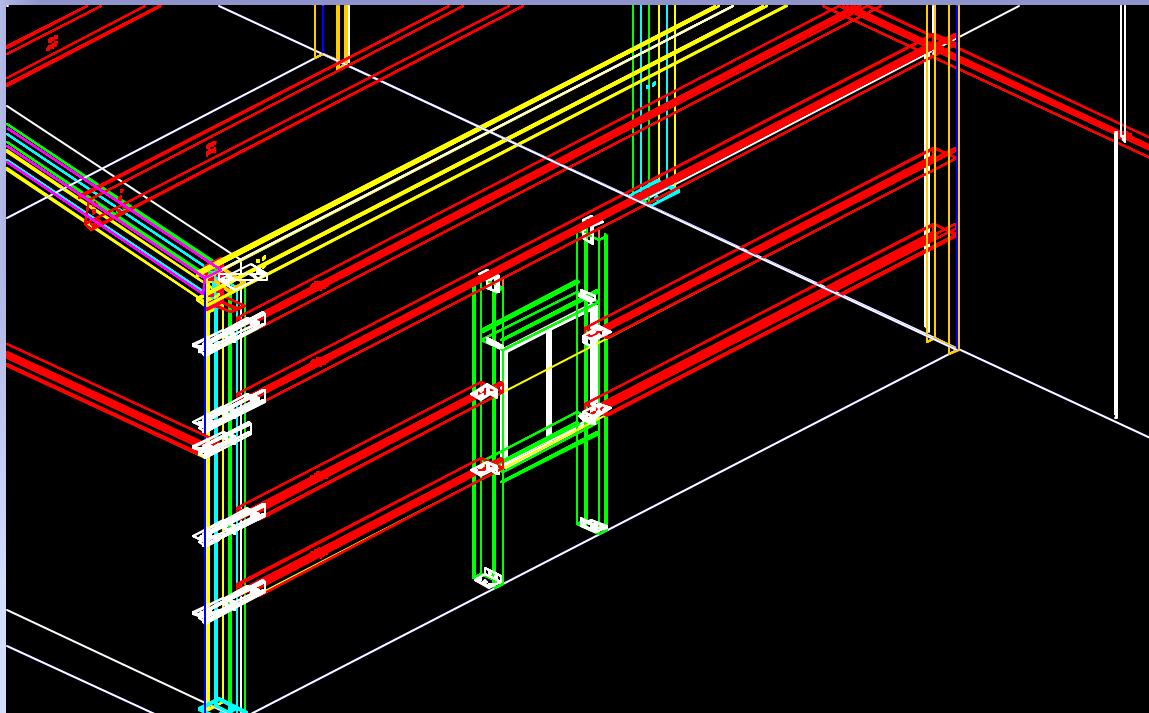
Condition:
Window is currently
in Short Wall and
supported by Panels.

Solution:
Model recognizes changes and
recalculates ONLY changed parts,
exactly and ready to manufacture.

Problem :
New wall is longer and has additional
Secondary Framing, which will
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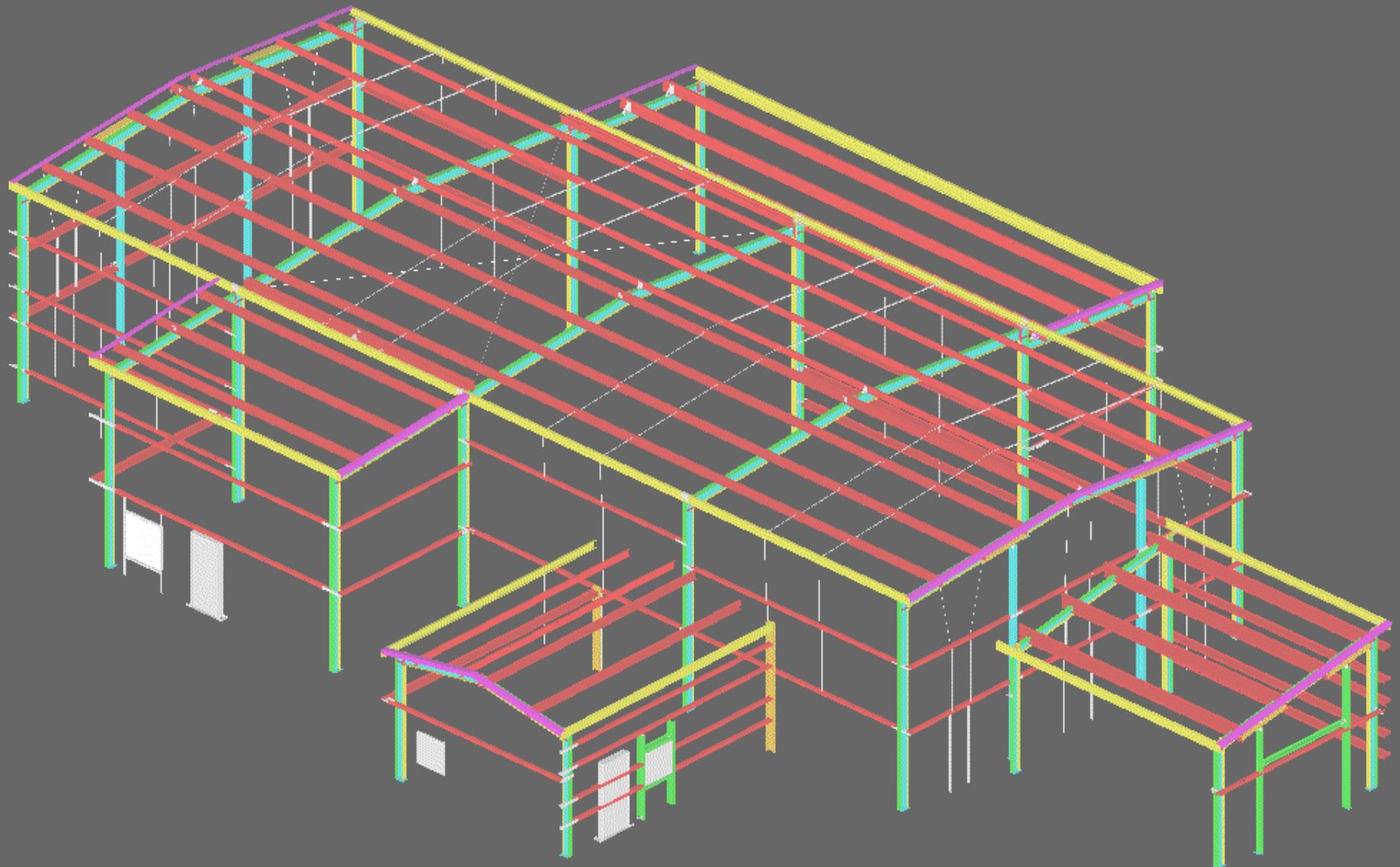
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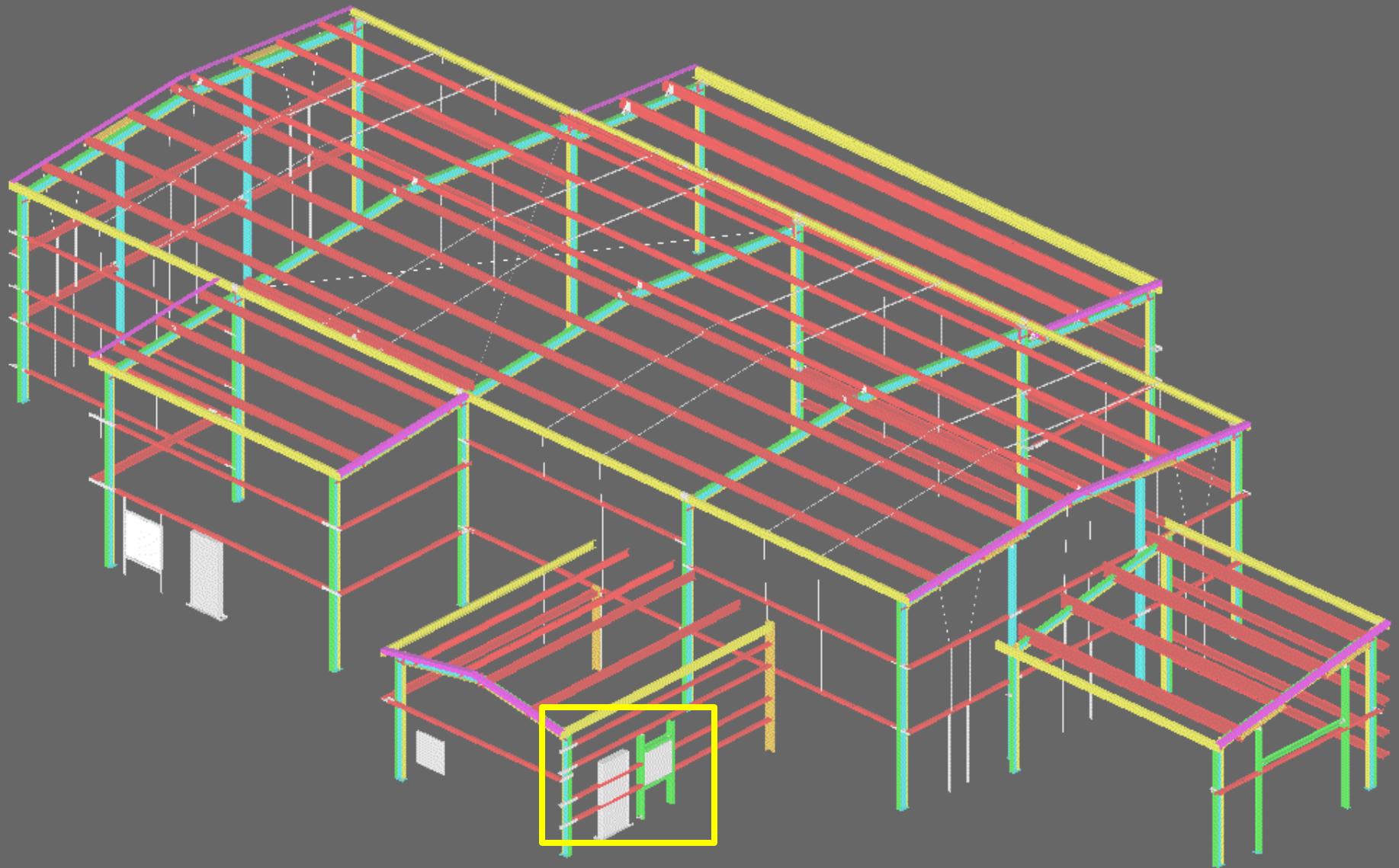
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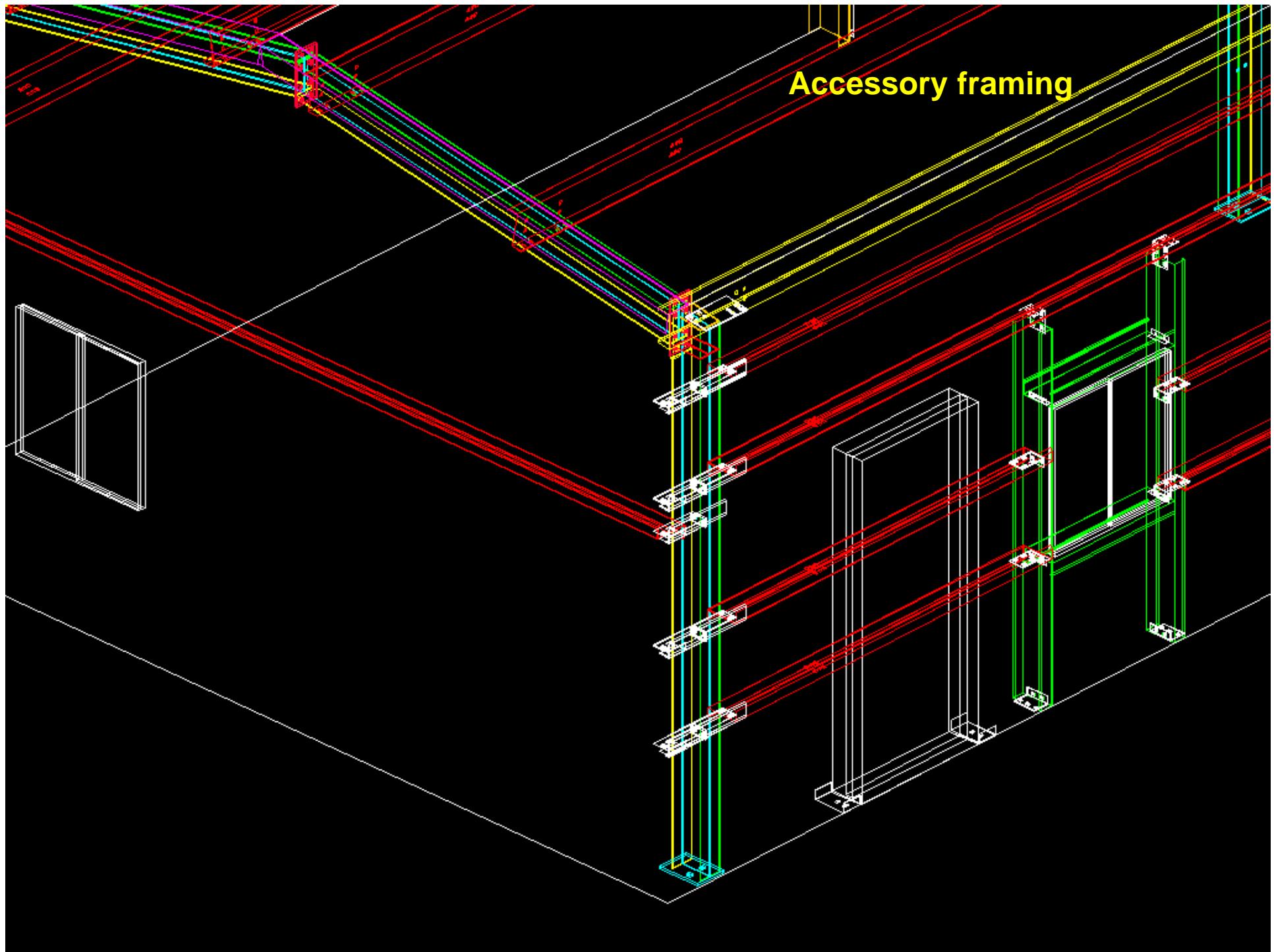
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Accessory framing

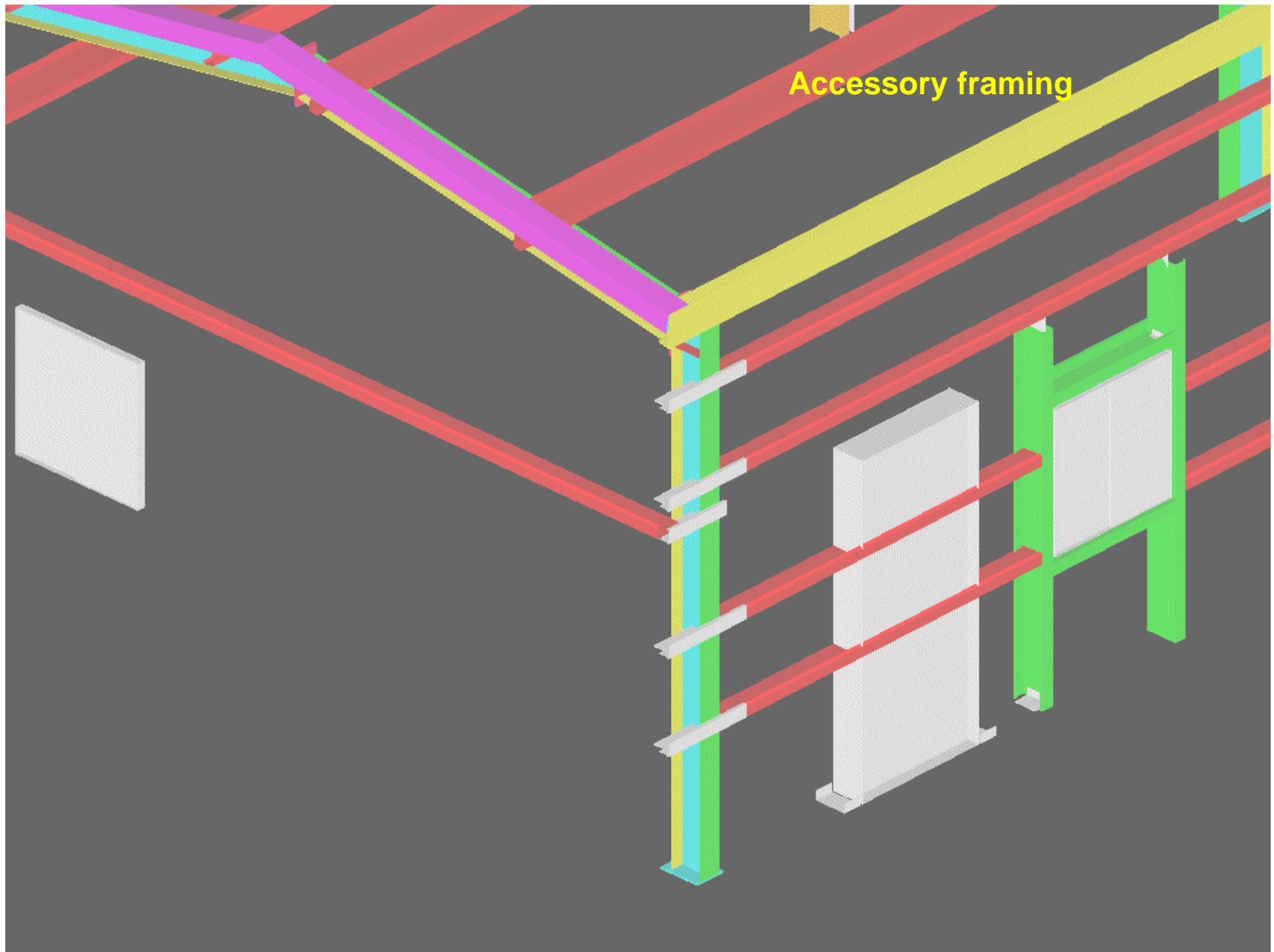


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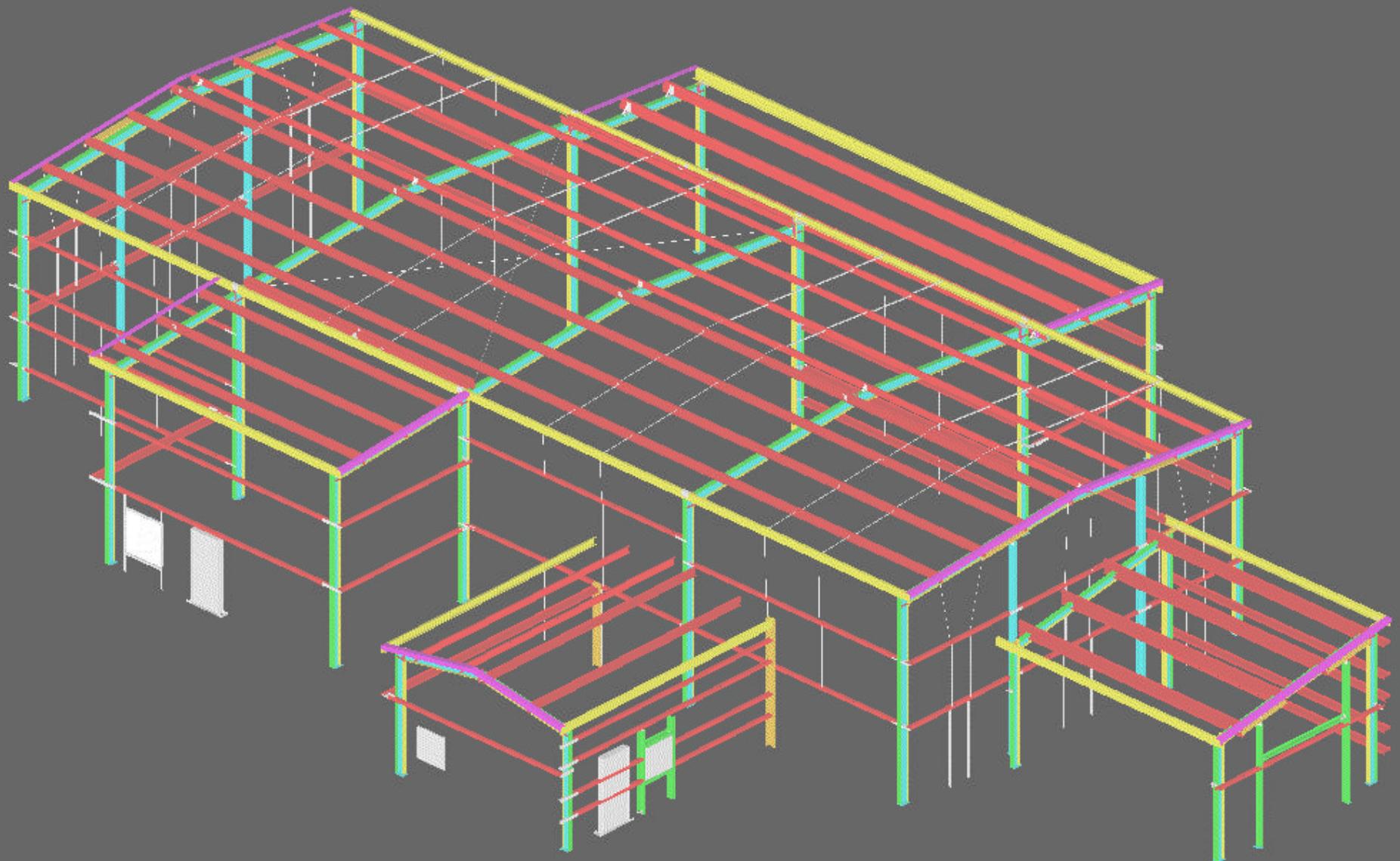




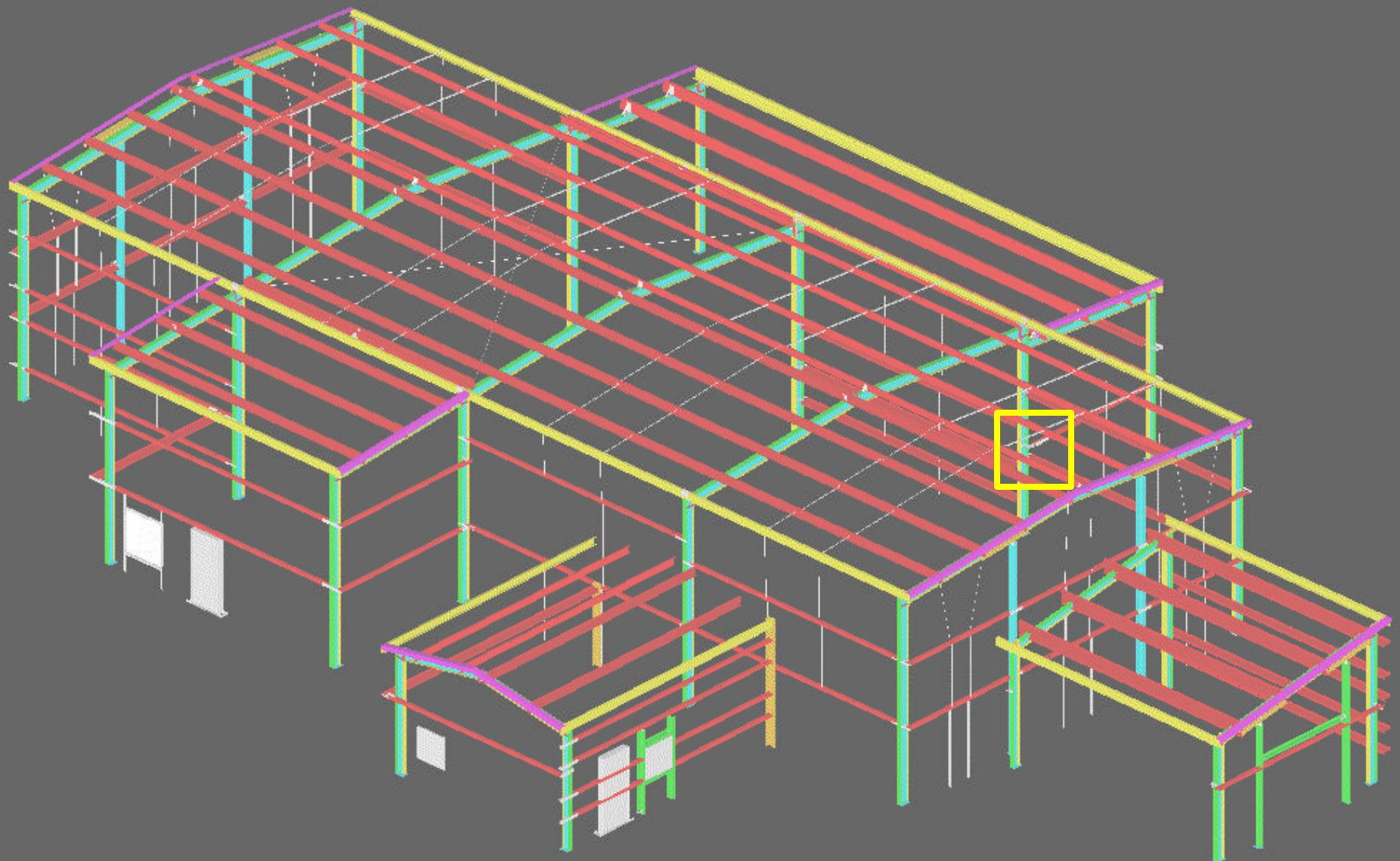
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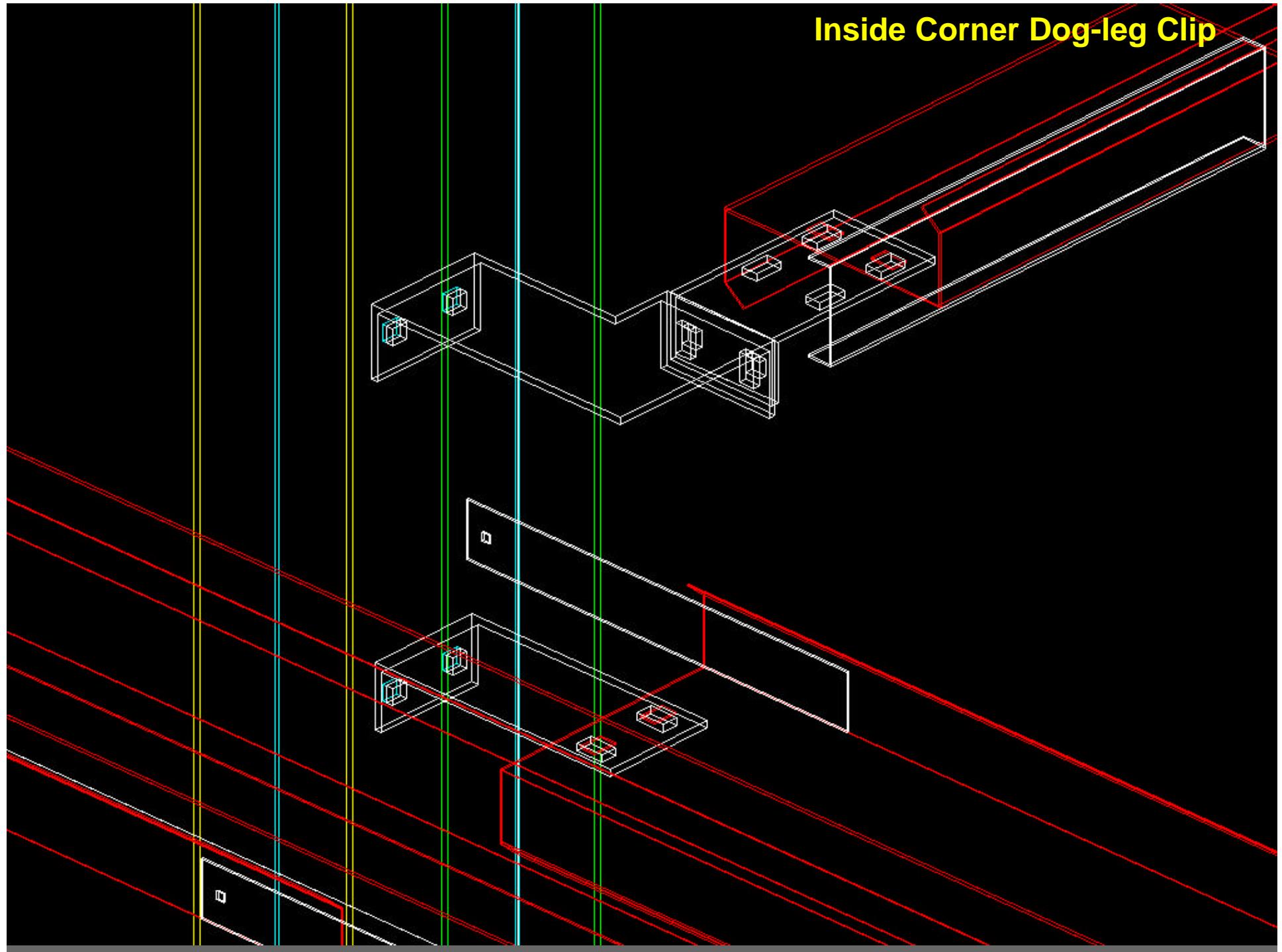
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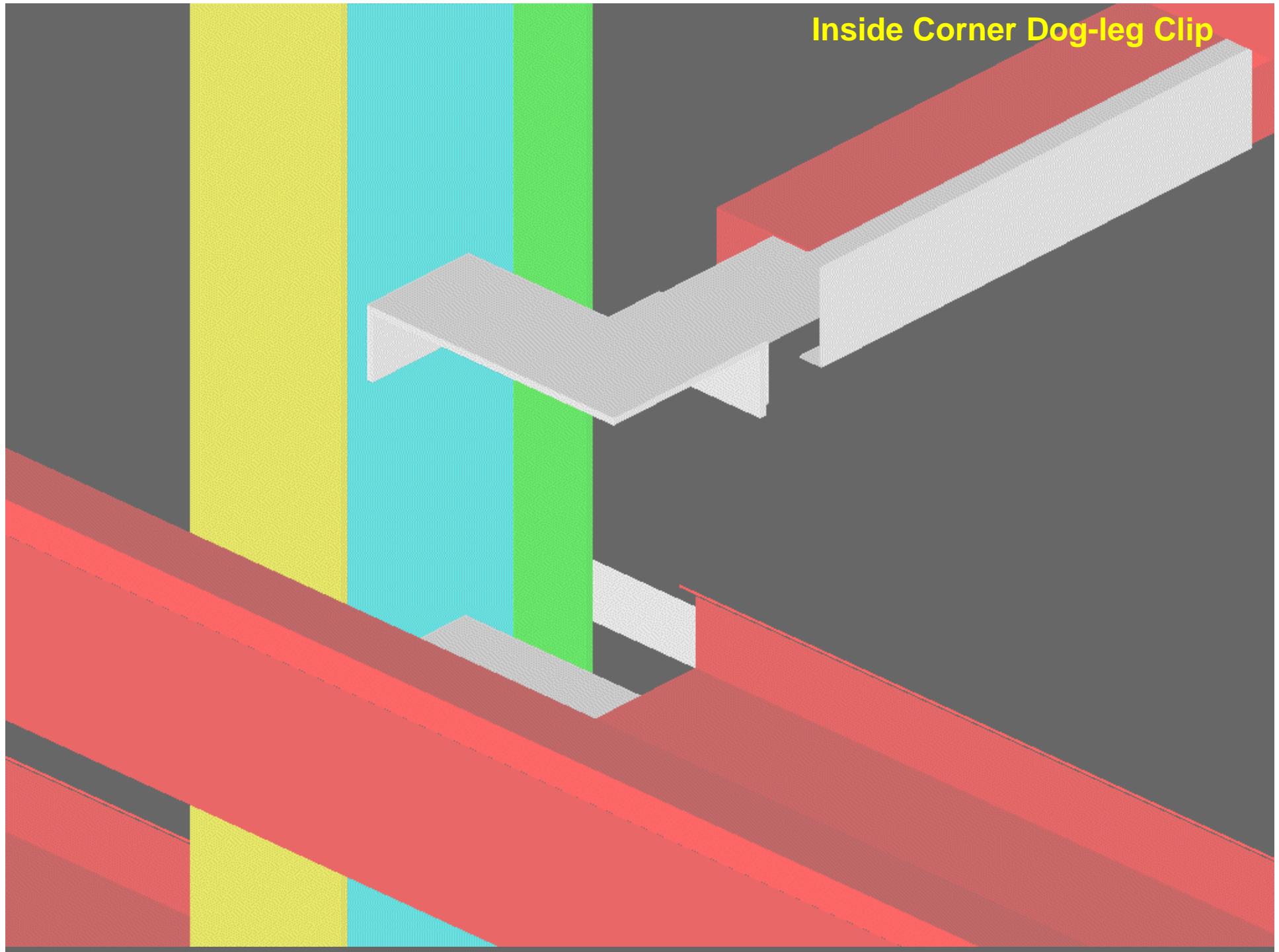
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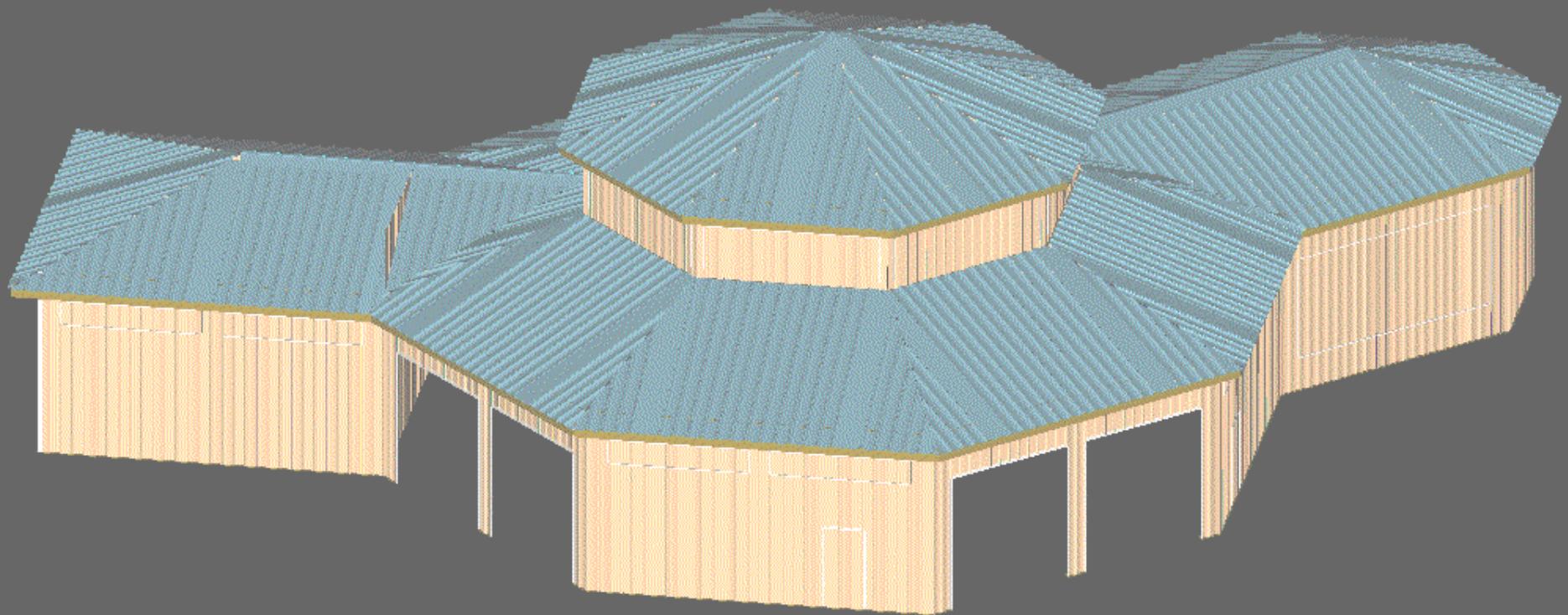


Why not use parametric CAD tools?

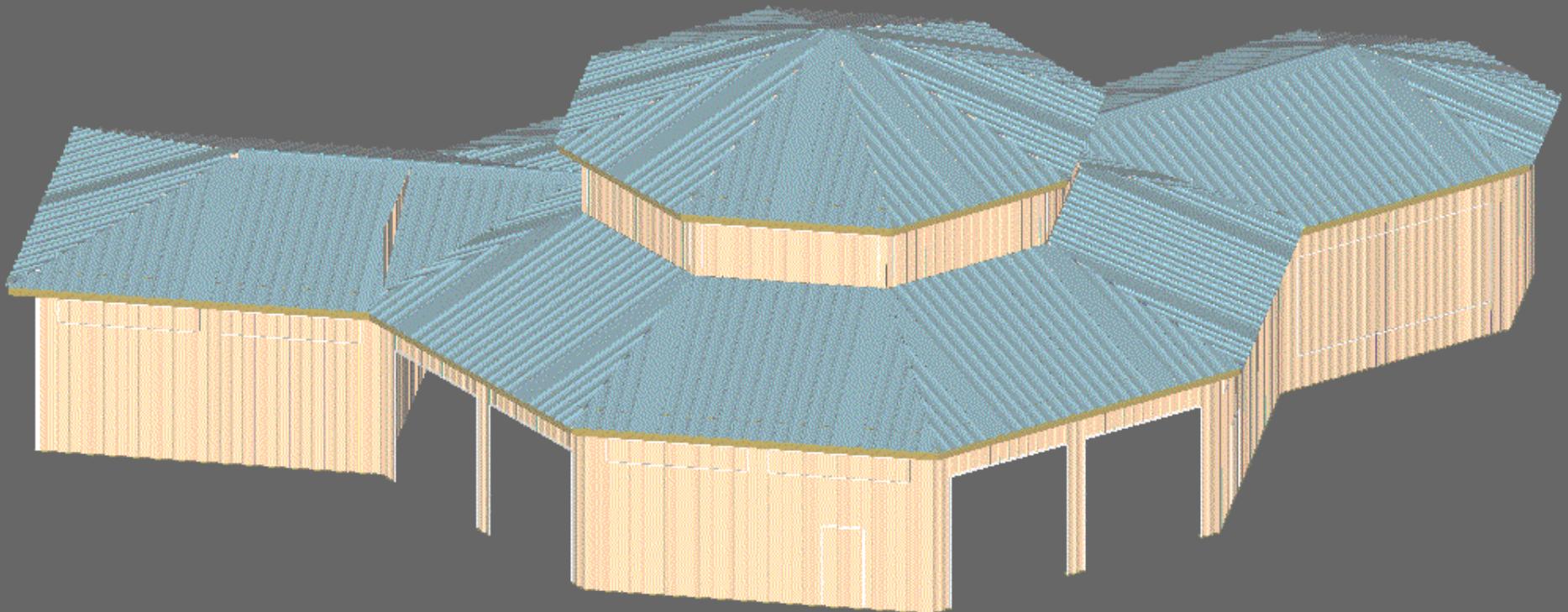
Typical 90 degree corner connection requires about 3,840 patterns

- 3 - Member Depths
- 8 - Member Shape Combinations
- 4 - Member Orientations (Asymmetric Shapes)
- 5 - Primary Framing Options
- 8 - Secondary Framing Options

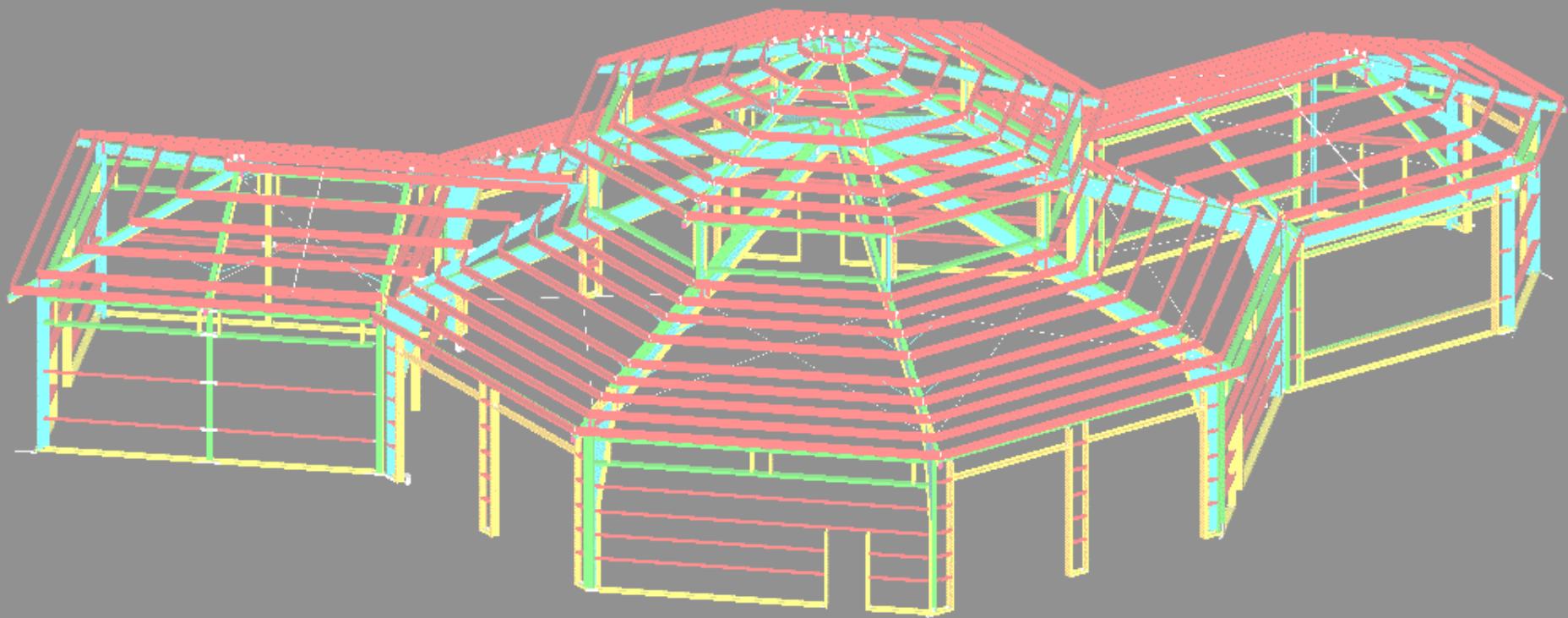
We wrote about 300 small, specific, object based connections



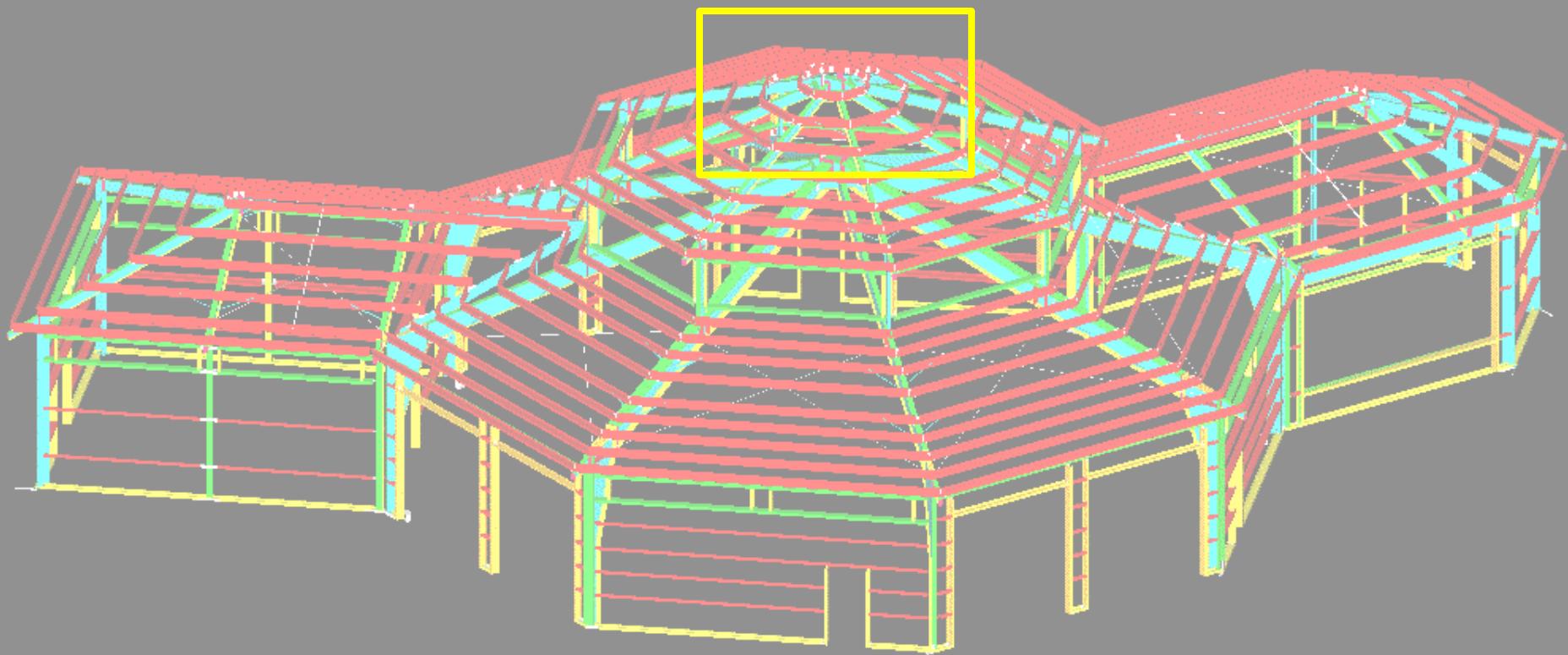
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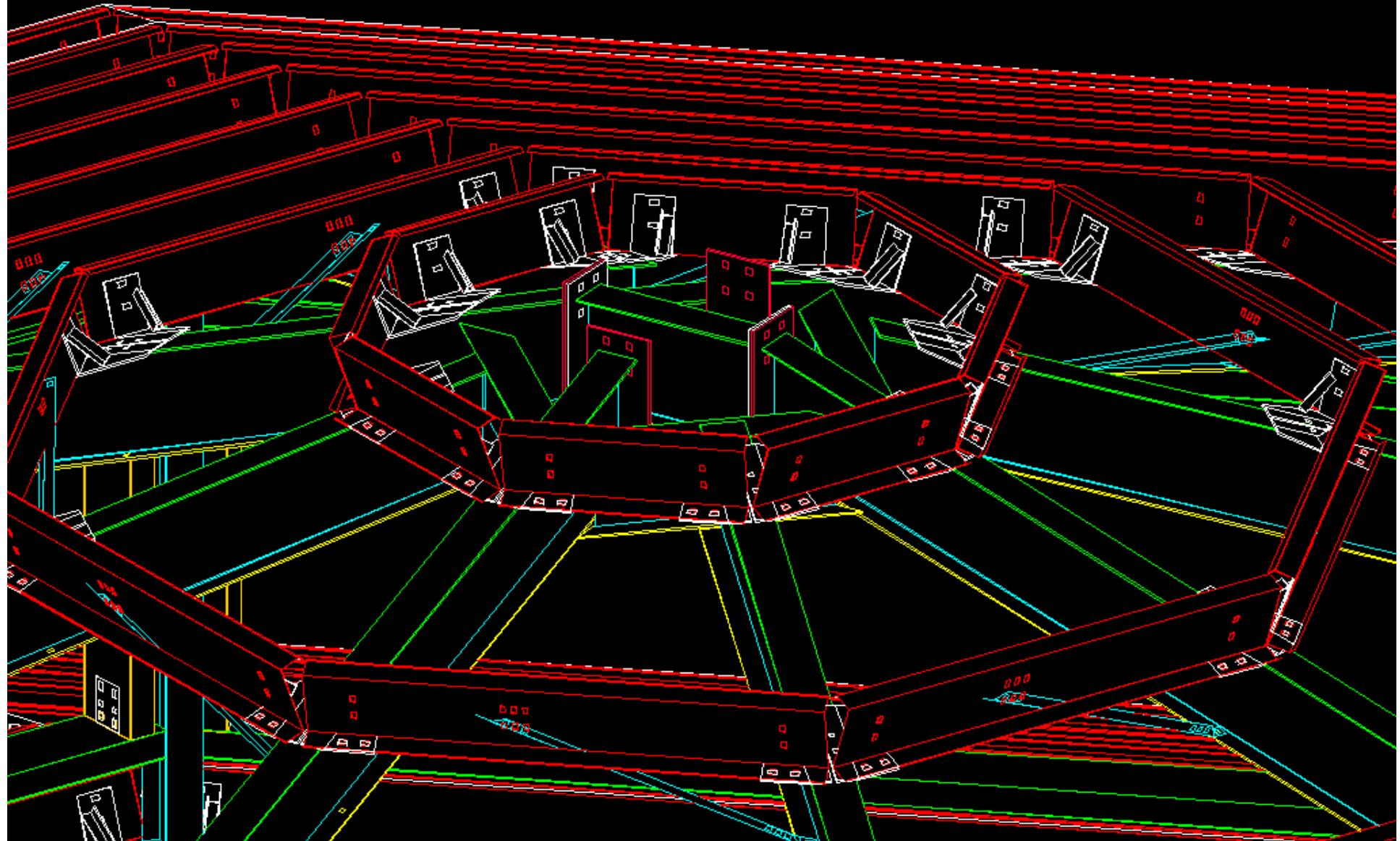
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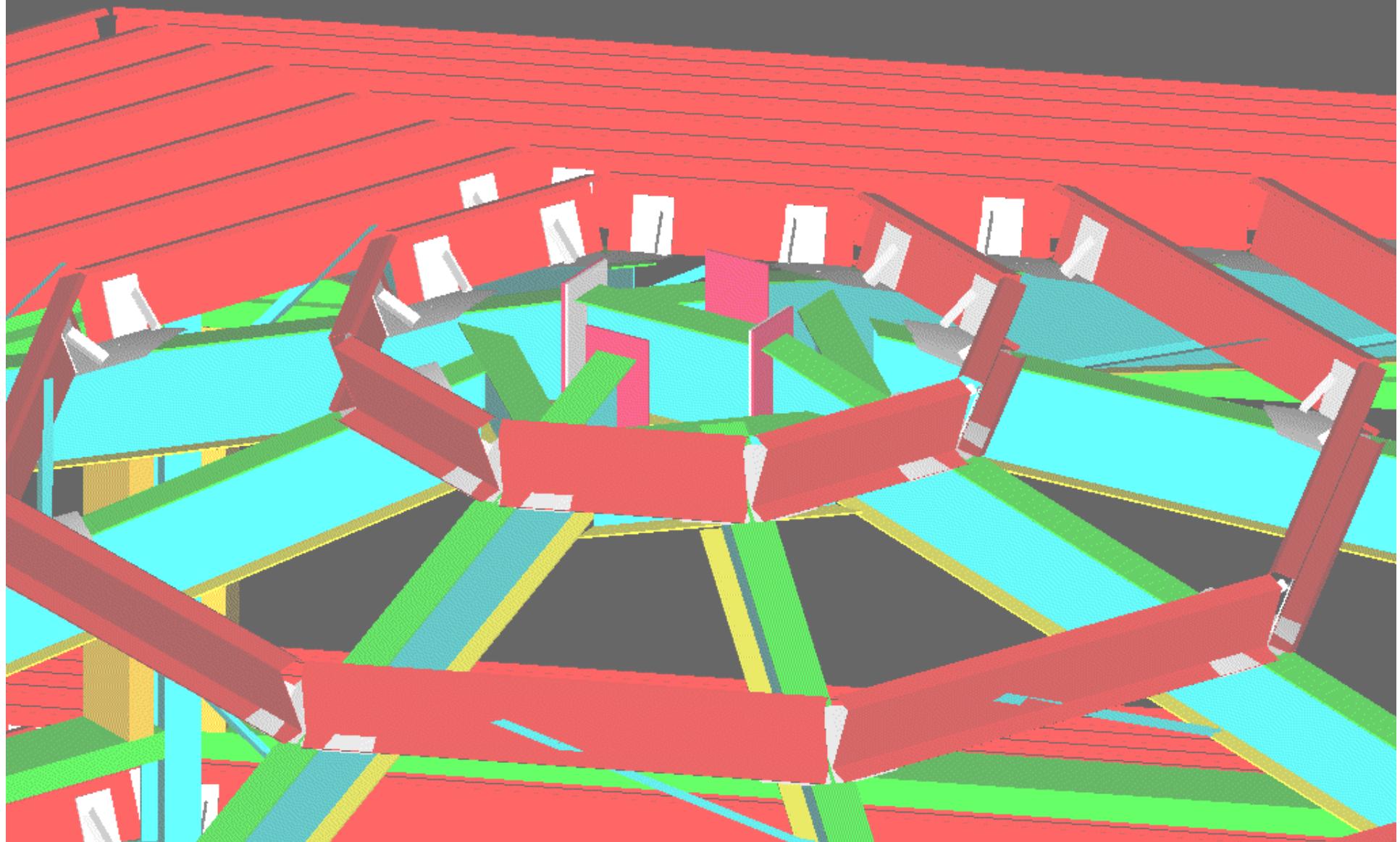
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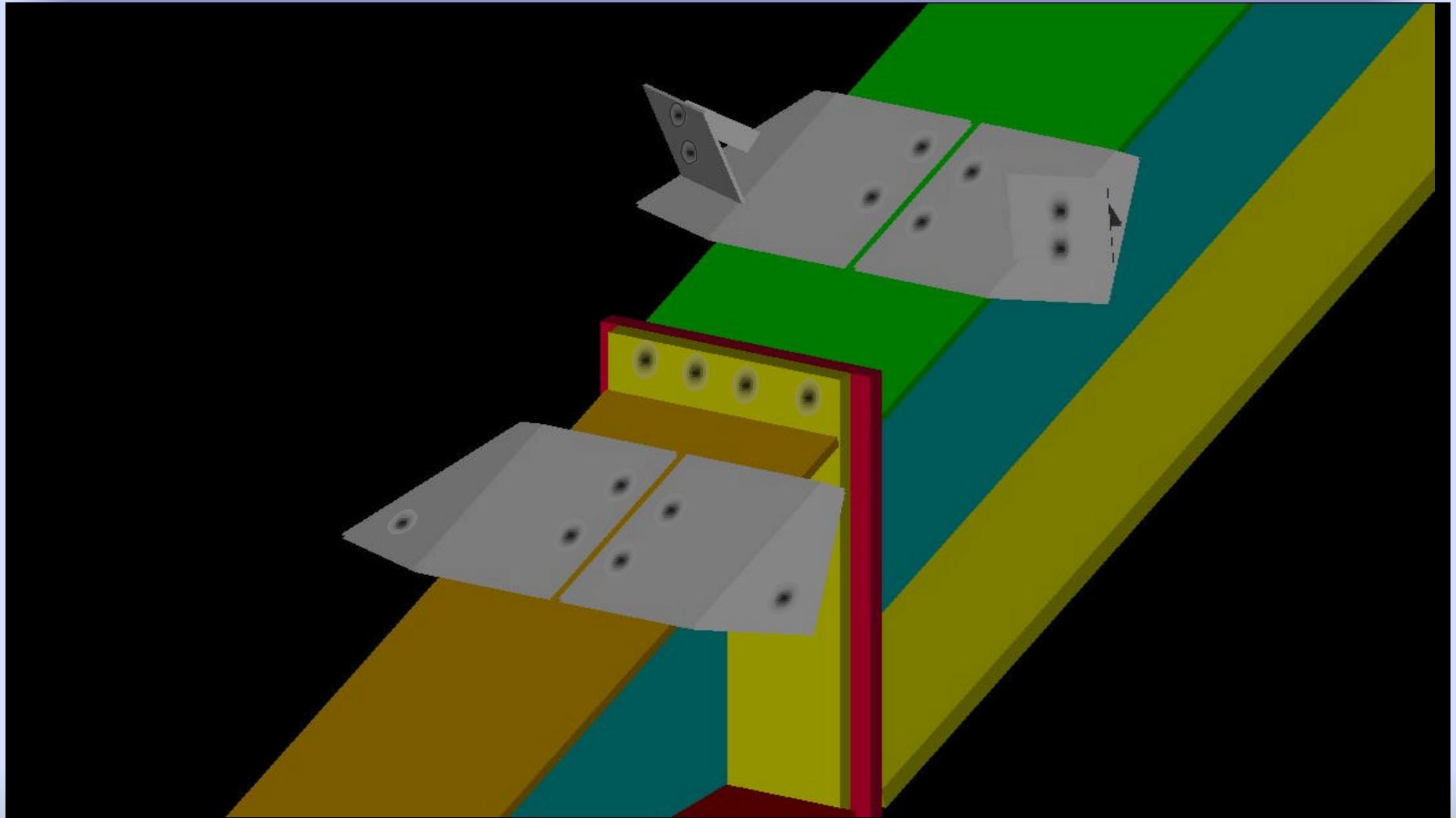


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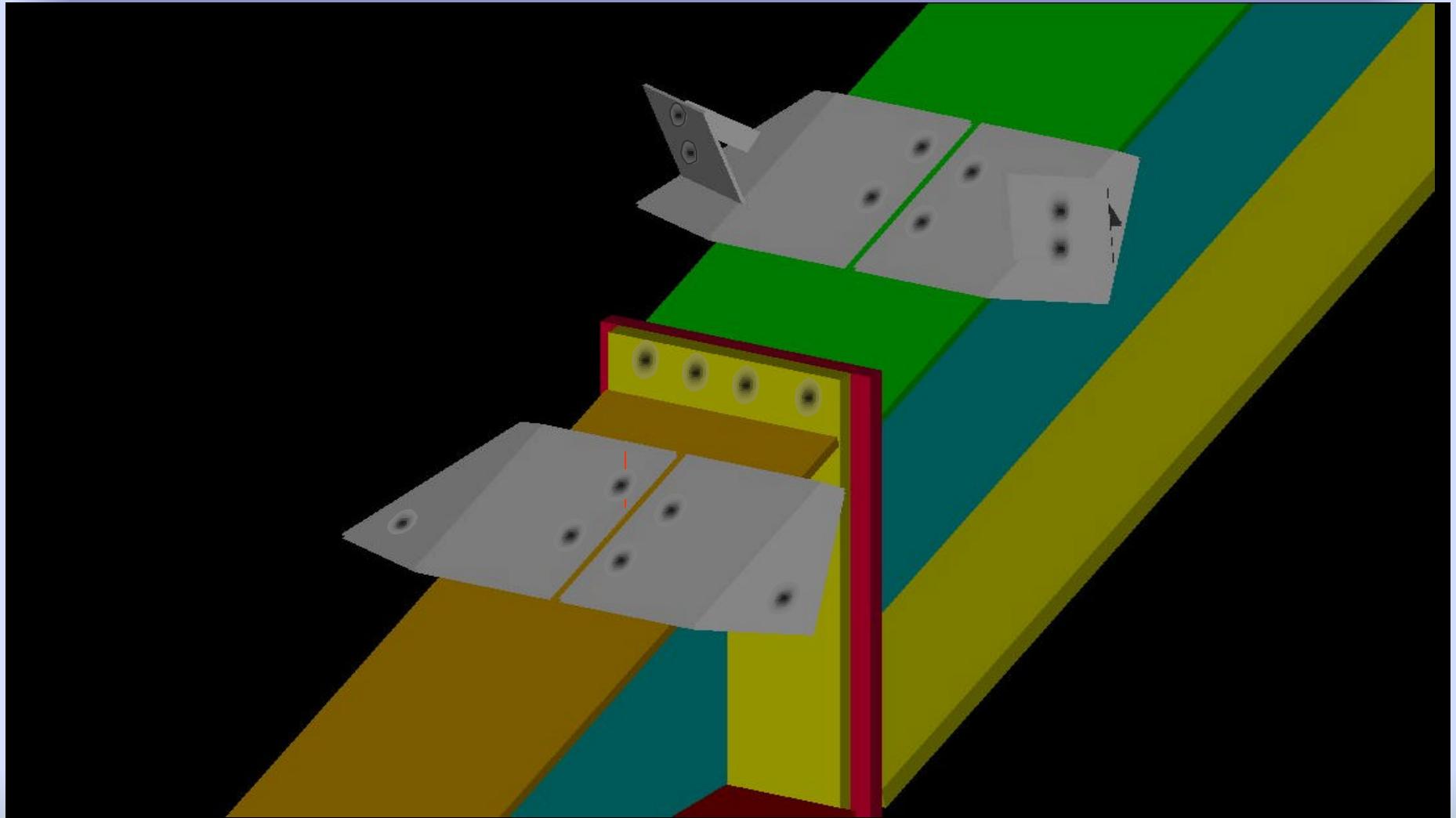
Beyond CAD

Direct download to Manufacturing Equipment



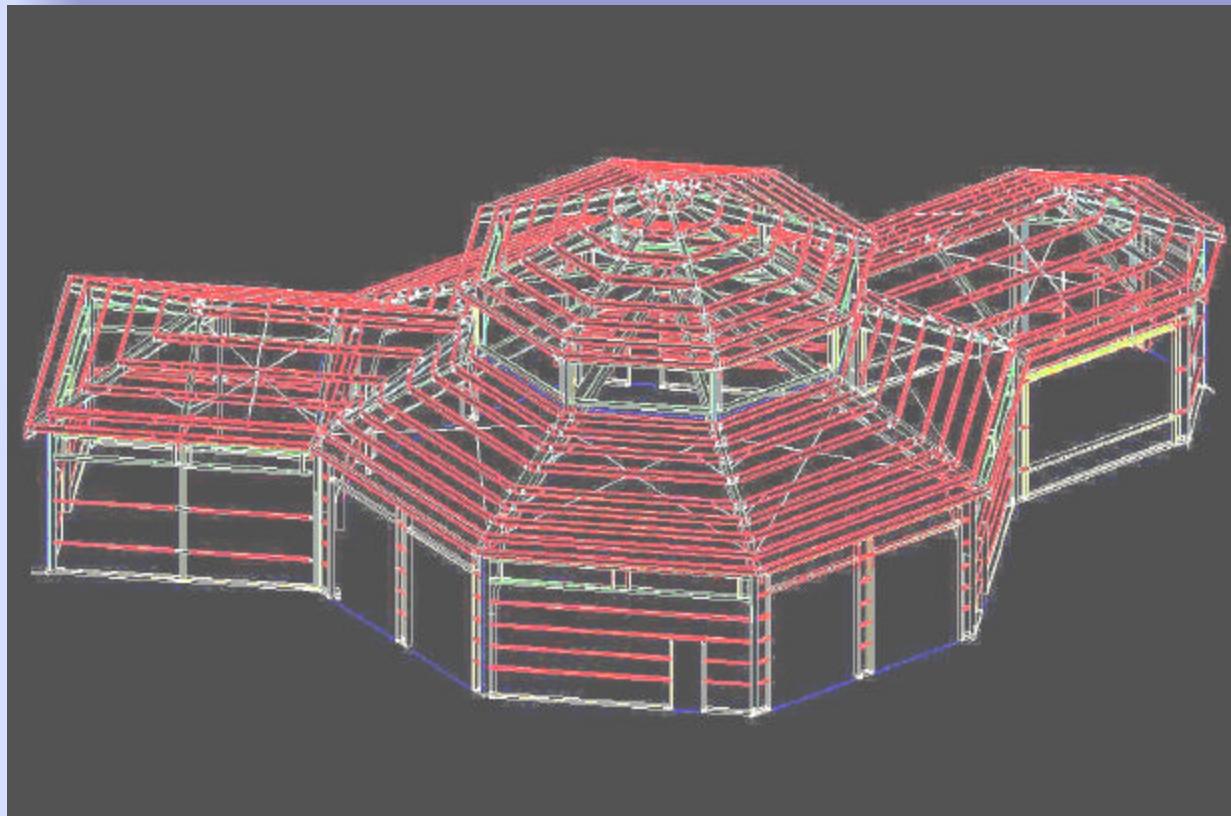
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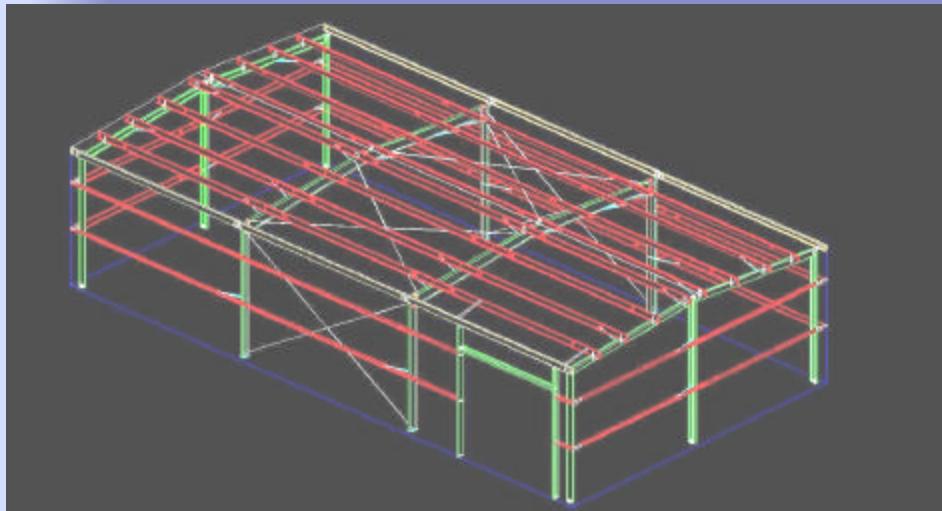
3D Visualization



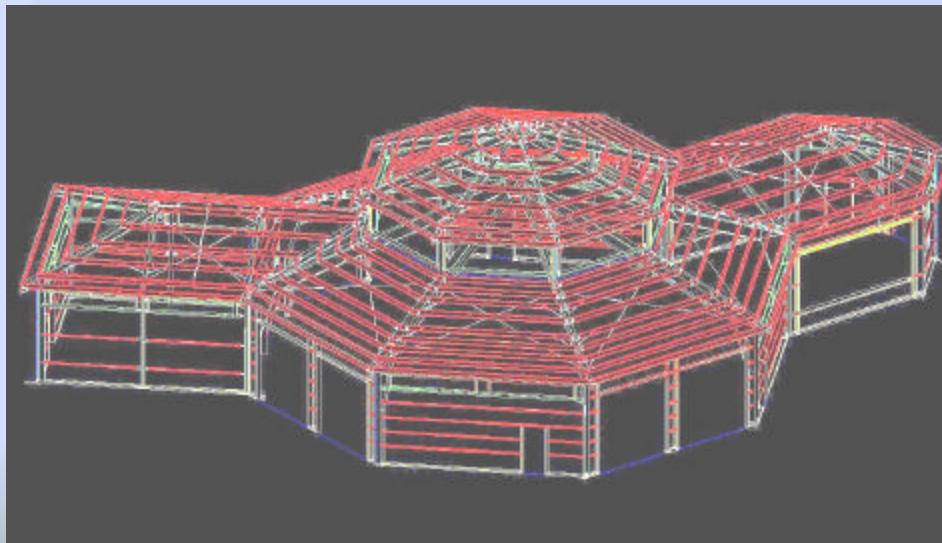
Best Tool for:

- Visualizing
- Communicating
- Checking
- Collaborating

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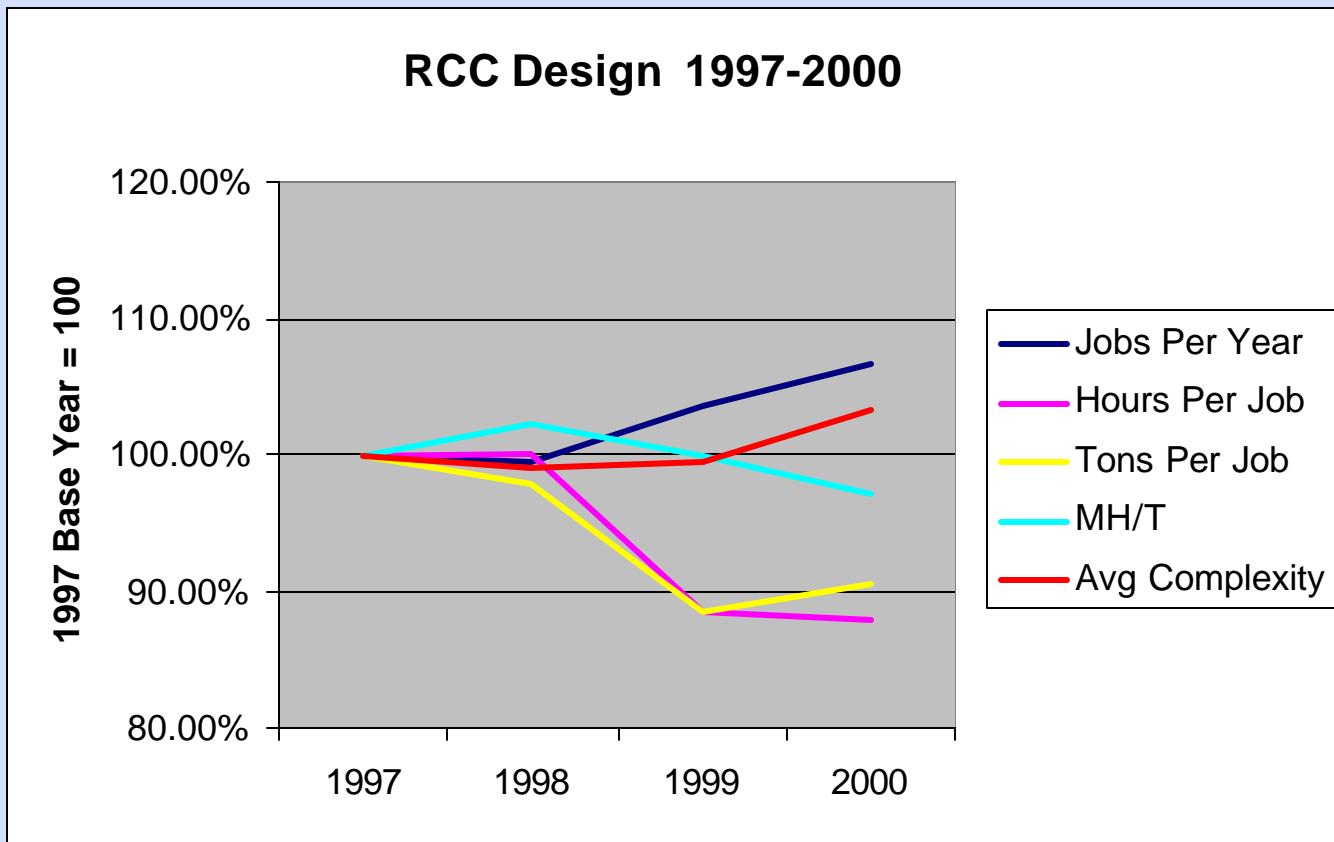


Complexity (1-10)	2
Total number of parts	300
Unique parts	30
	<u>Old Way</u> <u>New Way</u>
Drafting Time	2 days 1 day



Complexity (1-10)	10
Total number of parts	13,000
Unique parts	450
	<u>Old Way</u> <u>New Way</u>
Drafting Time	45 days 15 days

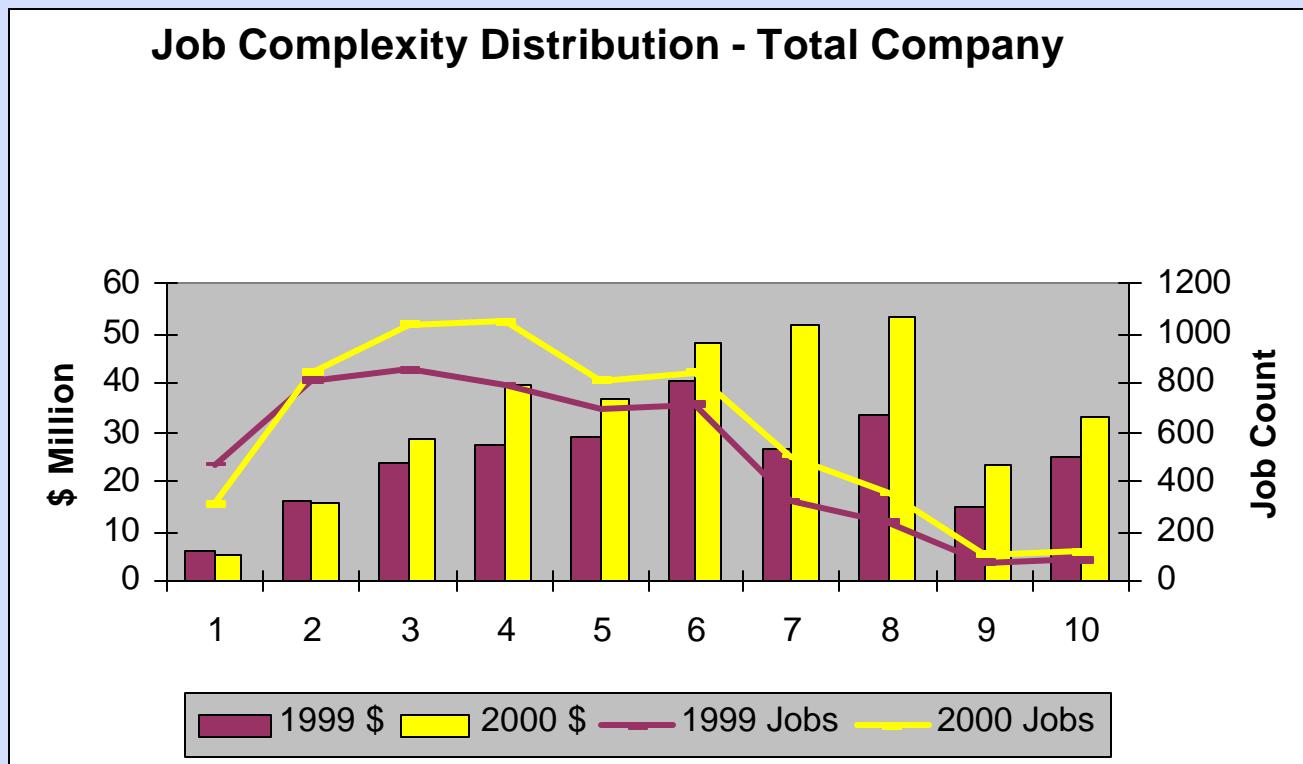
Our results....



Training time cut 20%

Back-charges cut by 60%

Our results....



COMPLEX JOBS 6 - 10

Job count up 33% year-to-year

Revenue up 50% year-to-year