

# Structural Calculations

For

**HELIODYNE SOLAR COLLECTOR RACK STRUCTURES**

**Gobi 410 at 45 degrees**

**FOR HELIODYNE, INC.**



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## Scope of Work

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This report is for the Heliodyne Rack Structure with Gobi 410 Collector at 45 degrees. The purpose of the analysis was to determine appropriate loadings for the Heliodyne rack structure with Gobi 410 collectors at 45 degrees following the current most design codes with an emphasis on California. The analysis looked at Dead loads from collectors and racking, wind loads scenarios, as well as light snow loads. Both wind exposure B and C which are frequently encountered in California were considered.

### Conclusion

After analysis, the rack has been determined to be adequate to support imposed loads in conditions outlined below. With the exception of special wind region and High snow areas, most low altitude California areas should be covered by the tabulated conditions. All Racking and collector parts shall be designed and installed per manufacturer's approved installation specifications.

**Table 1. Design Criteria**

<u>Codes</u>	2019 California Building Code (ASCE 7-16) & 2016 California Building Code (ASCE 7-10)					
<u>Risk Category</u>	II					
<b><u>Condition 1.</u></b>			<b><u>Condition 2.</u></b>			
<u>Wind Load</u>	(Monoslope Open Structure)			<u>Wind Load</u>	(Monoslope Open Structure)	
	V	110 mph		V	110 mph	
	Exposure	C (20 feet max height)		Exposure	B	
<u>Dead Load</u>	D	3.3 psf		<u>Dead Load</u>	D	3.3 psf
<u>Ground Snow</u>	S	0 psf		<u>Ground Snow</u>	S	30 psf
<u>Seismic</u>	S <sub>S</sub>	2.2		<u>Seismic</u>	S <sub>S</sub>	2.2
	S <sub>DS</sub>	1.5			S <sub>DS</sub>	1.5

### References

ASCE Minimum Design Loads for Buildings and Other Structures (ASCE7-16 and ASCE 7-10)  
 2015 National Design Specification for Wood Construction (NDS)  
 2010 Aluminum Design Manual (ADM)

### Notes and Limits of Scope of Work

1. Racks are installed on both long sides of the collectors with a maximum spacing of 4'
2. The strength of the collectors is not part of the scope of this report.
3. Engineer of Record for each specific site shall be responsible for its analysis and design forces
4. This report can be used for reference only for sites meeting condition 1 or 2
5. For condition 1, maximum building height considered is 20 feet
6. Engineer of Record for each specific installation shall be responsible for the design of fasteners
7. Atmospheric Ice loading and flood loading are beyond the scope of this report.
8. The rack structure in this report is defined in a drawing package prepared by Heliodyne, Inc.  
 Titled Heliodyne Rack Installation Guide, dated 12/15/2010.

## Wind Load Back Ground

### **Background**

After several iteration, it was evident that the mounitng clip would govern the desing. In the Heliodyne report by MATRIX Consulting Engineers, a Finite Element Analysis was performed and resulted in clip capacity at different angles. In light of this informaton, We analysed different wind speeds in combination with varying exposure categories and settled on speeds that would not result in forces greater than what the clip can handle. All the iteration focused on California

In light of new research and studies, ASCE 7-16 was introduced with mostly reduced basic wind speed maps. With the exception of special wind region, all category II structures in California have basic wind speeds of 100 mph or less. Our analysis tailored for California was run using 110 mph in order to envelope wind speed in ASCE 7-16 as well as ASCE 7-10.

Velocity Pressure was calculated as follow:

$$q_h = 0.00256K_zK_{zt}K_dV^2 \quad \text{eq. 26.10-1 ASCE 7-10}$$

$$q_h = 0.00256K_zK_{zt}K_dK_eV^2 \quad \text{eq. 26.10-1 ASCE 7-16}$$

Site specific variables are:

Basic wind speed: V

Velocity pressure exposure coefficient, evaluated at height z: K<sub>z</sub>

Topographic factor: K<sub>zt</sub>

Ground elevation Factor K<sub>e</sub> (Conservatively used 1)

The newly added ground elevation factor reduces with altitude, we opted to conservatively use 1 given many different altitude possibilities.

Non Site specific variables are:

Wind directionality factor: K<sub>d</sub> = 0.85

Gust effect factor: G = 0.85

The Net design pressure was calculated as follow:

$$p = q_h G C_N \quad \text{eq. 27.3-2 ASCE 7-16}$$

C<sub>N</sub> = Net pressure Coefficient determined from fig 27.3-4 of ASCE 7-16

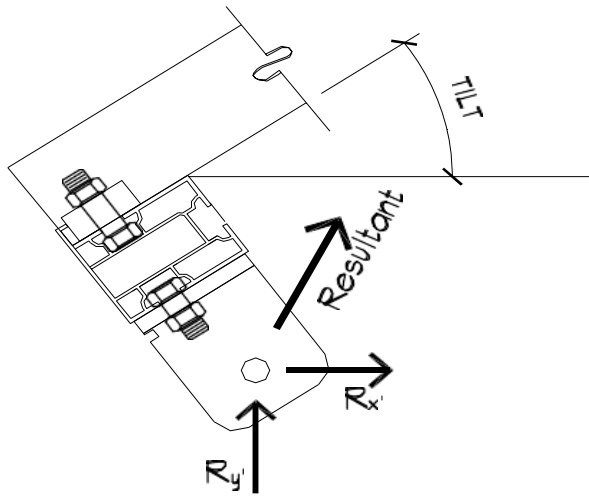
### **Load Combinations**

Stength Level Combination (LRFD) per ASCE 7-16 Sections 2.3.1

LC1=	LC1= 1.2D+1.0WA
LC2=	LC2= 1.2D+1.0WB
LC3=	LC3= 1.2D+1.0WC
LC4=	LC4= 1.2D+1.0WD
LC5=	LC5= 0.9D+1.0WA
LC6=	LC6= 0.9D+1.0WB
LC7=	LC7= 0.9D+1.0WC
LC8=	LC8= 0.9D+1.0WD

**Clip, Rail, and Foot Capacity Summary**

Capacity below are extracted from the Heliodyne Rack Structure w/Gobi 410 Collector @ 45 degrees Report by MATRIX Consulting Engineers.



Tilt (Degrees)	Load Direction	Ry	Rx	Ry
35	Tension	-630	-361	-516
35	Comp.	1274	731	1044
45	Tension	-571	-404	-404
45	Comp.	721	510	510

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### Job Information

	Engineer	Checked	Approved
<b>Name:</b>	EM		
<b>Date:</b>	26-Dec-19		

**Structure Type** | SPACE FRAME

Number of Nodes	6	Highest Node	6
Number of Elements	5	Highest Beam	5

Number of Basic Load Cases	-2
Number of Combination Load Cases	27

*Included in this printout are data for:*

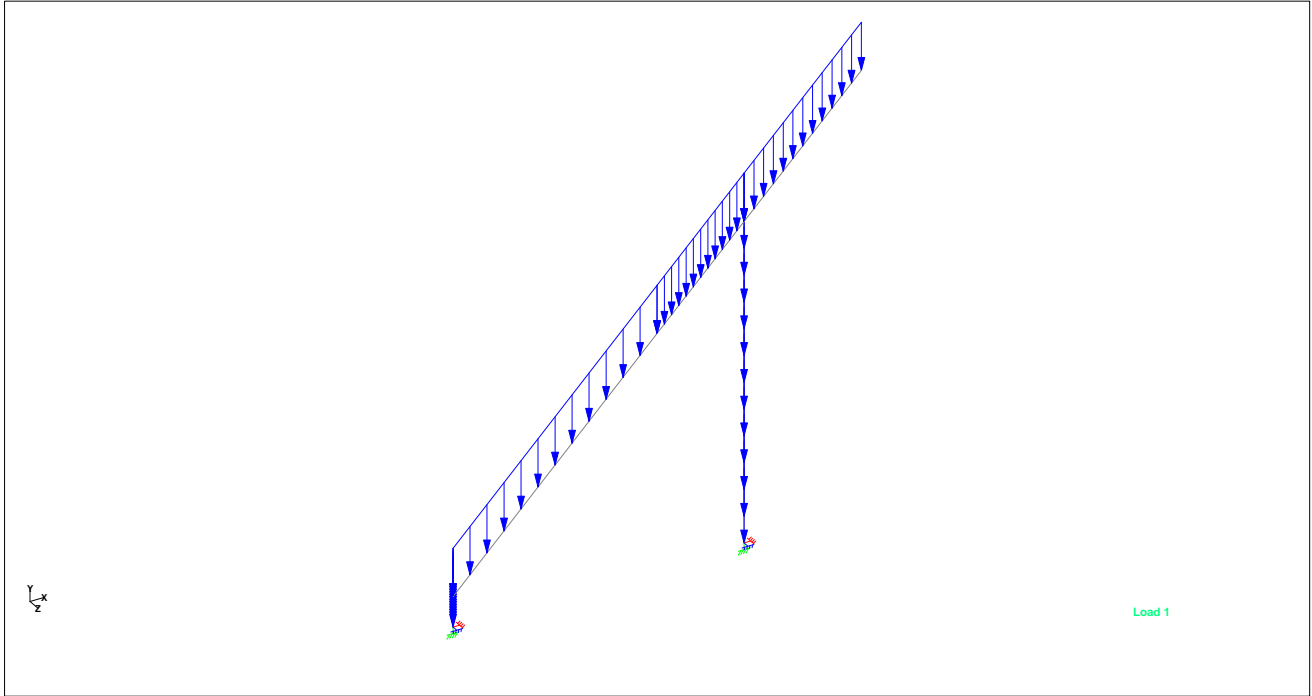
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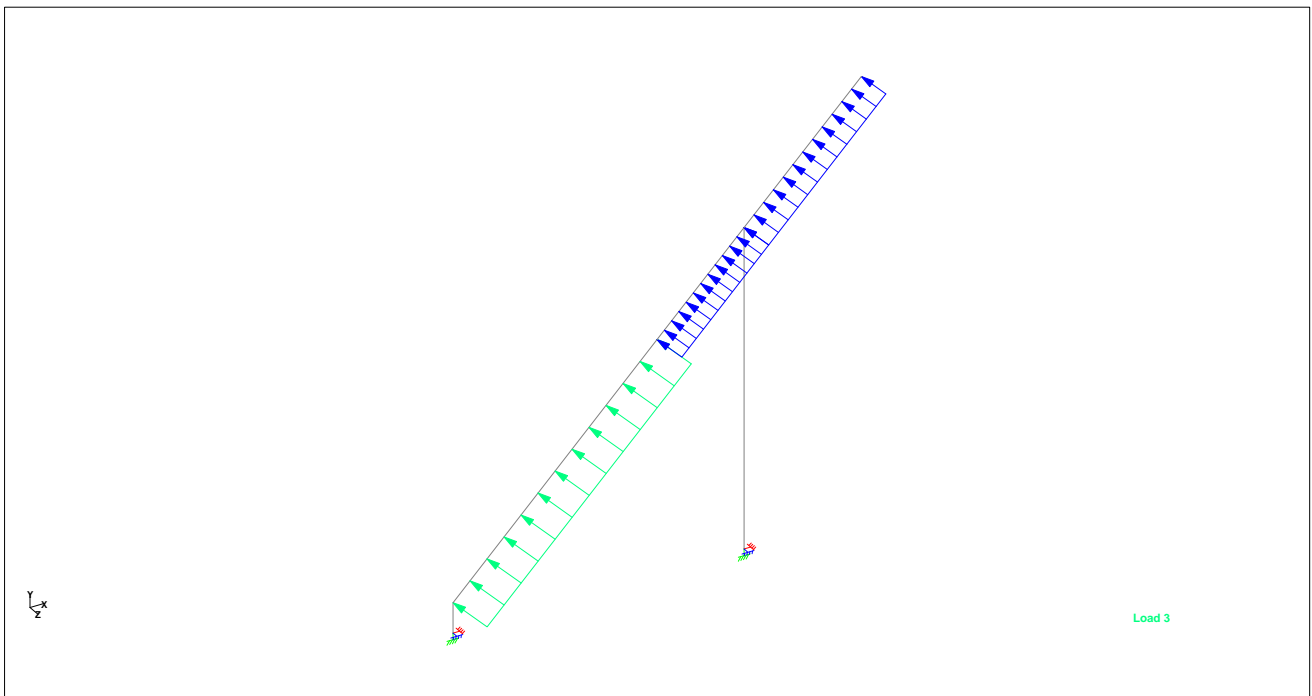
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Primary	1	DL1 - DEAD LOAD 1
Primary	2	SL1 - SNOW LOAD 1
Primary	3	WLA
Primary	4	WLB
Primary	5	WLC
Primary	6	WLD
Combination	9	1.2DL1+1.6SL1+0.5WLB
Combination	10	LRFD REACTION COMBOS
Combination	11	1.2DL1+1.6SL1+0.5WLA
Combination	12	1.2DL1+1.6SL1+0.5WLC
Combination	13	1.2DL1+1.6SL1+0.5WLD
Combination	14	1.2DL1+1.0WLA+.5SL1
Combination	15	1.2DL1+1.0WLB+.5SL1
Combination	16	1.2DL1+1.0WLC+.5SL1
Combination	17	1.2DL1+1.0WLD+.5SL1
Combination	18	0.9DL1+1.0WLA
Combination	19	0.9DL2+1.0WLB
Combination	20	0.9DL2+1.0WLC
Combination	21	0.9DL2+1.0WLD

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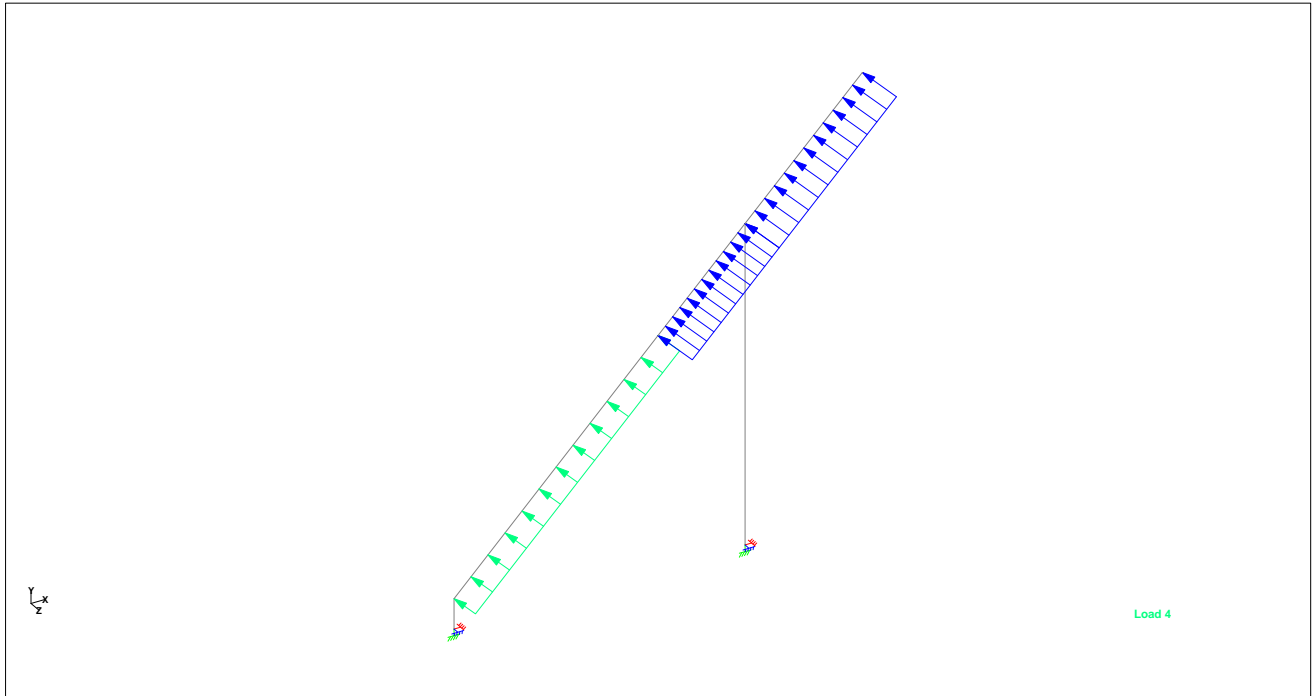
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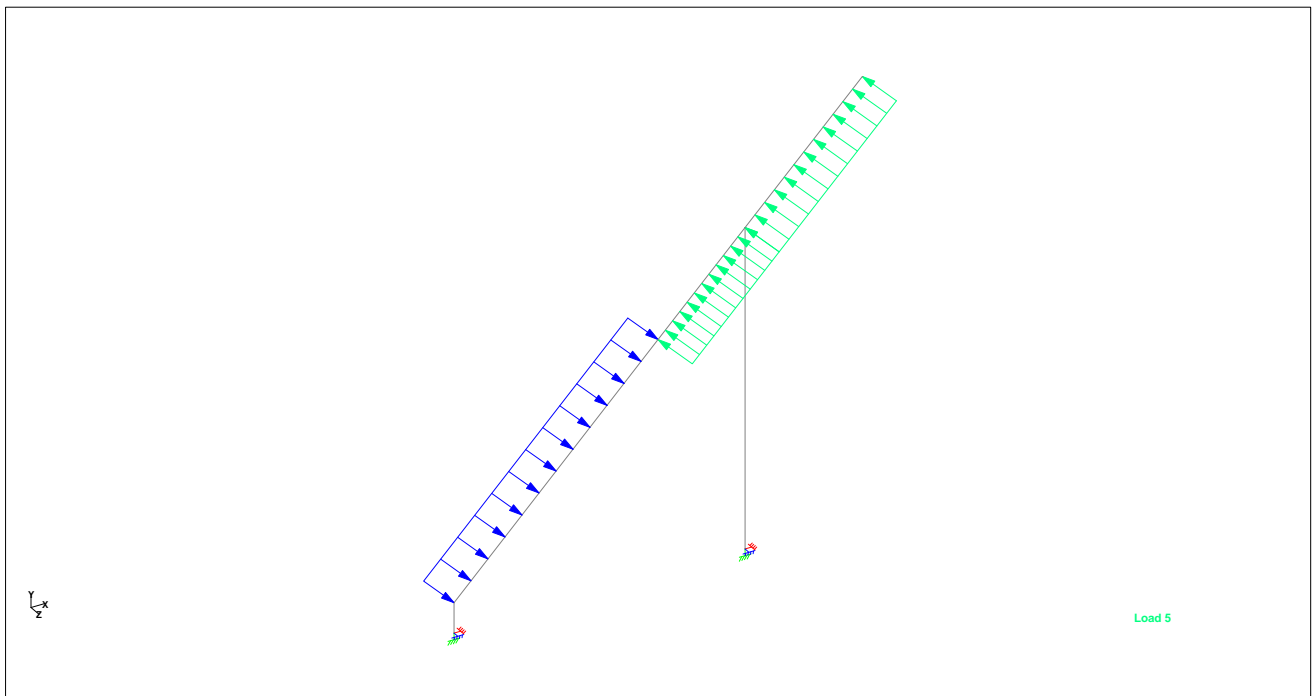
Wind\_A

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Wind\_B

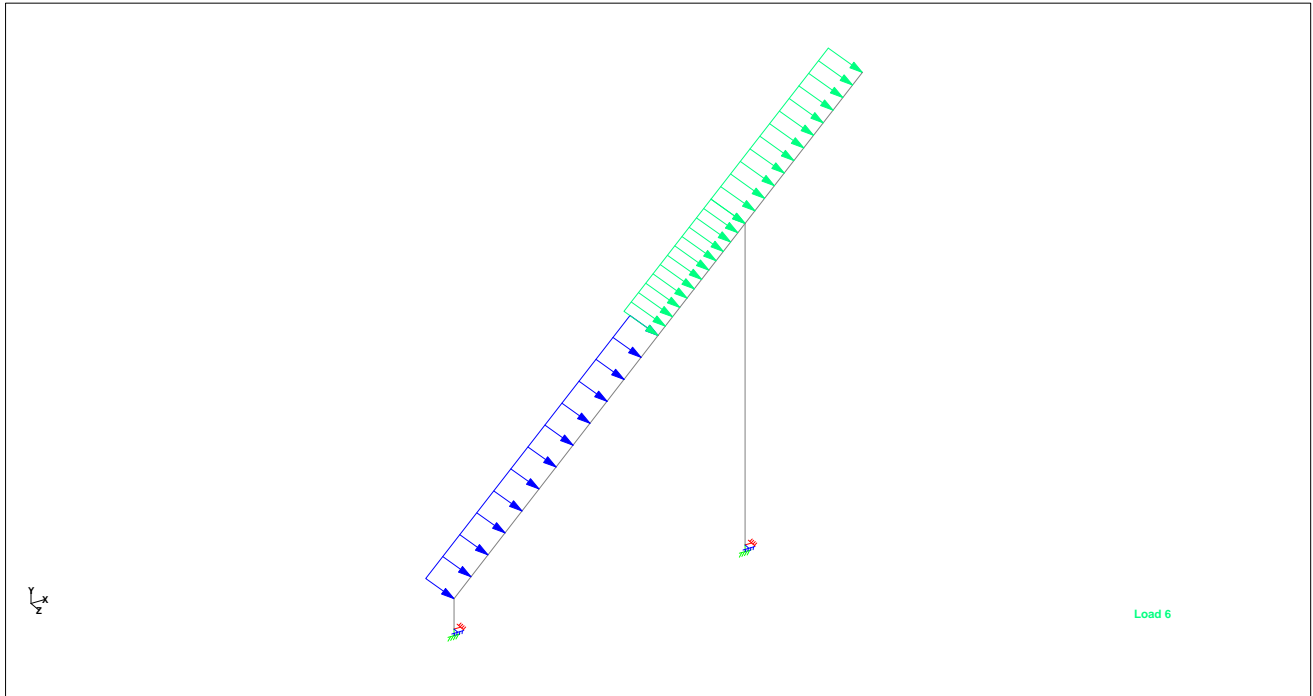


Wind\_C



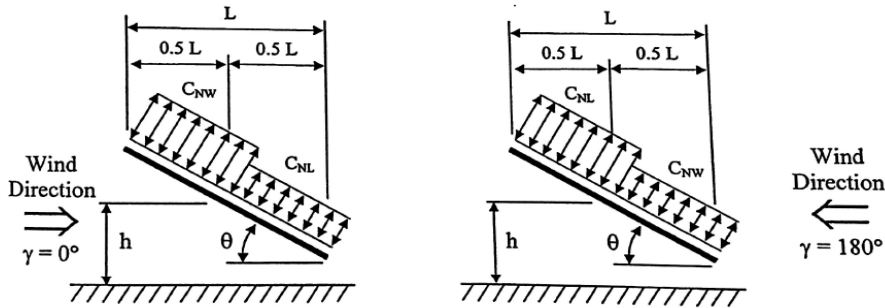
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Client Heliodyne



Wind\_D

## Wind Load (Exposure C)



Wind Load Calculation:  $q = 0.00256K_zK_eK_dK_{zt}V^2I_w$

Wind Speed: 110 mph Exposure: C  
 $K_e = 1.00$        $K_z = 0.9$   
 $K_{zt} = 1.00$        $I_w = 1.0$   
 $K_d = 0.85$       Mean Roof Height (h) = 20.0 ft  
 $q = 23.7 \text{ psf}$

Roof Pressure Coefficients (ASCE 7-16/ASCE 7-10):

Tilt ( $\Theta$ ) = 45.0 deg

Trib Width 4 ft

$\cos(\Theta) = 0.707$

$\sin(\Theta) = 0.707$

Leg Horiz. Trib. 5.064 ft

Load Case	Wind Direction, $\gamma = 0 \text{ deg}$		0.0 deg	
	Obstructed Wind Flow		Obstructed Wind Flow	
	$C_{NW}$	$C_{NL}$	$C_{NW}$	$C_{NL}$
A	-1.3	-1.8	0.8	-0.9
B	-1.9	-1.2	2.1	0.4

Roof Pressures ( $p = qGC_N$  (psf)):  $G = 0.85$

Load Case	Wind Direction, $\gamma = 0 \text{ deg}$		Wind Direction, $\gamma = 180 \text{ deg}$	
	Obstructed Wind Flow		Obstructed Wind Flow	
	$C_{NW}$	$C_{NL}$	$C_{NW}$	$C_{NL}$
A	-26.2	-36.3	16.1	-18.1
B	-38.3	-24.2	42.3	8.1

	Wind Direction, $\gamma = 0 \text{ deg}$				Wind Direction, $\gamma = 180 \text{ deg}$			
	Rear		Front		Front		Rear	
	$C_{NW}$		$C_{NL}$		$C_{NW}$		$C_{NL}$	
	X	Y	X	Y	X	Y	X	Y
A	-375	-375	-519	-519	231	231	-260	-260
B	-548	-548	-346	-346	606	606	115	115

<b>Dead Load</b>	3.3 psf		
1.2D	3.96 psf	0.9D	2.97 psf
Linear	15.84 plf		11.88 plf
Per Post	80.15 lbs		60.1 lbs

**Down Force 1.2D+1.0W**

	Wind Direction, $\gamma = 0$ deg				Wind Direction, $\gamma = 180$ deg			
	Rear		Front		Front		Rear	
	$C_{NW}$		$C_{NL}$		$C_{NW}$		$C_{NL}$	
	X	Y	X	Y	X	Y	X	Y
A	-375	-295	-519	-439	231	311	-260	-179
B	-548	-468	-346	-266	606	686	115	196

(lbs)	Loads	Capacity	Ratio	Result
Vertical +	686	721	0.95	OK
Vertical -	-468	571	0.82	OK
Lateral +	606	640	0.95	OK
Lateral -	-548	683	0.80	OK

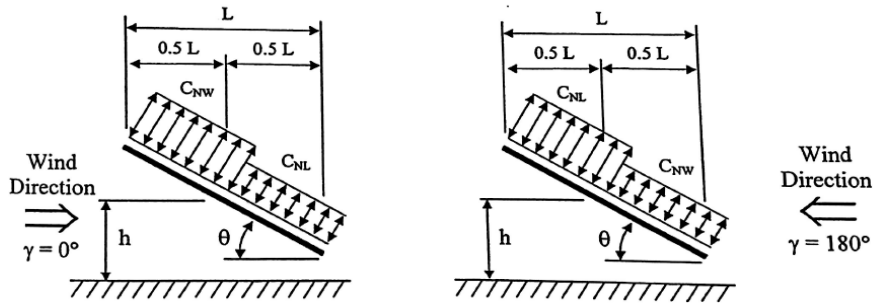
**Uplift 0.9D+W**

	Wind Direction, $\gamma = 0$ deg				Wind Direction, $\gamma = 180$ deg			
	Rear		Front		Front		Rear	
	$C_{NW}$		$C_{NL}$		$C_{NW}$		$C_{NL}$	
	X	Y	X	Y	X	Y	X	Y
A	-375	-315	-519	-459	231	291	-260	-200
B	-548	-488	-346	-286	606	666	115	176

(lbs)	Loads	Capacity	Ratio	Result
Vertical +	666	721	0.92	OK
Vertical -	-488	571	0.85	OK
Lateral +	606	640	0.95	OK
Lateral -	-548	683	0.80	OK

## Wind Load (Exposure B)



Wind Load Calculation:  $q = 0.00256K_zK_eK_dK_{zt}V^2I_w$

Wind Speed: 110 mph Exposure: B

$K_e = 1.00$

$K_z = 0.7$

$K_{zt} = 1.00$

$I_w = 1.0$

$K_d = 0.85$

Mean Roof Height (h) = 33.0 ft

$q = 18.5$  psf

Trib Width 4 ft

Roof Pressure Coefficients (ASCE 7-16/ASCE 7-10):  $\cos(\Theta) = 0.707$

Tilt ( $\Theta$ ) = 45.0 deg

$\sin(\Theta) = 0.707$

Leg Horiz. Trib. 5.064 ft

Load Case	Wind Direction, $\gamma = 0$ deg		0.0 deg	
	Obstructed Wind Flow		Obstructed Wind Flow	
	$C_{NW}$	$C_{NL}$	$C_{NW}$	$C_{NL}$
A	-1.3	-1.8	0.8	-0.9
B	-1.9	-1.2	2.1	0.4

Roof Pressures ( $p = qGC_N$  (psf))  $G = 0.85$

Load Case	Wind Direction, $\gamma = 0$ deg		Wind Direction, $\gamma = 180$ deg	
	Obstructed Wind Flow		Obstructed Wind Flow	
	$C_{NW}$	$C_{NL}$	$C_{NW}$	$C_{NL}$
A	-20.4	-28.2	12.6	-14.1
B	-29.8	-18.8	32.9	6.3

	Wind Direction, $\gamma = 0$ deg				Wind Direction, $\gamma = 180$ deg			
	Rear		Front		Front		Rear	
	$C_{NW}$		$C_{NL}$		$C_{NW}$		$C_{NL}$	
	X	Y	X	Y	X	Y	X	Y
	A	-292	-292	-404	-404	180	180	-202
B	-427	-427	-270	-270	472	472	90	90

<b>Dead Load</b>	3.3 psf		
1.2D	3.96 psf	0.9D	2.97 psf
Linear	15.84 plf		11.88 plf
Per Post	80.15 lbs		60.1 lbs

**Down Force 1.2D+1.0W**

	Wind Direction, $\gamma = 0$ deg				Wind Direction, $\gamma = 180$ deg			
	Rear		Front		Front		Rear	
	$C_{NW}$		$C_{NL}$		$C_{NW}$		$C_{NL}$	
	X	Y	X	Y	X	Y	X	Y
A	-292	-212	-404	-324	180	260	-202	-122
B	-427	-347	-270	-190	472	552	90	170

(lbs)	Loads	Capacity	Ratio	Result
Vertical +	552	721	0.77	OK
Vertical -	-347	571	0.61	OK
Lateral +	472	640	0.74	OK
Lateral -	-427	683	0.63	OK

**Uplift 0.9D+W**

	Wind Direction, $\gamma = 0$ deg				Wind Direction, $\gamma = 180$ deg			
	Rear		Front		Front		Rear	
	$C_{NW}$		$C_{NL}$		$C_{NW}$		$C_{NL}$	
	X	Y	X	Y	X	Y	X	Y
A	-292	-232	-404	-344	180	240	-202	-142
B	-427	-367	-270	-210	472	532	90	150

(lbs)	Loads	Capacity	Ratio	Result
Vertical +	532	721	0.74	OK
Vertical -	-367	571	0.64	OK
Lateral +	472	640	0.74	OK
Lateral -	-427	683	0.63	OK

## Wind (Exposure B) & Snow

Wind Load Calculation:  $q = 0.00256K_zK_eK_dK_{zt}V^2I_w$

Wind Speed: 110 mph Exposure: B

$K_e = 1.00$

$K_z = 0.7$

$K_{zt} = 1.00$

$I_w = 1.0$

$K_d = 0.85$

Mean Roof Height (h) = 33.0 ft

$q = 18.5$  psf

Trib Width 4 ft

Roof Pressure Coefficients (ASCE 7-16/ASCE 7-10):  $\cos(\Theta) = 0.707$

Tilt ( $\Theta$ ) = 45.0 deg  $\sin(\Theta) = 0.707$

Leg Horiz. Trib. 5.064 ft

Load Case	Wind Direction, $\gamma = 0$ deg		0.0 deg	
	Obstructed Wind Flow		Obstructed Wind Flow	
	$C_{NW}$	$C_{NL}$	$C_{NW}$	$C_{NL}$
A	-1.3	-1.8	0.8	-0.9
B	-1.9	-1.2	2.1	0.4

Roof Pressures ( $p = qGC_N$  (psf)):  $G = 0.85$

Load Case	Wind Direction, $\gamma = 0$ deg		Wind Direction, $\gamma = 180$ deg	
	Obstructed Wind Flow		Obstructed Wind Flow	
	$C_{NW}$	$C_{NL}$	$C_{NW}$	$C_{NL}$
A	-20.4	-28.2	12.6	-14.1
B	-29.8	-18.8	32.9	6.3

	Wind Direction, $\gamma = 0$ deg				Wind Direction, $\gamma = 180$ deg			
	Rear		Front		Front		Rear	
	$C_{NW}$		$C_{NL}$		$C_{NW}$		$C_{NL}$	
	X	Y	X	Y	X	Y	X	Y
A	-292	-292	-404	-404	180	180	-202	-202
B	-427	-427	-270	-270	472	472	90	90

**Dead Load** 3.3 psf  
 1.2D 3.96 psf  
 Linear 15.84 plf  
 Per Post 80.15 lbs

**Snow Load Calculation:  $p_f = 0.7C_eC_tI_s p_g$**

Ground Snow:	30.0 psf		
$C_e =$	0.9		
$C_t =$	1.2		
$I_s =$	1.0		
$p_f =$	22.7 psf		
$P_s = C_s * p_f =$	9.5 psf		
Trib. =	38	0.5S	1.6S
Per post =	193	96	309

**Case 1 1.2D+1W+0.5S**

	Wind Direction, $\gamma = 0$ deg				Wind Direction, $\gamma = 180$ deg			
	Rear		Front		Front		Rear	
	$C_{NW}$		$C_{NL}$		$C_{NW}$		$C_{NL}$	
	X	Y	X	Y	X	Y	X	Y
A	-292	-115	-404	-228	180	356	-202	-26
B	-427	-250	-270	-93	472	649	90	267

(lbs)	Loads	Capacity	Ratio	Result
Vertical +	649	721	0.90	OK
Vertical -	-250	571	0.44	OK
Lateral +	472	640	0.74	OK
Lateral -	-427	683	0.63	OK

**Case 2 1.2D+0.5W+1.6S**

	Wind Direction, $\gamma = 0$ deg				Wind Direction, $\gamma = 180$ deg			
	Rear		Front		Front		Rear	
	$C_{NW}$		$C_{NL}$		$C_{NW}$		$C_{NL}$	
	X	Y	X	Y	X	Y	X	Y
A	-146	243	-202	187	90	479	-101	288
B	-213	175	-135	254	236	625	45	434

(lbs)	Loads	Capacity	Ratio	Result
Vertical +	625	721	0.87	OK
Vertical -	175	571	0.31	OK
Lateral +	236	640	0.37	OK
Lateral -	-213	683	0.31	OK

## Seismic Loads:

Importance Factor (I) : I  
 Site Class : D Assumed

$S_s$ (0.2 sec) =	220 %g
$S_1$ (1.0 sec) =	93 %g
$S_{DS}$ =	1.5

Number of Stories: 1  
 Building System: **Component and Cladding**

Tributary Area=	40.5 ft <sup>2</sup>
Amplification factor, $a_p$ =	1
Spectral Acceleration, SDS =	1.5
Operating Weight, $W_p$ (psf) =	3.3
Response Modification Factor, $R_p$ =	1.5
Importance Factor, $I_p$ =	1
Reduction Factor, $\rho$ =	1
Height above ground level, $z$ (ft) =	33
Mean height, $h$ (ft) =	33

$F_p = 0.4 a_p S_{DS} W_p * (1+2*z/h) =$	$1.173 W_p$
$\frac{(R_p/I_p)}$	
$F_p$ Min. $0.3 S_{DS} I_p W_p =$	$0.44 W_p$
$F_p$ Max. $1.6 S_{DS} I_p W_p =$	$2.35 W_p$

Forces in X-direction  
 $E_h = \rho F_p W_p L_p = 156.9 < 472$  lbs  
 Forces in Y-direction  
 Wind Governs  
 $E_v = 0.2 S_{DS} W_p L_p = 39.2 < 427$  lbs  
 Wind Governs



## Anchor Design

Wind Load Calculation:  $q = 0.00256K_zK_eK_dK_{zt}V^2I_w$

Wind Speed: 110 mph Exposure: C

$K_e = 1.00$        $K_z = 0.9$   
 $K_{zt} = 1.00$       $I_w = 1.0$   
 $K_d = 0.85$       Mean Roof Height (h) = 20.0 ft

$q = 23.7$  psf

Roof Pressure Coefficients (ASCE 7-16/ASCE 7-10):

Tilt ( $\Theta$ ) = 45.0 deg

Trib Width 4 ft

$\cos(\Theta) = 0.707$

$\sin(\Theta) = 0.707$

Leg Horiz. Trib. 5.064 ft

Load Case	Wind Direction, $\gamma = 0$ deg		0.0 deg	
	Obstructed Wind Flow		Obstructed Wind Flow	
	$C_{NW}$	$C_{NL}$	$C_{NW}$	$C_{NL}$
A	-1.3	-1.8	0.8	-0.9
B	-1.9	-1.2	2.1	0.4

Roof Pressures ( $p = qGC_N$  (psf)):  $G = 0.85$

Load Case	Wind Direction, $\gamma = 0$ deg		Wind Direction, $\gamma = 180$ deg	
	Obstructed Wind Flow		Obstructed Wind Flow	
	$C_{NW}$	$C_{NL}$	$C_{NW}$	$C_{NL}$
A	-26.2	-36.3	16.1	-18.1
B	-38.3	-24.2	42.3	8.1

	Wind Direction, $\gamma = 0$ deg				Wind Direction, $\gamma = 180$ deg			
	Rear		Front		Front		Rear	
	$C_{NW}$		$C_{NL}$		$C_{NW}$		$C_{NL}$	
	X	Y	X	Y	X	Y	X	Y
	A	-375	-375	-519	-519	231	231	-260
B	-548	-548	-346	-346	606	606	115	115

Snow Load Calculation:  $p_f = 0.7C_eC_tI_s p_g$

Ground Snow: 30.0 psf

$C_e = 0.9$

$C_t = 1.2$

$I_s = 1.0$

$p_f = 22.7$  psf

$P_s = C_s * p_f = 9.5$  psf

Trib. = 38      0.75S

Per post = 193      145

Dead Load 3.3 psf

D 3.3 psf

Linear 13.2 plf

Per Post 66.79 lbs

0.6D 40.08 lbs

**Case 1 D+0.75(0.6W)+0.75S**

	Wind Direction, $\gamma = 0$ deg				Wind Direction, $\gamma = 180$ deg			
	Rear		Front		Front		Rear	
	$C_{NW}$		$C_{NL}$		$C_{NW}$		$C_{NL}$	
	X	Y	X	Y	X	Y	X	Y
A	-169	43	-234	-22	104	315	-117	95
B	-247	-35	-156	56	273	484	52	263

**Case 2 D+0.6W**

	Wind Direction, $\gamma = 0$ deg				Wind Direction, $\gamma = 180$ deg			
	Rear		Front		Front		Rear	
	$C_{NW}$		$C_{NL}$		$C_{NW}$		$C_{NL}$	
	X	Y	X	Y	X	Y	X	Y
A	-225	-158	-312	-245	138	205	-156	-89
B	-329	-262	-208	-141	364	430	69	136

**Case 3 0.6D+0.6W**

	Wind Direction, $\gamma = 0$ deg				Wind Direction, $\gamma = 180$ deg			
	Rear		Front		Front		Rear	
	$C_{NW}$		$C_{NL}$		$C_{NW}$		$C_{NL}$	
	X	Y	X	Y	X	Y	X	Y
A	-225	-185	-312	-272	138	179	-156	-116
B	-329	-289	-208	-168	364	404	69	109

**Lag Screw Connection**

Attachement max. spacing=	4 ft		
3/8" Lag Screw Withdrawl Value=	305 lb/in		Table 12.2A - NDS
Lag Screw Penetration=	3 in		No. 2 DFL assumed
Prying Coefficient	1.4		
Allowable Capacity with CD=	1045.7 lbs		
Net Uplift	289 lbs		
Max shear	364 lbs	<	576 lbs <b>Ok</b>
<b>Max Moment</b>	<b>2075 ft-in</b>		
Tension/Compression	691.6 lbs		
Total Uplift (envelope)	692 lbs	<	1046 lbs <b>Ok</b>

Pv seismic dead weight is negligible to result in significant seismic uplift, therefore the wind uplift

Embedment is measured from the top of the framing member to the tapered tip of a lag screw. Embedment in sheathing or other material does not count.

In this design, 3/8" diameter lag bolts with a minimum 3" effective embedment as defined above into a DFL #2 or better is sufficient provided NDS 2015 design requirements are followed.

Design of the framing supporting Gobi 410 is not part of our scope and should be verified and confirmed by the SEOR.