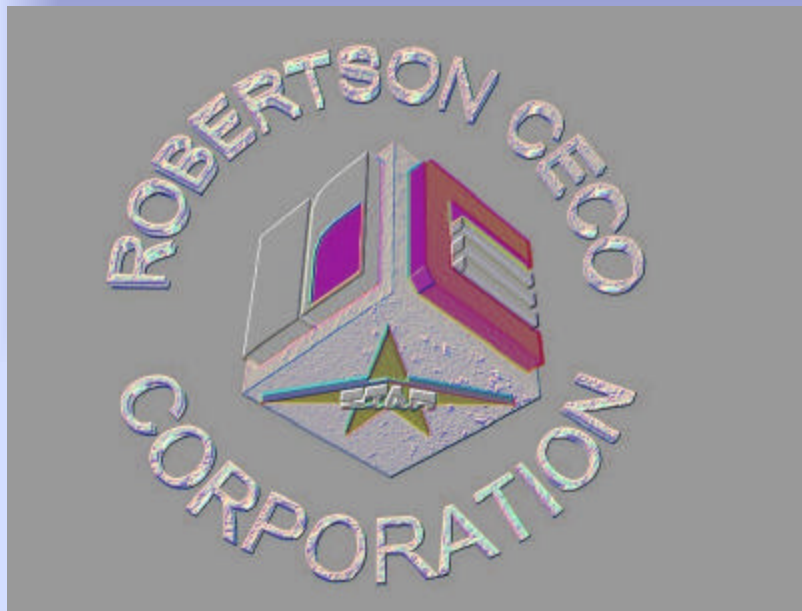


# **Pre-Engineered Metal Buildings**



**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  
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**Market Driven**

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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.....**

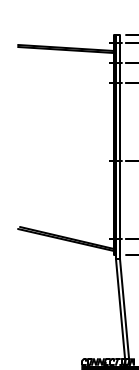
- **“Synergize” the customer**  
.....design/estimating/sales software
- **Use innovative software innovatively**  
.....leverage capability and commonality
- **Attack the biggest opportunity first**

# **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....**

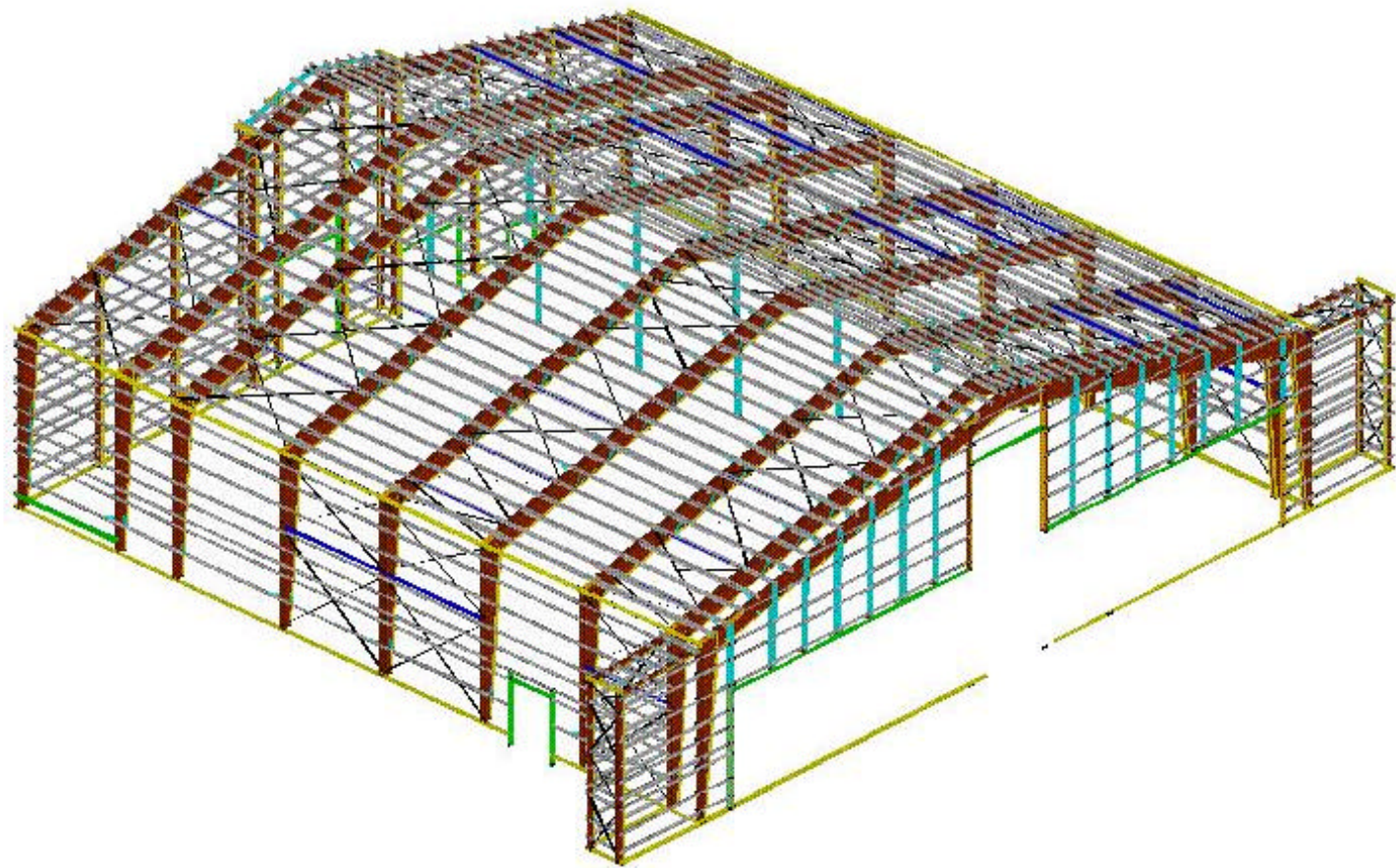
- **One person - one job**
- **One system - all complexities**
- **One system - all inputs/outputs**
- **Automate 90% of all product knowledge**
- **All design work in 3-D**



GENERAL NOTES  
1. SOME DIMENSIONS SHOWN ARE APPROXIMATE AND  
MAY VARY DUE TO CONCRETE DEFLECTION.  
VERTICAL CLEARANCE DIMENSIONS ARE FROM  
FINISHED ROAD SURFACE ELEVATION.

MEMBER	DATE	REGIONAL LEAD AREA	USE FILE	
SWITCHER	DATE		MEMBER	
EXPLOSER	DATE			USE FILE
SWITCHER	DATE			USE FILE





# **Our Approach....**

**COMPUTER AIDED DESIGN? YES!**

**.....BUT MORE.....**

**COMPUTER AUTOMATED DESIGN?**

# **Our tools....**

## **Knowledge-Based Engineering Software**

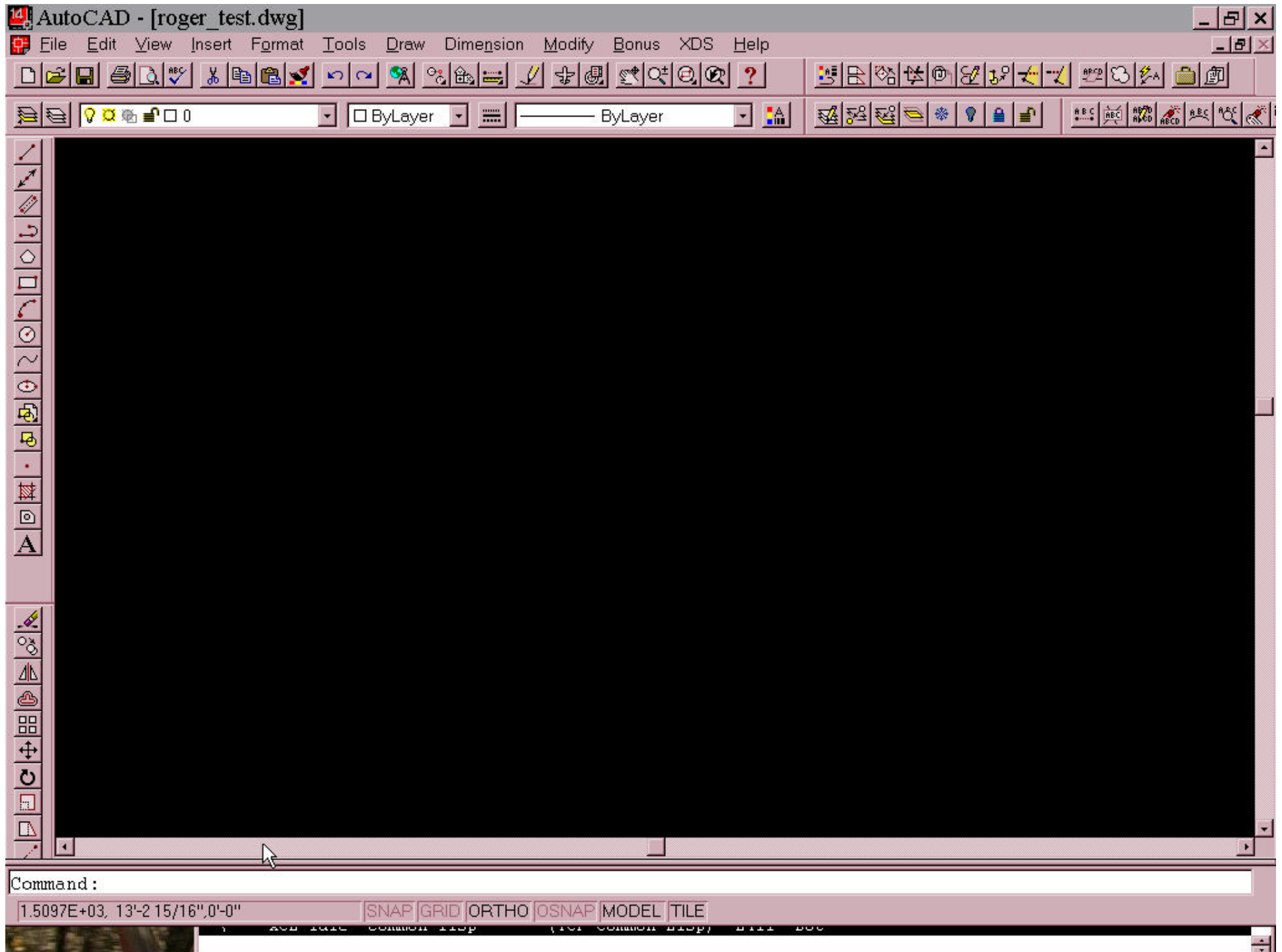
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## **Computer Aided Drawing**

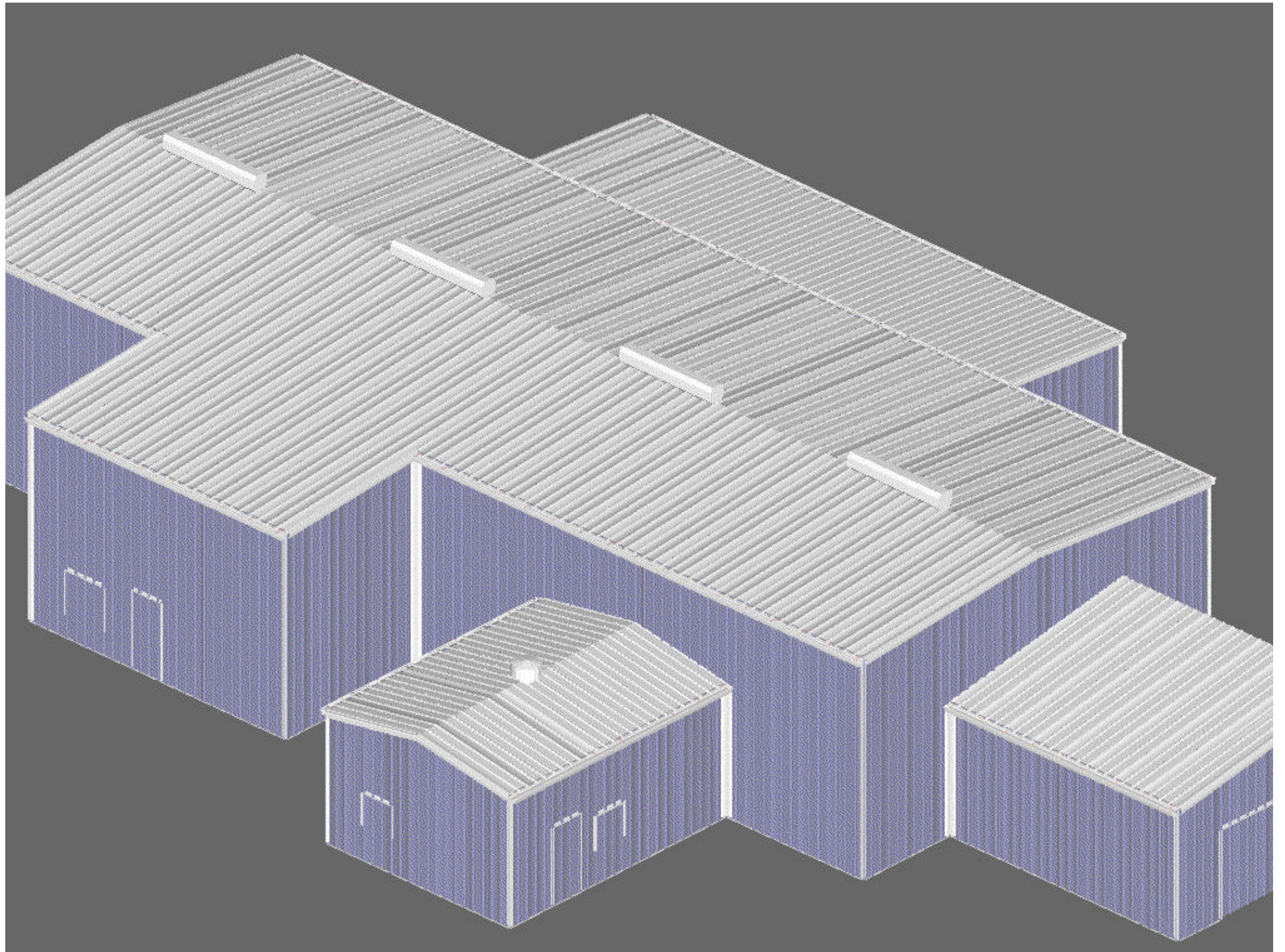
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# **Knowledge-based Modeling**

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



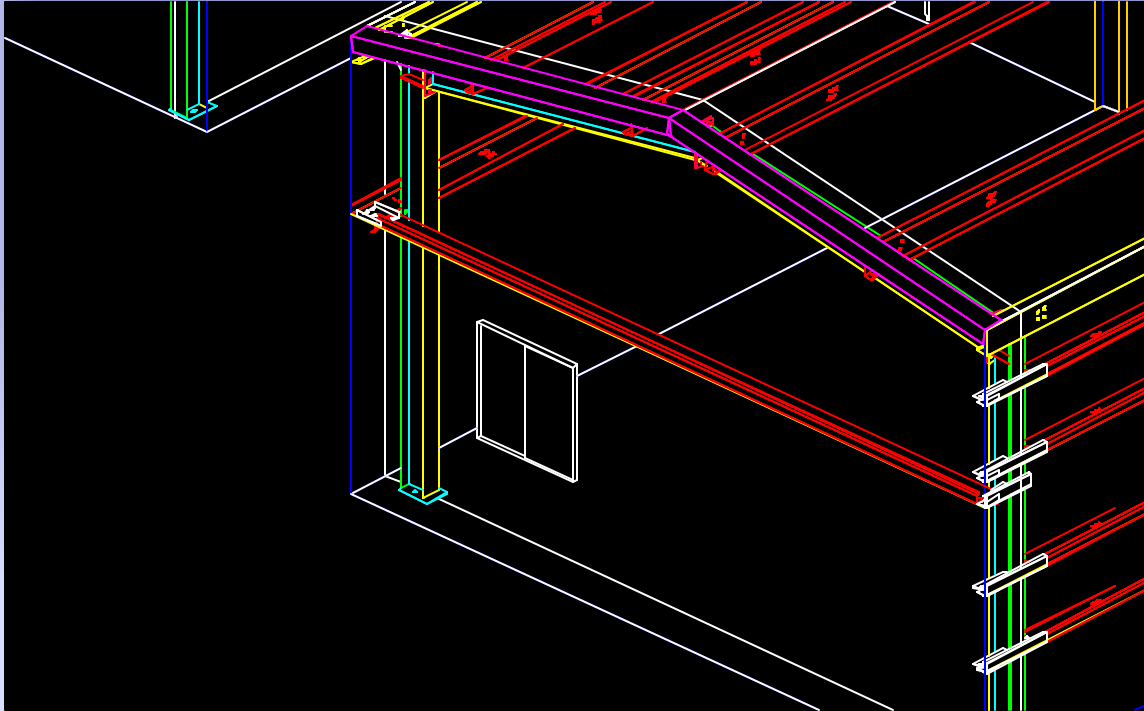






# Computer Automated Design

## Effect of changes



Change :  
Move standard  
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Condition:  
Window is currently  
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### Solution:

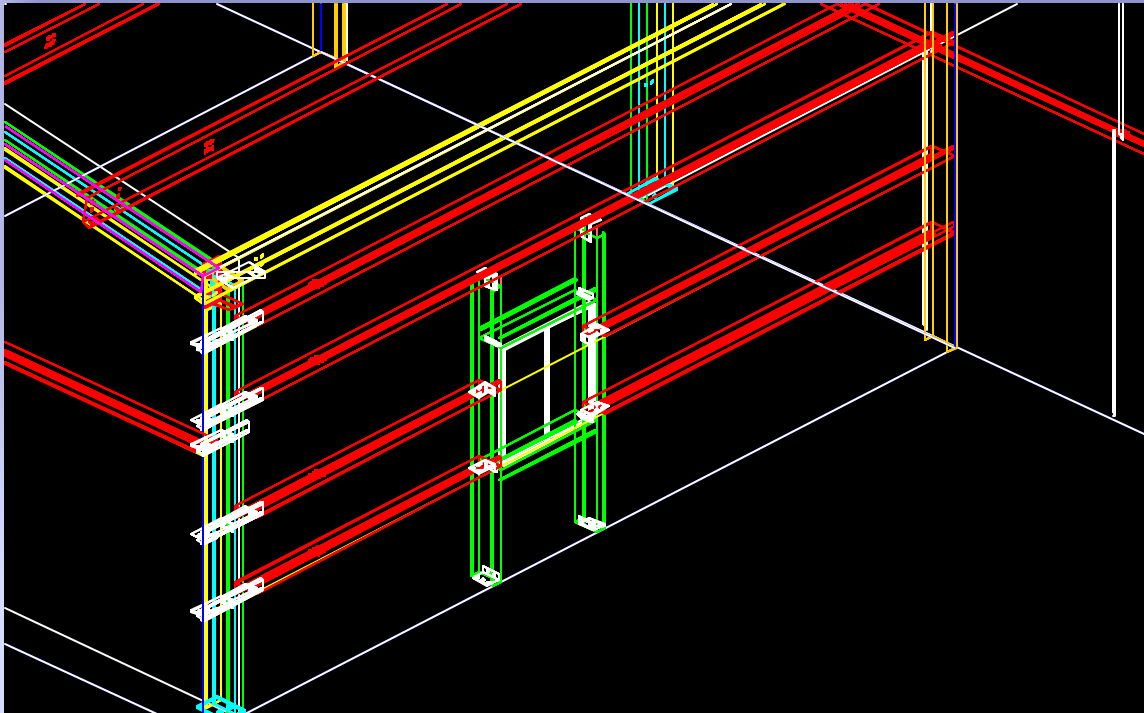
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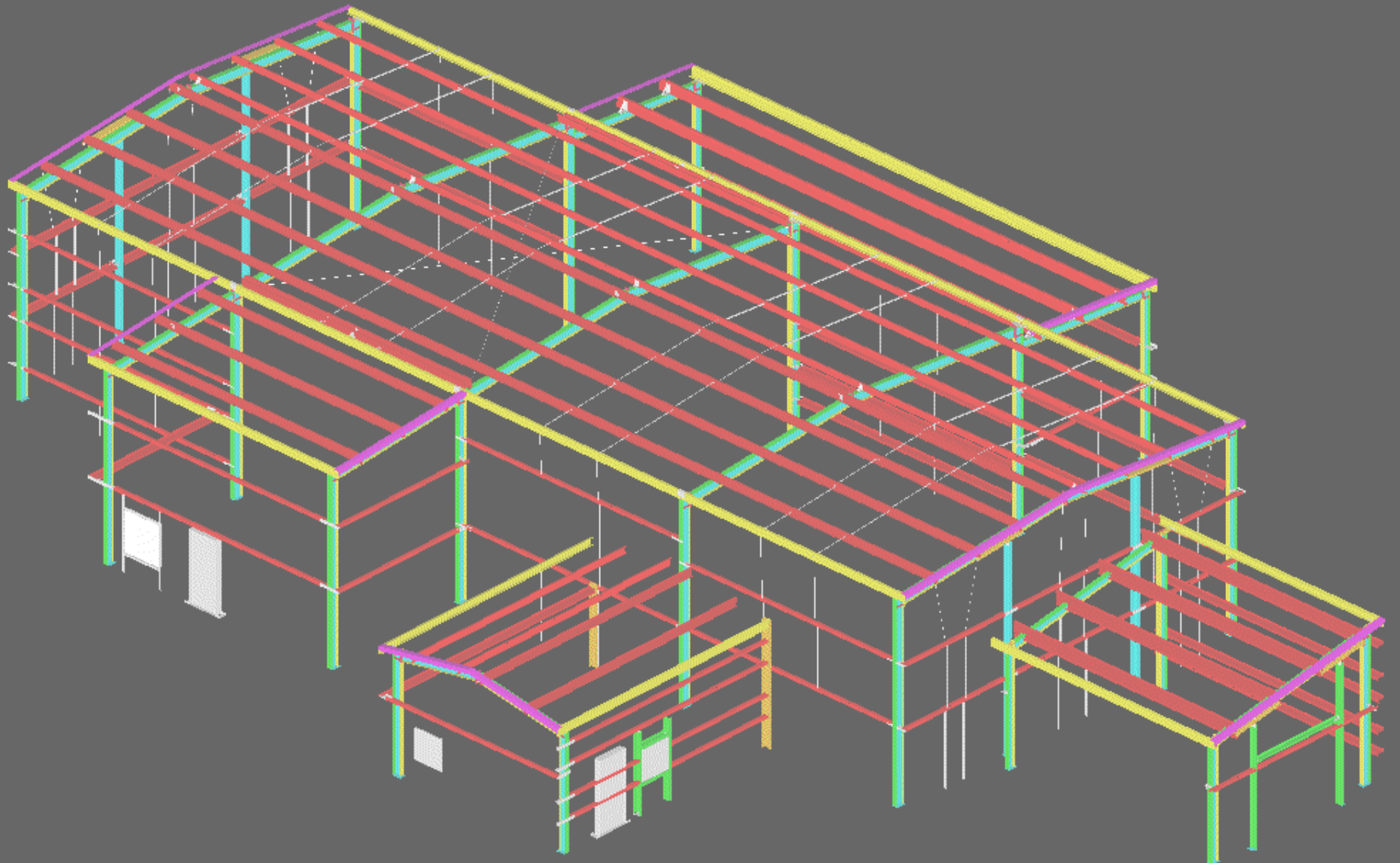
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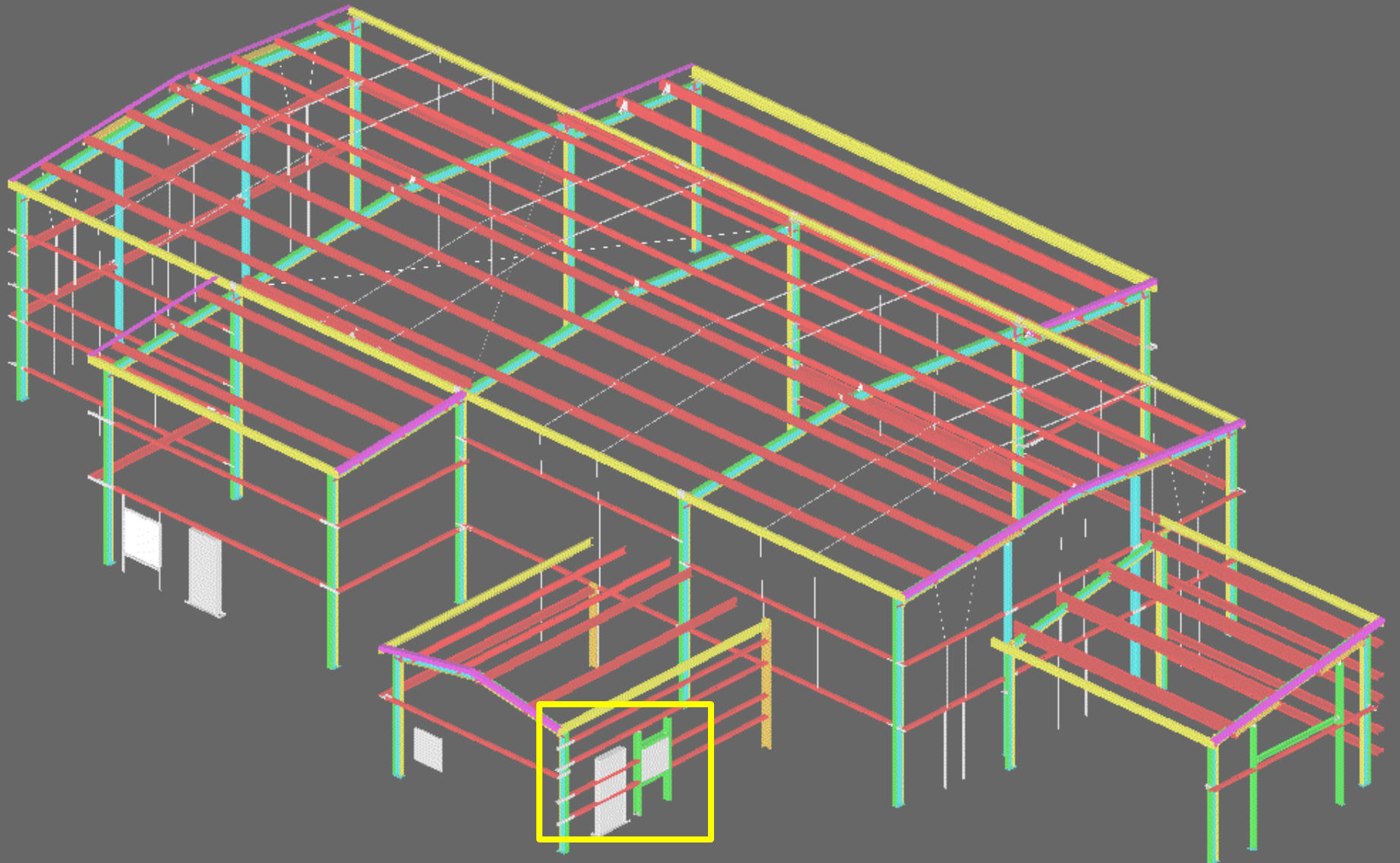
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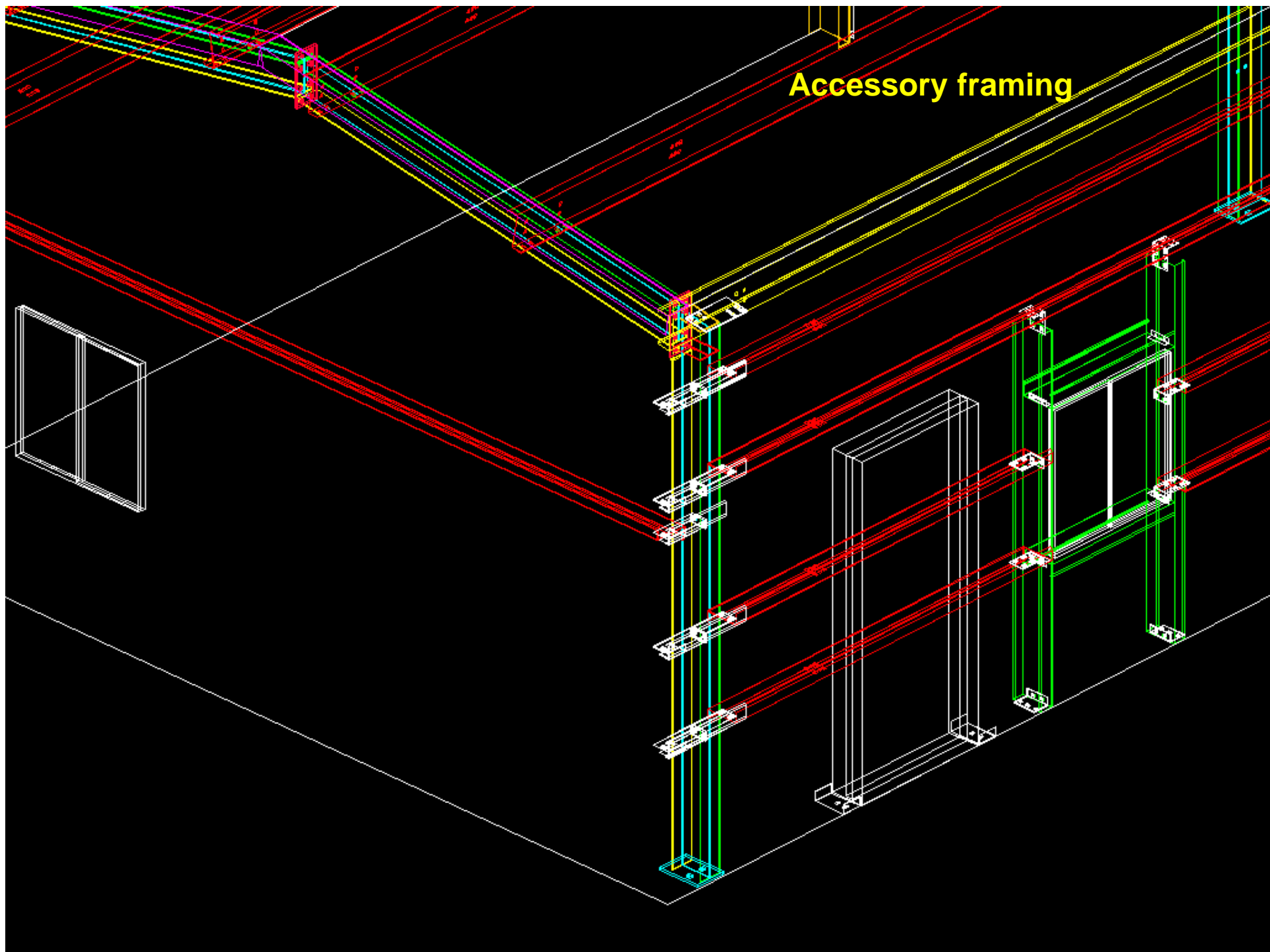
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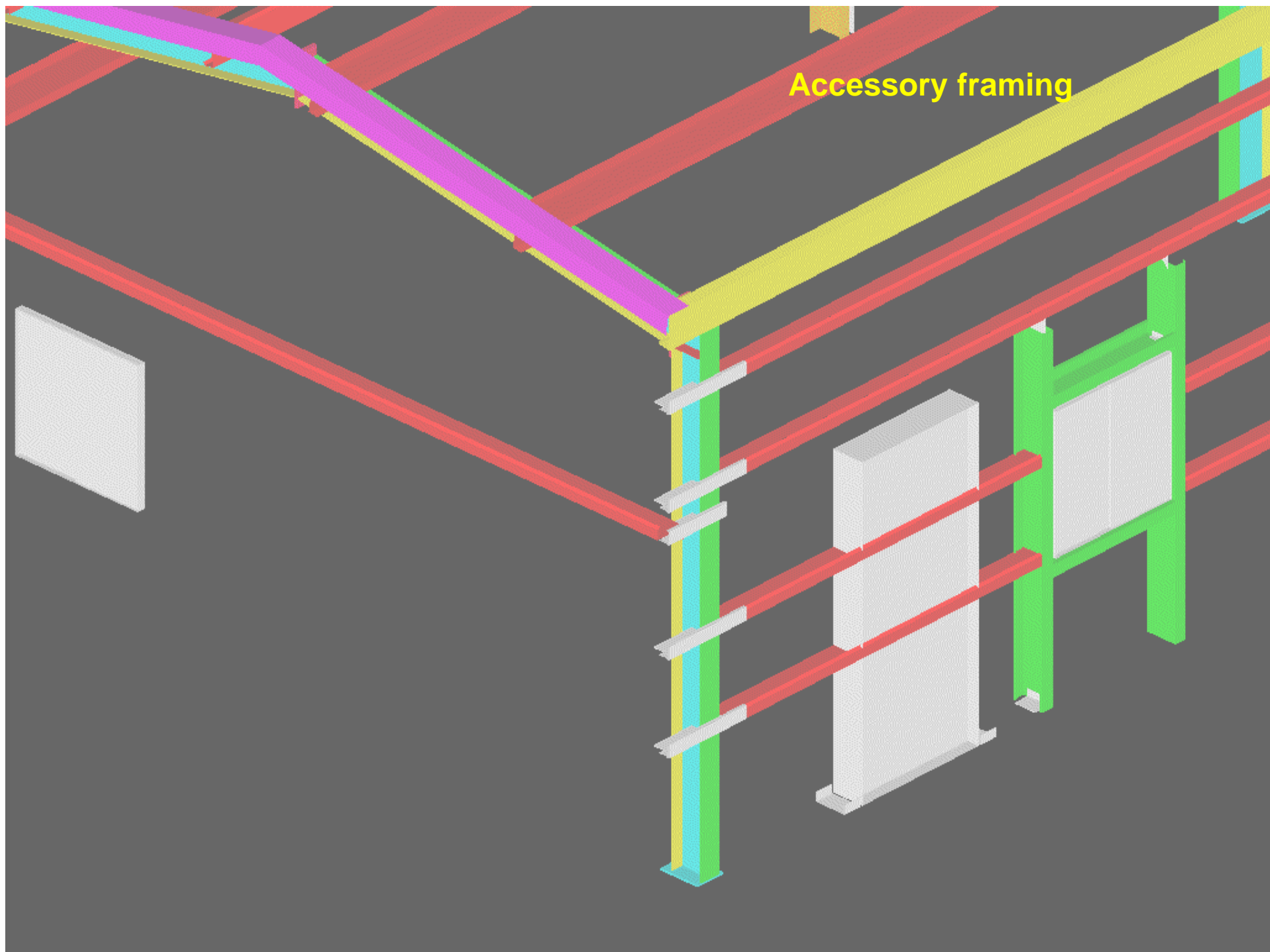
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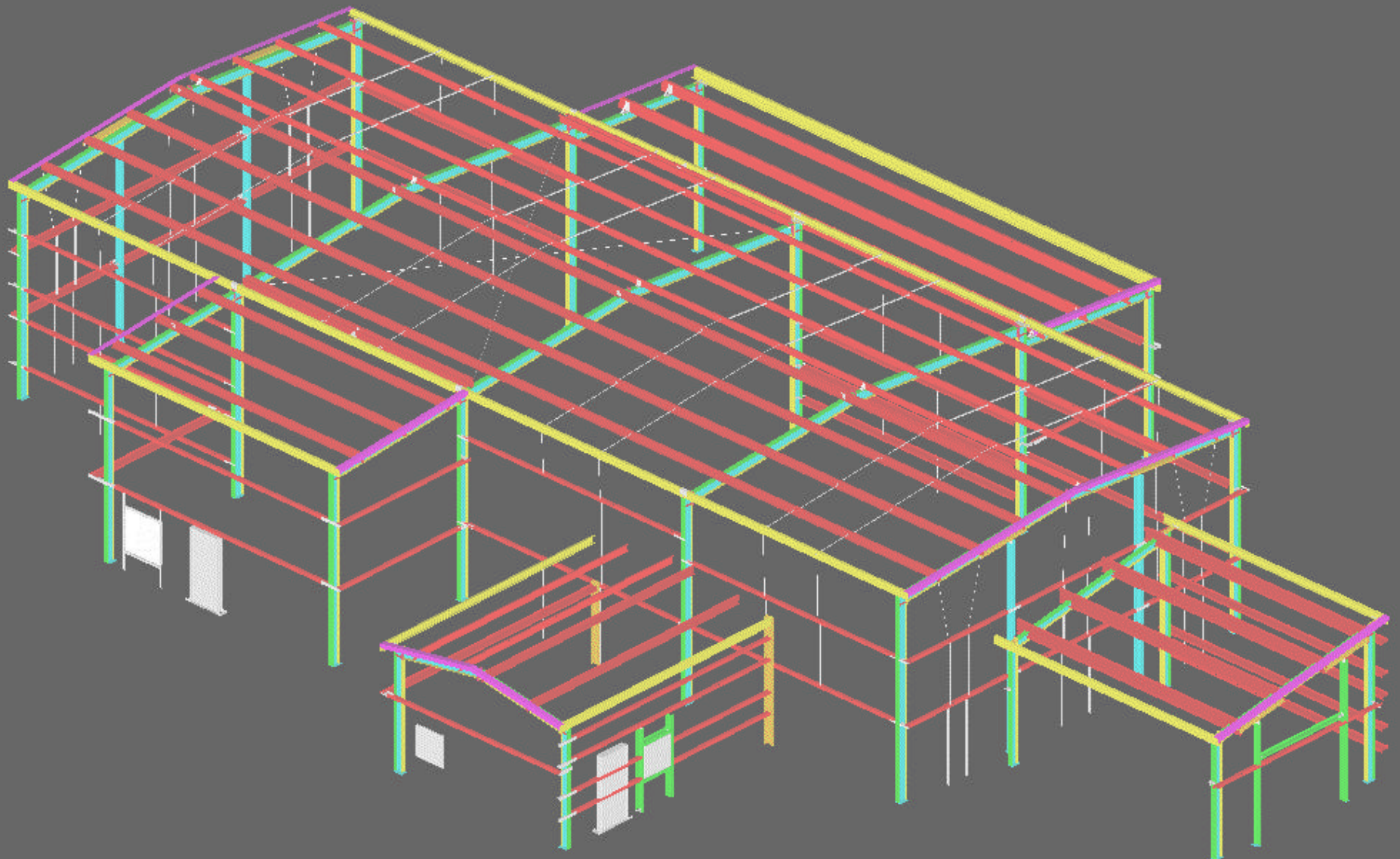




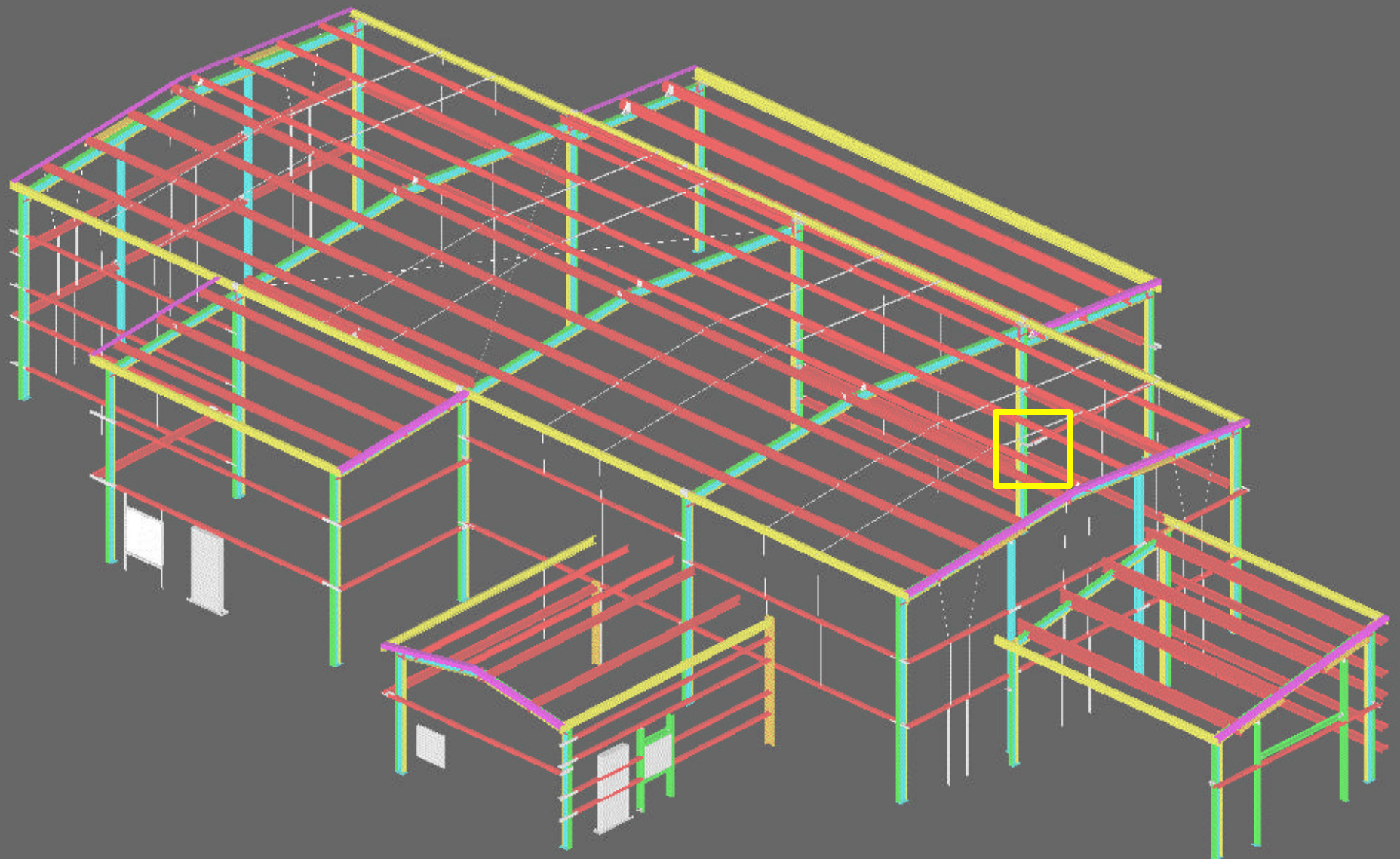




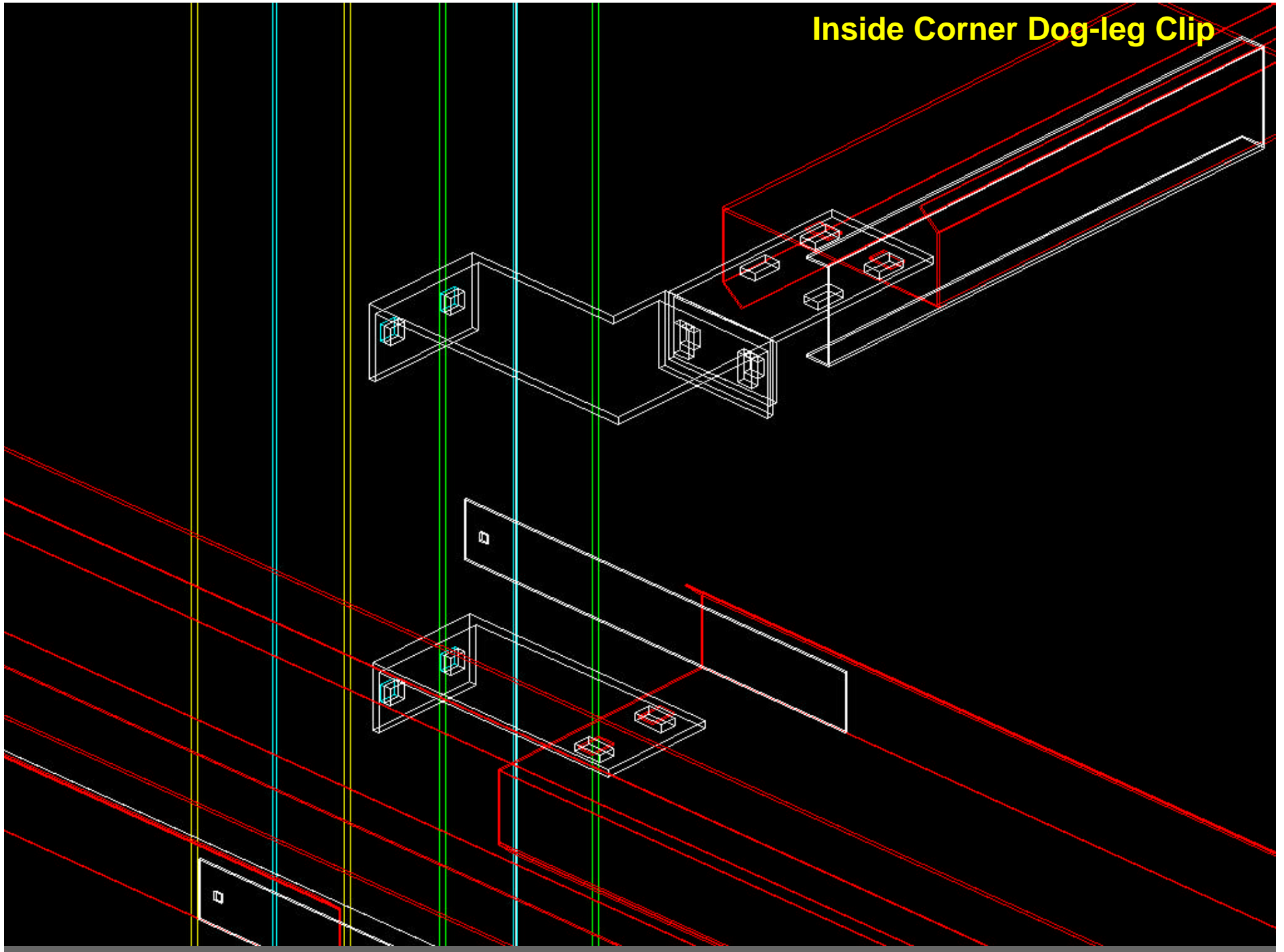
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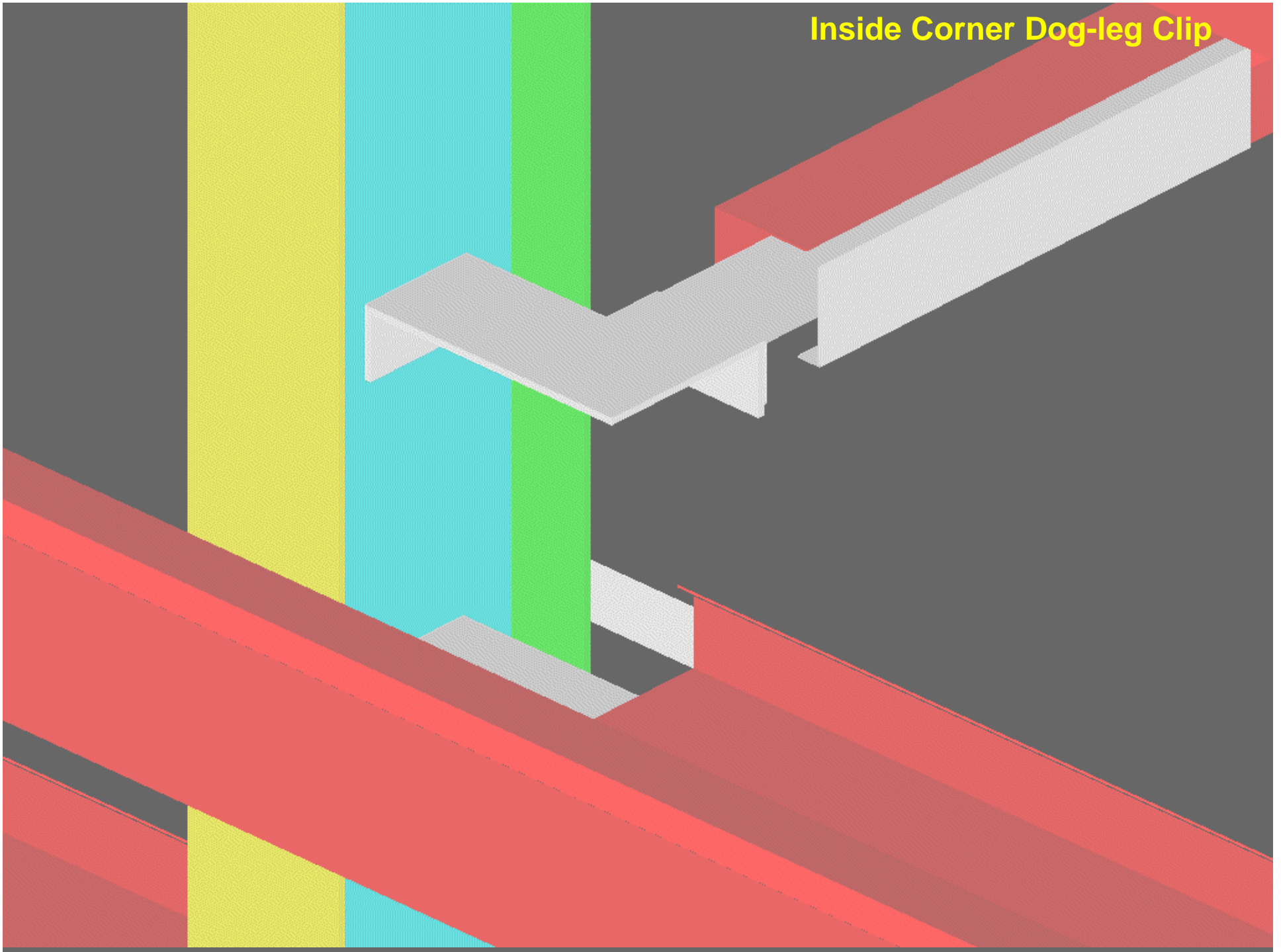


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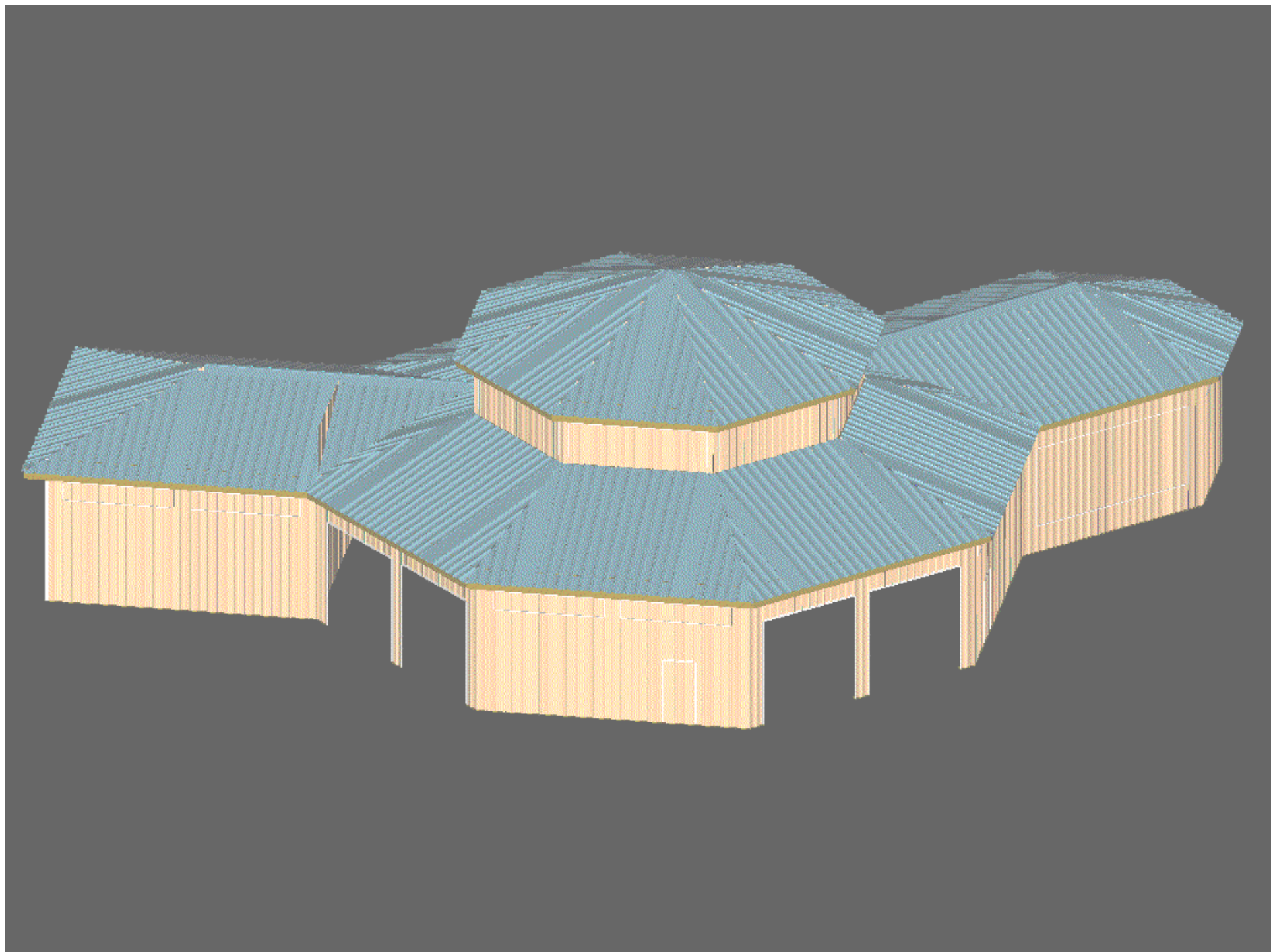


# Why not use parametric CAD tools?

Typical 90 degree corner connection requires about 3,840 patterns

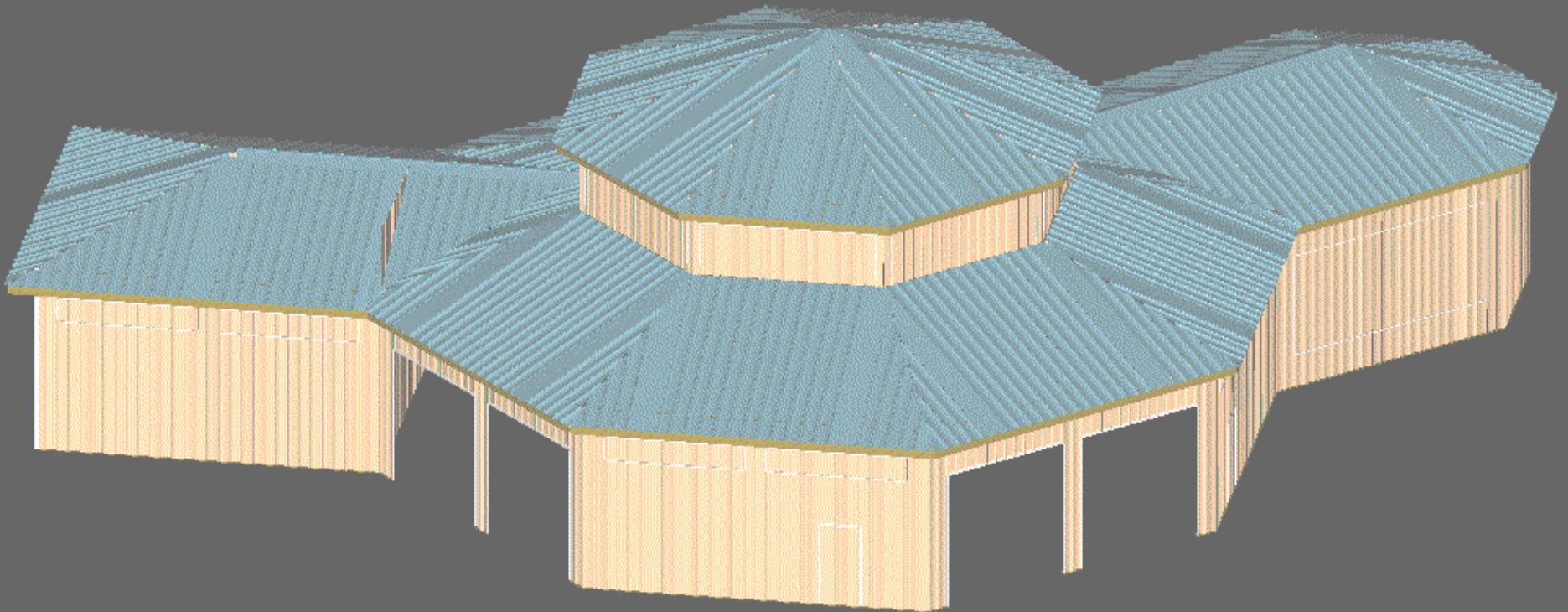
- 3 - Member Depths
- 8 - Member Shape Combinations
- 4 - Member Orientations (Asymmetric Shapes)
- 5 - Primary Framing Options
- 8 - Secondary Framing Options

We wrote about 300 small, specific, object based connections

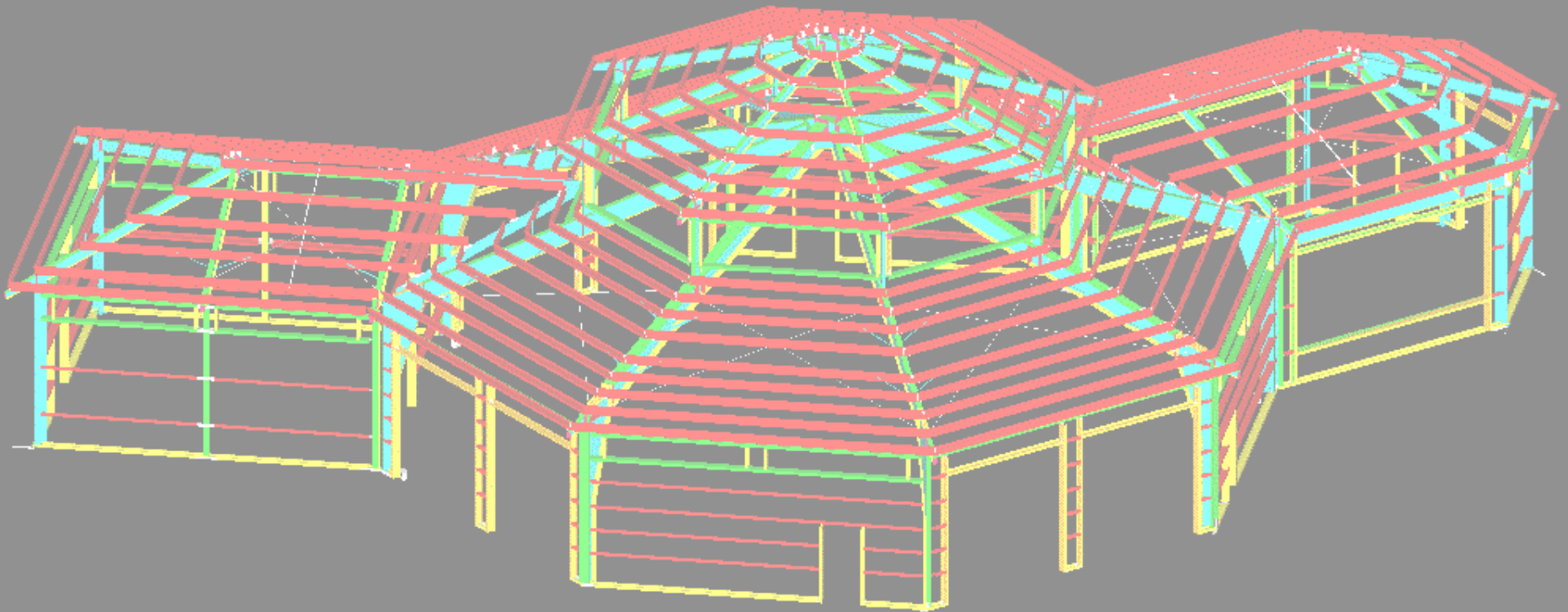




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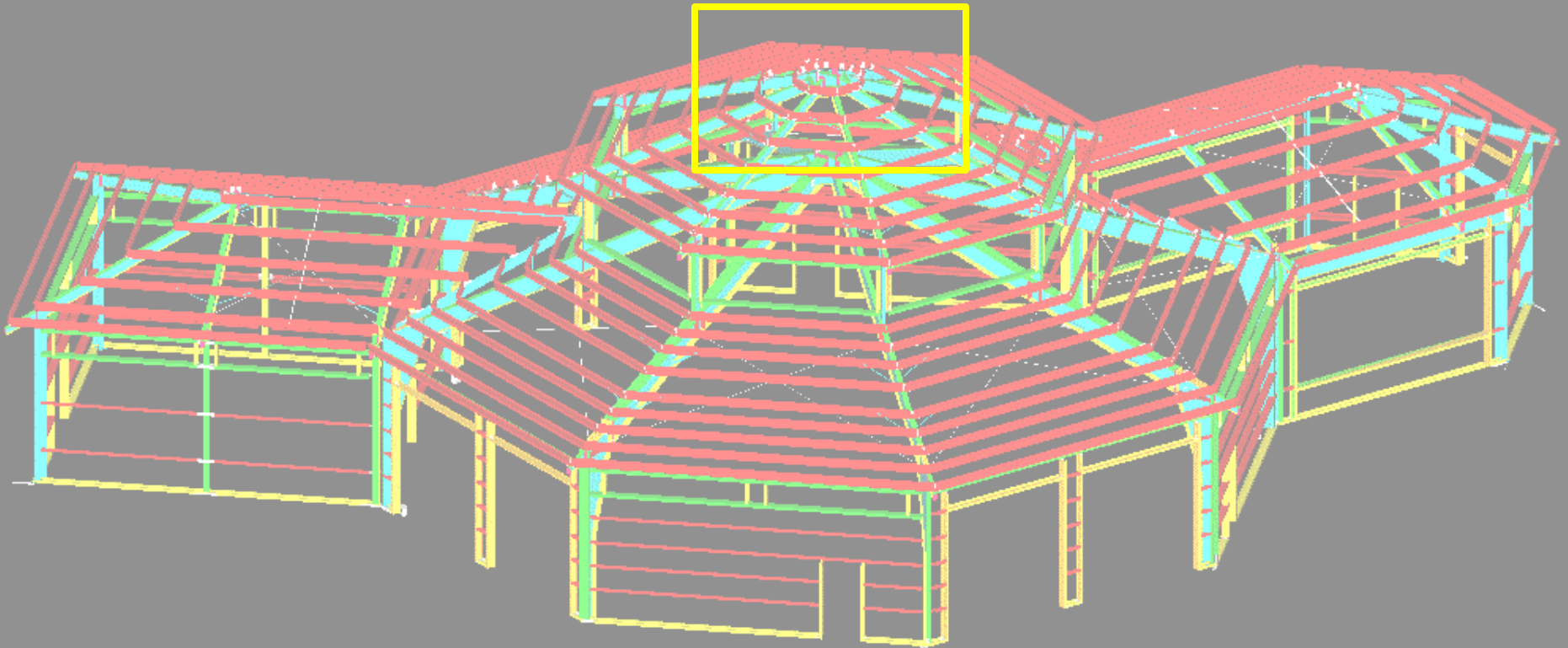


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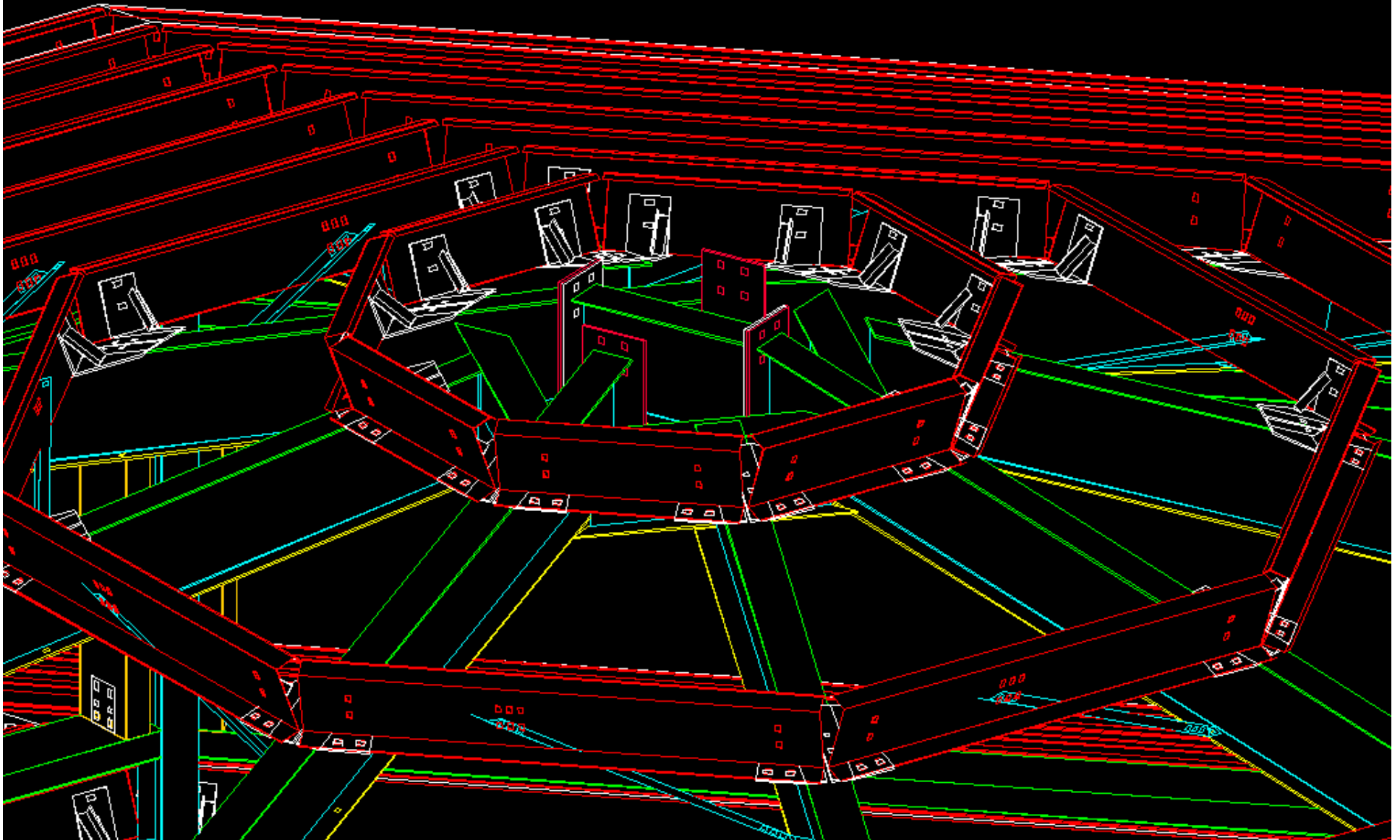




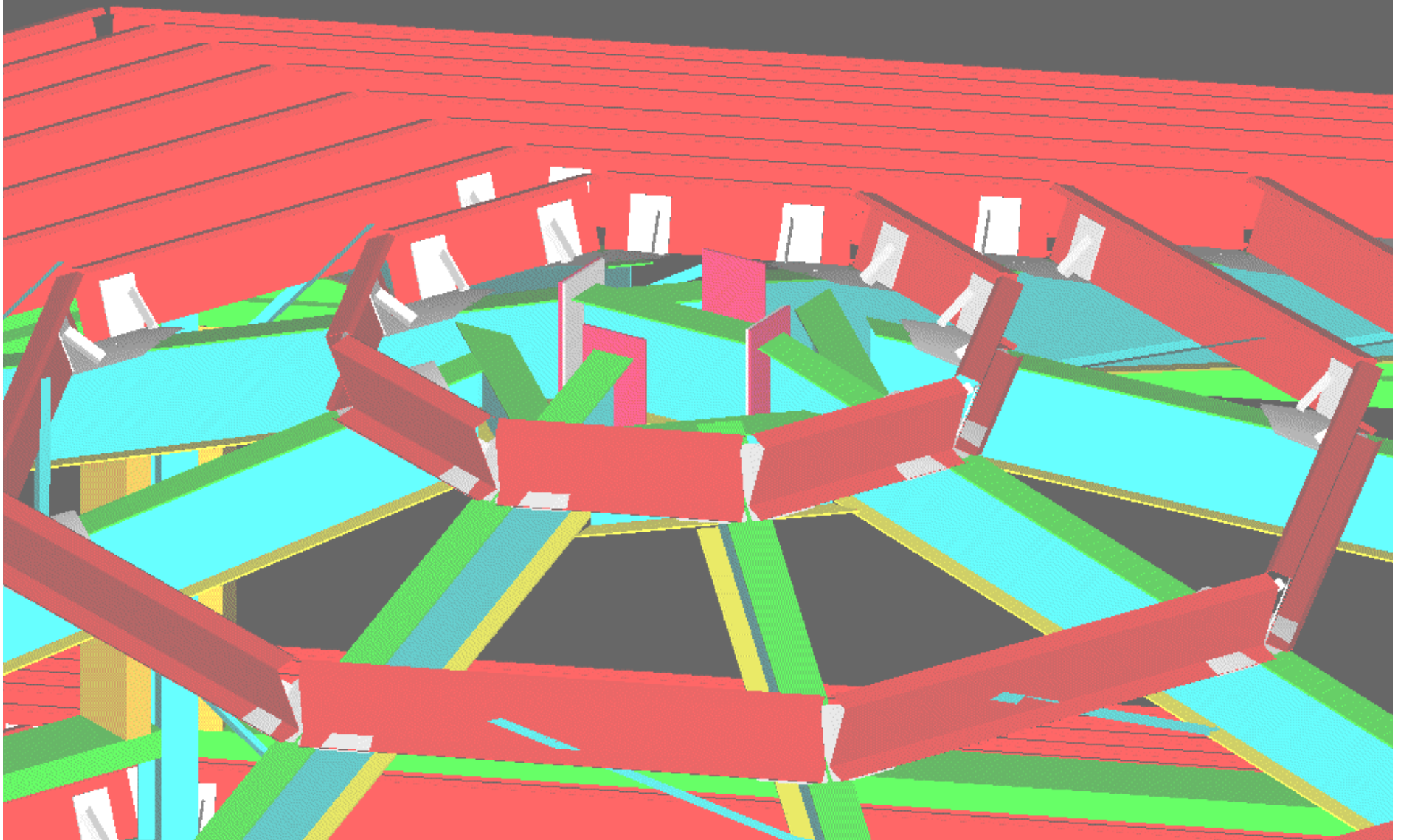
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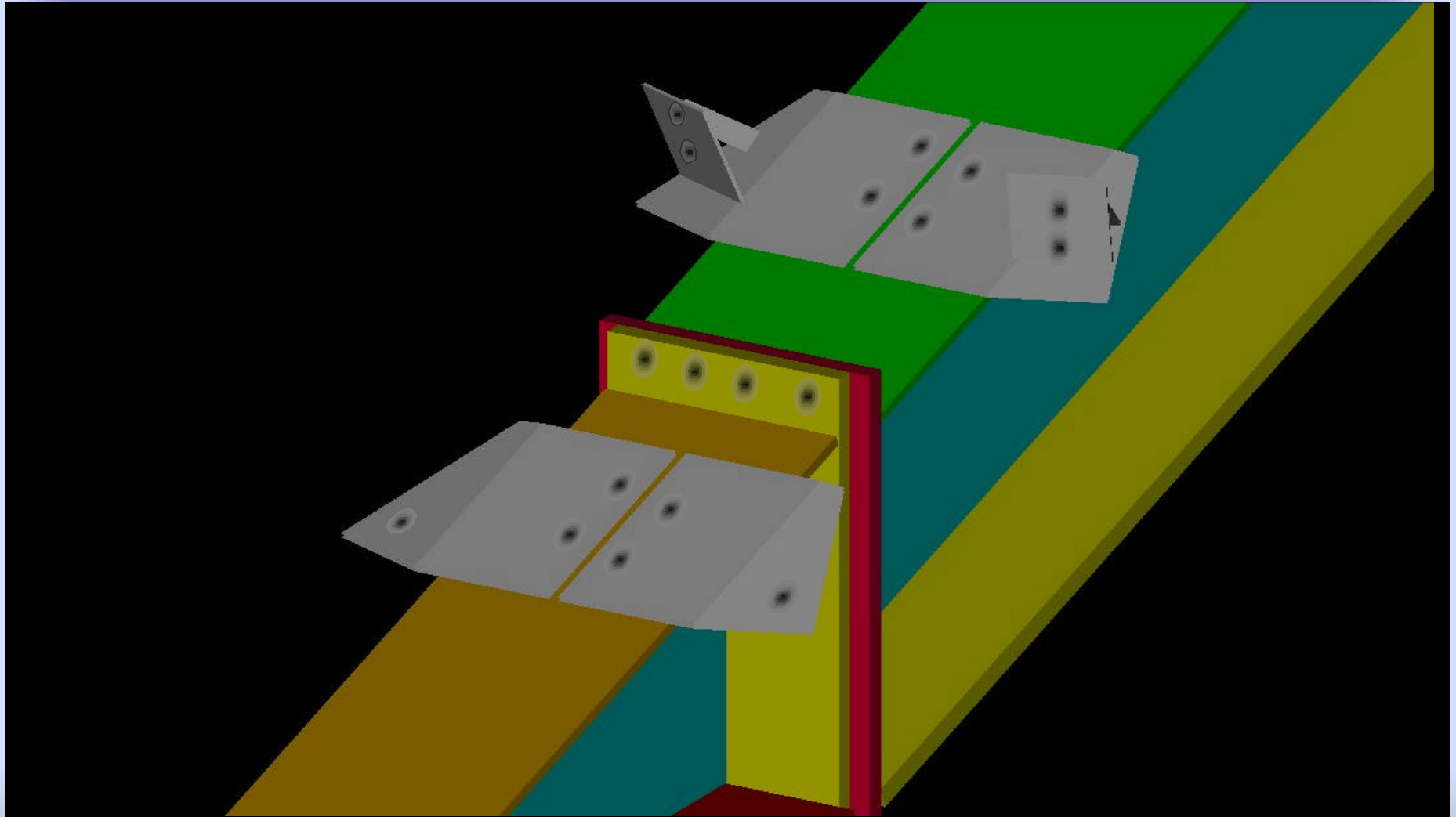


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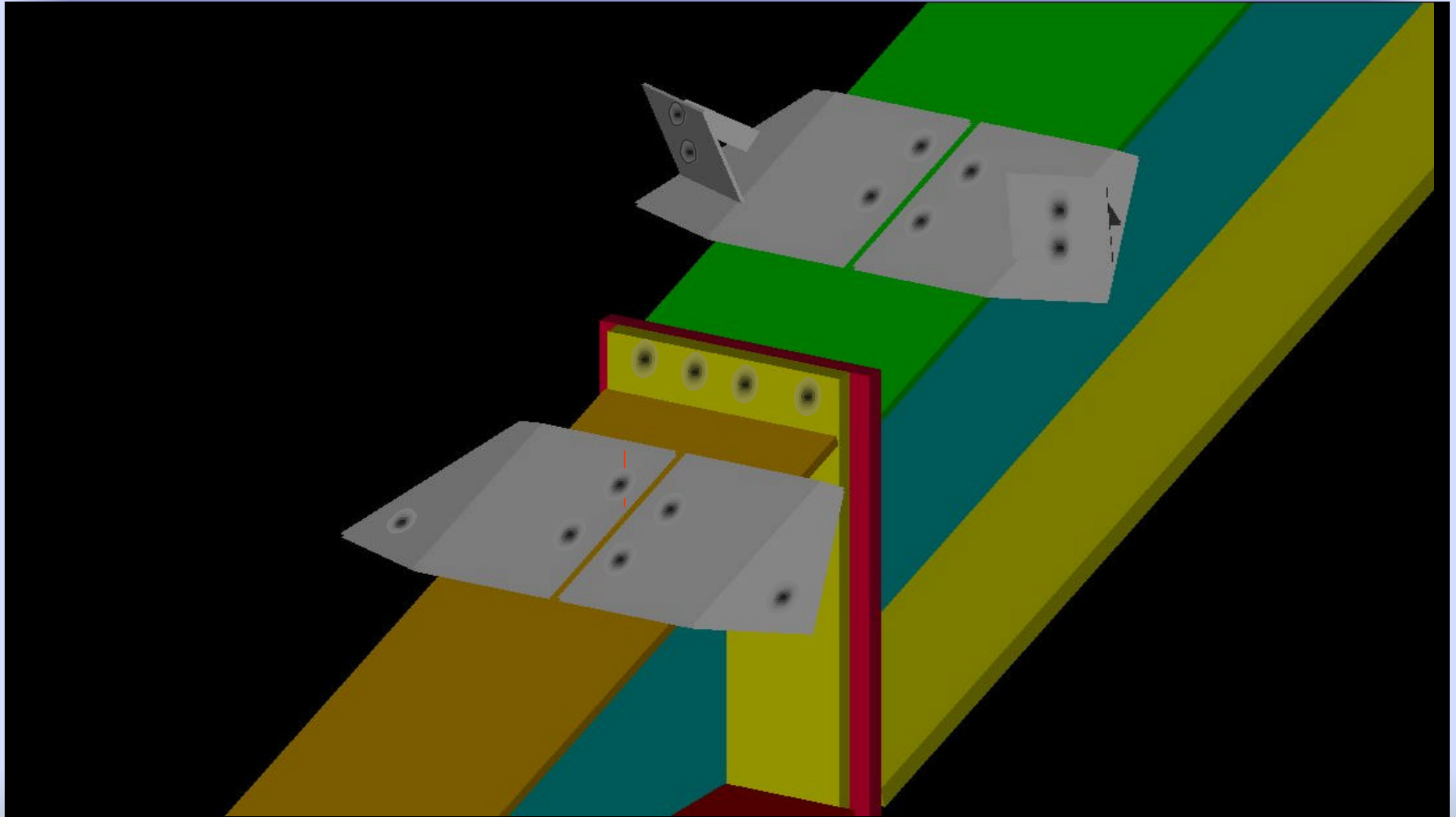
# Beyond CAD

Direct download to Manufacturing Equipment



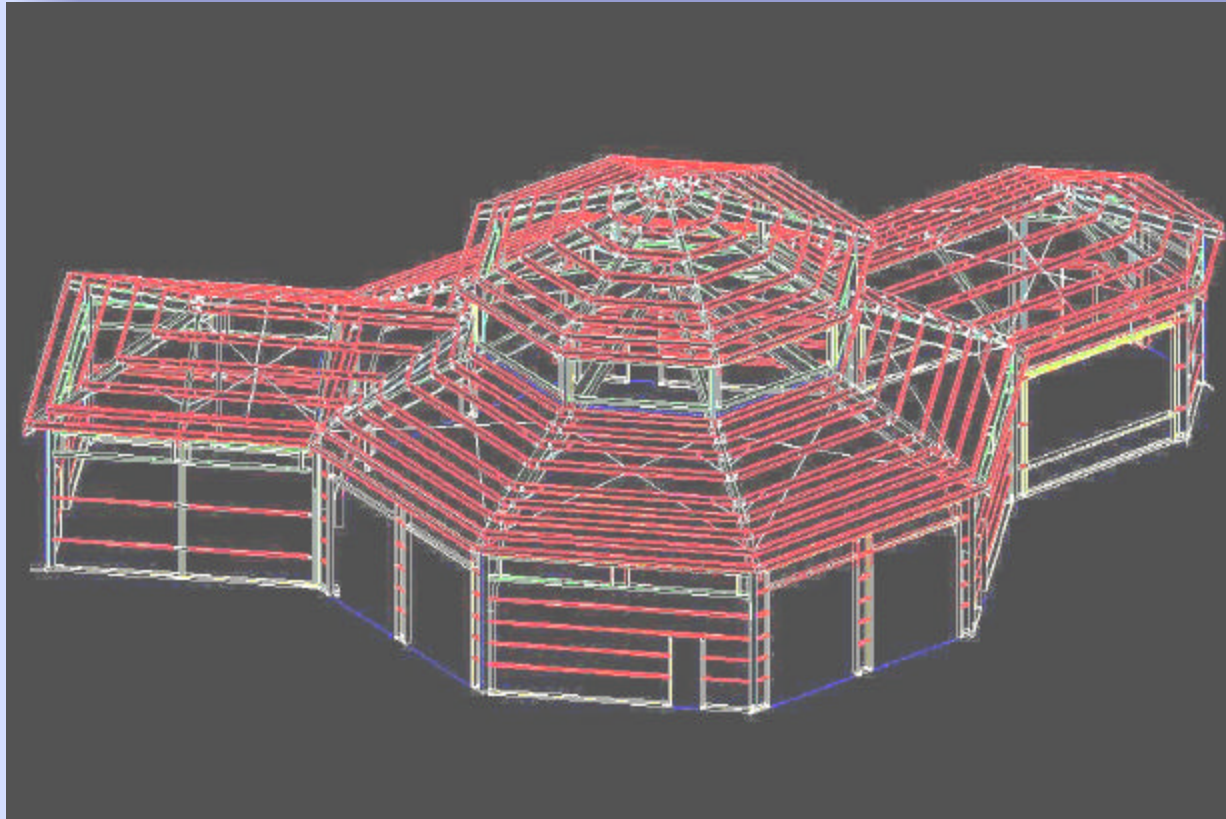
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## 3D Visualization

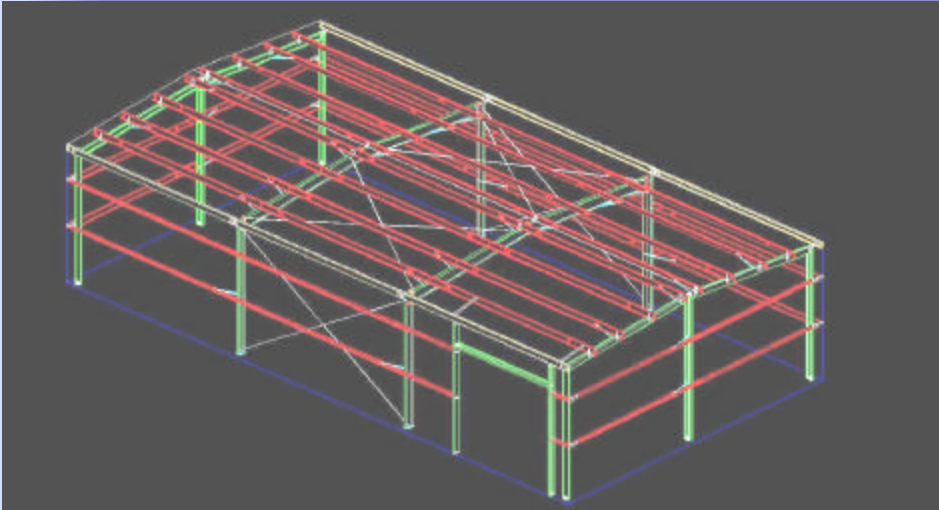


Best Tool for:

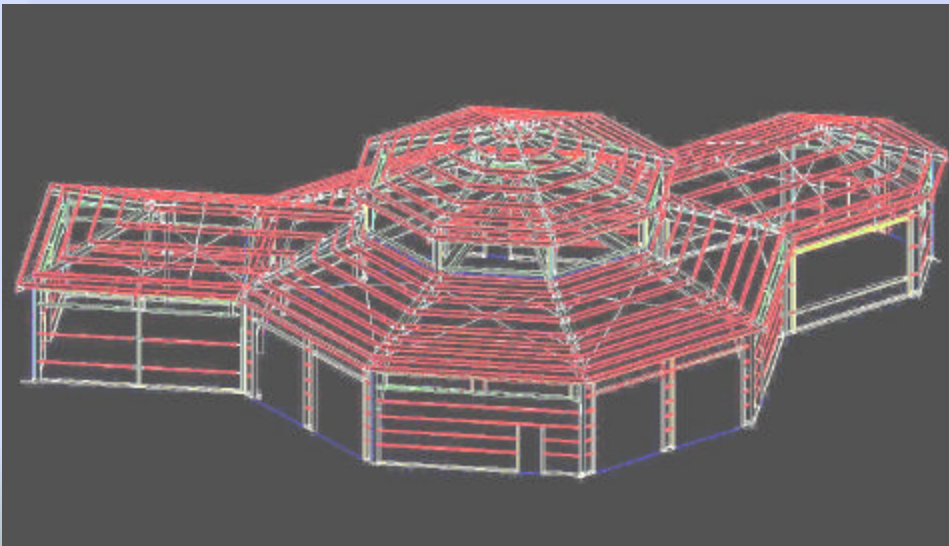
- Visualizing
- Communicating
- Checking
- Collaborating



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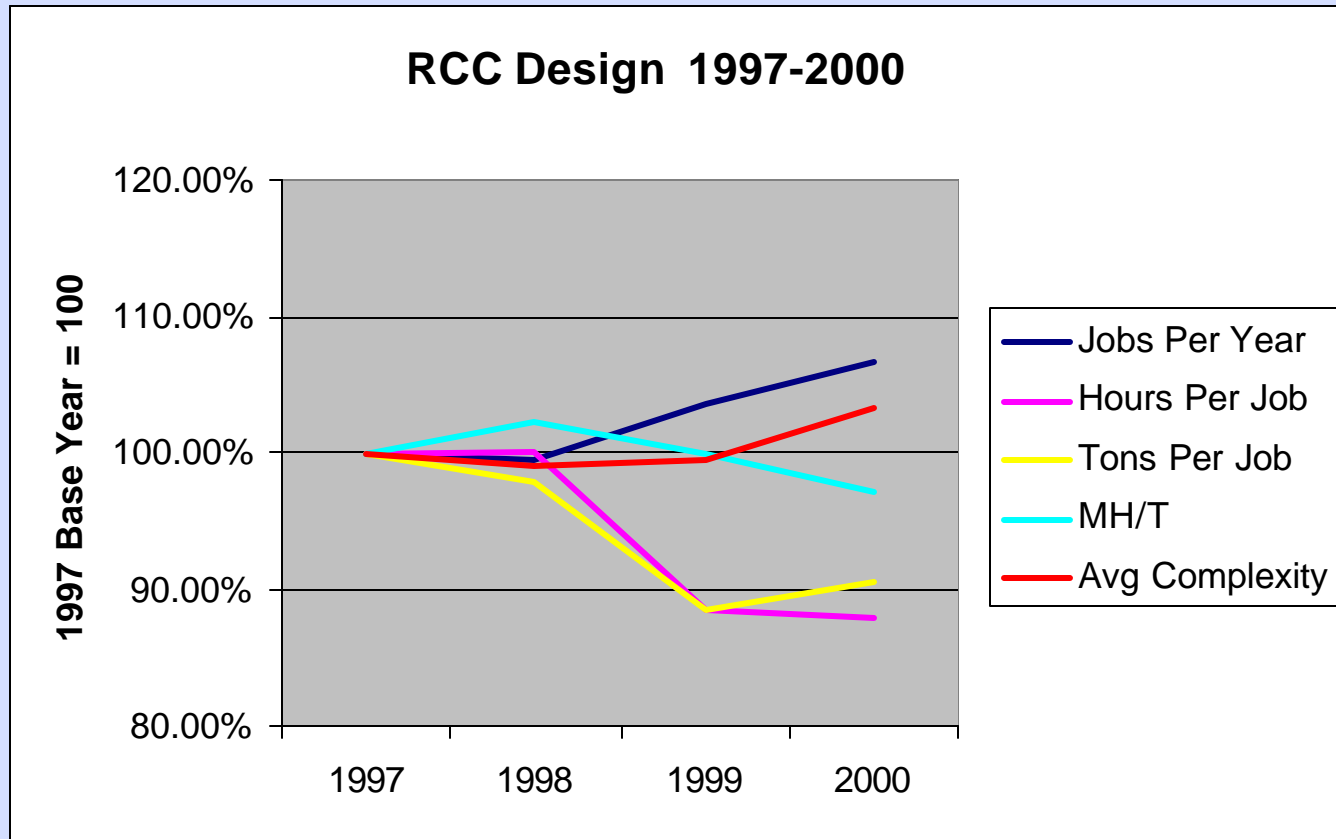
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Total number of parts	300	
Unique parts	30	
	<u>Old Way</u>	<u>New Way</u>
Drafting Time	2 days	1 day



Complexity (1-10)	10	
Total number of parts	13,000	
Unique parts	450	
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Drafting Time	45 days	15 days



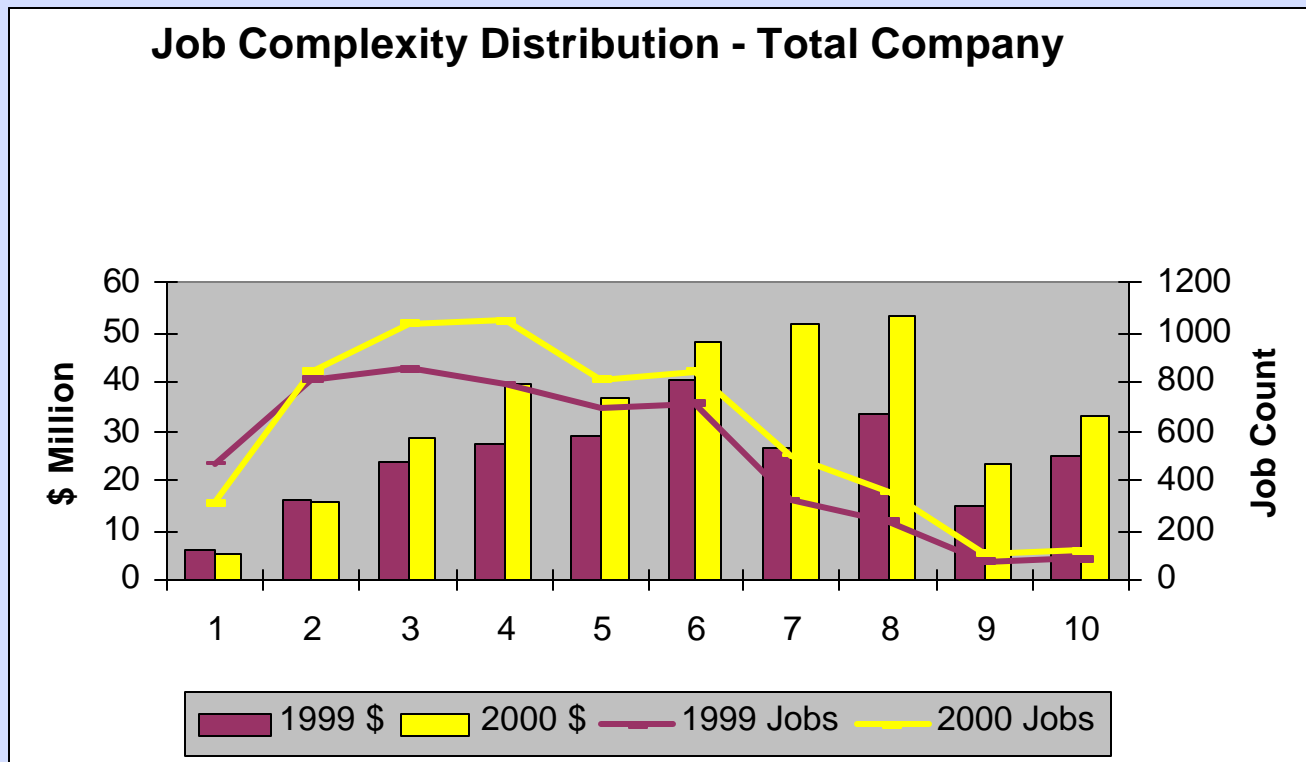
# Our results....



**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**