

Metal Structures
Design Project II
Floor girders

PROJECT OBJECTIVE'S

Difference between erection and exploitation stage;

Difference between IInd and Ist class of cross-section;

Bending and lateral buckling;

Plastic redistribution of bending moments;

Shear bolted joints: rigid and hinge;

Stiffeners;

Hinge supports of steel structure on steel column, masonry wall and concrete base;

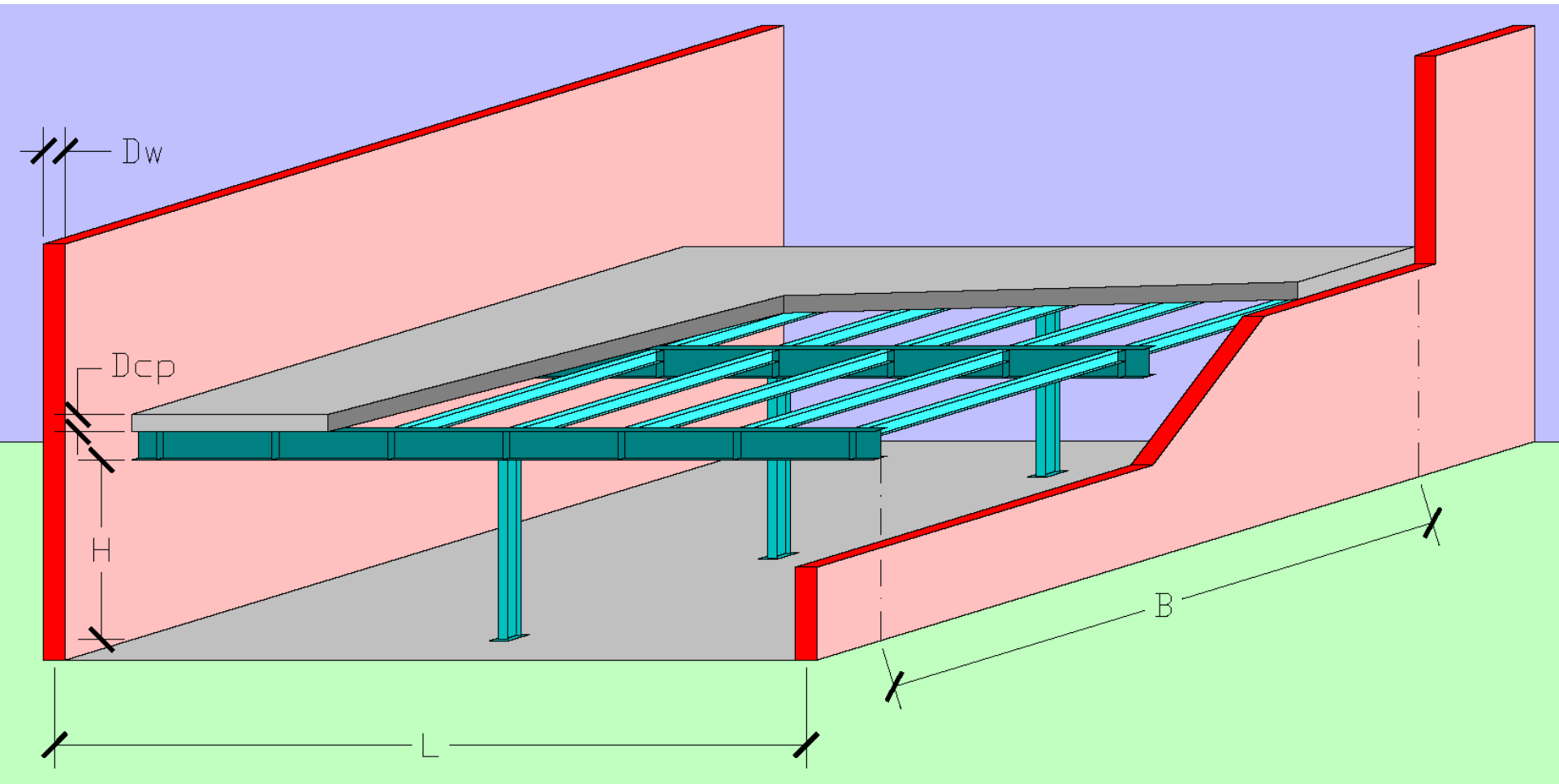


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DESIGN EXERCISES # 2

Student.....

Topic:

Design of floor girders in masonry building:

B.....

L.....

H.....

Data

- ♦ L the same as for truss (Ist project; $L \approx 30,0$ m);
- ♦ $B = L / 3$ (round to whole decimeters, ± 5 cm);
- ♦ $H = H_{\text{for truss}} / 2$ (round to whole decimeters, ± 5 cm);
- ♦ Steel the same as for truss;

The same for everybody:

- ♦ $D_{\text{cp}} = 10$ cm (concrete plate);
- ♦ $D_{\text{w}} = 40$ cm (masonry wall);
- ♦ Load E1;
- ♦ Concrete base C 30/37;
- ♦ Masonry structure $f_d = 4$ MPa;

Algorithm:

- ◆ Initial drawing
- ◆ Loads

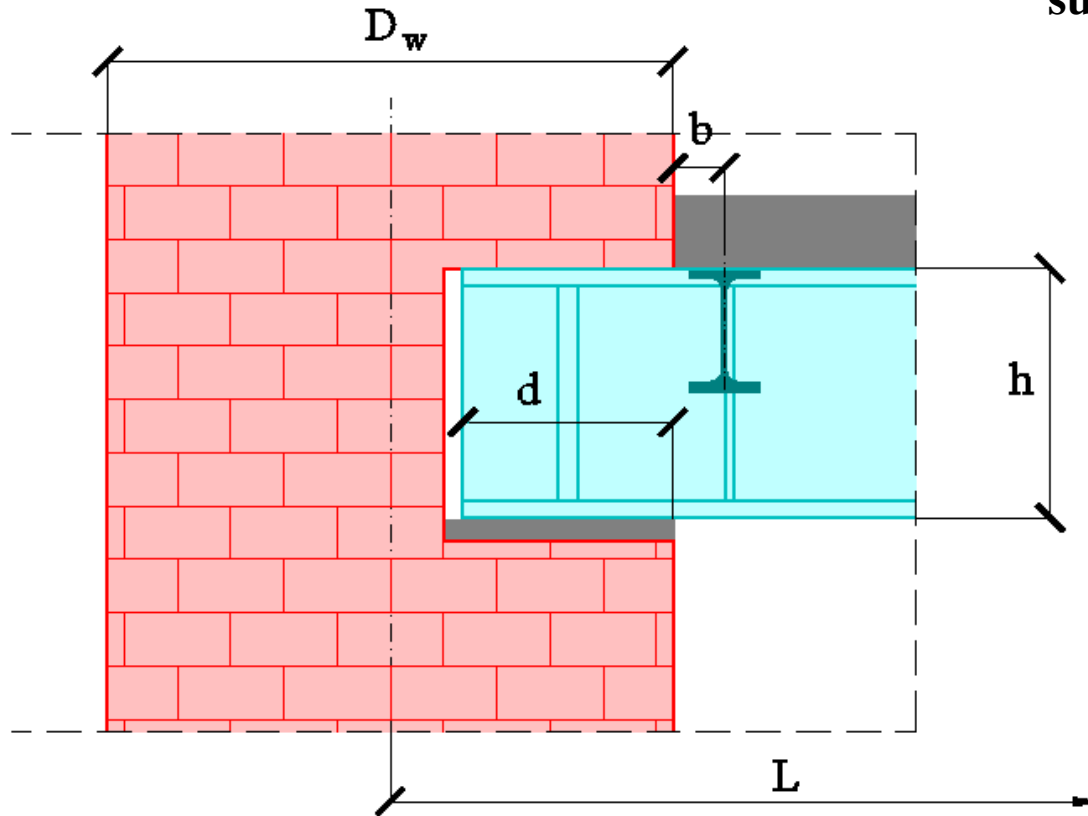
Members:

- ◆ Secondary beam
- ◆ Primary beam
- ◆ Column

Joints:

- ◆ Hinge joint, secondary beam - primary beam + stiffeners
 - ◆ Rigid joint, two transport parts of primary beam
 - ◆ Supports on wall and column head + stiffeners
 - ◆ Column base (support on concrete base)
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- ◆ Drawing, list of materials

Initial assumptions about support of primary beam on wall



$$L = 2 L_{\text{span}}$$

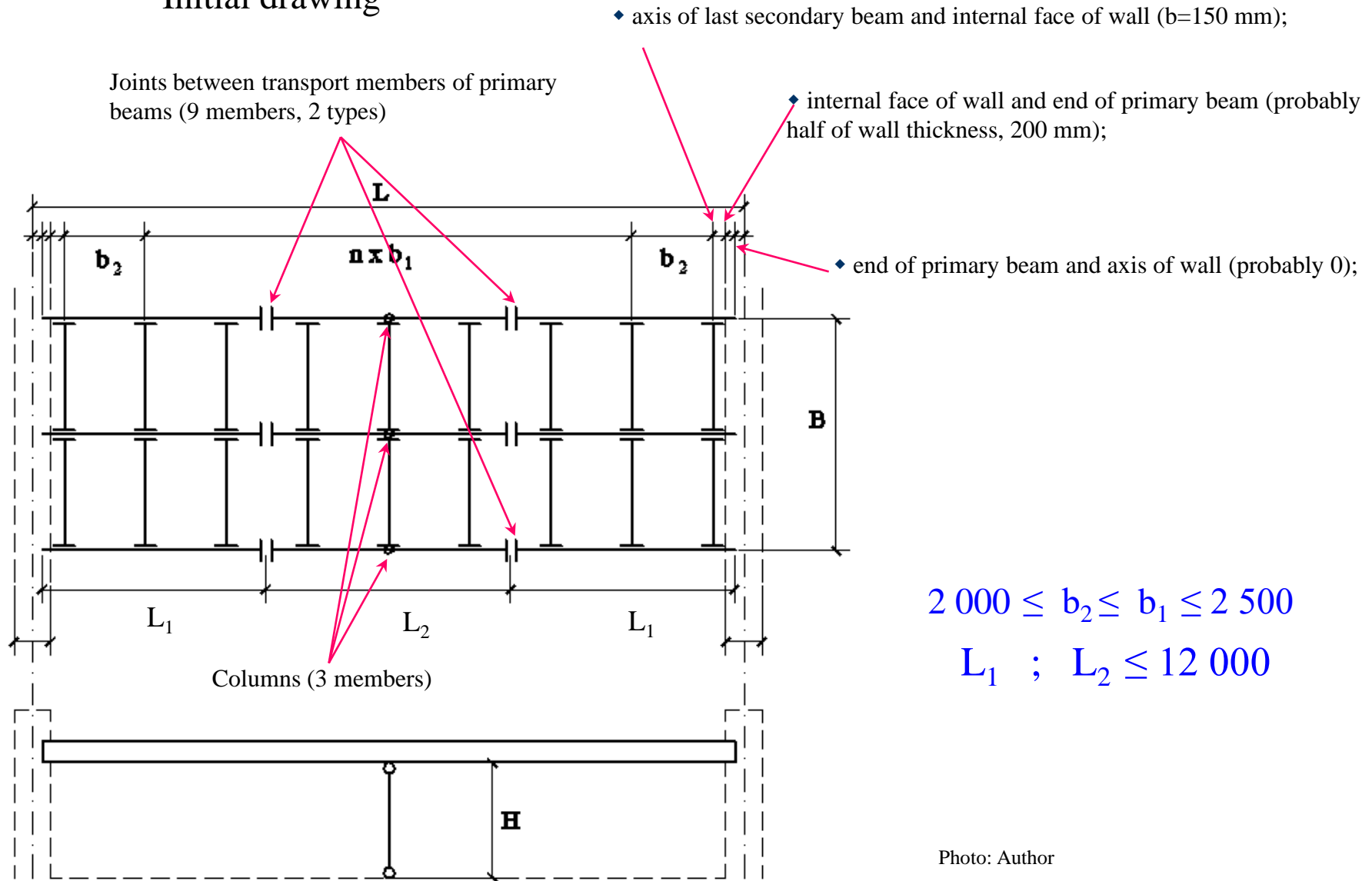
$$h = (1 / 20 \div 1 / 25) L_{\text{span}}$$

$$d = \max (h / 10 \ ; \ D_w / 2)$$

$$b = 150 \text{ mm}$$

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Initial drawing



Loads

- ♦ Live load EN 1991-1-1 6.3.2.1, 6.3.2.2 value E1
- ♦ Industrial floor ~ 5 - 15 mm
- ♦ Concrete plate 10 cm
- ♦ Plaster coating ~ 1 cm
- ♦ Dead weight of steel structures

Ist Stage (erection):

- ♦ Concrete mix
- ♦ Framework
- ♦ Dead weight of steel structures
- ♦ Lateral buckling

IInd Stage (exploataction):

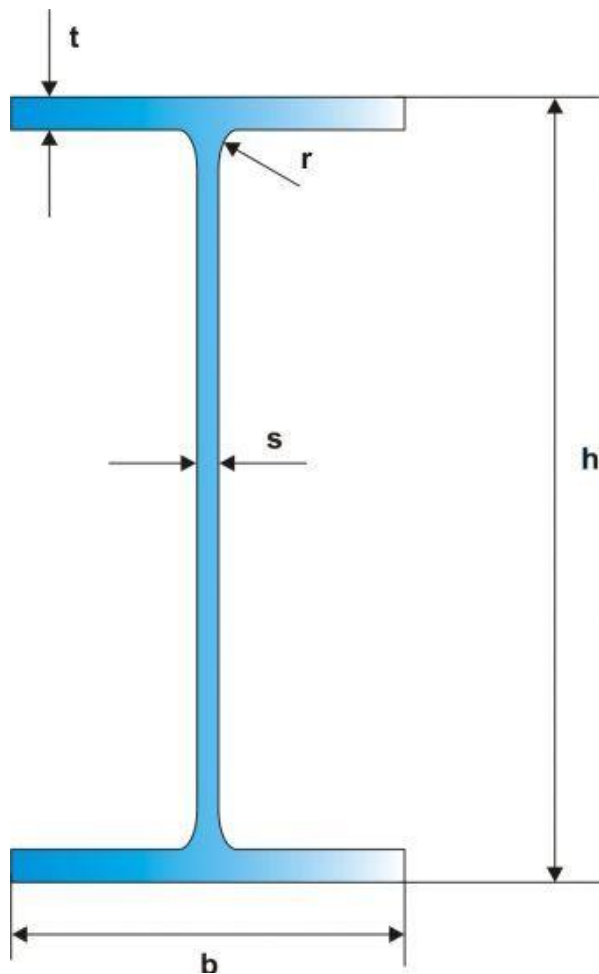
- ♦ Concrete
- ♦ No framework
- ♦ Floor, coating
- ♦ Dead weight of steel structures
- ♦ Live load
- ♦ No lateral buckling / restricted lateral buckling

Concrete mix + framework = 26 kN / m³

Concrete = 25 kN / m³

Members

- ◆ Secondary beam
 - ◆ Ist Stage – resistance
 - ◆ Ist Stage – stability
 - ◆ IInd Stage – resistance
 - ◆ IInd Stage – deflection
- ◆ Primary beam
 - ◆ Ist Stage – resistance
 - ◆ Ist Stage – stability
 - ◆ IInd Stage – resistance
 - ◆ IInd Stage – stability
 - ◆ IInd Stage – deflection
- ◆ Column
 - ◆ IInd Stage – resistance
 - ◆ IInd Stage – stability



Secondary beam

IPE

$$h \approx L_{\text{sec-beam}} / 20 \div L_{\text{sec-beam}} / 25$$

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Ist Stage:

- ◆ Class of cross-section
- ◆ Shear resistance
- ◆ Bending + lateral buckling ($l_{0w} = l_{\text{beam}}$)

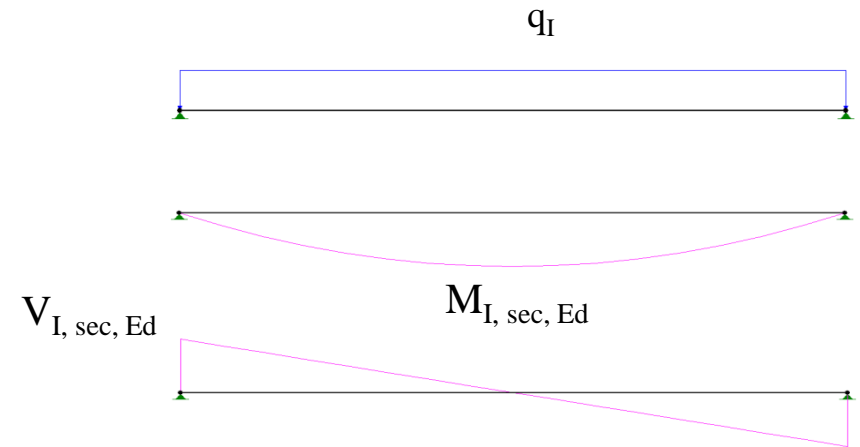
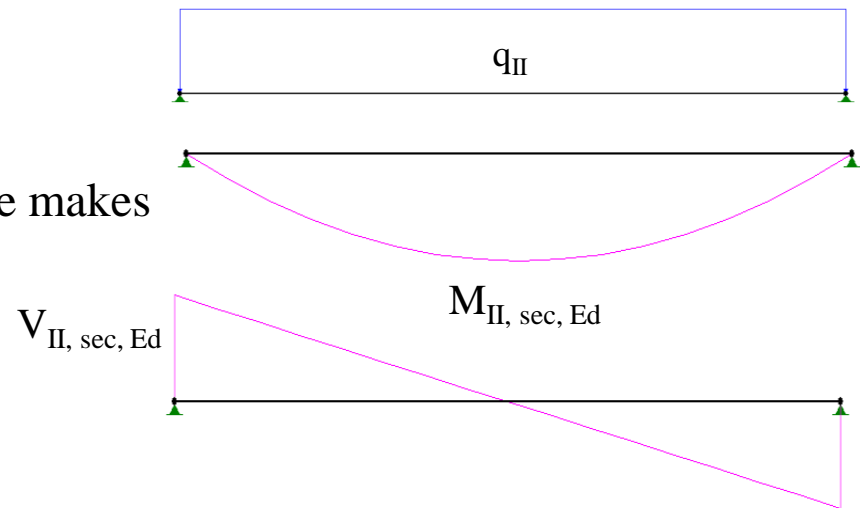


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IInd Stage:

(Class of cross-section – no change)

- ◆ Shear resistance
- ◆ Bending (no lateral buckling, concrete plate makes protection)
- ◆ Deflections



Class of the cross-section:

Lecture #4

(should be Ist or IInd class)

Shear resistance (Ist and IInd stage):

$$\begin{aligned} V_{\text{sec, Ed}} / V_{\text{Rd}} &\leq 1,0 \\ V_{\text{Rd}} &= A_v f_y / (\gamma_{M0} \sqrt{3}) \\ A_v &\approx h t_w \end{aligned}$$

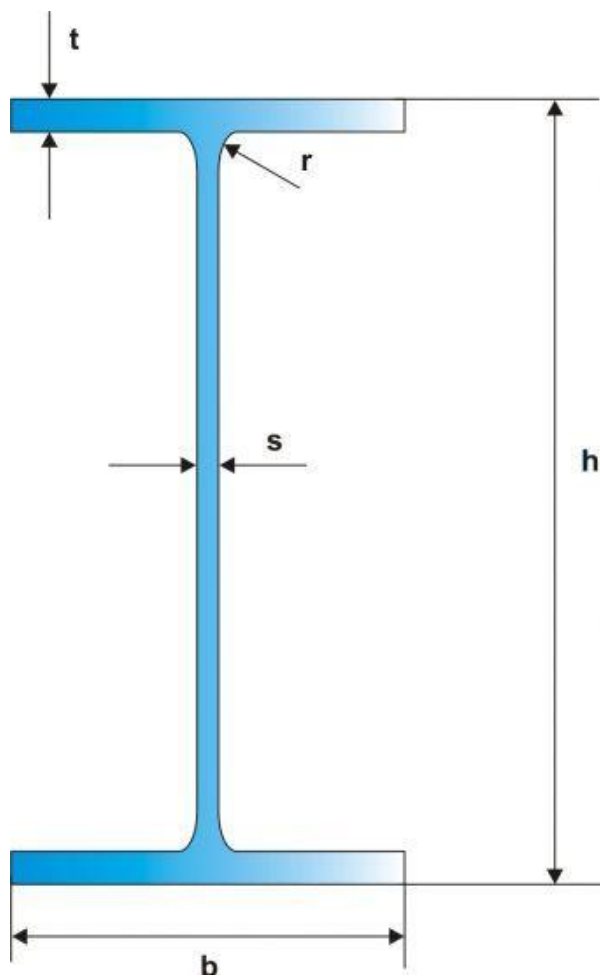
Bending resistance (Ist and IInd stage):

$$\begin{aligned} M_{\text{sec, Ed}} / M_{\text{Rd}} &\leq 1,0 \\ M_{\text{Rd}} &= W_{\text{pl}} f_y / \gamma_{M0} \end{aligned}$$

Lateral buckling (Ist stage):

$$\begin{aligned} M_{\text{sec, Ed}} / \chi_{\text{LT}} M_{\text{Rd}} &\leq 1,0 \\ \chi_{\text{LT}} \end{aligned}$$

Lecture #5



Primary beam

IPE, HEA, HEAA

$$h \approx L_{\text{pri-beam}} / 20 \div L_{\text{pri-beam}} / 25$$

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Loads will be applicated as complex of vertical forces from secondary beams.

Its values: pair of max reactions for secondary beam(pair: one force from **left** secondary beam and one force from **rights** secondary beam).

Dead-weight of primary beam could be recalculated to complex of vertical forces.

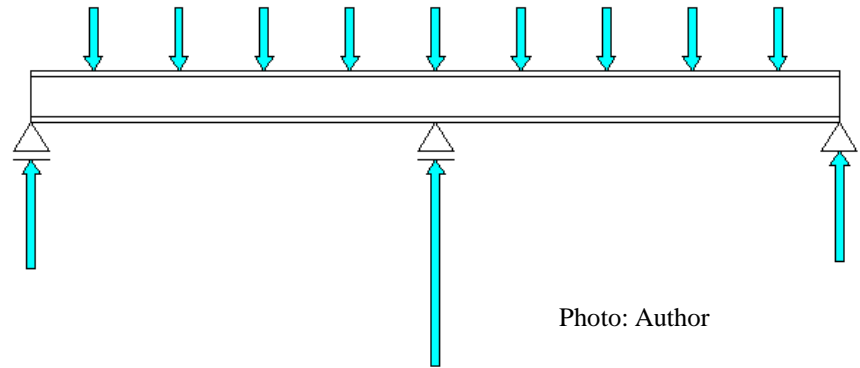


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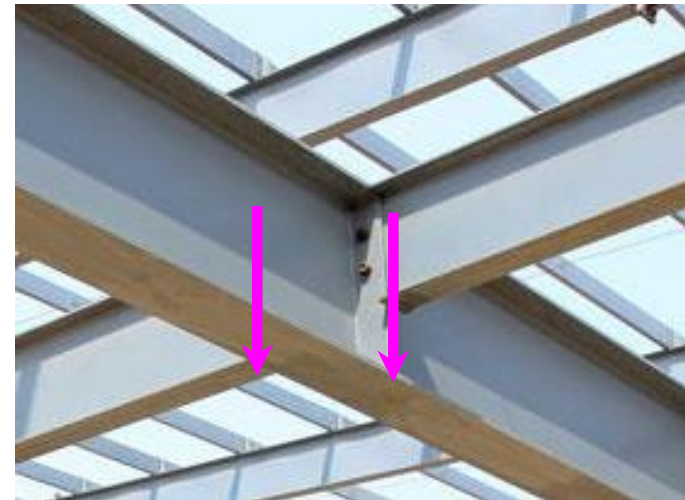


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Ist Stage:

- ♦ Class of cross-section
- ♦ Shear resistance
- ♦ Bending (as for II c.c.s.) + full lateral buckling

IInd Stage:

- ♦ (Class of cross-section – no change)
- ♦ Shear resistance
- ♦ Bending (as for I c.c.s. = plastic redistribution of bending moment) + limited lateral buckling
- ♦ Deflections

Primary beam - Ist class of cross-section. For this type, using advantage of plastic redistribution of bending moments is possible (for multi-span continuous beam; as, for this case, two-span). Theoretical approach to problem is presented on Lectures #4 and #11.

I st Stage	Partial value of external actions → average values of bending moments → bending moments too small to make plastic hinges → no plastic hinges → no redistribution of bending moments → beam of I st class of cross-section calculated as beam II nd class of cross-section.
II nd Stage	Final value of external actions → big values of bending moments → bending moments enough to make plastic hinges (and, additionally, there is multi-span beam) → plastic hinges → redistribution of bending moments → beam of I st class of cross-section calculated as beam I st class of cross-section.

IInd class of cross-section: checking of resistance based on W_{pl} and „normal” static calculation.

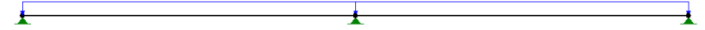
Ist class of cross-section: checking of resistance based on W_{pl} and plastic redistribution of bending moments.

Ist Stage, resistance:

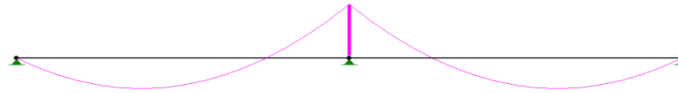
$M_{I, \text{supp}, Ed, \text{max}}$ for checking resistance and stability;

$V_{I, \text{supp}, Ed, \text{max}}$ for checking resistance;

$q = \text{const}$



$M_{I, \text{supp}, Ed, \text{max}}$



$V_{I, \text{supp}, Ed, \text{max}}$

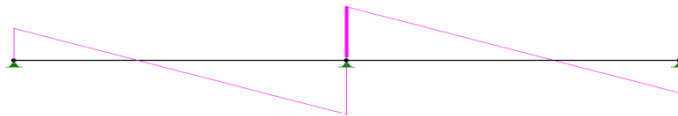


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Ist Stage, stability:

Critical length = $L_{\text{pri-beam}}$ (no stiff members, which prevent primary beam from lateral buckling on total length)

Lateral buckling → Lecture #5

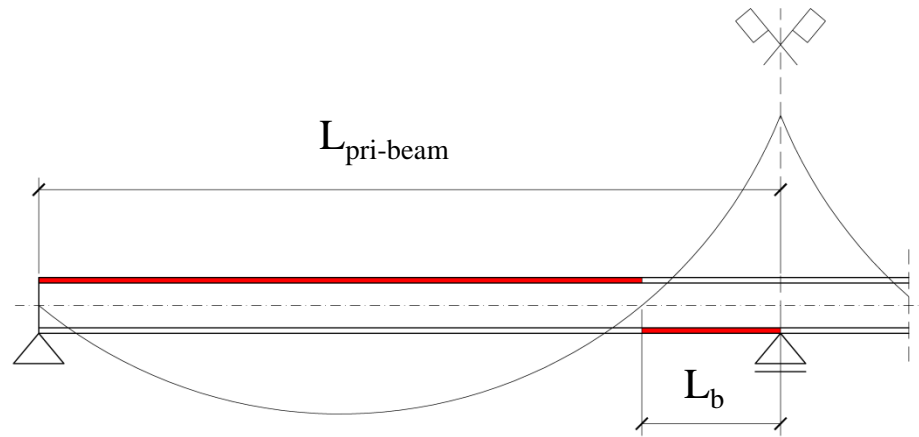
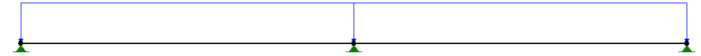


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IInd Stage, combinations of loads:

Deadweight on both spans, live load on both spans:



Deadweight on both spans, live load on one span (left or right); combinations are mirror images:

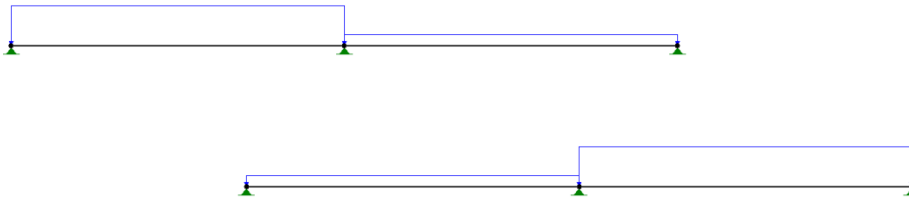


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IInd Stage, resistance:

There are few values of cross-sectional forces, important for calculation:

- For resistance of cross-section of primary beam: $M_{II, Ed, max}$; $V_{II, supp, Ed, max}$ (#t / 24)
- For resistance of joint between two parts of primary beam: $M_{II, joint, Ed}$; $V_{II, joint, Ed}$ (#t / 25)
- Resistance of vertical stiffener over end support and resistance of wall: $R_{end, Ed, max}$ (#t / 26)
- Resistance of column (main part, head, base) and resistance of vertical stiffener over central support: $R_{top, Ed}$; $R_{bottom, Ed}$ (#t / 27)
- Resistance of joint between secondary and primary beam and resistance of vertical stiffener in this joint: vertical forces from pair of secondary beam ($2 \times V_{sec, Ed}$; #t / 15)

IInd Stage, resistance of primary beam; bending moments:

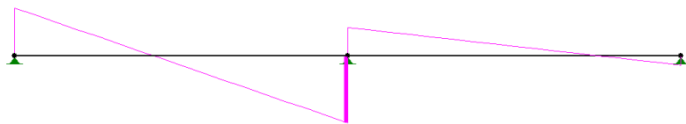
$M_{II, Ed, max}$ comes from redistribution of bending moments. Results from „normal” static calculation will be used for checking results from redistribution only.

IInd Stage, resistance of primary beam; shear forces:

$$V_{II, supp, Ed, max} = \max (V_{II, u-sym, sup, Ed, max} ; V_{II, sym, sup, Ed, max})$$

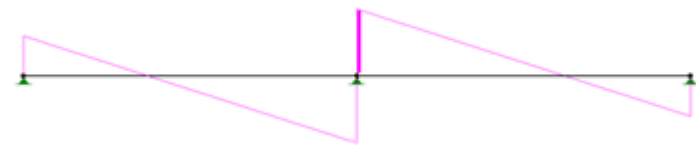
For shear forces, for simplification, could be used results from „normal” static calculation

Unsymmetrical loads



$V_{II, u-sym, sup, Ed, max}$

Symmetrical loads



$V_{II, sym, sup, Ed, max}$

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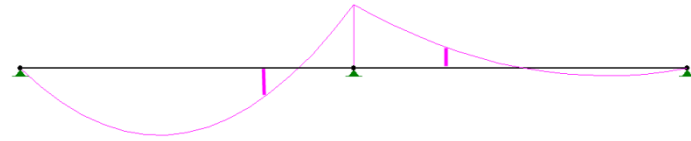
IInd Stage, resistance of joints between two parts of primary beam:

For joint, for simplification, could be used results from „normal” statis calculation

$$M_{II, joint, Ed} = \max (M_{II, u-sym, joint, left, Ed} ; M_{II, u-sym, joint, right, Ed} ; M_{II, joint, sym, Ed})$$

$$V_{II, joint, Ed} = \max (V_{II, u-sym, joint, left, Ed} ; V_{II, u-sym, joint, right, Ed} ; V_{II, joint, sym, Ed})$$

$M_{II, u-sym, joint, left, Ed}$ $M_{II, u-sym, joint, right, Ed}$



Unsymmetrical loads

$V_{II, u-sym, joint, left, Ed}$

$V_{II, u-sym, joint, right, Ed}$

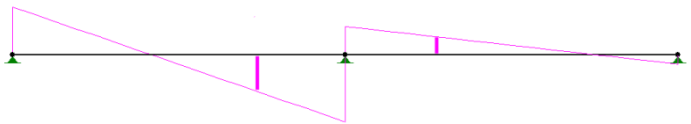
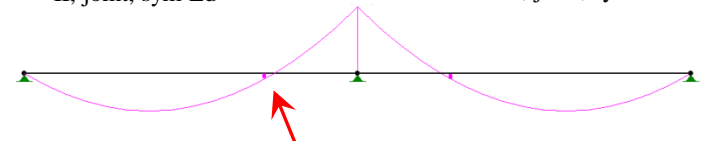


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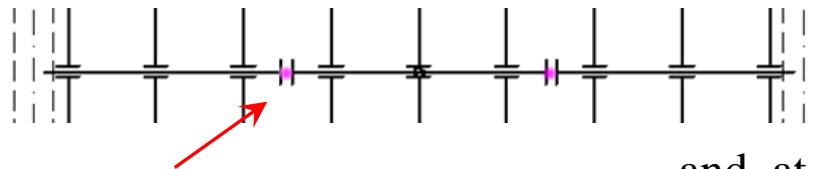
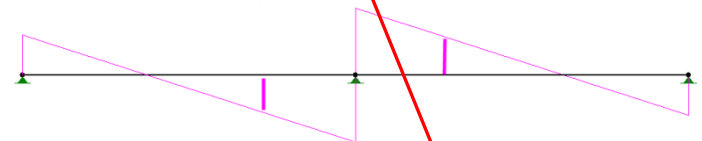
$M_{II, joint, sym Ed}$ $M_{II, joint, sym Ed}$



Symmetrical loads

$V_{II, joint, sym Ed}$

$V_{II, joint, sym Ed}$



+/- halfway between the beams...

...and, at the same time, as close as possible to zero moment value for a symmetrical

IInd Stage, resistance, vertical stiffener over end support, support on wall:

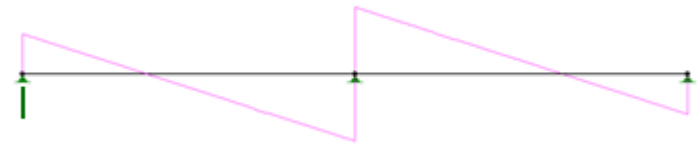
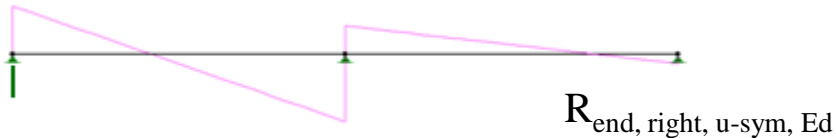
For side reactions, for simplification, could be used results from „normal” statis calculation enlarged by 10%.

$$R_{\text{end, Ed, max}} = 1,1 \max (R_{\text{end, left, u-sym, Ed}} ; R_{\text{end, right, u-sym, Ed}} ; R_{\text{end, sym, Ed}})$$

$R_{\text{end, left, u-sym, Ed}}$

$R_{\text{end, sym, Ed}}$

$R_{\text{end, sym, Ed}}$



Unsymmetrical loads

Symmetrical loads

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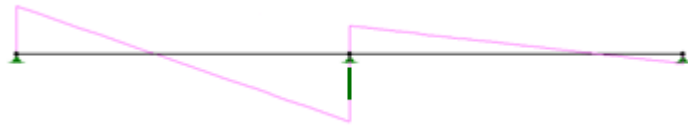
IInd Stage, resistance, central stiffener, column, head of column, base of column:

For central reaction, for simplification, could be used results from „normal” statis calculation

$$R_{\text{top, Ed}} = \max (R_{\text{supp, u-sym, Ed, max}} ; R_{\text{supp, sym, Ed, max}})$$

$$R_{\text{bottom, Ed}} = R_{\text{top, Ed}} + \text{dead weight of column}$$

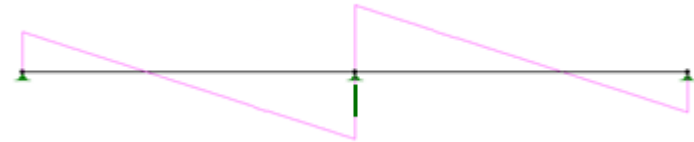
$R_{\text{supp, u-sym, Ed, max}}$



Unsymmetrical loads

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$R_{\text{supp, sym, Ed, max}}$



Symmetrical loads

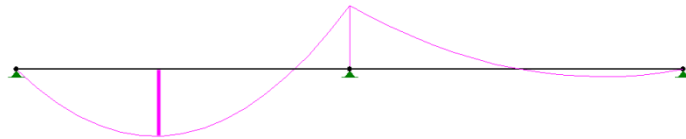
Stiffener, head of column: $R_{\text{top, Ed}}$

Main part of column, base of column: $R_{\text{bottom, Ed}}$

IInd Stage, resistance of primary beam, verification of results (moments and reactions):

- „Normal” static analysis vs plastic redistribution:

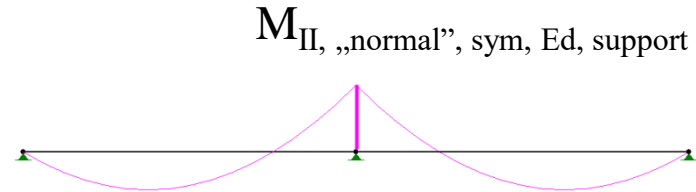
$$\underline{M_{II, \text{„normal”}, u\text{-sym}, span, Ed, span}} < \underline{M_{span, redistribution} = M_{support, redistribution}} < \underline{M_{II, \text{„normal”}, sym, supp, Ed, support}}$$



$M_{II, \text{„normal”}, u\text{-sym}, Ed, span}$

Unsymmetrical loads

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$M_{II, \text{„normal”}, sym, Ed, support}$

Symmetrical loads

- $R_{top, Ed} (\#t / 27) \approx 2 V_{II, supp, Ed, max} (\#t / 24) + \text{forces directly over column}$

- Reactions at end and central support:

$$\underline{R_{end, Ed, max} (\#t / 26) \approx 0,30 \div 0,40 R_{top, Ed} (\#t / 27)}$$

IInd Stage, stability:

Critical length = L_b (concrete plate prevents top part of cross-section from lateral buckling)

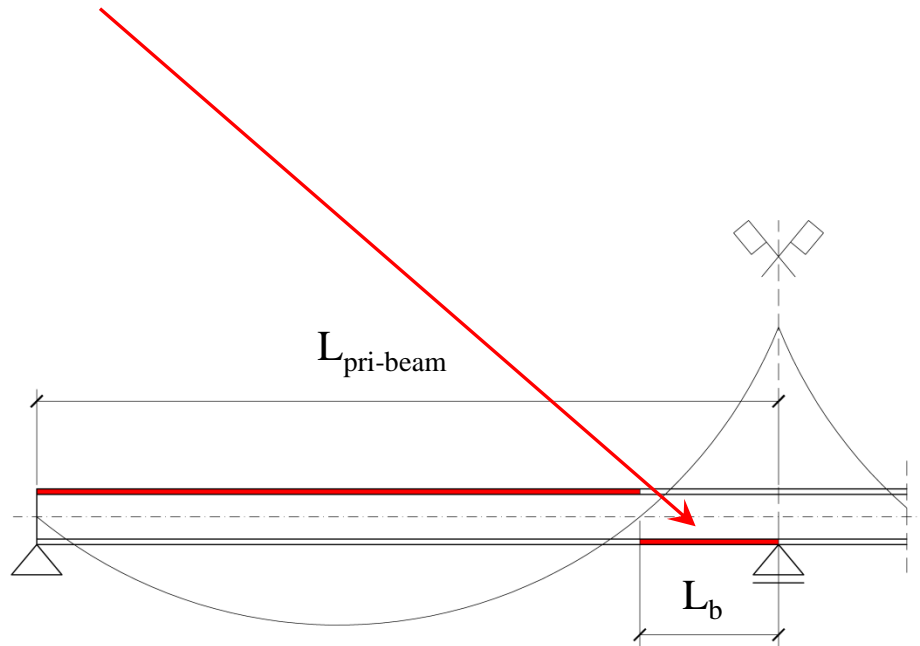


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Ist Stage, effort:

$$M^I_{Ed} / \chi^I_{LT} M_{Rd} = \text{eff I} \leq 1,0$$

IInd Stage, effort:

$$M^{II}_{Ed} / \chi^{II}_{LT} M_{Rd} = \text{eff II} \leq 1,0$$

Recommendation:

$$\underline{\text{eff I} \leq \text{eff II}}$$

Opposite situation means, that cross-section of primary beam is designed as for a short-term assembly period (Ist Stage), not as for a long-term period of exploitation (IInd Stage). It is uneconomical. If the assembly period becomes more important (bigger effort), the static scheme should be changed for this stage by adding temporary supports.

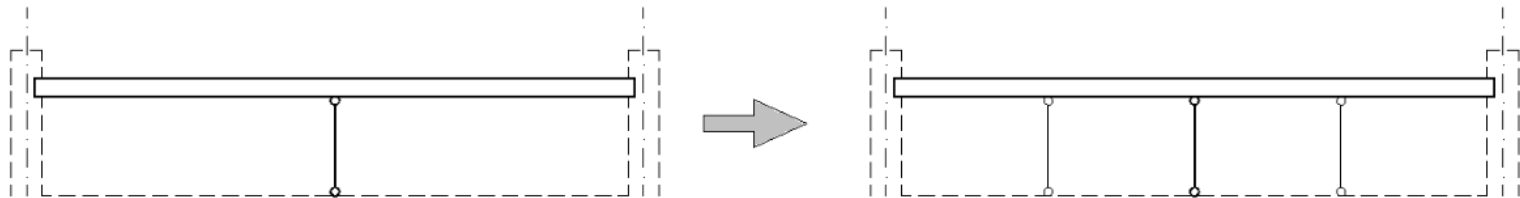


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Deflections:

Value of deflections can be approximated by one of two ways:

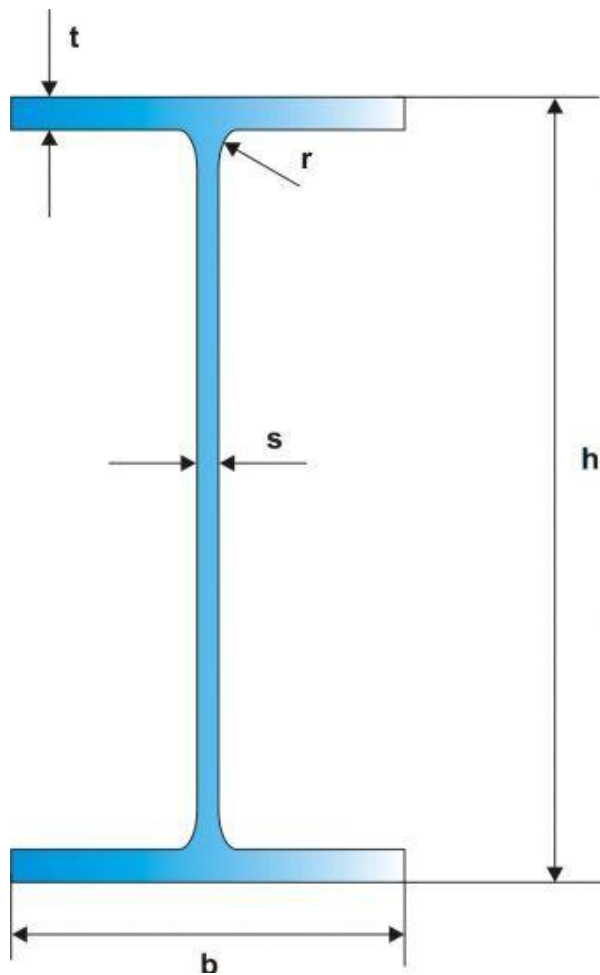
- Values from „normal” static calculations;
- Values from formula:

$$\Delta = 0,50 [5 g L^4 / (384 E J_y)] + 0,75 [5 q L^4 / (384 E J_y)]$$

where

Δ - deflection; g – dead weight; q – live load; L – length of one span

Primary beam is Ist example of calculations in Example Part



Column

HEB

$h \leq$ width of primary beam's flange
(probably 300 mm)

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Ist Stage:

- ◆ Nothing (too small loads to get important effects)

IInd Stage:

- ◆ Class of cross-section
- ◆ Axial compression + flexural buckling (y, z); calculation the same as in Ist design project, stability of bracing bars ($\mu_y = \mu_z = 1,0$)

Critical length for both directions is equal height of column

Joints

- ◆ Secondary-primary beams
 - ◆ IInd Stage – stiffness
 - ◆ IInd Stage – resistance (bolts, plates)
- ◆ Primary-primary beam
 - ◆ IInd Stage – stiffness
 - ◆ IInd Stage – resistance (bolts, plates, welds)

- ◆ Beam support (on wall, on column's head)
 - ◆ IInd Stage – stiffness
 - ◆ IInd Stage – resistance (wall / head, plates, welds)
- ◆ Column support
 - ◆ IInd Stage – stiffness
 - ◆ IInd Stage – resistance (concrete, plate, welds)

Stiffeners must be applicated for

- joint secondary-primary beam;
- over column's head;
- over wall.

Algorithm of calculation is the same for each stiffener, so total stiffeners will be presented as separated point of calculation.



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Hinge joint, secondary beam - primary beam

Calculation of secondary beam – primary beam joint consists of two parts. The first one concerns resistances of bolts, the second one concerns resistance of vertical stiffener.

Different values of forces act on primary beam can cause different thickness of stiffeners

A – max reaction over central support;
 B – reaction over end support;
 C – pair of reactions from secondary beams

Bolts: force as in case C
 Stiffeners: cases A, B, C

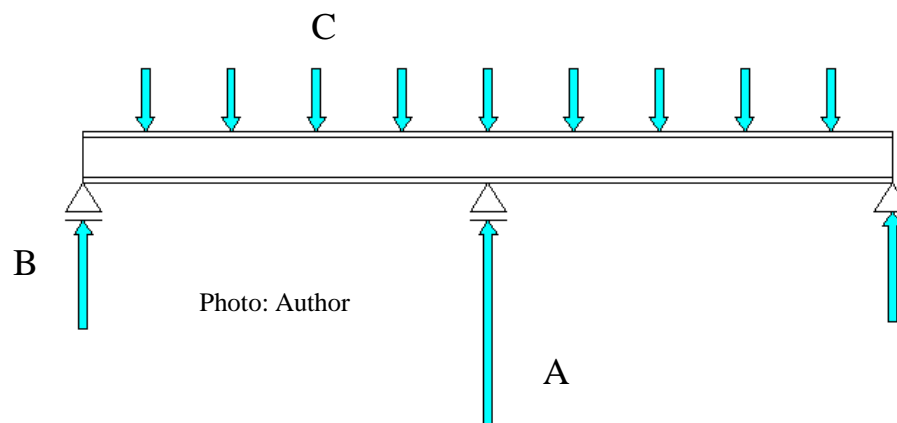
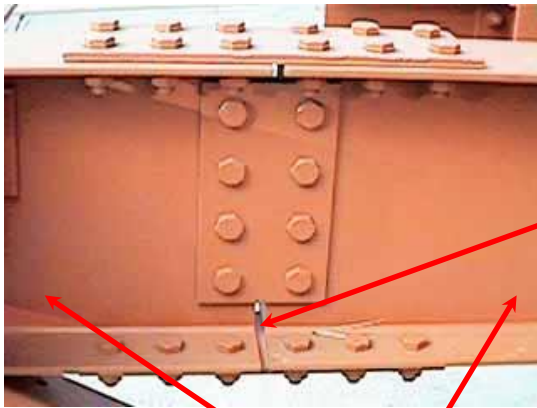


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It is IInd example of calculations in Example Part

Rigid joint, two part of primary beam



Small gap (≈ 20 mm) between transpor members for compensation of support's imperfections.

Joint between two parts of transport members

Joint consists on two pairs of special plates:

Calculation concerns resistances of shank of bolts, plates in contact with bolts and effect of presence of bolts.

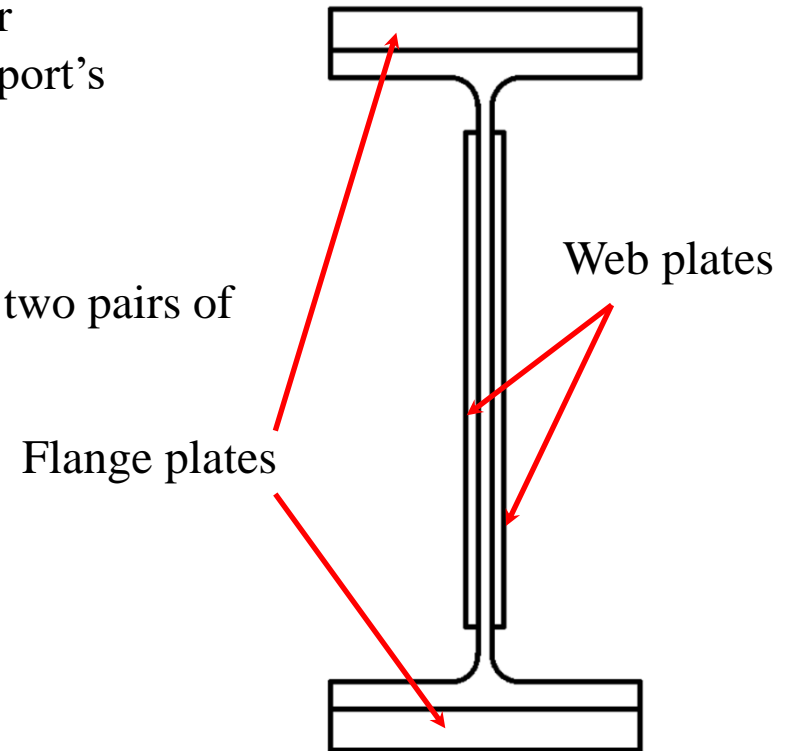


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It is IIIrd example of calculations in Example Part

Supports of primary beam



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- Resistance of rocker's sub-parts – common procedure for both cases of support;
- Resistance of masonry wall;
- Resistance of column's top part;

It is IVth example of calculations in Example Part

Stiffeners

A – reaction over central support;

B – max reaction over end support;

C – pair of reactions from secondary beams

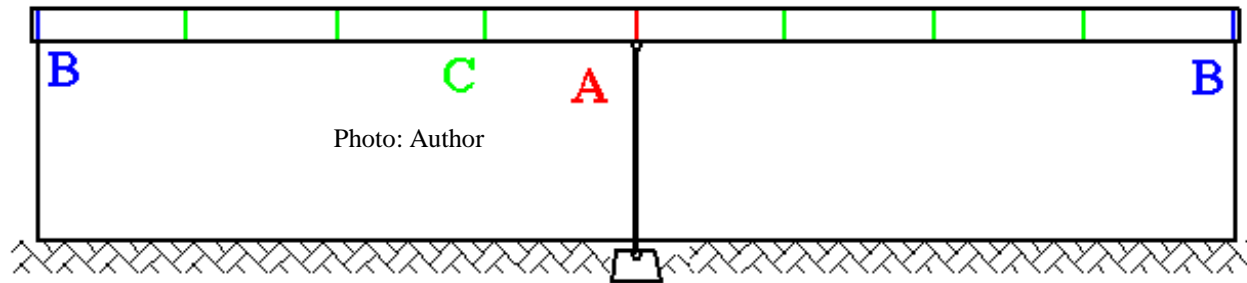
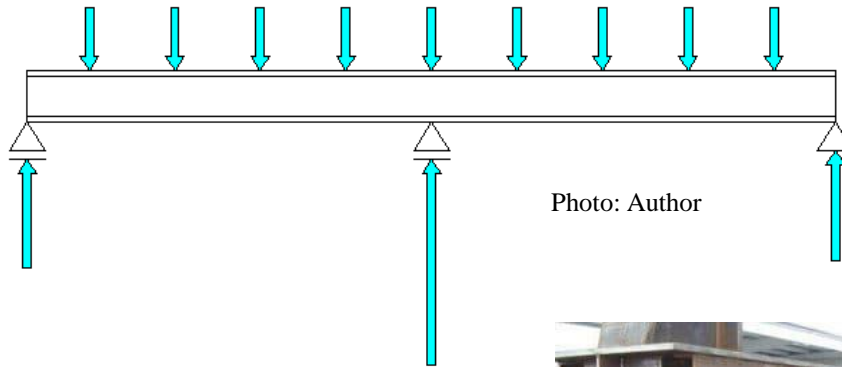


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Different values of forces act on primary beam can cause different thickness of stiffeners
A, B, C ($t_A > t_B > t_C$)

It is Vth example of calculations in Example Part

Column base



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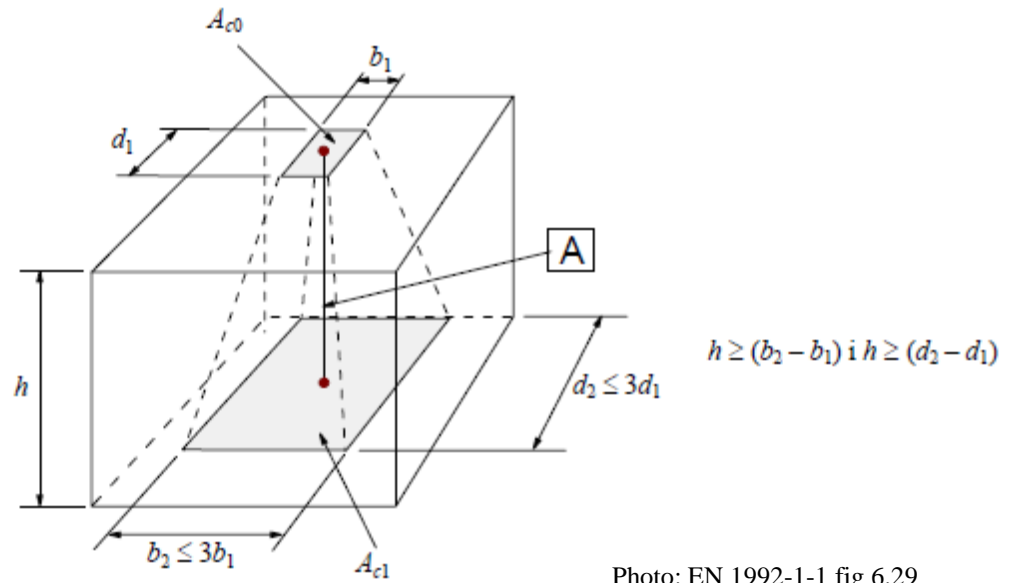
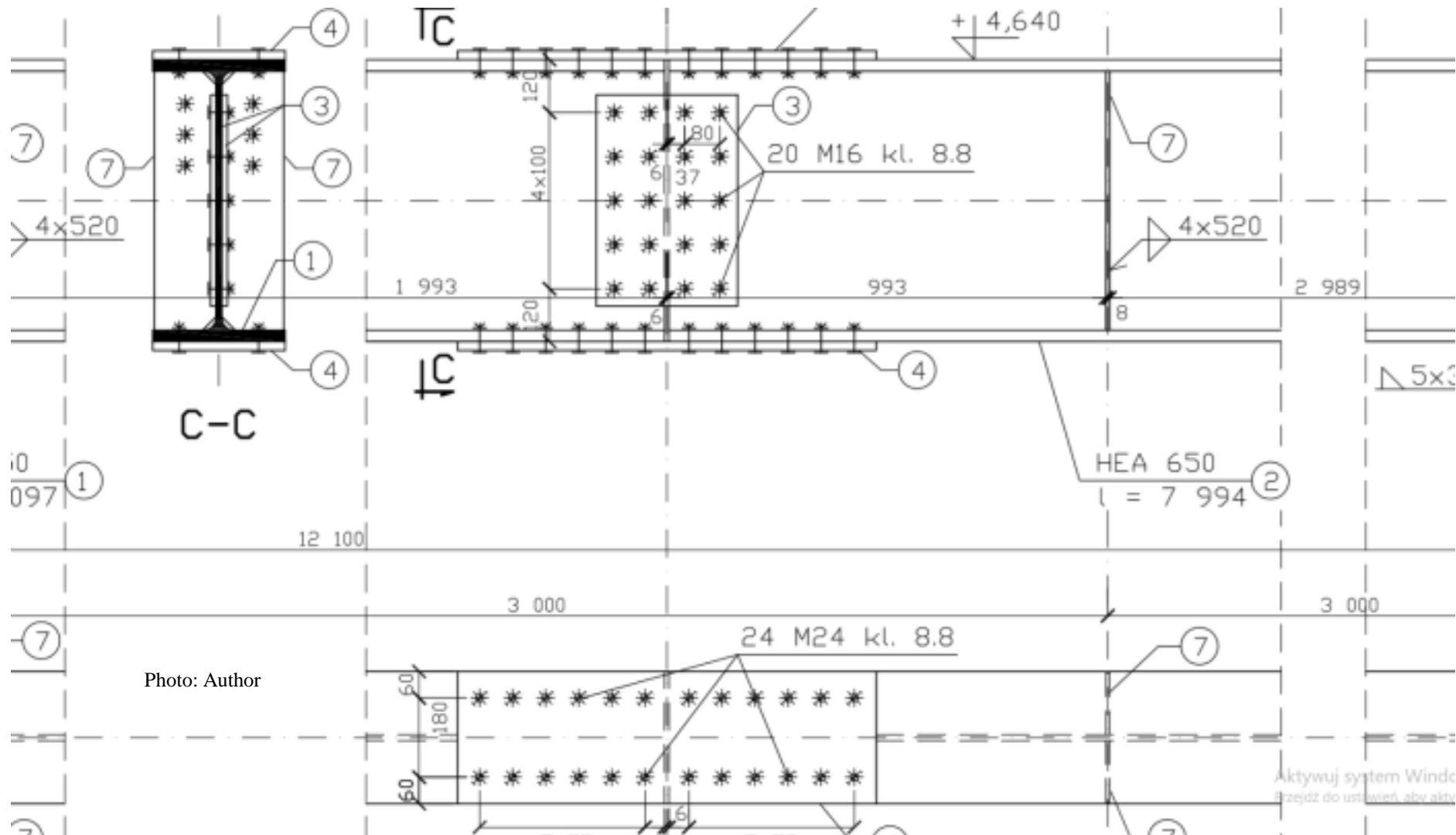


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Resistance of concrete in contact with steel structure

It is VIth example of calculations in Example Part

Drawing



List of materials

MODULUS	SYMBOL OF ELEMENT	NAME OF ELEMENT	DIMENSIONS [mm]	UNIT MASS [kg / m ²], [kg / m], [kg / 1000 pieces]	MASS OF ELEMENT [kg]	NUMBER OF ELEMENTS	MASS OF ELEMENTS [kg]	UNIT MASS [kg]	NUMBER OF UNITS [kg]	TOTAL MASS [kg]
Pa	1	HEA 650	8 097	190,00	1538,43	1	1538,43	1 697,69	6	10 186
	3	pl 8	320x480	64,00	9,83	2	19,66			
	4	pl 20	300x950	160,00	45,60	2	91,20			
	6	pl 8	140x588	64,00	5,27	2	10,54			
	7	pl 10	140x588	80,00	6,59	4	26,34			
	11	pl 40	120x300	320,00	11,52	1	11,52			
	M16	M16 cl 8.8	50	-	-	10	-			
	M24	M24 cl 8.8	70	-	-	12	-			
Pb	2	HEA 650	7 994	190,00	1518,86	1	1518,86	1 577,08	3	4 731
	5	pl 14	140x588	112,00	9,22	2	18,44			
	7	pl 10	140x588	80,00	6,59	4	26,34			
	8	pl 20	20x300	160,00	0,96	2	1,92			
	11	pl 40	120x300	320,00	11,52	1	11,52			
	M16	M16 cl 8.8	50	-	-	20	-			
	M24	M24 cl 8.8	70	-	-	24	-			
S	10	HEA 240	4 110	60,30	247,83	1	247,83	286,81	3	860
	12	pl 20	300x300	160,00	14,40	1	14,40			
	13	pl 30	320x320	240,00	24,58	1	24,58			
	M16	M16 cl 4.8	50	-	-	4	-			
	M20	M20 cl 4.8	420	-	-	2	-			
B	15	IPE 300	4 406	42,20	185,93	1	185,93	185,93	14	2 603
	M16	M16 cl 4.8	50	-	-	6	-			
								Sum		18 381
								2% for welds		368
Bolts				M16 cl 4.8 50 mm	107 kg / 1000 szt	96 pieces	10			
				M16 cl 8.8 50 mm	107 kg / 1000 szt	120 pieces	13			
				M20 cl 4.8 420 mm	1,06 kg / 1 szt	6 pieces	6			
				M24 cl 8.8 70 mm	347 kg / 1000 szt	144 pieces	50			
								TOTAL		18 828

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MODULUS	SYMBOL OF ELEMENT	NAME OF ELEMENT	DIMENSIONS (mm)
Pa	1	HEA 650	800
	3	pl 8	320
	4	pl 20	300
	6	pl 8	140
	7	pl 10	140
	11	pl 40	120
	M16	M16 cl 8.8	5
	M24	M24 cl 8.8	7
Pb	2	HEA 650	750
	5	pl 14	140
	7	pl 10	140
	8	pl 20	200
	11	pl 40	120
	M16	M16 cl 8.8	5
	M24	M24 cl 8.8	7
S	10	HEA 240	400
	12	pl 20	300
	13	pl 30	320
	M16	M16 cl 4.8	5
	M20	M20 cl 4.8	4
B	15	IPE 300	400
	M16	M16 cl 4.8	5

First column – modulus. This is information about transport members of structure. For example, structure can be divided into:

- central part of primary beam;
- side part of primary beam;
- secondary beam;
- column.

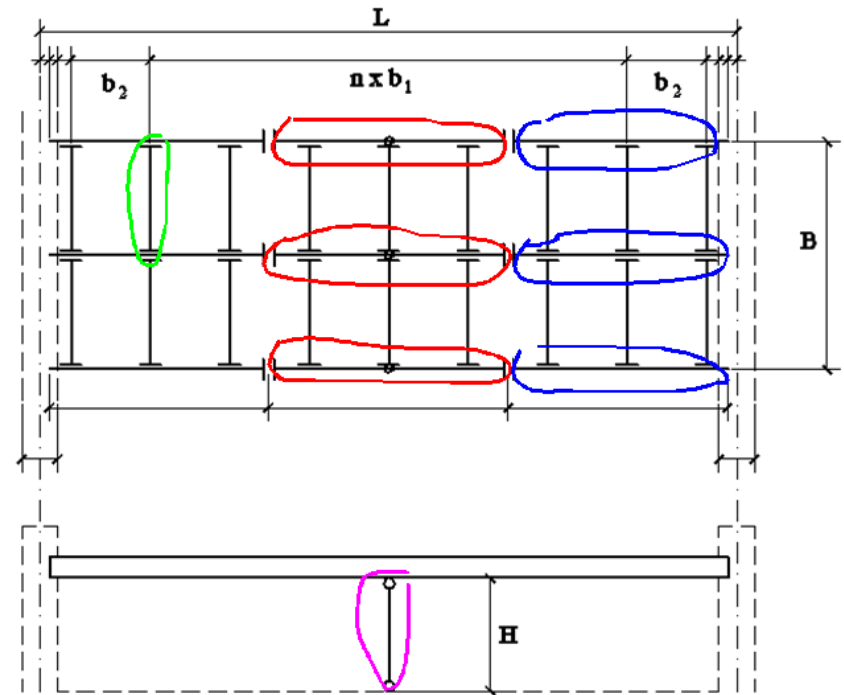


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Floor girder, floor system - ruszt stropowy

Secondary beam - belka poprzeczna

Primary beam - podciąg

Envelope (of bending moments, shear forces) – obwiednia

Thank you for attention

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