

# Metal Structures

## Laboratory II

### Geometrical characteristics of welded I-beam

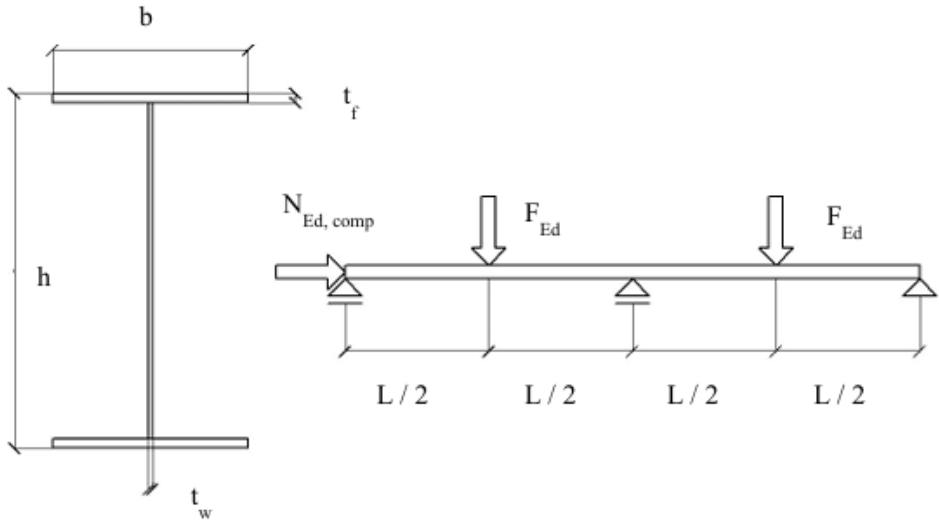
## LABORATORY OBJECTIVE'S

Analysis of very slender cross-sections; steel and aluminium;

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Topic:

1. Analyse effects of local instabilities for beam as follow; steel S 275



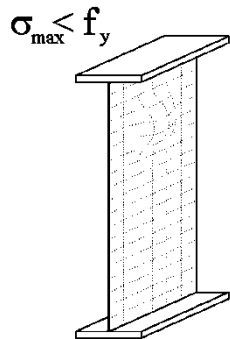
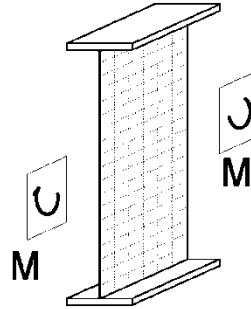
| $h$ [mm] | $t_w$ [mm] | $b$ [mm] | $t_f$ [mm] | $F_{Ed}$ [kN] | $N_{Ed, comp}$ [kN] | $L$ [m] |
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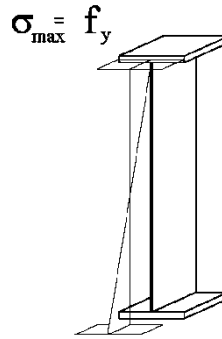
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# Classes of cross-section - different resistance for local instabilities

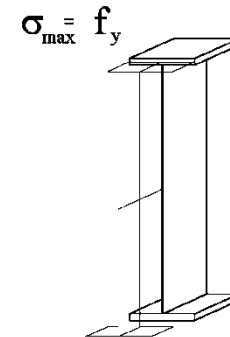
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$$\sigma_{\max} < f_y$$



$$\sigma_{\max} = f_y$$



$$\sigma_{\max} = f_y$$

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Different formulas of R

Geometrical characteristics, presented on previous Lab ( $A$ ,  $J_y$ ,  $W_{y, el}$ ), could be the same for various shapes of cross-section:

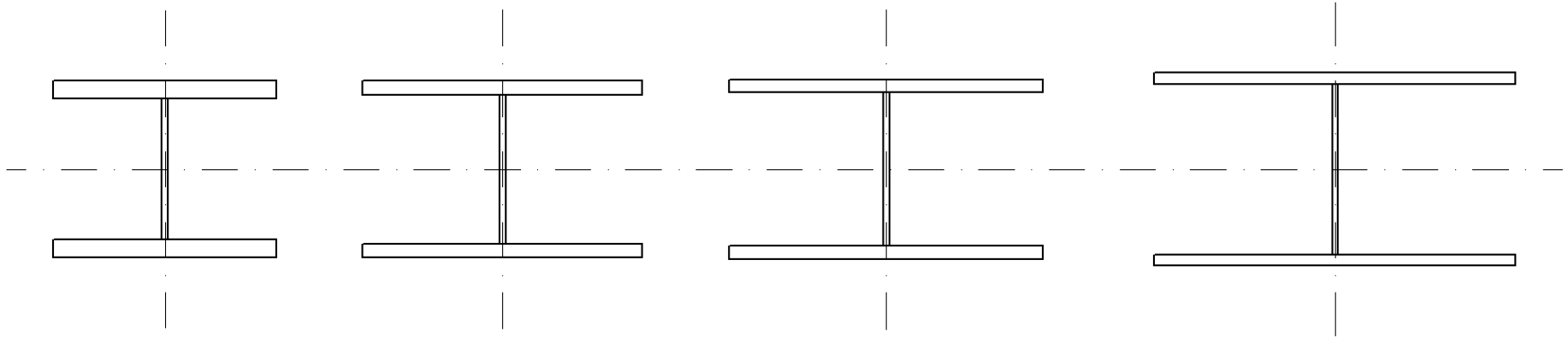


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But for metal structures, real behavior of element under actions depends not only on geometrical characteristics, mentioned above. Very important is slenderness of branches of cross-section.

First and second: massive cross-sections;  $W_{y, pl}$  is taken into calculation (Lab #1).

Third: „average” cross-sections;  $W_{y, el}$  is taken into calculation (Lab #1).

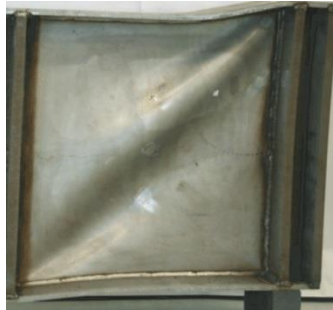
Last: slender cross-section; behaviour like as chart of paper under action. Many local instabilities must be analysed.

## Four types of local instability for slender cross-section:

Two types effects of compressive axial stresses.



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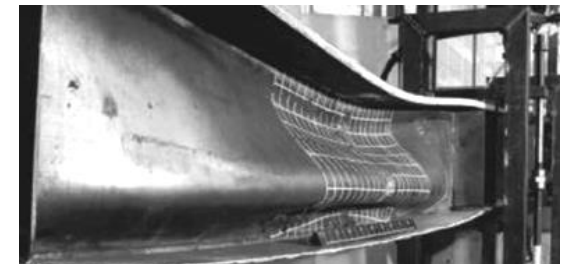
Effect of shear stresses.

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Effect of transversal force applied in point.



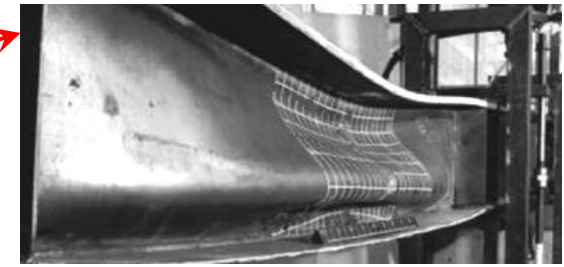
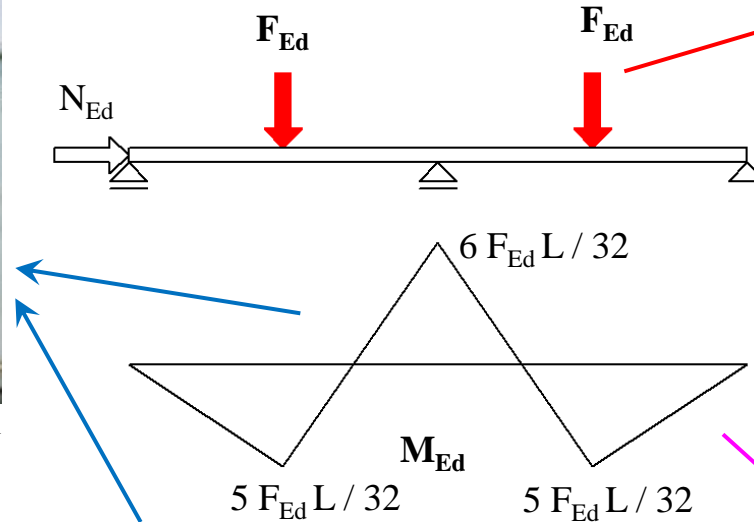
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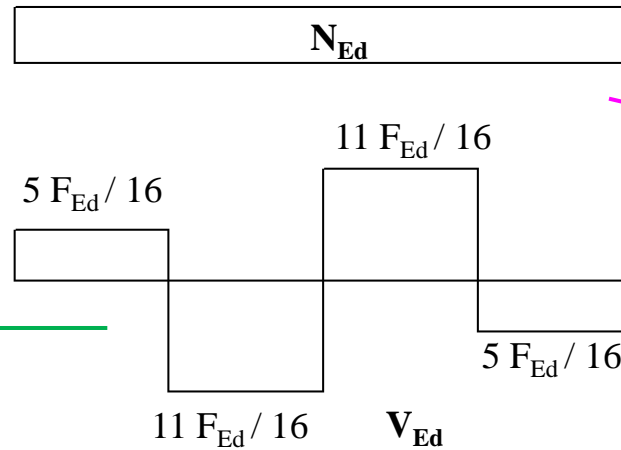


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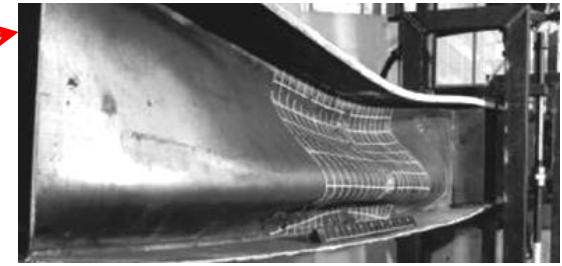
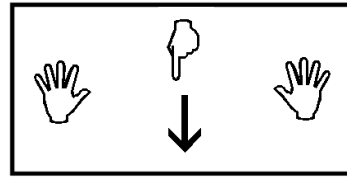
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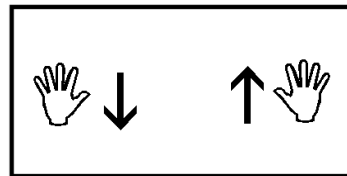
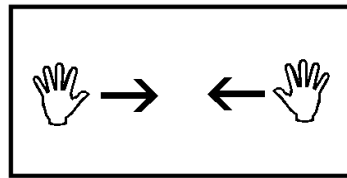
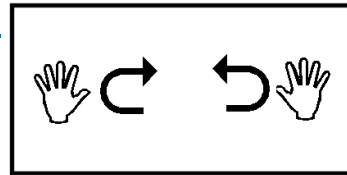


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Calculation of various slenderness of cross-sections (classes of cross-section) will be presented on Lec #4.

Elastic and plastic sectional moduluses were presented on Lab #1.

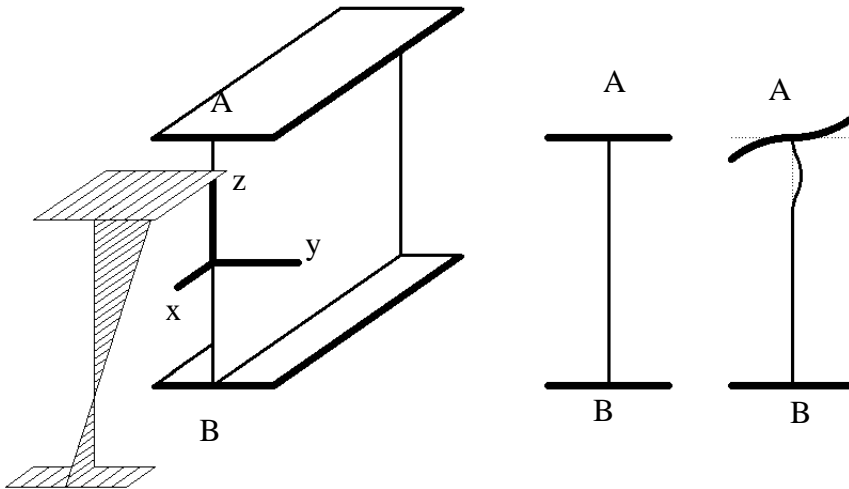
Detailing explanation about various types of local instabilities will be presented on Lec #12.

Today, only one case (the most complicated) of many local instabilities will be presented, this means first effect of axial stresses from compressive axial force and bending moment.

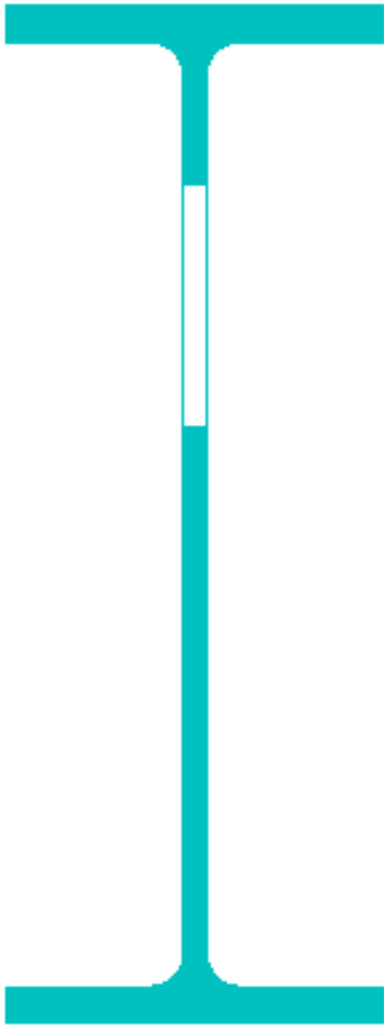
# Instability of flange under compressive axial stresses, instability of web under compressive axial stresses

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Reason: axial stresses  $\sigma_x$  (from bending moment and / or compressive axial force). First type flange-web: loss of stability for both sub-parts (web and flange) is independent; behavior of flange doesn't affect web and behavior of web doesn't affect flange. Position of point A does not change after loss of stability.



The part that is subject to local instability is ignored. Effective cross-section is a fictitious cross-section from which fragments of flanges / web (subject to instability) have been removed.

When considering the effective cross-section, it is necessary to find the effective cross-sectional area, effective center of gravity, effective moment of inertia and effective sectional modulus. More information will be presented on Lab #2.

$$W_{\text{eff}} \leq W_{\text{el}} < W_{\text{pl}}$$

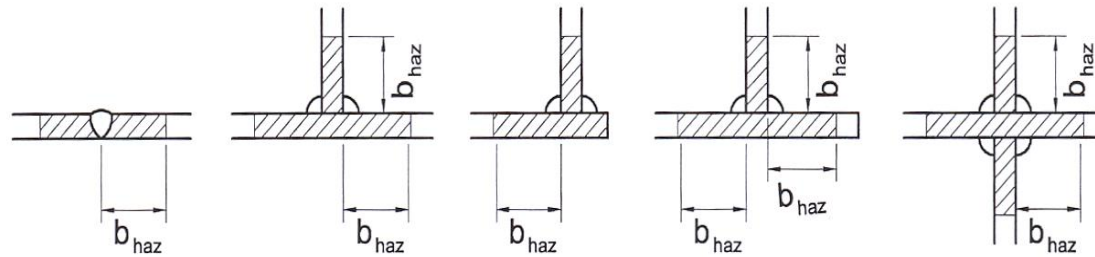
$$A_{\text{eff}} \leq A$$

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Such phenomenon – effect of local instability – is analysed for **steel** and **aluminum** cross-sections. Of course, this phenomenon existed on compressed part of cross-section only.

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Another phenomenon for **aluminum** I-beam is reduction of strength of material through welding process. This phenomenon is important for **both** (compressed and tensed) part of the cross-section.

As in the case of steel, alloying elements are added to aluminum alloys.

Alloying elements → lec. #2

There is very important type of "heat treating" for aluminium: precipitation hardening (age hardening). The effect of process is increasing of strength and decreasing of plasticity. Increasing of aluminum strength can be up to few dozens %.

Precipitation hardening is devastated during welding. Because of this, heat affected zones (HAZ) must be analysed during calculation of aluminum welding.

HAZ → lab. #2

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Strength of aluminum alloys comes mainly from special heat treating. High temperatures - for example during welding - devastate this effect.

Heat affected zones (HAZ) for aluminum - reduction of strength parameters as a result of welding

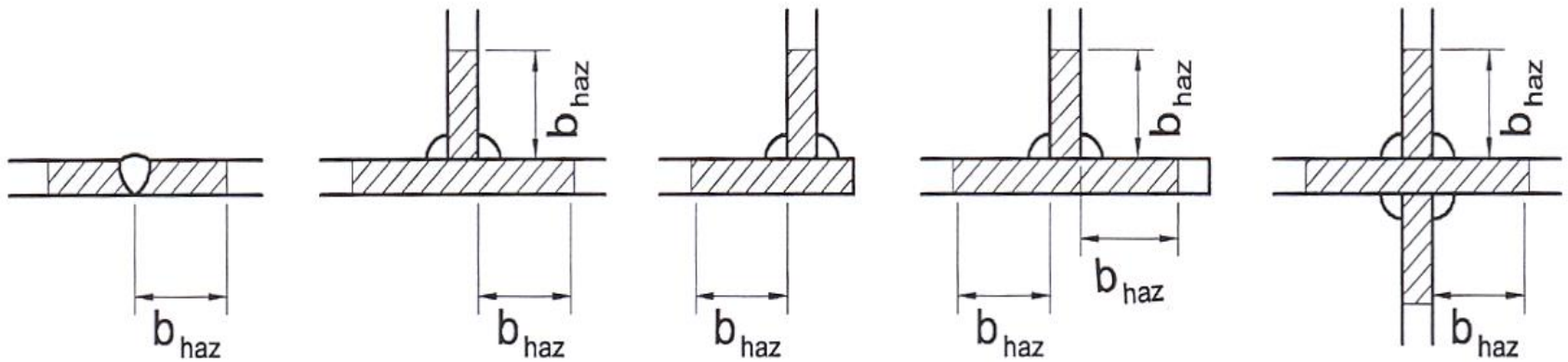


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Reduction factor

$$1,0 \geq \rho_{haz} \geq 0,28$$

Resistance  $R$  of cross-section is depend on geometrical characteristic  $X$  and strength  $f$ ;  $\rho$  is reduction factor:

$$R = X \cdot f$$

For instability we must take into consideration reduced part of cross-section:

$$R = (X \cdot \rho_1) \cdot f$$

For welding joints in aluminum, strength of material locally decreases:

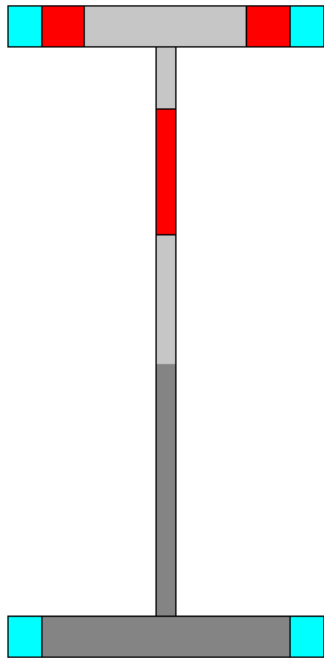
$$R = X \cdot (f \cdot \rho_2) = (X \cdot \rho_2) \cdot f$$

There is way of calculation for both phenomenon: **strength is the same** in each point of cross-section, but **geometry is reduced**:

$$R = (X \cdot \rho) \cdot f$$

We reduced geometry for different parts of cross-section in calculations:

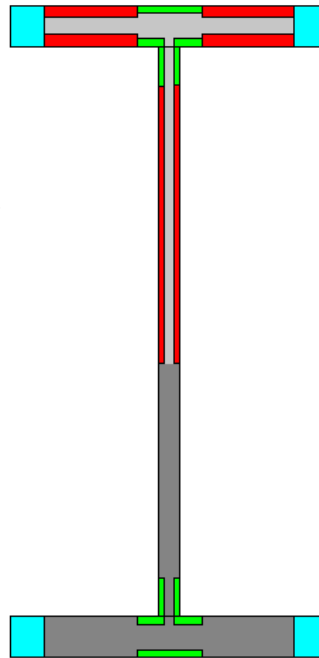
- for steel welded I-beam we reduced width of elements,  $d_{\text{eff}} = d_0 \rho$
- for aluminum welded I-beam we reduced thickness of elements,  $t_{\text{eff}} = t_0 \rho$
- for cold-formed cross-sections we reduced thickness of elements,  $t_{\text{eff}} = t_0 \rho$



Steel

compressed part

tensed part



Aluminum

There is effective geometry of cross-section after reduction

(without blue parts for ended part of too wide flanges, without red parts for instability and without green parts for welding):

$$A_0 \rightarrow A_{\text{eff}}$$

$$W_{y0} \rightarrow W_{y \text{ eff}}$$

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# Aluminum

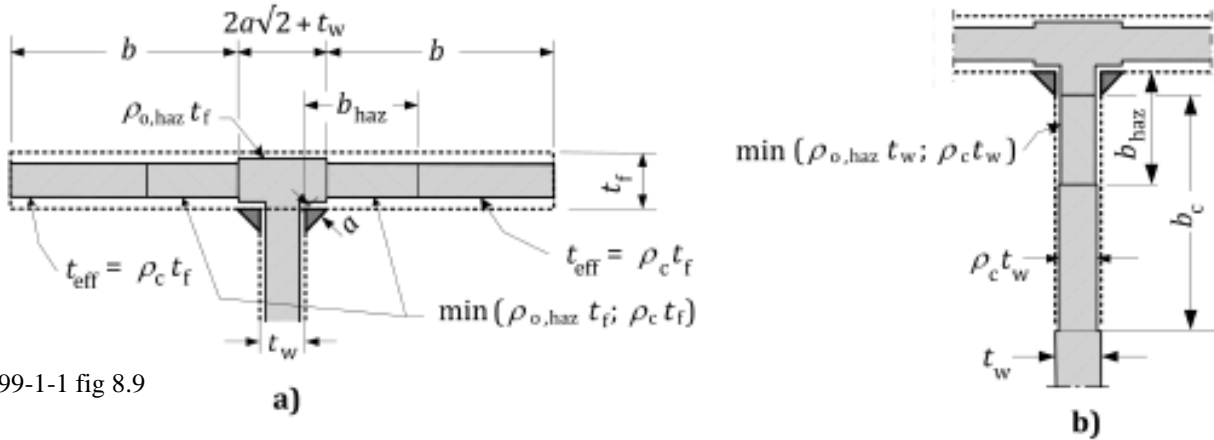


Photo: EN 1999-1-1 fig 8.9

Reduction factor for tensed welded zone -  
depends on type of alloy;

Reduction factor for non-welded  
compressed part - depends on values of  
stresses;

Reduction factor for compressed welded  
zone = min (both above)  
(EN 1999-1-1 8.2.5.2.(2) ).

## Steel; steps of reductions:

- reduction of too wide flanges (both flanges; only one step; symmetrical cross-section, after reduction recalculations for geometrical characteristics)
- reduction of compressed flange (only one step; asymmetrical cross-section; after reduction recalculations for centre of gravity and geometrical characteristics)
- reduction of compressed part of web (few steps; asymmetrical cross-section; after reduction recalculations for centre of gravity and geometrical characteristics)

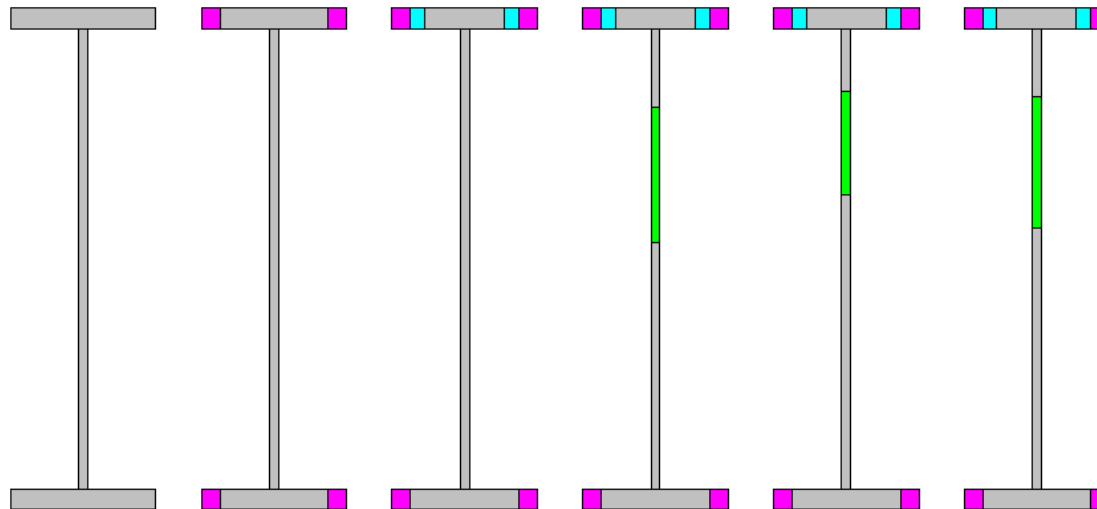


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## Alumnium; steps of reductions:

**reduction of welded zones** (both sides; only one step; symmetrical cross-section, after reduction recalculations for geometrical characteristics)

**reduction of too wide flanges** (both flanges; only one step; symmetrical cross-section, after reduction recalculations for geometrical characteristics)

**reduction of compressed flange** (only one step; asymmetrical cross-section; after reduction recalculation for centre of gravity and geometrical characteristics)

**reduction of compressed part of web** (few steps; asymmetrical cross-section; after reduction recalculation for centre of gravity and geometrical characteristics)

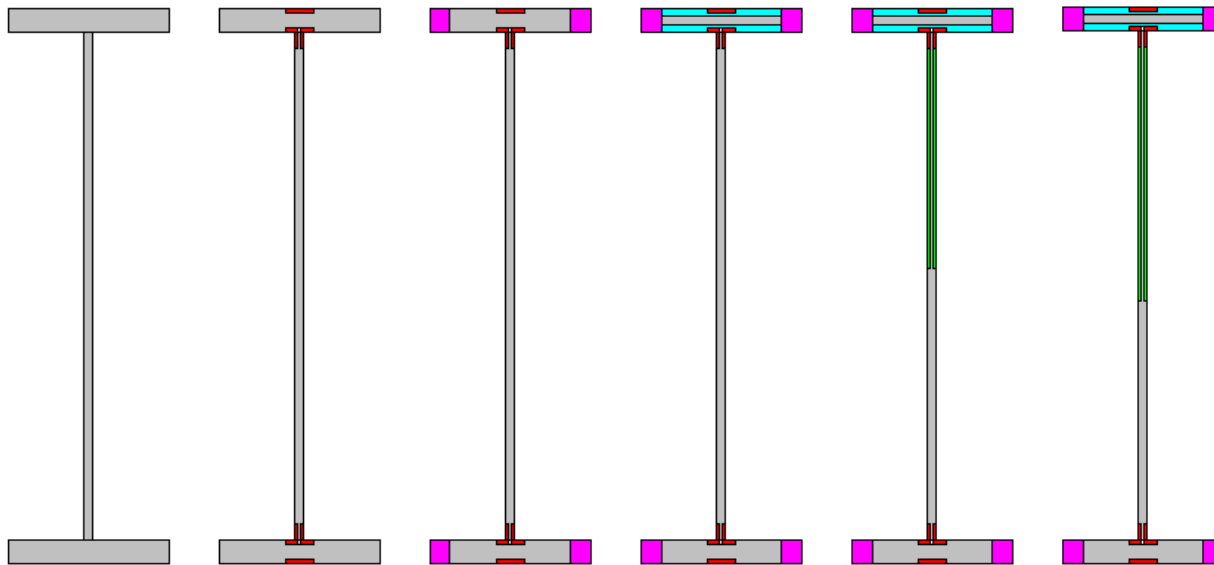


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There is big inconsequency in Eurocode.

- According to EN 1993-1-5 4.3 (3) and (4), calculation for cases „bending and compressive force” or „bi-axial bending and compressive force” should be made separately, i.e:
  - $A_{\text{eff}}$  based on  $F_{\text{Ed, comp}}$  only;
  - $W_{y, \text{eff}}$  based on  $M_{\text{Ed, y}}$  only;
  - $W_{z, \text{eff}}$  based on  $M_{\text{Ed, z}}$  only.
- But in EN 1993-1-5 tab. 4.1 and tab. 4.2 are presented dictributions of stresses, which come from complex load ( $M_{\text{Ed, y}} + F_{\text{Ed, comp}}$  or  $M_{\text{Ed, y}} + M_{\text{Ed, z}}$ ).

So, there is not clear, which way of calculation should be applicated.

Example for steel cross-section is presented as for calculation of separated effects  $M_{\text{Ed, y}}$  and  $F_{\text{Ed, comp}}$  .

Example for aluminum cross-section is presented as for calculation of complex effects  $M_{\text{Ed, y}} + F_{\text{Ed, comp}}$  .

Additional problem, concerns method „ $M_{Ed,y} + F_{Ed, comp}$ ”, is that values of cross-sectional forces change along bar. Values of  $M_{Ed,y}$  and  $F_{Ed, comp}$  are various in various points, so effective geometry should be various in various cross-sections.

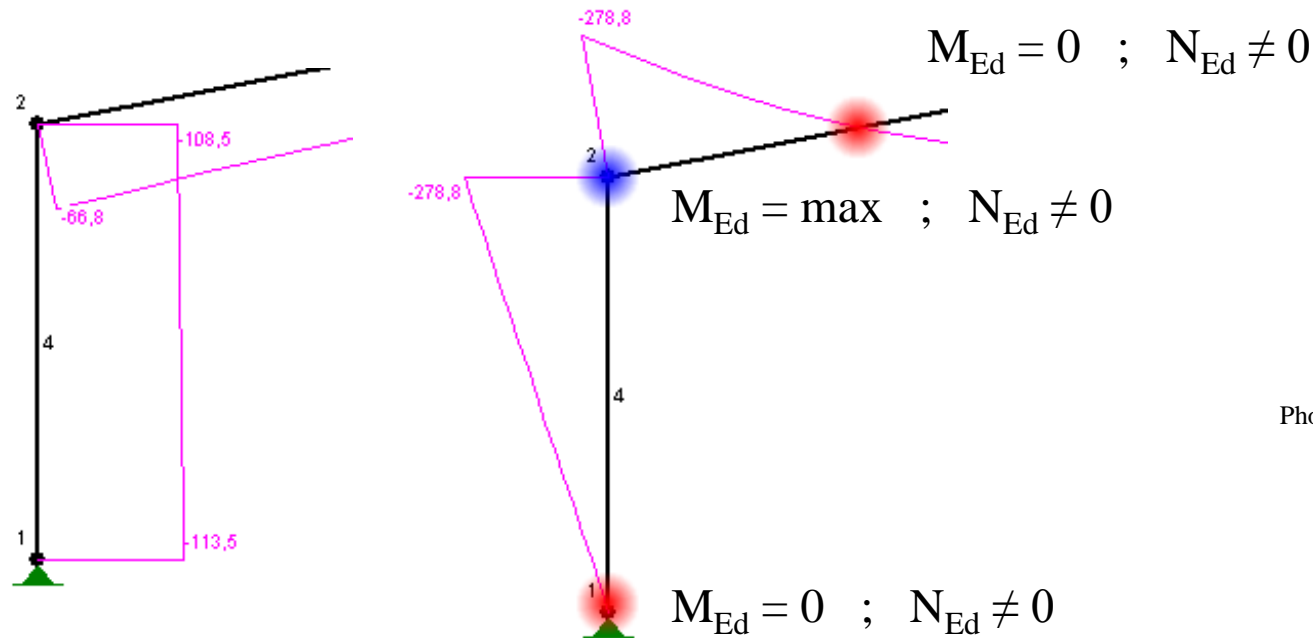


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Simplification:

$A_{eff}$  is calculated for  $\max F_{Ed, comp}$  and applicated to total member;

$W_{eff}$  is calculated for  $\max M_{Ed, comp}$  and applicated to total member.

| h [mm] | t <sub>w</sub> [mm] | b [mm] | t <sub>f</sub> [mm] | F <sub>Ed</sub> [kN] | N <sub>Ed, comp</sub> [kN] | L [m] |
|--------|---------------------|--------|---------------------|----------------------|----------------------------|-------|
| 1 300  | 11                  | 300    | 20                  | 717,082              | 64,722                     | 25,00 |

### Example:

steel I-beam

Steel S355 → f<sub>y</sub> = 355 MPa

Length of beam: 25,0 m

Initial geometry:

$$A_0 = 258,600 \text{ cm}^2$$

$$J_{y,0} = 674\,887,800 \text{ cm}^4$$

$$W_{y,0} = 10\,382,889 \text{ cm}^3$$

Point in border web-flange:

$$W_{y,0, wf} = 10\,712,505 \text{ cm}^3$$

Thickness of welds web-flange:

$$a = 5 \text{ mm}$$

$$F_{Ed} = 717,082 \text{ kN}$$

For this statis scheme:

$$M_{Ed, y} = 6 F_{Ed} L / 32$$

$$M_{Ed, y} = 3\,361,320 \text{ kNm}$$

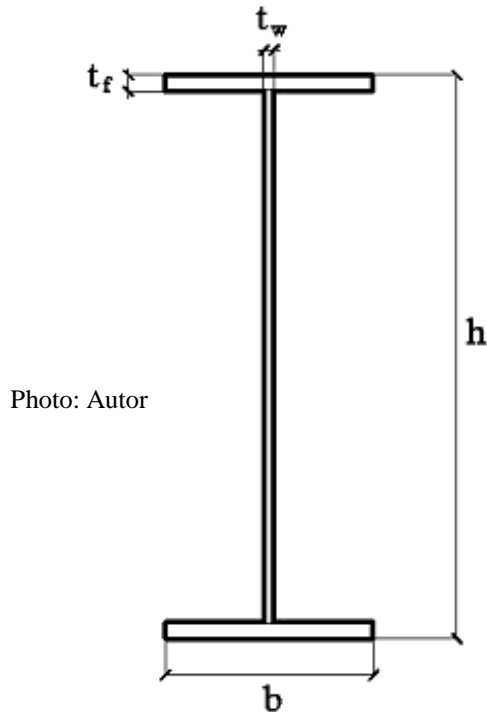


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## I<sup>st</sup> step: shear lag effect

Flange – too wide or not?

$$L_e = \text{length of the beam} = 25 \text{ m}; \rightarrow L_e / 50 = 500 \text{ mm}$$

$$b = \text{width of the flange} = 300 \text{ mm} \rightarrow \text{half of flange } b_0 = b / 2 = 150 \text{ mm}$$

$$b_0 < L_e / 50 \quad 150 < 500 \quad \text{EN 1993-1-5 p.3.1}$$

Flange is not too wide  $\rightarrow$  shear lag in flanges is not danger  $\rightarrow$  after I<sup>st</sup> step geometry not must be recalculated

$$b_{\text{eff}, 1} = b_{\text{initial}}$$

$$A_{\text{eff } 1} = A_0 = 258,600 \text{ cm}^2$$

$$W_{y \text{ eff } 1} = W_{y, 0} = 10\,382,889 \text{ cm}^3$$

## Shear lag effect

**Unfortunate name - it has nothing to do with shear force**

Polish definition is better: „wide flange effect”

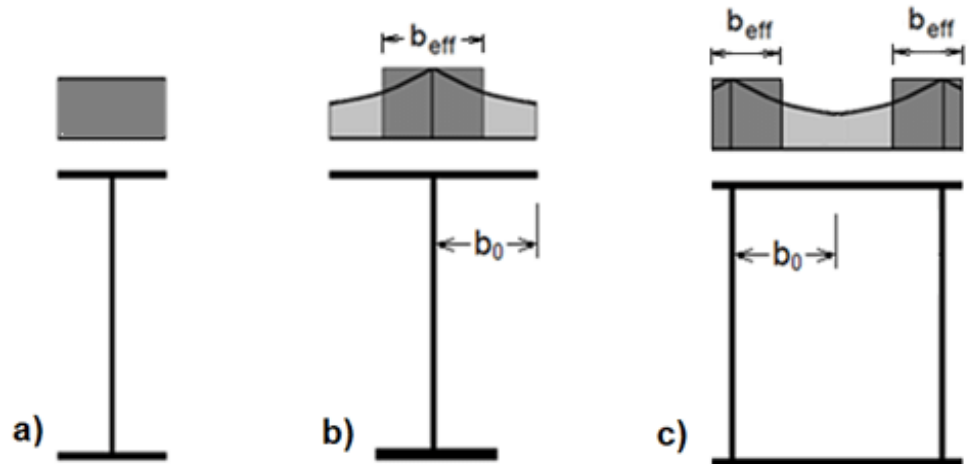
There is nonlinear distribution of stress diagram for wide flanges. This nonlinear shape can be recalculated to linear → effective width of flanges.

Wide flanges

Narrow flanges or effective width for wide flanges

$$b_0 \rightarrow b_{\text{eff}} ; b_{\text{eff}} \leq b_0$$

Photo: *Effects of Shear Lag in Steel Box Girders of a Crane Runway*  
C. Moga, D. Dragan, R. Nerisanu





Additionally, effective width is different for different points along beam.

### Stream of stresses

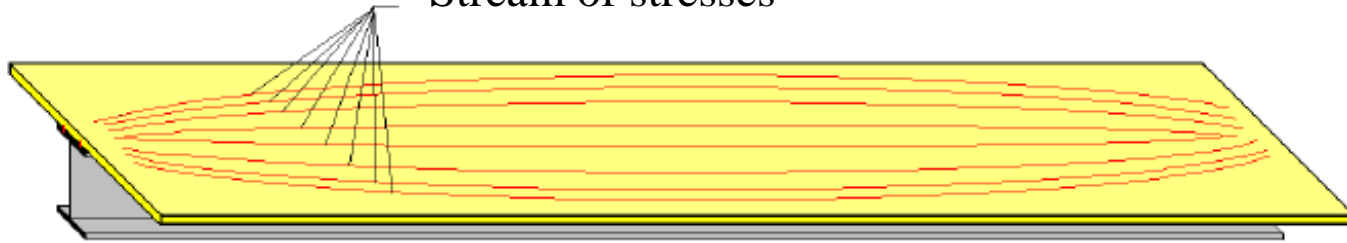
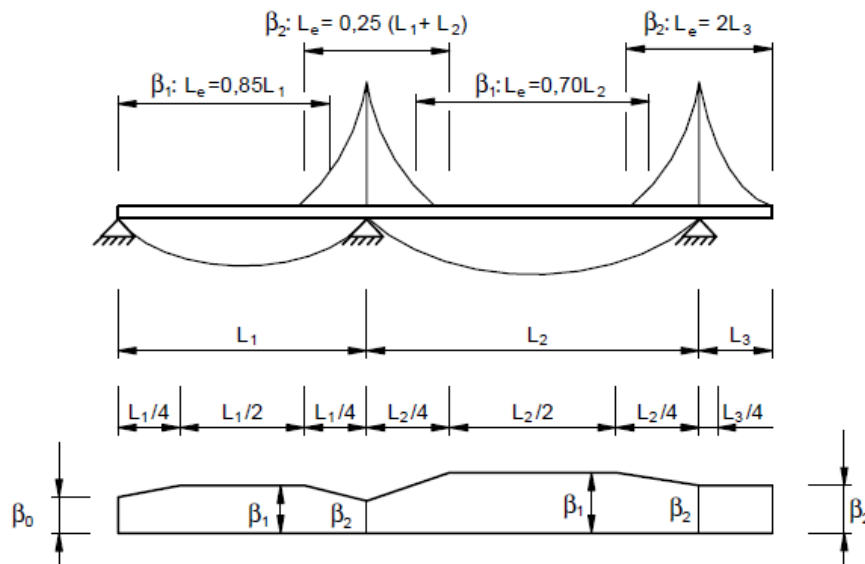


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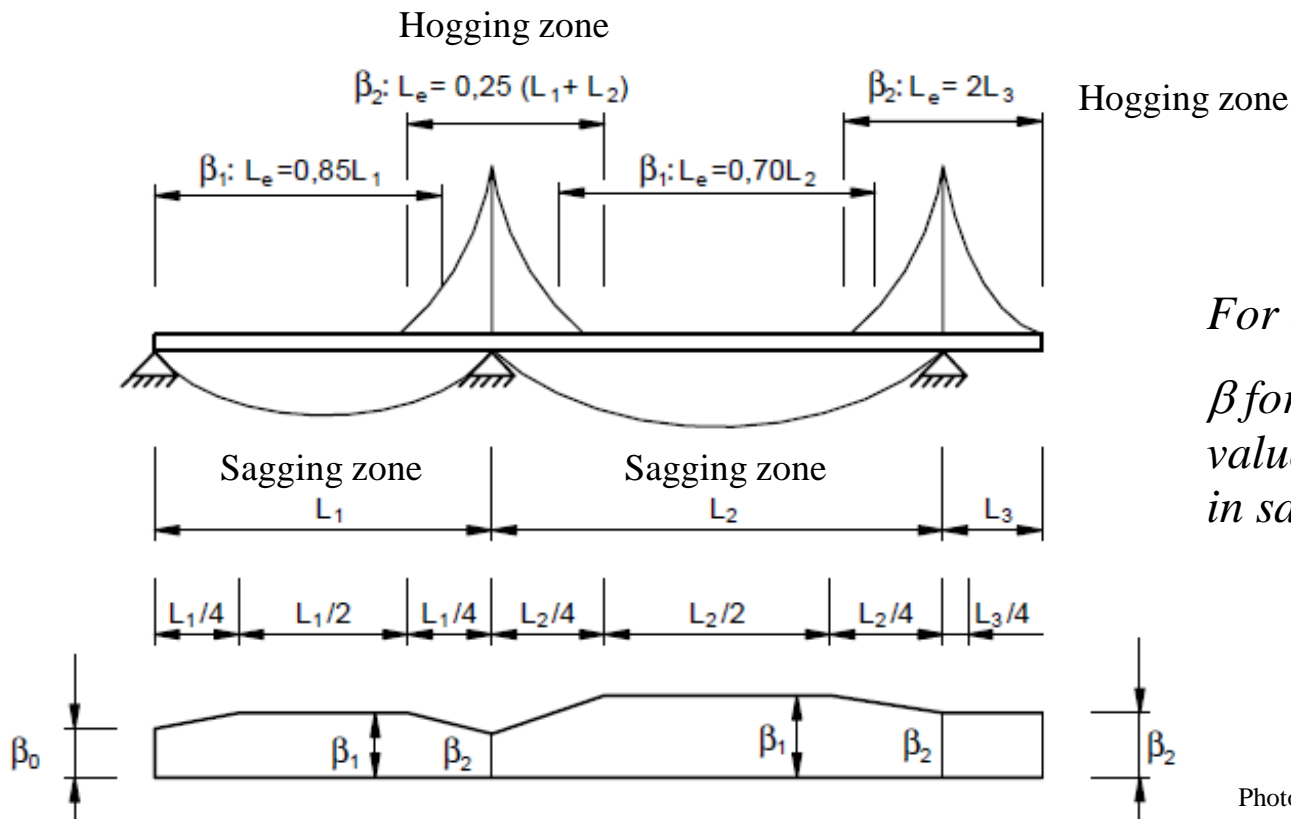
Value of reduction factor depends on static scheme of I-beam and point along beam.

Photo: EN 1993-1-5, fig 3.1

Shear lag effect is not dangerous in analysed case. But, if **will be**, reduction factor must be applied.

$$b_{eff1} = b_{initial} \beta$$

$\beta$  – reduction factor for wide flanges; different value for different part of beam:



For one-span-beam:  $L_e = L$ ,  
 $\beta$  for point of the biggest value of  $M_{Ed}$ , this means  $\beta_1$  in sagging zone.

Photo: EN 1993-1-5, fig 3.1

| $\kappa$  | verification    | $\beta$ – value  |
|---|-----------------|--|
| $\kappa \leq 0,02$  |                 | $\beta = 1,0$  |
| $0,02 < \kappa \leq 0,70$   | sagging bending | $\beta = \beta_1 = \frac{1}{1 + 6,4 \kappa^2}$   |
|   | hogging bending | $\beta = \beta_2 = \frac{1}{1 + 6,0 \left( \kappa - \frac{1}{2500 \kappa} \right) + 1,6 \kappa^2}$ |
| $> 0,70$  | sagging bending | $\beta = \beta_1 = \frac{1}{5,9 \kappa}$   |
|   | hogging bending | $\beta = \beta_2 = \frac{1}{8,6 \kappa}$   |
| all $\kappa$  | end support     | $\beta_0 = (0,55 + 0,025 / \kappa) \beta_1$ , but $\beta_0 < \beta_1$                              |
| all $\kappa$  | cantilever      | $\beta = \beta_2$ at support and at the end  |
| $\kappa = \alpha_0 b_0 / L_e$ with $\alpha_0 = \sqrt{1 + \frac{A_{sl}}{b_0 t}}$<br>in which $A_{sl}$ is the area of all longitudinal stiffeners within the width $b_0$ and other symbols are as defined in Figure 3.1 and Figure 3.2. |                 |  |

EN 1993-1-5, tab 3.1

$$L_e = 25 \text{ m}$$

$$\text{No longitudinal stiffeners} \rightarrow A_{sl} = 0 \rightarrow \alpha_0 = 1$$

$$b_{\text{initial}} = 300 \text{ mm}$$

$$b_0 = 150 \text{ mm}$$

$$\kappa = 1 \cdot 150 / 25\,000 = 0,006 \rightarrow \kappa < 0,02 \rightarrow \beta = 1,0$$

$$b_{\text{eff}, 1} = b_{\text{initial}} \cdot \beta = b_{\text{initial}} \cdot 1,0 = b_{\text{initial}}$$

*No change of geometry in analysed case (the same conclusion as on #t / 23)*

$$A_{\text{eff} 1} = A_0 = 258,600 \text{ cm}^2$$

$$W_{y \text{ eff} 1} = W_{y, 0} = 10\,382,889 \text{ cm}^3$$

Generally: it is possible that we need to reduce width of flanges after first step due to shear lag effect. This will entail necessity to recalculate effective geometry after first step. We will obtain new values of  $A_{\text{eff}, 1}$  and  $W_{y \text{ eff}, 1}$ . This reduction applies **equally to both flanges**, so initially bi-symmetric cross-section will still remain bi-symmetrical.

## II step

### Flange under compression

Stress distribution in flange is identical, regardless of whether we take into account compressive axial force or the bending moment: constant value of compression in compressed flange. One common analysis will be made. **Stress distribution is calculated for effective geometry after I step:  $A_{\text{eff}, 1}$ ,  $W_{y, \text{eff}, 1}$**

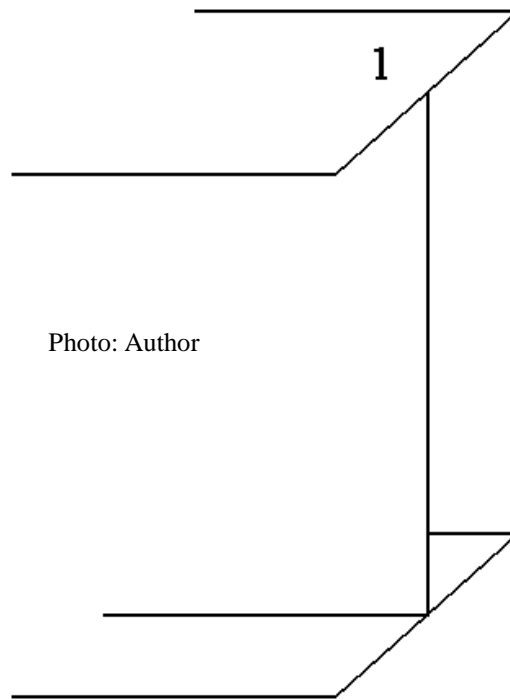
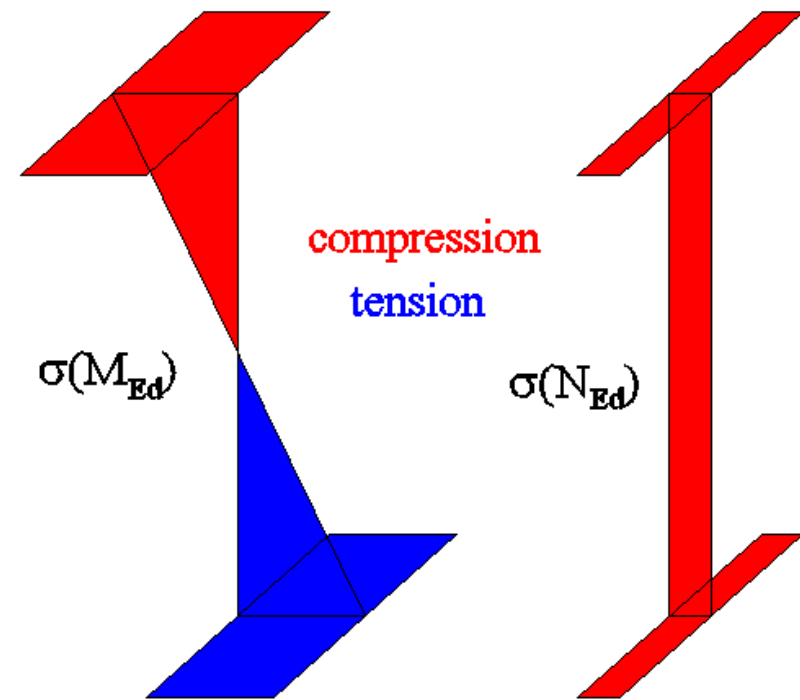

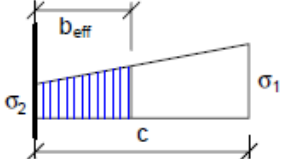
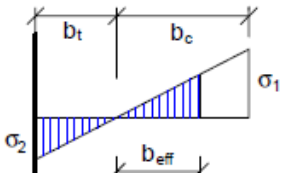

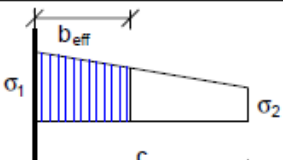
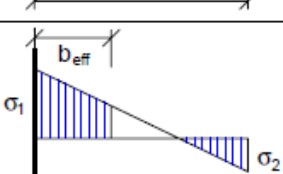


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# Stresses in flange – „blue part” remains after reduction aa effective geometry

| Stress distribution (compression positive)  |  | Effective <sup>p</sup> width $b_{eff}$                    |                         |      |                                |
|---|--|---|-------------------------|------|--------------------------------|
|  |   | $1 > \psi \geq 0:$<br>$b_{eff} = \rho c$                  |                         |      |                                |
|   |   | $\psi < 0:$<br>$b_{eff} = \rho b_c = \rho c / (1 - \psi)$ |                         |      |                                |
| $\psi = \sigma_2 / \sigma_1$  |  | 1   | 0                       | -1   | $1 \geq \psi \geq -3$          |
| Buckling factor $k_\sigma$  |  | 0,43  | 0,57                    | 0,85 | $0,57 - 0,21\psi + 0,07\psi^2$ |
|  |   | $1 > \psi \geq 0:$<br>$b_{eff} = \rho c$                  |                         |      |                                |
|   |  | $\psi < 0:$<br>$b_{eff} = \rho b_c = \rho c / (1 - \psi)$ |                         |      |                                |
| $\psi = \sigma_2 / \sigma_1$  |  | 1   | $1 > \psi > 0$          | 0    | $0 > \psi > -1$                |
| Buckling factor $k_\sigma$  |  | 0,43  | $0,578 / (\psi + 0,34)$ | 1,70 | $1,7 - 5\psi + 17,1\psi^2$     |
|   |  |   |                         |      | 23,8                           |

Compression of flange;  
nex to the web  $\leq$  at the one  
of flange

Compression and tension  
of flange; tension nex to  
the web

Compression of flange;  
nex to the web  $\geq$  at the one  
of flange

Compression and tension  
of flange; tension at the  
end of flange

Photo: EN 1993-1-5, tab 4.2

$\psi = \sigma_2 / \sigma_1 = \text{tension} / \text{compression}$  or  $\text{smaller compression} / \text{compression}$

Flange  $\rightarrow \sigma = \text{const} \rightarrow \sigma_1 = \sigma_2 \rightarrow \psi = \sigma_2 / \sigma_1 = 1,0$

$\psi = 1,0 \rightarrow \text{table} \rightarrow k_\sigma = 0,43$

Steel S355  $\rightarrow f_y = 355 \text{ MPa}$

$\varepsilon = \sqrt{(235 / f_y)} \rightarrow \varepsilon = \sqrt{(235 / 355)} = 0,814$



$\rho$  – reduction factor for compression elements

- internal compression elements:

Internal  $\equiv$  web

$$\rho = 1,0 \quad \text{for } \bar{\lambda}_p \leq 0,673$$

$$\rho = \frac{\bar{\lambda}_p - 0,055 (3 + \psi)}{\bar{\lambda}_p^2} \leq 1,0 \quad \text{for } \bar{\lambda}_p > 0,673, \text{ where } (3 + \psi) \geq 0$$

(4.2)

- outstand compression elements:

Outstand  $\equiv$  flange

$$\rho = 1,0 \quad \text{for } \bar{\lambda}_p \leq 0,748$$

$$\rho = \frac{\bar{\lambda}_p - 0,188}{\bar{\lambda}_p^2} \leq 1,0 \quad \text{for } \bar{\lambda}_p > 0,748$$

(4.3)

$$\text{where } \bar{\lambda}_p = \sqrt{\frac{f_y}{\sigma_{cr}}} = \frac{\bar{b}/t}{28,4 \epsilon \sqrt{k_\sigma}}$$

$\psi$  is the stress ratio determined in accordance with 4.4(3) and 4.4(4)

$\bar{b}$  is the appropriate width to be taken as follows (for definitions, see Table 5.2 of EN 1993-1-1)

- $b_w$  for webs;
- $b$  for internal flange elements (except RHS);
- $b - 3 t$  for flanges of RHS;
- $c$  for outstand flanges;
- $h$  for equal-leg angles;
- $h$  for unequal-leg angles;

EN 1993-1-5 p.4.4

$b_{eff1}$  – width of flange;  $a$  – thickness of welds;  $t_w$  – thickness of web;  $t_f$  – thickness of flange;

$$c = (b - 2 a \sqrt{2} - t_w) / 2 = (300 - 14 - 11) / 2 = 137,5 \text{ mm}$$

$$\lambda_p = (c / t_f) / (28,4 \varepsilon \sqrt{k_\sigma}) = (137,5 / 20) / (28,4 \cdot 0,814 \cdot \sqrt{0,43}) = 0,454 \rightarrow \\ \rightarrow \text{EN 1993-1-5 (4.3)} \rightarrow 0,454 < 0,748 \rightarrow \rho = 1,0$$

$$b_{eff, 2} = \rho b_{eff, 1} = b_{eff, 1} = b_{initial}$$

No reduction of the compressed flange  $\rightarrow$  after the second step, the geometry is the same as at the beginning:

$$A_{eff 2} = A_0 = 258,600 \text{ cm}^2$$

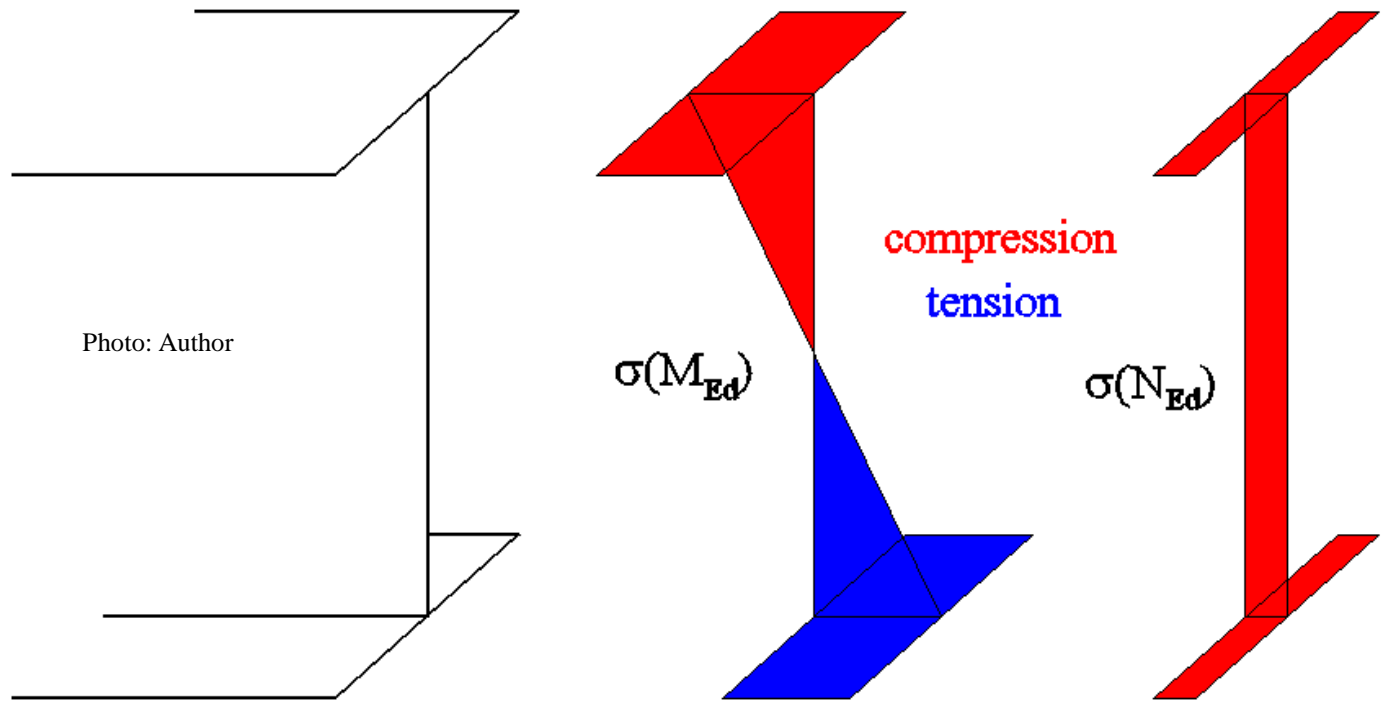
$$W_{y eff 2} = W_{y, 0} = 10\,382,889 \text{ cm}^3$$

Generally: it is possible that we need to reduce width of flange after second step due to lost of stability under axian compressive stresses. This will entail necessity to recalculate effective geometry after second step. This reduction applies for **flange under compression only** (sometimes top, sometimes bottom, sometimes both), so initially bi-symmetric cross-section will lose symmetry with the horizontal axis. We will obtain new values for unsymmetrical cross-section:  $A_{\text{eff}, 2}$ ,  $W_{y, \text{top}, \text{eff}, 2}$ ,  $W_{y, \text{bottom}, \text{eff}, 2}$

### III step

#### Web under compression

Stress distribution in web varies for effects from bending moment and axial force. Calculation will be made separately, for axial force and for bending moment. **Stress distribution is calculated for effective geometry after II step:  $A_{\text{eff}, 2}$ ,  $W_{y, \text{eff}, 2}$**




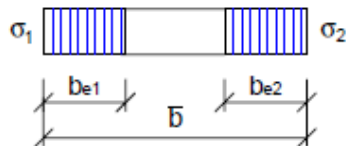
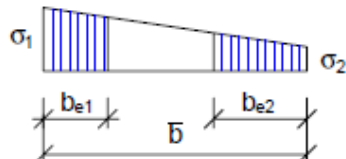

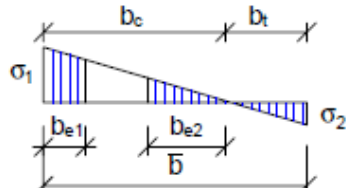
Axial force:

$$\sigma_{\max} = N_{\text{Ed}} / A_{\text{eff}, 2} = 64,722 \text{ kN} / 258,600 \text{ cm}^2 = 2,503 \text{ MPa} = \text{const}$$

Bending moment, max value of stress in web (on border between web and flange):

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_{\max} &= \pm M_{y, \text{Ed}} / W_{y, \text{eff}, 2, \text{wf}} = \pm 3\,361,320 \text{ kNm} / 10\,712,505 \text{ cm}^3 = \\ &= \pm 313,775 \text{ MPa} \end{aligned}$$

# Stresses in flange – „blue part” remains after reduction aa effective geometry

| Stress distribution (compression positive)                                       |   |                       |                | Effective <sup>p</sup> width $b_{eff}$  |                 |                     |
|--|---|-----------------------|----------------|---|-----------------|---------------------|
|  |  |                       |                | $\underline{\psi = 1:}$<br>$b_{eff} = \rho \bar{b}$<br>$b_{e1} = 0,5 b_{eff} \qquad b_{e2} = 0,5 b_{eff}$                           |                 |                     |
|  |  |                       |                | $\underline{1 > \psi \geq 0:}$<br>$b_{eff} = \rho \bar{b}$<br>$b_{e1} = \frac{2}{5 - \psi} b_{eff} \quad b_{e2} = b_{eff} - b_{e1}$ |                 |                     |
|  |  |                       |                | $\underline{\psi < 0:}$<br>$b_{eff} = \rho b_c = \rho \bar{b} / (1 - \psi)$<br>$b_{e1} = 0,4 b_{eff} \qquad b_{e2} = 0,6 b_{eff}$   |                 |                     |
|  | $\psi = \sigma_2 / \sigma_1$  | 1                     | $1 > \psi > 0$ | 0   | $0 > \psi > -1$ | -1                  |
| Buckling factor $k_\sigma$   | 4,0   | $8,2 / (1,05 + \psi)$ | 7,81           | $7,81 - 6,29\psi + 9,78\psi^2$  | 23,9            | $5,98 (1 - \psi)^2$ |

Axial compression

Eccentric compression – whole web under compressed

Eccentric compression – part of web compressed, part tensed

EN 1993-1-5, tab 4.1

$\psi = \sigma_2 / \sigma_1 = \text{tension} / \text{compression}$  or  $\text{smaller compression} / \text{compression}$

Axial force  $\rightarrow \sigma = \text{const} \rightarrow \sigma_1 = \sigma_2 \rightarrow \psi = \sigma_2 / \sigma_1 = 1,0$

$\Psi = 1,0 \rightarrow \text{table} \rightarrow k_\sigma = 4,000$

Part of web under compression: total,  $h_{wc, 3} = 1\,260 \text{ mm}$

Bending moment  $\rightarrow \sigma_1 = -\sigma_2 \rightarrow \psi = \sigma_2 / \sigma_1 = -1,0$

$\Psi = -1,0 \rightarrow \text{table} \rightarrow k_\sigma = 23,900$

Part of web under compression: half,  $h_{wc, 3} = 630 \text{ mm}$

Steel S 355  $\rightarrow f_y = 355 \text{ MPa}$

$\varepsilon = \sqrt{(235 / f_y)} \rightarrow \varepsilon = \sqrt{(235 / 355)} = 0,814$

Slenderness for axial force:

$b$  – total height of web;  $a$  – thickness of weld;  $t_w$  – thickness of web;

$$c = b - 2 a \sqrt{2} = 1\,260 - 14 = 1\,246 \text{ mm}$$

$$\lambda_p = (c / t_w) / (28,4 \varepsilon \sqrt{k_\sigma}) = (1\,246 / 11) / (28,4 \cdot 0,814 \cdot \sqrt{4,000}) = 2,450$$

Slenderness for bending moment:

$b$  – total height of web;  $a$  – thickness of weld;  $t_w$  – thickness of web;

$$c = b - 2 a \sqrt{2} = 1\,260 - 14 = 1\,246 \text{ mm}$$

$$\lambda_p = (c / t_w) / (28,4 \varepsilon \sqrt{k_\sigma}) = (1\,246 / 11) / (28,4 \cdot 0,814 \cdot \sqrt{23,900}) = 1,002$$



## $\rho$ – reduction factor for compression elements

- internal compression elements:

Internal  $\equiv$  web

$$\rho = 1,0$$

$$\text{for } \bar{\lambda}_p \leq 0,673 \quad *$$

$$\rho = \frac{\bar{\lambda}_p - 0,055 (3 + \psi)}{\bar{\lambda}_p^2} \leq 1,0 \quad \text{for } \bar{\lambda}_p > 0,673, \text{ where } (3 + \psi) \geq 0 \quad * \quad (4.2)$$

- outstand compression elements:

Outstand  $\equiv$  flange

$$\rho = 1,0$$

$$\text{for } \bar{\lambda}_p \leq 0,748$$

$$\rho = \frac{\bar{\lambda}_p - 0,188}{\bar{\lambda}_p^2} \leq 1,0 \quad \text{for } \bar{\lambda}_p > 0,748 \quad (4.3)$$

$$\text{where } \bar{\lambda}_p = \sqrt{\frac{f_y}{\sigma_{cr}}} = \frac{\bar{b}/t}{28,4 \sqrt{k_\sigma}}$$

**Amendment!**

$\psi$  is the stress ratio determined in accordance with 4.4(3) and 4.4(4)

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$b$  for internal flange elements (except RHS);

$b - 3t$  for flanges of RHS;

$c$  for outstand flanges;

$h$  for equal-leg angles;

$h$  for unequal-leg angles;

EN 1993-1-5, 4.4

**Amendments to EN 1993-1-5: limit between various formulas of  $r$  is not equal 0,673,**

**but**

$$0,5 + \sqrt{(0,085 - 0,055 \Psi)}$$

**So, in analysed cases:**

**For axial force ( $\psi = 1,0$ ):  $0,5 + \sqrt{(0,085 - 0,055 \psi)} = 0,673$**

**For bending moment ( $\psi = -1,0$ ):  $0,5 + \sqrt{(0,085 - 0,055 \psi)} = 0,874$**

Slendernesses determined for axial force (2,450) and for bending moment (1,002) are greater than limit values for these loads (0,673 and 0,874, respectively), therefore web will be reduced in both cases.

For axial force:

$$\rho = [\lambda_p - 0,055 (3 + \psi)] / \lambda_p^2 = [2,450 - 0,055(3 + 1)] / 2,450^2 = 0,372$$

Height of compressed part after reduction:  $1\,260 \cdot 0,372 = 468 \text{ mm}$

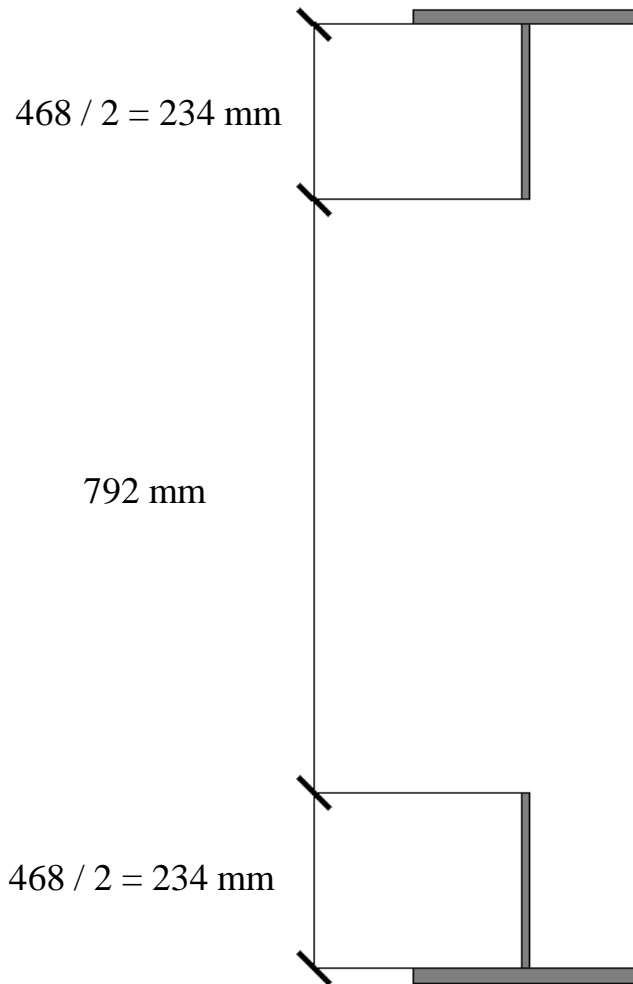
For bending moment:

$$\rho = [\lambda_p - 0,055 (3 + \psi)] / \lambda_p^2 = [1,002 - 0,055(3 - 1)] / 1,002^2 = 0,888$$

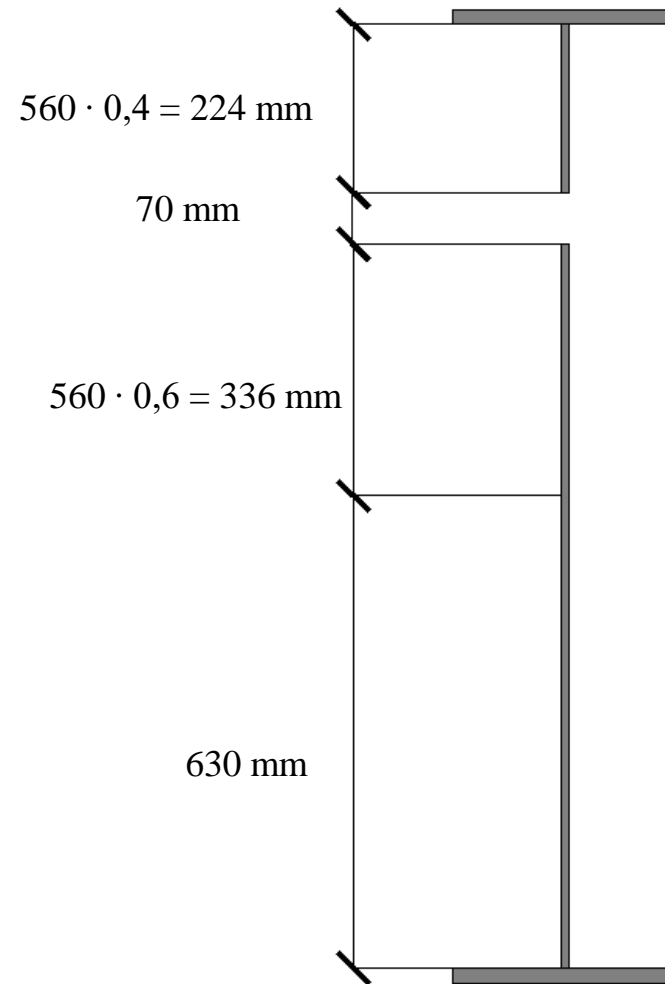
Height of compressed part after reduction:  $630 \cdot 0,888 = 560 \text{ mm}$

## Effective geometry after III step:

Photo: Author



For axial force



For bending moment

## Recalculation of geometry

For axial force

$$A_{\text{eff}, 3, N} = 171,480 \text{ cm}^2$$

For bending moment

$$A_{\text{eff}, 3, M} = 250,900 \text{ cm}^2$$

$$S_y \text{ (about initial centre of gravity)} = -285,670 \text{ cm}^3$$

$$\Delta_y = S_y / A_{\text{eff}, 3, M} = -1,1 \text{ cm (new center of gravity below the initial one)}$$

$$z_{\text{top}} = 64,1 \text{ cm}$$

$$z_{\text{bottom}} = 61,9 \text{ cm}$$

$$J_{\text{eff}, 3, M} = 623\,222,349 \text{ cm}^4$$

$$W_{y, \text{top}, \text{eff}, 3, M} = J_{\text{eff}, 3, M} / z_{\text{top}} = 9\,722,658 \text{ cm}^3$$

$$W_{y, \text{bottom}, \text{eff}, 3, M} = J_{\text{eff}, 3, M} / z_{\text{bottom}} = 10\,068,212 \text{ cm}^3$$

On border web-flange:

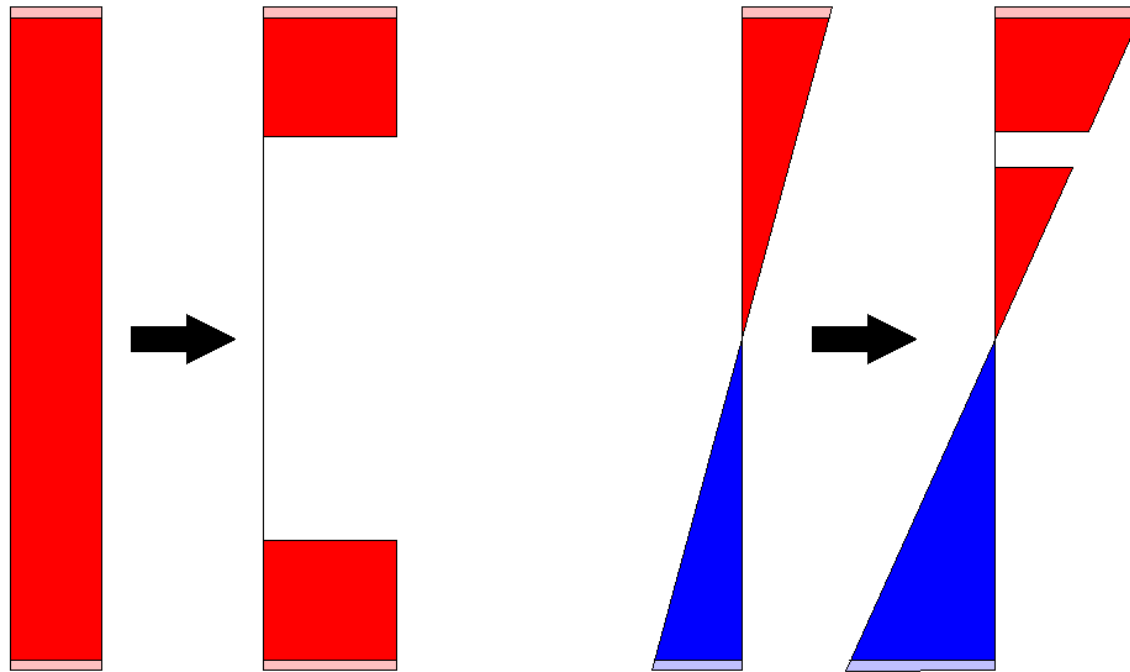
$$W_{y, \text{top}, \text{eff}, 3, M, \text{w-f}} = 10\,035,787 \text{ cm}^3$$

$$W_{y, \text{bottom}, \text{eff}, 3, M, \text{w-f}} = 10\,404,380 \text{ cm}^3$$

## IV step

Web under compression - verification

**Stress distribution is calculated for effective geometry after III step:  $A_{\text{eff}, 3}$  ,  $W_{y, \text{eff}, 3}$  .**  
Stress distribution is totally changed.



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## Axial force

New value of stress in web:

$$\sigma_{\max} = N_{\text{Ed}} / A_{\text{eff}, 3, \text{N}} = 64,722 \text{ kN} / 171,480 \text{ cm}^2 = 3,774 \text{ MPa (previous case 2,503 MPa)}.$$

So it is still constant distribution.  $\Psi = 1,0$  the same as previous. The same, total height of web (1 260 mm) is under compression. Rest steps of calculation will be made for the same data as previous (#t / 36-46). Geometry after IV step will be completely the same as after III step.

## Bending moment

New value of stress in web :

$$\sigma_{\max, \text{top}} = M_{y, \text{Ed}} / W_{y, \text{top, eff, 3, M, wf}} = 3\,361,320 \text{ kNm} / 10\,035,707 \text{ cm}^3 = \\ = 334,936 \text{ MPa (compression)}$$

$$\sigma_{\max, \text{bottom}} = -M_{y, \text{Ed}} / W_{y, \text{bottom, eff, 3, M, wf}} = -3\,361,320 \text{ kNm} / 10\,404,380 \text{ cm}^3 = \\ = -323,068 \text{ MPa (tension)}$$

Additionally, due to new centre of gravity, the height of the compressed part of the web changes to 64.1 cm (previously 63 cm).

$$\psi = \sigma_2 / \sigma_1 = \text{tension} / \text{compression} \quad \text{or} \quad \text{smaller compression} / \text{compression}$$

$$\psi = -323,068 / 334,936 = -0,965$$

$$\Psi = -0,965 \rightarrow \text{table} \rightarrow k_{\sigma} = 7,81 - 6,29 \psi + 9,78 \psi^2 = 22,987$$

$$\text{Steel S 355} \rightarrow f_y = 355 \text{ MPa}$$

$$\varepsilon = \sqrt{(235 / f_y)} \rightarrow \varepsilon = \sqrt{(235 / 355)} = 0,814$$



Slenderness for bending moment:

$b$  – total height of web;  $a$  – thickness of weld;  $t_w$  – thickness of web;

$$c = b - 2 a \sqrt{2} = 1\,260 - 14 = 1\,246 \text{ mm}$$

$$\lambda_p = (c / t_w) / (28,4 \varepsilon \sqrt{k_\sigma}) = (1\,246 / 11) / (28,4 \cdot 0,814 \cdot \sqrt{22,987}) = 1,022$$

**Limit for bending moment according to amendments ( $\psi = -0,965$ ):**

$$0,5 + \sqrt{(0,085 - 0,055 \psi)} = 0,872$$

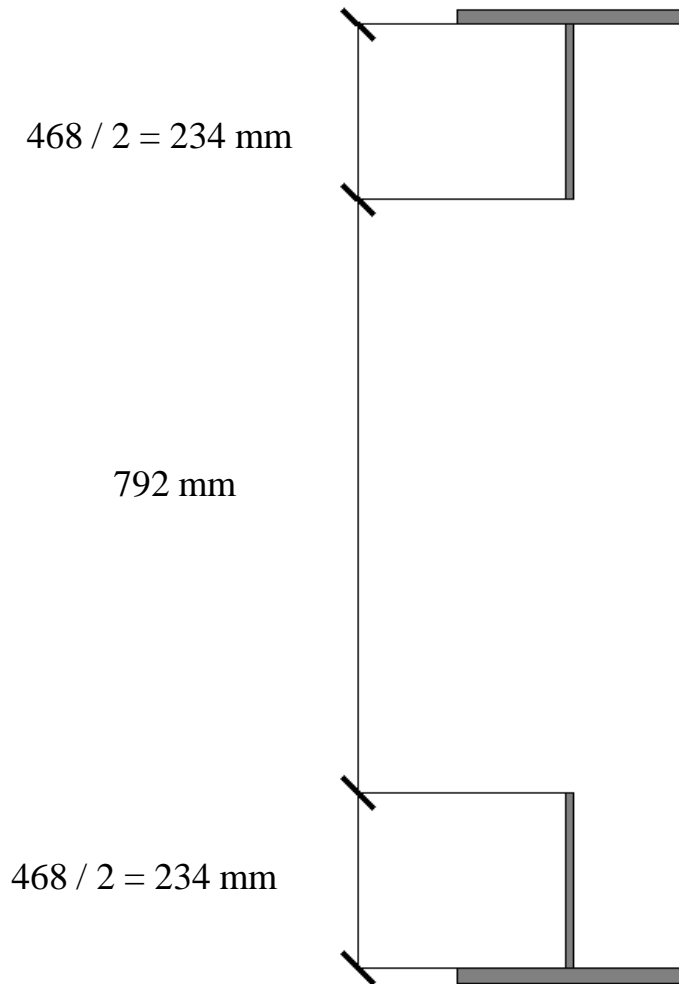
Slenderness is bigger than limit, so there will be reduction of web.

$$\rho = [\lambda_p - 0,055 (3 + \psi)] / \lambda_p^2 = [1,022 - 0,055(3 - 0,965)] / 1,022^2 = 0,871$$

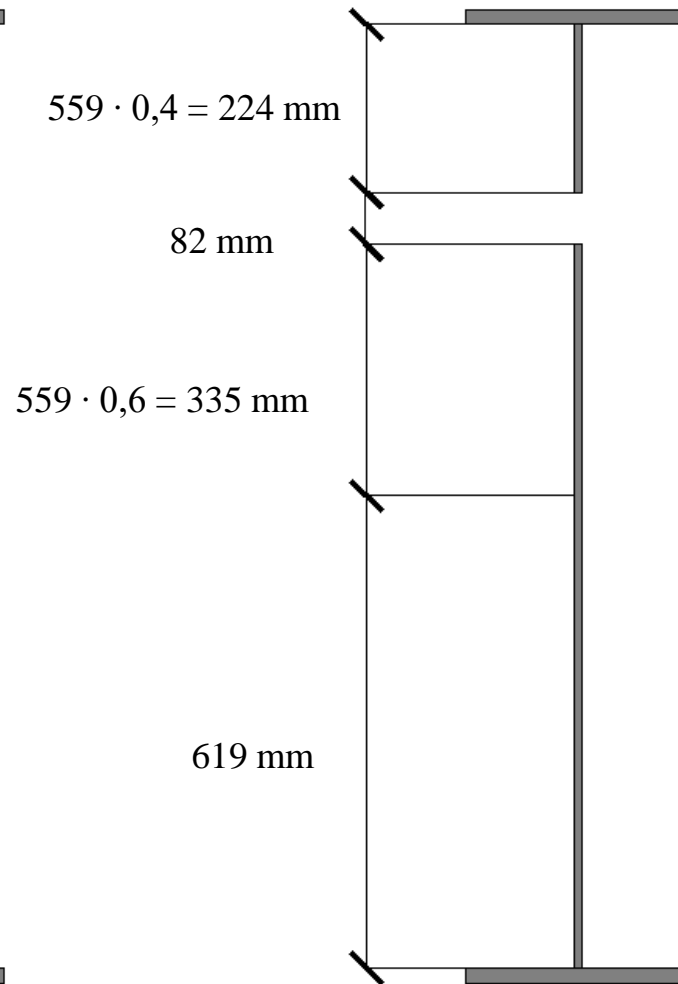
$$\text{Height of compressed part after reduction: } 641 \cdot 0,871 = 559 \text{ mm}$$

## Effective geometry after IV step:

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For axial force



For bending moment

## Recalculation of geometry

For axial force (no changes):

$$A_{\text{eff}, 4, N} = 171,480 \text{ cm}^2$$

For bending moment:

$$A_{\text{eff}, 4, M} = 249,580 \text{ cm}^2$$

$$S_y \text{ (about initial centre of gravity)} = -329,230 \text{ cm}^3$$

$$\Delta_y = S_y / A_{\text{eff}, 4, M} = -1,3 \text{ cm (new center of gravity below the initial one)}$$

$$z_{\text{top}} = 64,3 \text{ cm}$$

$$z_{\text{bottom}} = 61,7 \text{ cm}$$

$$J_{\text{eff}, 4, M} = 621\,804,844 \text{ cm}^4$$

$$W_{y, \text{top}, \text{eff}, 4, M} = J_{\text{eff}, 4, M} / z_{\text{top}} = 9\,670,371 \text{ cm}^3$$

$$W_{y, \text{bottom}, \text{eff}, 4, M} = J_{\text{eff}, 4, M} / z_{\text{bottom}} = 10\,077,874 \text{ cm}^3$$

Na granicy półki i środniaka:

$$W_{y, \text{top}, \text{eff}, 4, M, \text{wf}} = 9\,980,816 \text{ cm}^3$$

$$W_{y, \text{bottom}, \text{eff}, 4, M, \text{wf}} = 10\,415,492 \text{ cm}^3$$

|     |                                      | A [cm <sup>2</sup> ] | W <sub>y, top</sub> [cm <sup>2</sup> ] | W <sub>y, bottom</sub> [cm <sup>2</sup> ] |
|-----|--------------------------------------|----------------------|--|---|
| 0   | Start                                | 258,600              | 10 382,889                             | 10 382,889                                |
| I   | Shear lag effect                     | 258,600              | 10 382,889                             | 10 382,889                                |
| II  | Flange under compression             | 258,600              | 10 382,889                             | 10 382,889                                |
| III | Web under compression                | 171,480              | 9 722,658                              | 10 068,212                                |
| IV  | Web under compression - verification | 171,480              | 9 670,371                              | 10 077,874                                |
| ... | ...                                  | ...                  | ...                                    | ...                                       |

Difference between two last calculation  
for web

0,000 %

-0,538 %

0,096 %

Completion of iteration procedure is  
designer's decision. Usually it ends when it is  
converged < 2%.

$$N_{Rd} = A_{\text{eff}, 4, N} f_y / \gamma_{M0} = 6\,087,540 \text{ kN}$$

$$M_{Rd} = W_{y, \text{top}, \text{eff}, 4, M} f_y / \gamma_{M0} = 3\,432,982 \text{ kNm}$$

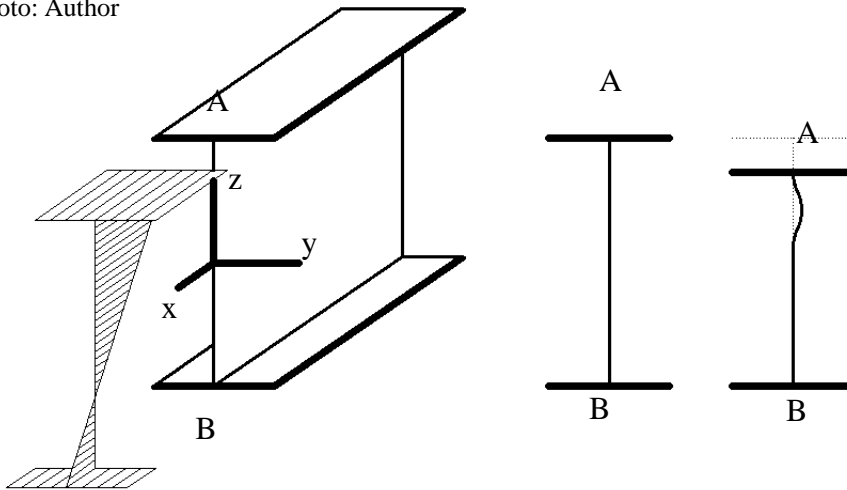
# Flange induced buckling

(compression flange buckling in plane of web)

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Photo: Author



Reason: axial stresses  $\sigma_x$  (from bending moment and / or compressive axial force). Second type interaction flange-web: lost of stability for both sub-parts is dependent each other; behaviors of flange and web are common.

**Position of point A changes after lost of stability.**



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Acceptable situation: effective geometry ( $\rightarrow \#t / 22 - 52$ ).

**The same reason:** axial stresses  $\sigma_x$  (from bending moment and / or compressive axial force).

Various forms of instability  
(Point A not changes / changes its position



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Prohibit situation: only specific proportions of geometry flange : web are accepted ( $\rightarrow \#t / 55$ ).

**Example:**

steel I-beam

Geometrical condition:

$$h_w / t_w \leq k (E / f_{yf}) [\sqrt{(A_w / A_{fc})}]$$

| Class of cross-section | k    |
|------------------------|------|
| 1                      | 0,30 |
| 2                      | 0,40 |
| 3, 4                   | 0,55 |

EN 1993-1-5 (8.1)

$h_w$  = (total depth of web) = 1 260 mm ;  $t_w$  = (thickness of web) = 11 mm

$f_{yf}$  = (yield strength of flange) =  $f_{yf}$  = 355 MPa ;  $A_w$  = (full area of web) =  $1\,260 \cdot 11 = 138,6 \text{ cm}^2$

$A_{fc}$  = (full area of compressed flange) =  $300 \cdot 20 = 60,0 \text{ cm}^2$  ;  $E$  = (Young modulus) = 210 GPa

$$h_w / t_w = 1\,260 / 11 = 114,546$$

$$k (E / f_{yf}) [\sqrt{(A_w / A_{fc})}] = 0,55 (210\,000 / 355) \sqrt{(138,6 / 60,0)} = 449,577$$

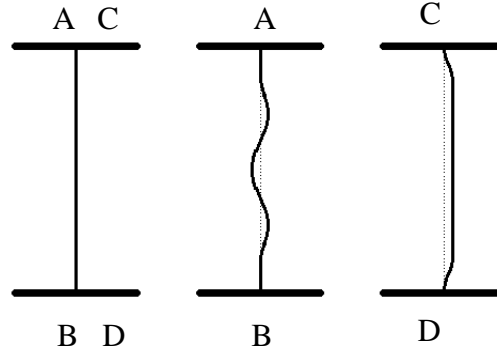
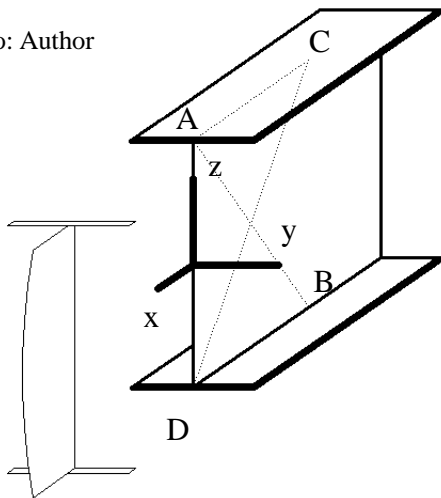
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# Instability of web under shear force

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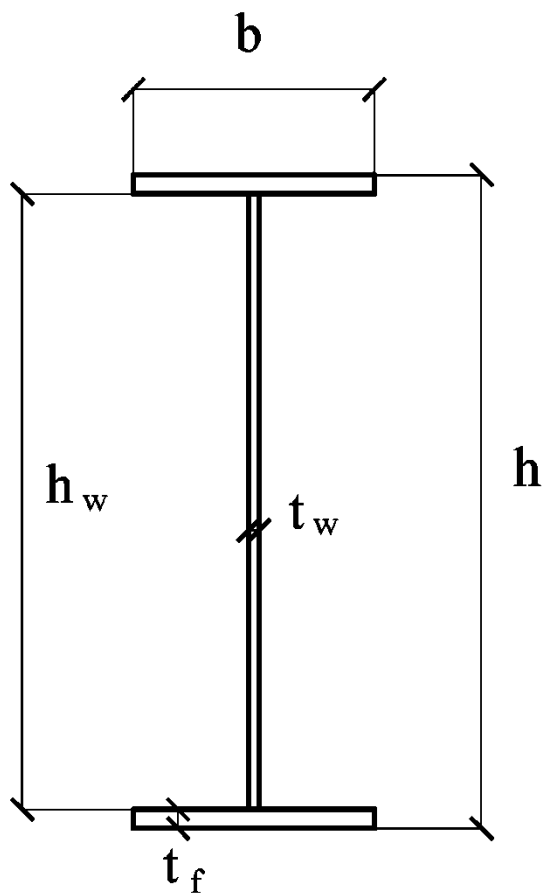


Reason: shear stresses  $\tau_{xz}$  (from shear force  $V_z$ ). Along line A-B local compression, along line C-D local tension.

Effective geometry depends on values of external action (proportion between stresses), so  $N_{Ed}$ ,  $M_{Ed}$  must be known for calculation.

Paradoxically, value of  $V_{z,Ed}$  is not important for analysis of this form of instability, but important are  $N_{Ed}$ ,  $M_{Ed}$ .





Geometry:

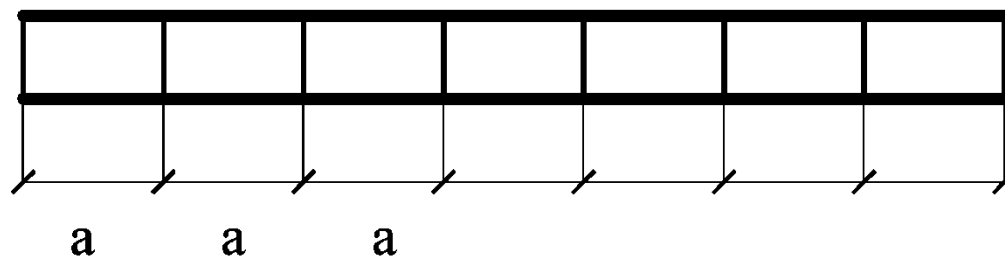


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General formula for resistance:

EN 1993-1-5 (5.1), (5.2)

$$V_{b,Rb} = \min \left[ \chi_w f_{yw} h_w t_w / (\gamma_{M1} \sqrt{3}) + V_{bf,Rd} ; \eta f_{yw} h_w t_w / (\gamma_{M1} \sqrt{3}) \right]$$

Resistance of web

Resistance of web

Impact of lost of stability

Secondary impact of steel grade

Support from flange

Resistance of web is calculated the same for I<sup>st</sup>, II<sup>nd</sup>, III<sup>th</sup> and IV<sup>th</sup> class of cross-section

Resistance of web depends on steel grade and geometry of cross-section of web

Impact of lost of stability depends on number and position of horizontal and vertical stiffeners, geometry of cross-section of web and grade of steel

Support from flange depends on loads ( $N_{Ed}$ ,  $M_{Ed}$ ) and resistance of flange

Secondary impact of steel grade depends on steel grade

### Resistance of web:

$$f_{yw} h_w t_w / (\gamma_{M1} \sqrt{3}) = 355 \text{ MPa} \cdot 1\,260 \text{ mm} \cdot 11 \text{ mm} / (1,0 \cdot \sqrt{3}) = 2\,842,461 \text{ kN}$$

### Secondary impact of steel grade:

|                            |                         |
|----------------------------|-------------------------|
| $f_y \leq 460 \text{ MPa}$ | $f_y > 460 \text{ MPa}$ |
| $\eta = 1,2$               | $\eta = 1,0$            |

EN 1993-1-5 5.1.(2)

### Impact of lost of stability:

If condition is satisfied,  $\chi_w = 1,0$

| Unstiffened web                        | Stiffened web  |
|--|--|
| $h_w / t_w \leq 72 \varepsilon / \eta$ | $h_w / t_w \leq 31 \varepsilon \sqrt{k_\tau} / \eta$ |

EN 1993-1-5 (5.5), (5.6)

$$h_w / t_w = 1\,260 / 11 = 114,545$$

$$\varepsilon = \sqrt{(235 / 355)} = 0,814$$

$$h_w / t_w = 114,545 > \leq 72 \varepsilon / \eta = 72 \cdot 0,814 / 1,2 = 48,72$$

So,  $\chi_w < 1,0$  and its value must be calculated

Unfortunately, in Eurocode can be found many inconsequences. The most often case is:

General situation is divided into sub-cases

A – full information about way of calculation

B – no information about way of calculation

The most part of such situation concern various phenomenon in rigid bolted joints (for example: resistance for netto area around hols for bolts, stiffness of shear joints, impact of axial force for bending moment resistance).

Rare case is contradictions between different points in Eurocode. An examples are calculation of concrete base resistance under hinged support of columns or calculation of built-up columns.

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All these problems will be mentioned in future lectures.

Inconsequence in analysed case:

- EN 1993-1-5 5.1.(2) presented distinction: unstiffened web  $\leftrightarrow$  stiffened web;
- EN 1993-1-8 fig. 5.1 accepted welded I-beam without stiffeners over supports (unstiffened web);
- EN 1993-1-8 5.3.(1) presented information only for I-beams with stiffeners at least over supports;
- EN 1993-1-8 no presented information about calculation of I-beams completely without stiffeners;
- Therefore, it is not known how to understand the condition at point EN 1993-1-5 5.1.(2): where web is unstiffened and stiffened;
- According to literature, beam with stiffeners over supports only could be treated as beam with unstiffened web;
- No information about calculation for case „beam completely without stiffeners” means, that such solution is not recommended;
- Welded I-beam must have at least stiffener over supports.

## Impact of lost of stability:

Slenderness of web under shear force (stiffeners over supports only):

$$\begin{aligned}\lambda_w &= h_w / (86,4 t_w \varepsilon) = \\ &= 1\,260 / (86,4 \cdot 11 \cdot 0,814) = 1,629\end{aligned}$$

| $\lambda_w$             | $\chi_w =$                 |                    |
|-------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------|
|                         | Rigid end post             | Non-rigid end post |
| $< 0,83 / \eta$         | $\min (1 ; \eta)$          |                    |
| $0,83 / \eta \div 1,08$ | $0,83 / \lambda_w$         |                    |
| $\geq 1,08$             | $1,37 / (0,7 + \lambda_w)$ | $0,83 / \lambda_w$ |

EN 1993-1-5 tab. 5.1

Rigid and non-rigid end post → Lec #21

In case of the most often applicated stiffeners over supports, calculation is as for non-rigid end post

$$\chi_w = 0,510$$

## Support from flange:

EN 1993-1-5 (5.8)

| $M_{Ed}$                             | $V_{bf,Rd}$  |
|--------------------------------------|--|
| $< \rho W_f f_{yf} / \gamma_{M0}$    | $b_f t_f^2 f_{yb} [1 - (M_{Ed} / M_{f,Rd})^2] / (c \gamma_{M1})$ |
| $\geq \rho W_f f_{yf} / \gamma_{M0}$ | 0  |

$$\rho = 1 - N_{Ed} / [(A_{f, top} + A_{f, bottom}) f_{yf} / \gamma_{M0}] \quad \text{EN 1993-1-5 (5.9)}$$

$$b_f = \min (30 \varepsilon t_f ; b_{f, eff}) \quad \text{EN 1993-1-5 (5.8)}$$

$$c = a [ 0,25 + 1,6 b_f t_f^2 f_{yf} / (t_w h_w^2 f_{yw}) ]$$

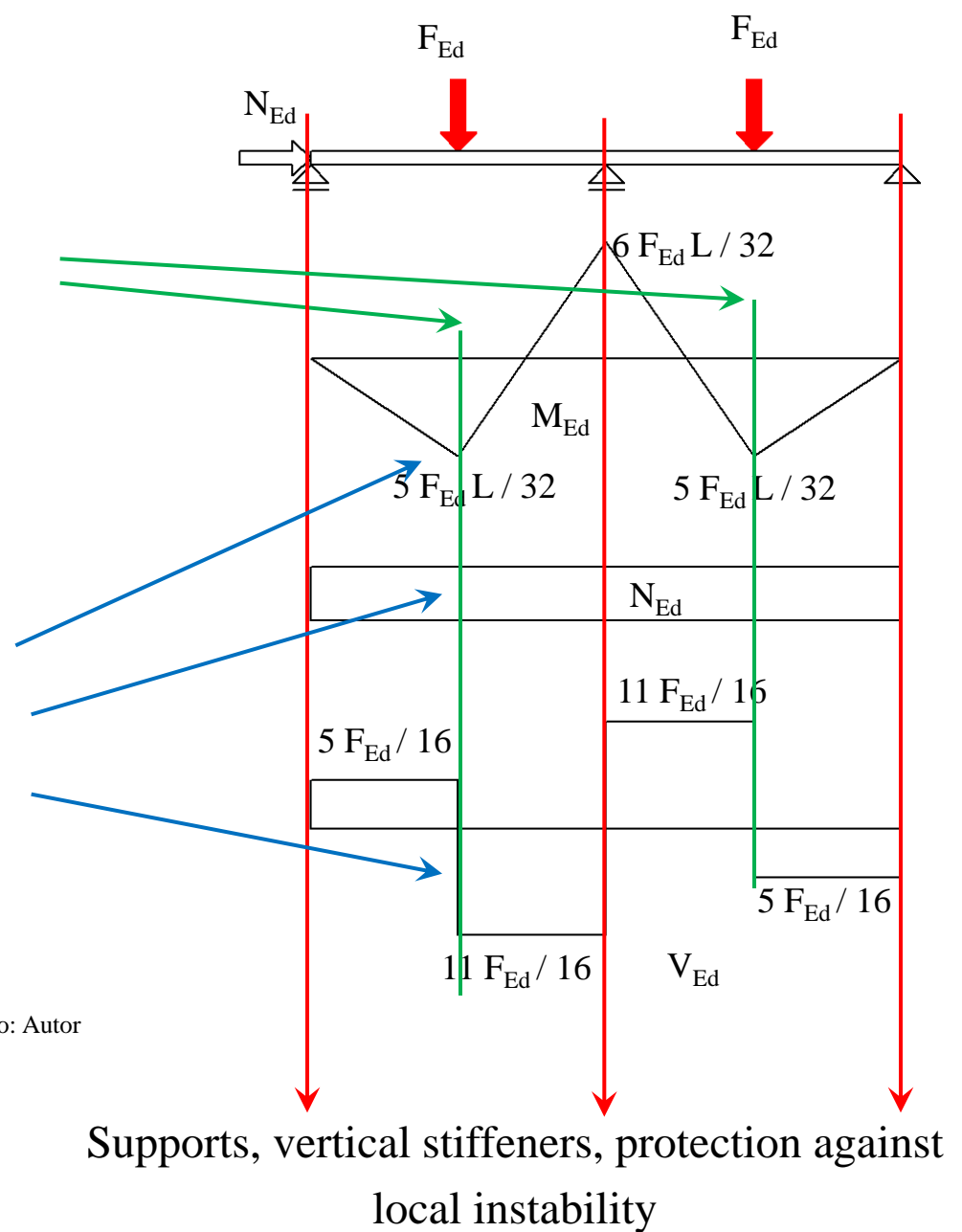
Two cases of impact  $N_{Ed}$  ,  $M_{Ed}$  :

- small value  $M_{Ed}$  : small effort of flange; in flange is „enought space” for stresses from  $N_{Ed}$  ,  $M_{Ed}$  and for suport of web;
- big value  $M_{Ed}$  : big effort of flange; in flange is „enought space” only for stresses from  $N_{Ed}$  ,  $M_{Ed}$  and flange can't suport web

No vertical stiffeners, interaction between  
 $M_{Ed}$ ,  $N_{Ed}$ ,  $V_{Ed}$

Resistance against  $V_{Ed} = 5 F_{Ed} / 16$   
 is calculated in interaction with  $N_{Ed}$  and  
 $M_{Ed} = 5 F_{Ed} L / 32$

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$$A_{f, \text{ top}} = \text{top flange area} = 300 \cdot 20 = 60,0 \text{ cm}^2$$

$$A_{f, \text{ bottom}} = \text{bottom flange area} = 300 \cdot 20 = 60,0 \text{ cm}^2$$

$$f_{yf} = (\text{yield strength of flange}) = f_y = 355 \text{ MPa} = f_{yw} = (\text{yield strength of web})$$

$$b_{f, \text{ eff}} = (\text{effective width of compressed flange}) = 30 \text{ cm}$$

$$t_f = (\text{thickness of flange}) = 2,0 \text{ cm}$$

$$t_w = (\text{thickness of web}) = 1,1 \text{ cm}$$

$$h_w = (\text{depth of web}) = 126 \text{ cm}$$

$$\varepsilon = (\text{dimensionless strength of flange}) = 0,814$$

$$a = (\text{horizontal distance between vertical stiffeners}) = 25,0 \text{ m (stiffeners over support only)}$$

$$N_{Ed} = 64,722 \text{ kN}$$

$$\rho = 1 - N_{Ed} / [ (A_{f, \text{ top}} + A_{f, \text{ bottom}}) f_{yf} / \gamma_{M0} ] = 0,977$$

$$b_f = \min (30 \varepsilon t_f \ ; \ b_{f, \text{ eff}}) = \min (48,84 \ ; \ 30,00) = 30 \text{ cm}$$

$$c = a [ 0,25 + 1,6 b_f t_f^2 f_{yf} / (t_w h_w^2 f_{yw}) ] = 6,525 \text{ m}$$

$$M_{Ed,y} = 3\,361,320 \text{ kNm}$$

Inconsequence in Eurocode: „bending resistance of the cross section consisting of the effective area of the flanges only”, but this resistnace depends on position of effective centre of gravity. There are two possibilities: effective for axial force and effective for bending moment. For simplification, calculation is provide for global center of gravity.

$$W_f = 2 [(t_f^3 b_f / 12) + t_f b_f (h / 2 - t_f / 2)^2] / (h / 2) = 4\,915,6 \text{ cm}^3$$

$$\rho W_f f_{yf} / \gamma_{M0} = 1\,155,166 \text{ kNm}$$

| $M_{Ed}$                             | $V_{bf,Rd}$  |
|--------------------------------------|--|
| $< \rho W_f f_{yf} / \gamma_{M0}$    | $b_f t_f^2 f_{yb} [1 - (M_{Ed} / M_{f,Rd})^2] / (c \gamma_{M1})$ |
| $\geq \rho W_f f_{yf} / \gamma_{M0}$ | 0  |

$$V_{b,Rb} = \min [ \chi_w f_{yw} h_w t_w / (\gamma_{M1} \sqrt{3}) + V_{bf,Rd} \quad ; \quad \eta f_{yw} h_w t_w / (\gamma_{M1} \sqrt{3}) ] =$$

$$= \min [ 0,510 \cdot 2\,842,461 + 0,0 \quad ; \quad 1,2 \cdot 2\,842,461 ]$$

$$V_{b,Rb} = 1\,449,655 \text{ kN}$$

# Instability of web under transversal force

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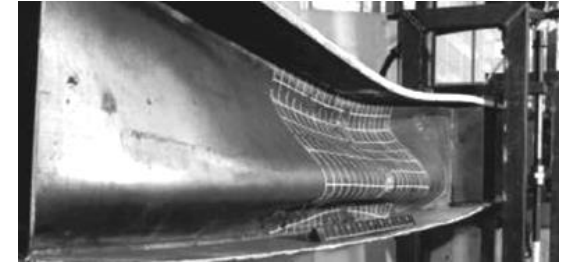
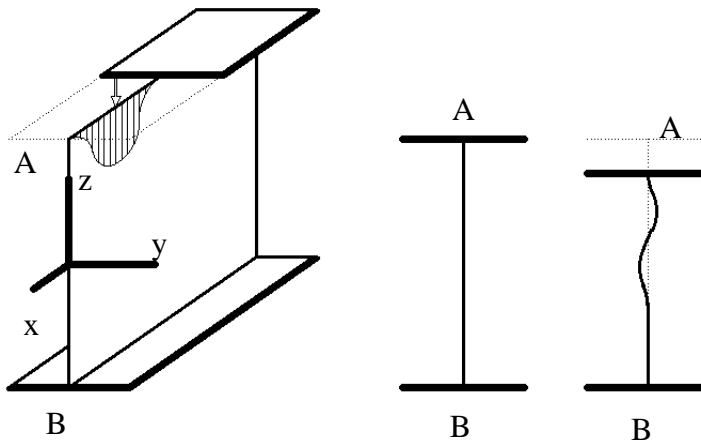


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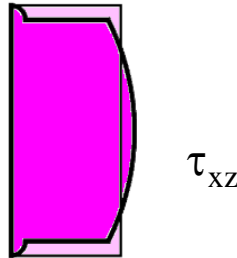
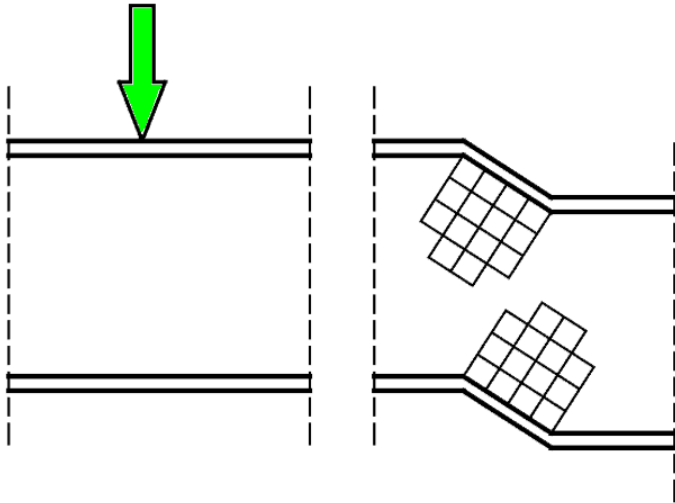


Reason: axial stresses  $\sigma_z$  (from transversal force  $V_z$  applied in point). Axial stresses occur in web at contact with flange.

Prevention: transversal stiffeners → Lec #21

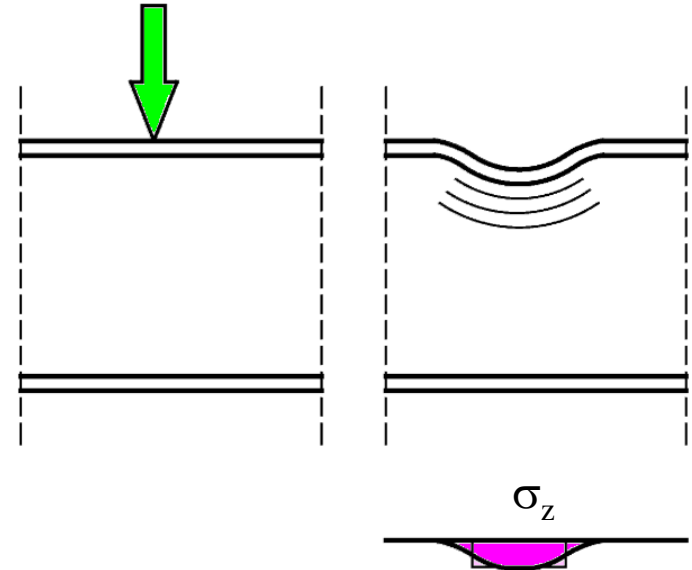
Calculation: checking stability → #t / 68 - 73

Transverse force  $F_s$  is force applied in point to beam. Of course, transverse force (type of loads) produces shear force  $V_{Ed}$  (type of cross-sectional force).



Shear force: global effect, deformation, instability, shear stresses and its idealisation

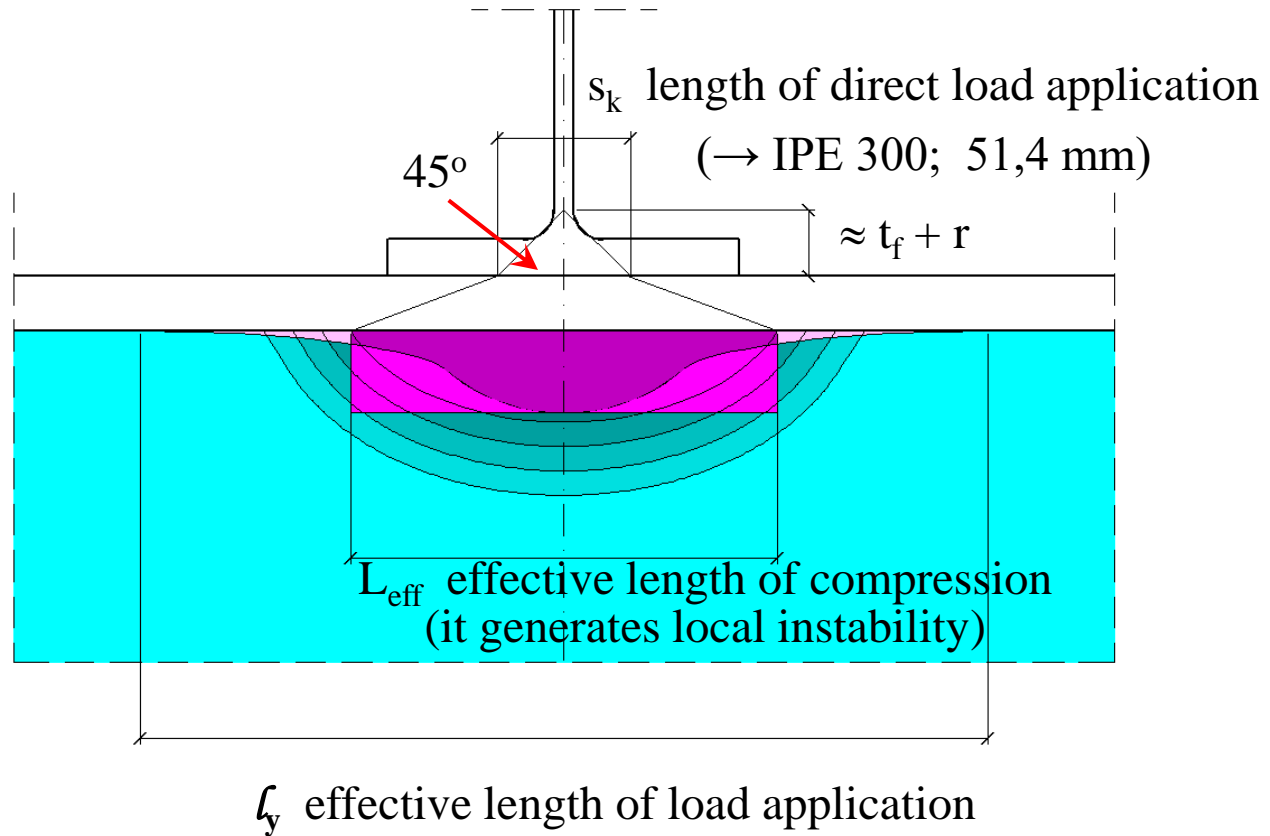
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Transverse force: local effect deformation, instability, axial stresses and its idealisation

## Important lengths:

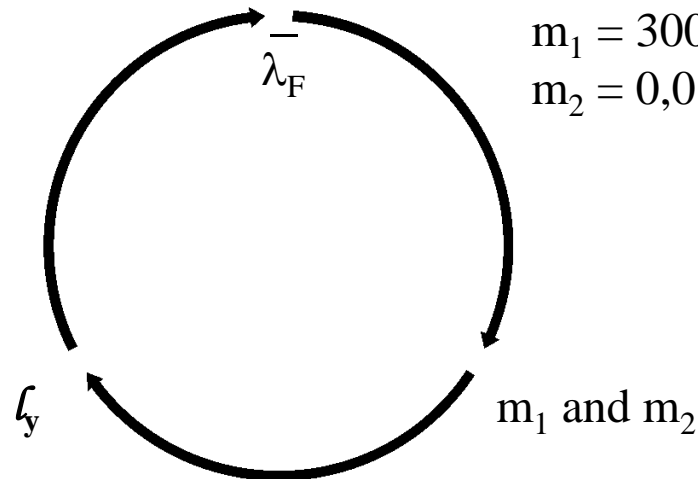
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|       |                             |                         |
|-------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|
|       | $\bar{\lambda}_F \leq 0,5$  | $\bar{\lambda}_F > 0,5$ |
| $m_1$ | $(f_{yf} b_f / f_{yw} t_w)$ |                         |
| $m_2$ | 0                           | $0,02 (h_w / t_f)^2$    |

EN 1993-1-5 (6.8), (6.9)

Variables in calculations are implicit and an iterative procedure is necessary. Initial assumptions about values of variables should be made and next verified.



$$m_1 = 300 \text{ [mm]} / 11 \text{ [mm]} = 27,273$$

$$m_2 = 0,0$$

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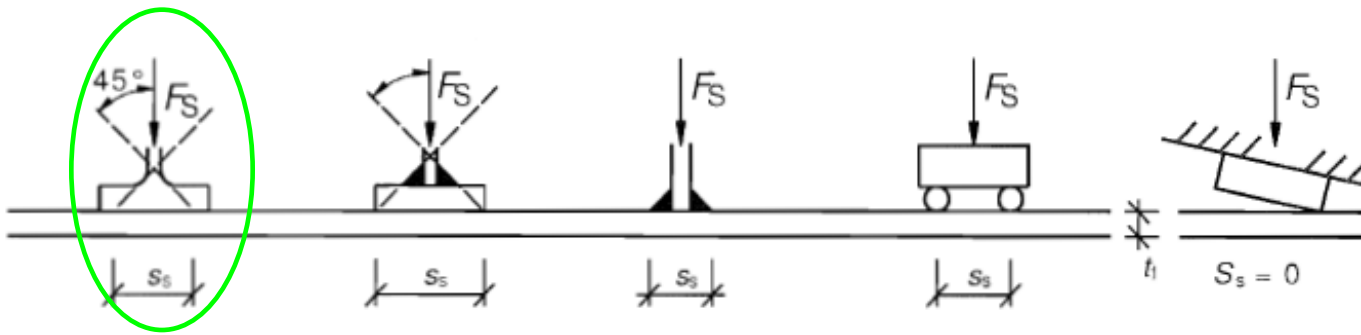


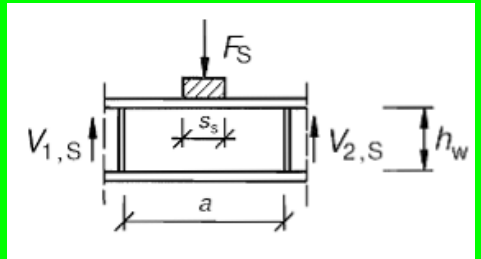
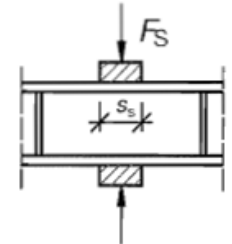
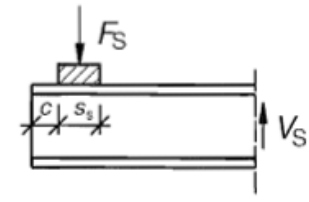
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Photo: EN 1993-1-5 fig. 6.1

|                         |   |   |
|-------------------------|---|---|
| EN 1993-1-5<br>fig. 6.1 |   |   |
| $\ell_y$                | $\min \{ a ; s_s + 2 t_f [ 1 + \sqrt{ ( m_1 + m_2 ) } ] \}$ | $\min \{ \ell_e + t_f \sqrt{ [ m_1 / 2 + ( \ell_e / t_f )^2 + m_2 ] } ; \ell_e + t_f \sqrt{ [ m_1 + m_2 ] } \}$ |

EN 1993-1-5 (6.10) - (6.13)

$$\ell_y = \min \{ 25,00 ; 0,051 + 2 \cdot 0,02 \cdot [ 1 + \sqrt{ ( 27,273 + 0 ) } ] \} = 0,300 \text{ [m]}$$

|         |   |  |   |
|---------|---|--|---|
|         |  |  |  |
| $k_F =$ | $6 + 2 (h_w / a)^2$   | $3,5 + 2 (h_w / a)^2$  | $\min \{ 2 + 6 [ (s_s + c) / h_w ] \ ; \ 6,0 \}$                                    |

EN 1993-1-5 (6.2) - (6.5)

$$k_F = 6 + 2 (11 / 25\,000)^2 = 6,000$$

$$F_{cr} = 0,9 k_F E t_w^3 / h_w = 1\,197,900 \text{ [kN]}$$

$$\bar{\lambda}_F = \sqrt{(\zeta_y t_w f_{yw} / F_{cr})} = 0,805$$

Contradiction with the original assumption  $\bar{\lambda}_F \leq 0,5$



Recalculation for  $\lambda_F > 0,5$ :

$$m_1 = 27,273$$

EN 1993-1-5 (6.2) - (6.5)

$$m_2 = 7\,938,0 \text{ (previously 0,0)}$$

$$\ell_y = 3,661 \text{ [m] (previously 0,399 [m])}$$

$$k_F = 6,0$$

$$F_{cr} = 1\,197,900 \text{ [kN]}$$




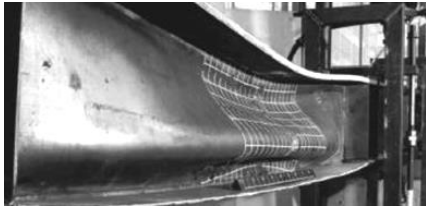
$$\bar{\lambda}_F = 2,811 \text{ (ok, it's } > 0,5)$$

$$\chi_F = \min(1,0 \text{ ; } 0,5 / \bar{\lambda}_F) = 0,178$$

$$L_{eff} = \ell_y \chi_F = 0,651 \text{ [m]}$$

$$F_{Rd} = f_{yw} L_{eff} t_w / \gamma_{M1} \quad \text{EN 1993-1-5 (6.1)}$$

$$F_{Rd} = 1\,682,835 \text{ kN}$$

| Loads E   | Critical resistance R  | Phenomenon  |
|---|--|---|
| <p>Axial force <math>N_{Ed} = 64,722 \text{ kN}</math></p> <p>Bending moment<br/><math>M_{Ed} = 3\,361,320 \text{ kNm}</math></p> | <p><math>N_{Rd} = 6\,087,540 \text{ kN}</math></p> <p><math>M_{Rd} = 3\,432,982 \text{ kNm}</math></p> | <p>Photo: 1</p>    |
|   | <p>Geometrical relation flange-web OK</p>  | <p>Photo: 2</p>    |
| <p>Shear force <math>V_{Ed} = 492,994 \text{ kN}</math></p>   | <p><math>V_{b,Rb} = 1\,449,655 \text{ kN}</math></p>   | <p>Photo: 3</p>    |
| <p>Force applied in point<br/><math>F_{Ed} = 717,082 \text{ kN}</math></p>  | <p><math>F_{Rd} = 1\,682,835 \text{ kN}</math></p>   | <p>Photo: 4</p>  |

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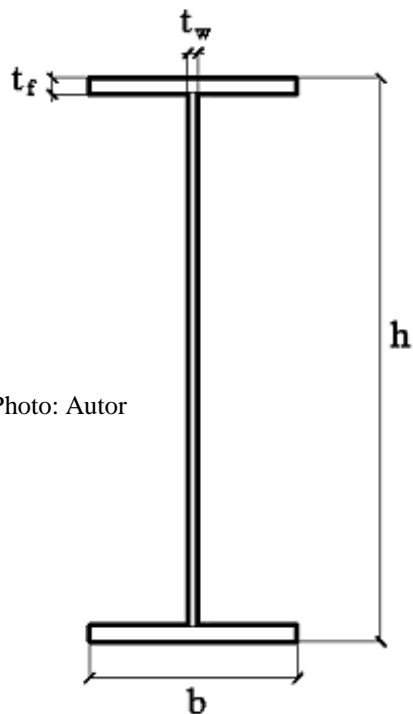
### Notices:

- fundamental  $E / R$  relationship must be checked each time;
- for very slender sections, there are numerous interactions between loads  $E$ , which require additional checking few nonlinear relationships; details will be shown in lecture #12;
- critical load capacities  $R$  for  $V$  and  $P$  shown in  $\#t / 74$  refer to „naked" web, not reinforced with stiffeners;
- in analysed case, stifeners have been placed above supports only, locally reinforcing resistance of web for  $P$  and  $V$ ;
- information about stiffeners will be shown in lecture #21

## Example:

## Task only for comparison with steel

aluminum I-beam



Alloy EN-AV 5083 H14

$$L = 10,000 \text{ m}$$

$$A_0 = 81,600 \text{ cm}^2$$

$$W_0 = 899,730 \text{ cm}^3$$

a - thickness of welds = 5 mm

| h [mm] | t <sub>w</sub> [mm] | b [mm] | t <sub>f</sub> [mm] | M <sub>Ed, y</sub> [kNm] | N <sub>Ed, comp</sub> [kN] |
|--------|---------------------|--------|---------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| 300    | 8                   | 200    | 15                  | 75,577                   | 228,480                    |

To explain difference in calculation methods, full stress distribution ( $M_{Ed, y} + F_{Ed, comp}$ ) analysis method is used here.

## NOTE

In 2023, work on the new edition of the "aluminum" Eurocode EN 1999-1-1 was completed. Many significant changes were introduced, compared to the previous edition, from 2007 (for example: the classification of aluminum alloys - with respect to local instability - has been changed; 3 groups instead of the previous 2). Much important information was added, and some content from the annexes was moved to the main body. Most of the information from the previous version has been retained, but is located in differently numbered chapters.

EN 1991-1-1:2023 is now in used, instead of EN 1999-1-1:2007.

The transition period expires in 2028.

| Alloy<br>EN AW | Temper <sup>a</sup> | Thick-<br>ness<br>mm <sup>a</sup> | $f_o^a$           | $f_u$            | A <sub>50</sub><br>(A)<br>a, c<br>% | $f_{o,haz}^b$     | $f_{u,haz}^b$ | HAZ-factor <sup>b</sup> |                | BC <sup>d</sup> | $n_p^{a, e}$ |
|----------------|---------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------|---------------|-------------------------|----------------|-----------------|--------------|
|                |                     |                                   | N/mm <sup>2</sup> |                  |                                     | N/mm <sup>2</sup> |               | $\rho_{o,haz}^a$        | $\rho_{u,haz}$ |                 |              |
| 5083           | O/H111              | ≤ 6,3                             | 125               | 275              | 15                                  | 125               | 275           | 1                       | 1              | C               | 6            |
|                |                     | 6,3 < t ≤ 80                      | 115               | 270              | 14                                  | 115               | 270           |                         |                | C               |              |
|                |                     | 80 < t ≤ 120                      | 110               | 260              | (12)                                | 110               | 260           |                         |                | C               |              |
|                | H12 H22/H32         | ≤ 40                              | 250   215         | 305 <sup>f</sup> | 7   10                              |                   |               | 0,62   0,72             | 0,90           | A B             | 22   13      |
|                | H14 H24/H34         | ≤ 25                              | 280   250         | 340              | 4   8                               | 155               | 275           | 0,55   0,62             | 0,81           | A B             | 22   14      |

Photo: EN 1999-1-1 tab. 5.3

Alloy EN-AV 5083 H14

EN 1999-1-1, tab 5.3:

$f_0 = 280$  MPa

$f_u = 340$  MPa

$\rho_{0\, haz} = 0,55$

Class A

# I<sup>st</sup> step

## Welded zones

### EN 1999-1-1 8.1.6.3.(3) - effective cross-section for welds

(3) For a MIG weld with preheating and/or interpass cooling to 80 °C or less for 7xxx alloys and to 100 °C or less for 6xxx alloys and work-hardened 3xxx and 5xxx series alloys when multi-pass welds are laid, values of  $b_{\text{haz}}$  should be taken as follows:

$$0 < t \leq 6 \text{ mm: } b_{\text{haz}} = 20 \text{ mm}$$

$$6 < t \leq 12 \text{ mm: } b_{\text{haz}} = 30 \text{ mm}$$

$$12 < t \leq 25 \text{ mm: } b_{\text{haz}} = 35 \text{ mm}$$

$$t > 25 \text{ mm: } b_{\text{haz}} = 40 \text{ mm}$$

(4) For TIG welds for in-line butt or fillet welds in 6xxx, 7xxx or work-hardened 3xxx and 5xxx series alloys,  $b_{\text{haz}}$  should be taken as:

$$0 < t \leq 6 \text{ mm: } b_{\text{haz}} = 30 \text{ mm}$$

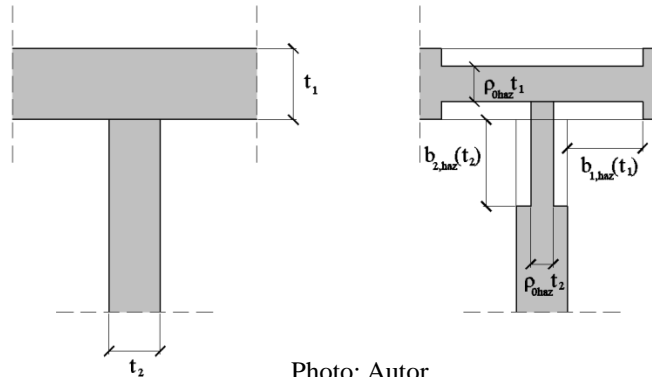


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$$t_f = 15 \text{ mm} \rightarrow b_{\text{haz}, f} = 35 \text{ mm}; \quad t_{f, \text{haz}} = t_f \rho_{0 \text{ haz}} = 15 \cdot 0,55 = 8 \text{ mm}$$

$$t_w = 8 \text{ mm} \rightarrow b_{\text{haz}, w} = 30 \text{ mm}; \quad t_{w, \text{haz}} = t_w \rho_{0 \text{ haz}} = 8 \cdot 0,55 = 4 \text{ mm}$$

Symmetrical cross-section

$$A_{\text{eff}, 1} = 68,560 \text{ cm}^2$$

$$W_{y, \text{eff}, 1} = 732,733 \text{ cm}^3$$

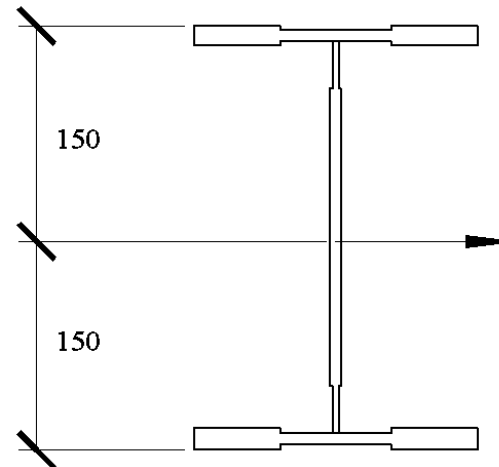


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## II<sup>nd</sup> step

Flange – too wide or not?

$L_e$  = length of the beam = 10 m;  $b$  = width of the flange = 200 mm  
→  $b_0 = b / 2 = 100$  mm

$$b_0 < L_e / 50 = 200 \text{ mm}$$

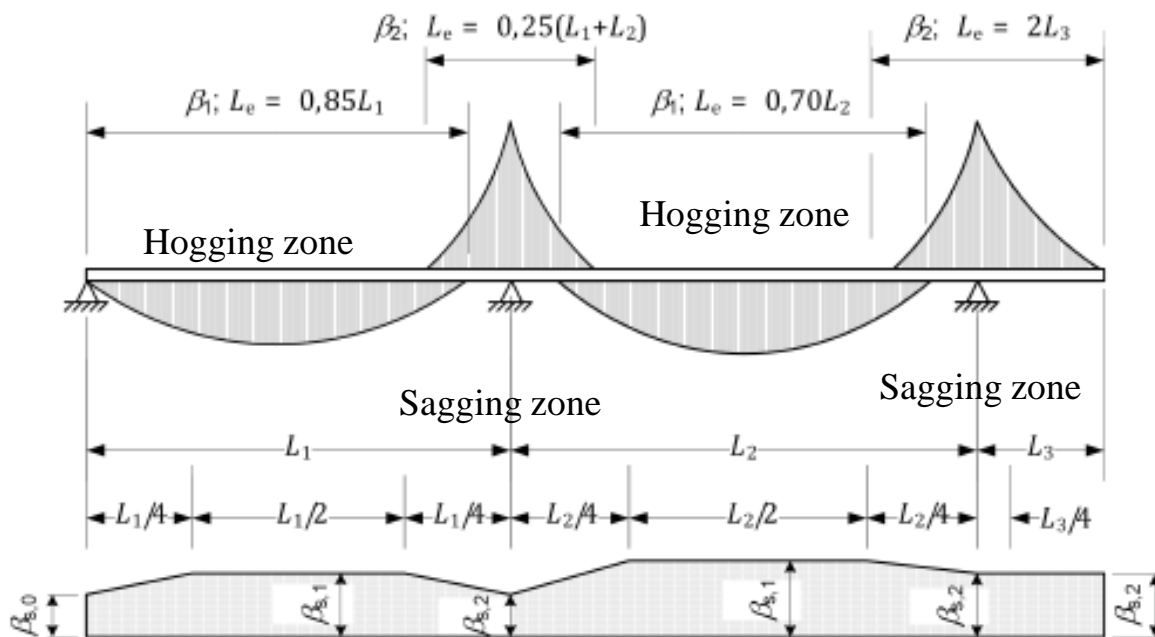
Flange not too wide → shear lag in flanges can be neglected → after II<sup>nd</sup> step geometry is the same as at start

$$b_{\text{eff } 2} = b_{\text{initial}}$$

Otherwise (if flange is too wide):

$$b_{eff1} = b_0 \cdot \beta$$

$\beta$  – reduction factor for wide flanges; different value for different part of beam:



For one-span-beam:  $L_e = L$

Photo: EN 1999-1-1, fig J.1

Figure J.2 — Effective length  $L_e$  for continuous beam and distribution of the effective width

**Table J.1 — Effective width factor  $\beta_s$**

| $\kappa$   | Location for verification | $\beta_s$   |
|--|---------------------------|---|
| $\kappa \leq 0,02$   |                           | $\beta_s = 1,0$   |
| $0,02 < \kappa \leq 0,70$  | sagging bending           | $\beta_s = \beta_{s,1} = \frac{1}{1 + 6,4\kappa^2}$                                   |
|  | hogging bending           | $\beta_s = \beta_{s,2} = \frac{1}{1 + 6,0(\kappa - 0,0004 / \kappa) + 1,6\kappa^2}$   |
| $\kappa > 0,70$  | sagging bending           | $\beta_s = \beta_{s,1} = \frac{1}{5,9\kappa}$   |
|  | hogging bending           | $\beta_s = \beta_{s,2} = \frac{1}{8,6\kappa}$   |
| All $\kappa$   | end support               | $\beta_{s,0} = (0,55 + 0,025 / \kappa)\beta_{s,1}$ but $\beta_{s,0} \leq \beta_{s,1}$ |
| All $\kappa$   | cantilever                | $\beta_s = \beta_{s,2}$ at support and at the end                                     |
| <p><b>Key:</b><br/> <math>\kappa = a_0 b_0 / L_e</math> with <math>\alpha_0 = \sqrt{1 + A_{st} / (b_0 t)}</math><br/> in which <math>A_{st}</math> is the area of all longitudinal stiffeners within the width <math>b_0</math> and other symbols are as defined in Figure J.1 and Figure J.2.</p> |                           |   |

EN 1999-1-1, tab. J.1

$$L_e = 10 \text{ m}$$

$$\text{No longitudinal stiffeners} \rightarrow A_{sl} = 0 \rightarrow \alpha_0 = 1$$

$$b_0 = 100 \text{ mm}$$

$$\kappa = 1 \cdot 100 / 10\,000 = 0,010 \rightarrow \kappa < 0,02 \rightarrow \beta = 1,0$$

$$b_{eff1} = b_{initial} \cdot \beta = b_{initial}$$

*Generally: after this step we must recalculate area of cross-section  $A_{eff1}$  and sectional modulus  $W_{y\,eff1}$ ; cross-section is still symmetrical.*

### III<sup>rd</sup> step

#### Compressed flange

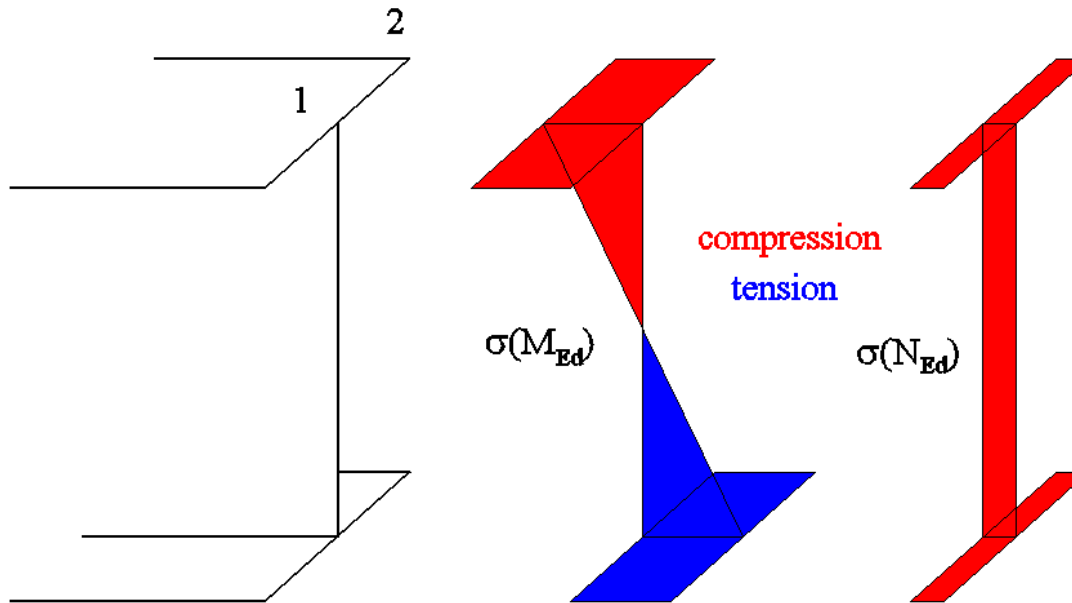


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$\sigma_1$  – compression,  $\sigma_2$  - tension

Flange  $\rightarrow \sigma = \text{const} \rightarrow \sigma_1 = \sigma_2 \rightarrow \psi = \sigma_2 / \sigma_1 = 1,0$

$$\eta = 0,7 + 0,3 \psi$$

$$\beta = \eta b / t$$

$$\varepsilon = \sqrt{(250 / f_0)}$$

$$\rho_c = \min \{ [C_1 / (\beta / \varepsilon)] - [C_2 / (\beta / \varepsilon)^2] ; 1,0 \}$$

**Table 8.3 — Constants  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  in formulae for  $\rho_c$**

|                  | Buckling Class<br>according to<br>Table 5.3 and Table<br>5.4 | Curve<br>(see<br>Fig. 8.5) | Internal part |       | Outstand part |       |
|------------------|--|----------------------------|---------------|-------|---------------|-------|
|                  |  |                            | $C_1$         | $C_2$ | $C_1$         | $C_2$ |
| Without<br>welds | A  | a                          | 32            | 220   | 10            | 24    |
|                  | B  | b                          | 30,5          | 209   | 9,5           | 22    |
|                  | C  | c                          | 29            | 198   | 9             | 20    |
| With<br>welds    | A  | aw                         | 29            | 198   | 9             | 20    |
|                  | B  | bw                         | 28,2          | 193   | 8,5           | 18    |
|                  | C  | cw                         | 27,6          | 189   | 8             | 16    |

EN 1999-1-1, tab 8.3

Internal  $\equiv$  web

Outstand  $\equiv$  flange

Alloy EN-AV 5083 H14, welded  $\rightarrow$  Class A with welds  $\rightarrow$  web:  $C_1 = 29$ ;  $C_2 = 198$

flange:  $C_1 = 9$ ;  $C_2 = 20$

$$\eta = 0,7 + 0,3 \psi = 1$$

$$\beta = \eta b / t_f = \eta (b - 2 a \sqrt{2} - t_w) / 2 t_f = 1 \cdot (200 - 14 - 8) (2 \cdot 15) = 5,93$$

$$\varepsilon = \sqrt{(250 / f_0)} \rightarrow \varepsilon = \sqrt{(250 / 280)} = 0,945$$

$$\rho_c = \min \{ [C_1 / (\beta / \varepsilon)] - [C_2 / (\beta / \varepsilon)^2] ; 1,0 \} = 0,926$$

$$t_{f, \text{eff}, 3} = t_f \rho_c = 15 \cdot 0,926 = 14 \text{ mm}$$

$$t_{f, \text{haz}, \text{eff}, 3} = \min (t_{w, \text{eff}, 3} ; t_{f, \text{haz}}) = 8 \text{ mm}$$

Unsymmetrical cross-section:

top flange 14 mm / 8 mm;

bottom flange 15 mm / 8 mm

$$A_{\text{eff}, 3} = 67,34 \text{ cm}^2$$

$$W_{y, \text{top}, \text{eff}, 3} = 705,992 \text{ cm}^3$$

$$W_{y, \text{bottom}, \text{eff}, 3} = 728,503 \text{ cm}^3$$

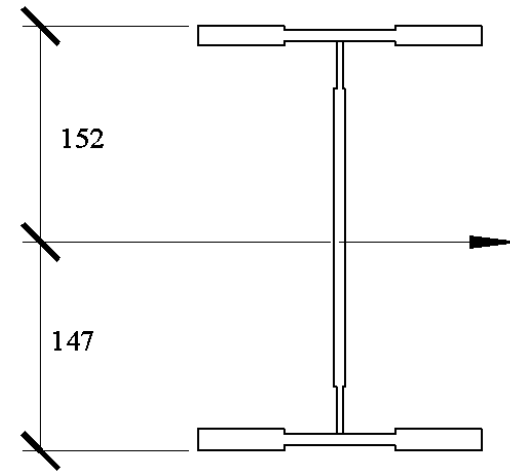


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## IV<sup>th</sup> step

Compressed web

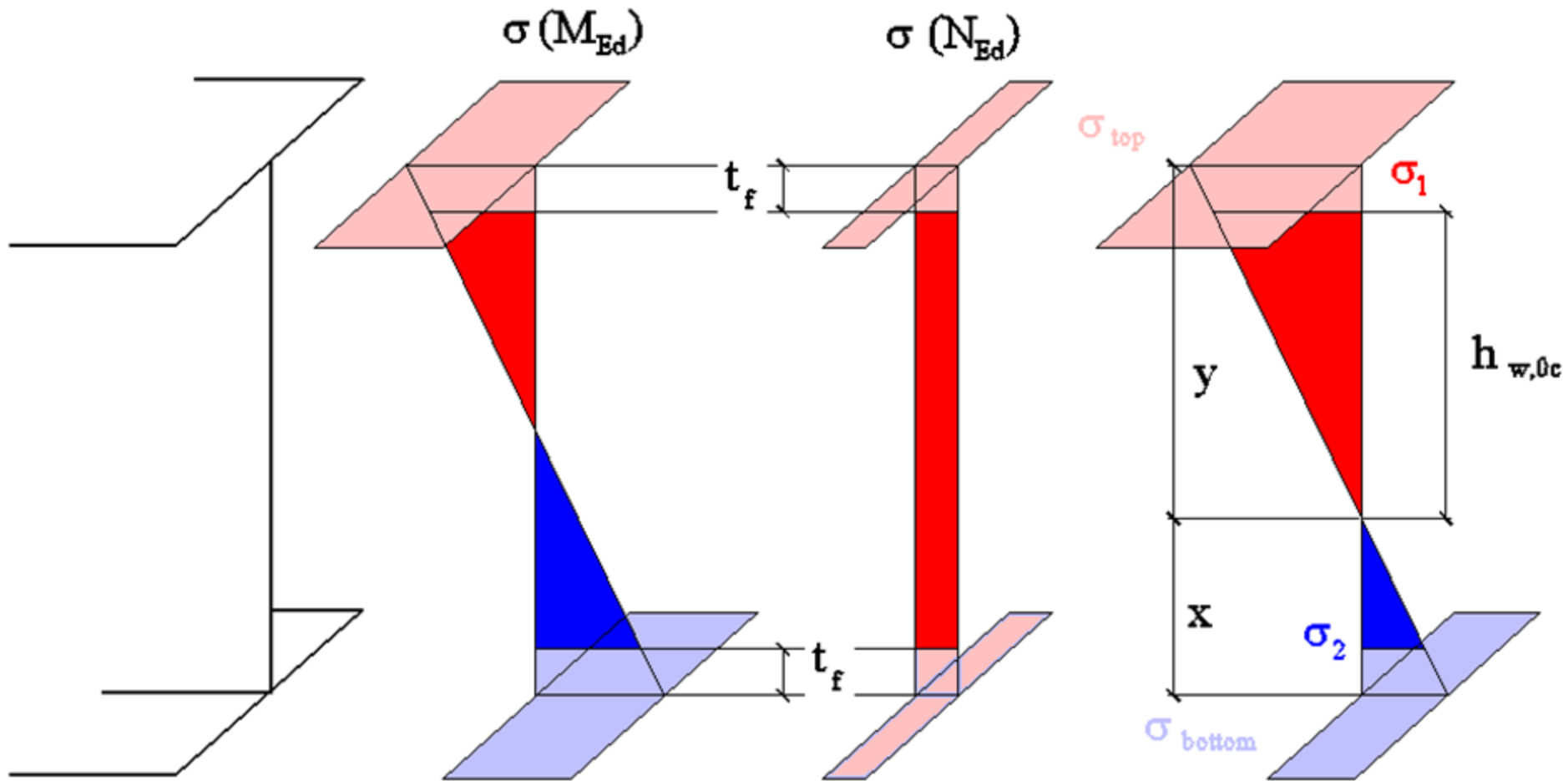


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$\sigma_1$  - compression

$\sigma_2$  - tension

$$\sigma_{\text{top}} = 141,039 \text{ MPa}$$

$$\sigma_1 = 134,025 \text{ MPa}$$

$$\sigma_2 = -62,856 \text{ MPa}$$

$$\sigma_{\text{bottom}} = -69,900 \text{ MPa}$$

$$\psi = \sigma_2 / \sigma_1 = -0,469$$

$$\eta = 0,7 + 0,3 \psi = 0,559$$

$$\beta = \eta b / t_w = 0,559 \cdot 270 / 8 = 18,866$$

$$\varepsilon = \sqrt{(250 / f_0)} \rightarrow \varepsilon = \sqrt{(250 / 280)} = 0,945$$

$$\rho_c = \min \{ [C_1 / (\beta / \varepsilon)] - [C_2 / (\beta / \varepsilon)^2] ; 1,0 \} = 0,956$$

$$t_{w, \text{eff}, 4} = t_4 \rho_c = 8 \cdot 0,956 = 7 \text{ mm}$$

$$t_{w, \text{haz}, \text{eff}, 4} = \min (t_{w, \text{eff}, 4} ; t_{w, \text{haz}}) = 4 \text{ mm}$$

Web: 4 mm / 8 mm / 7 mm / 4 mm

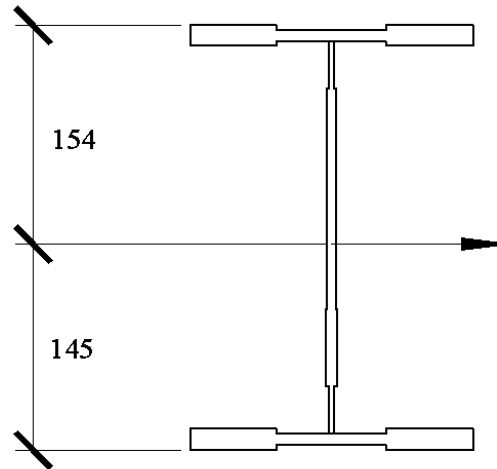


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$$A_{\text{eff}, 4} = 65,78 \text{ cm}^2$$

$$W_{y, \text{top}, \text{eff}, 4} = 692,972 \text{ cm}^3$$

$$W_{y, \text{bottom}, \text{eff}, 4} = 736,910 \text{ cm}^3$$

## V<sup>th</sup> step

Compressed web - recalculation

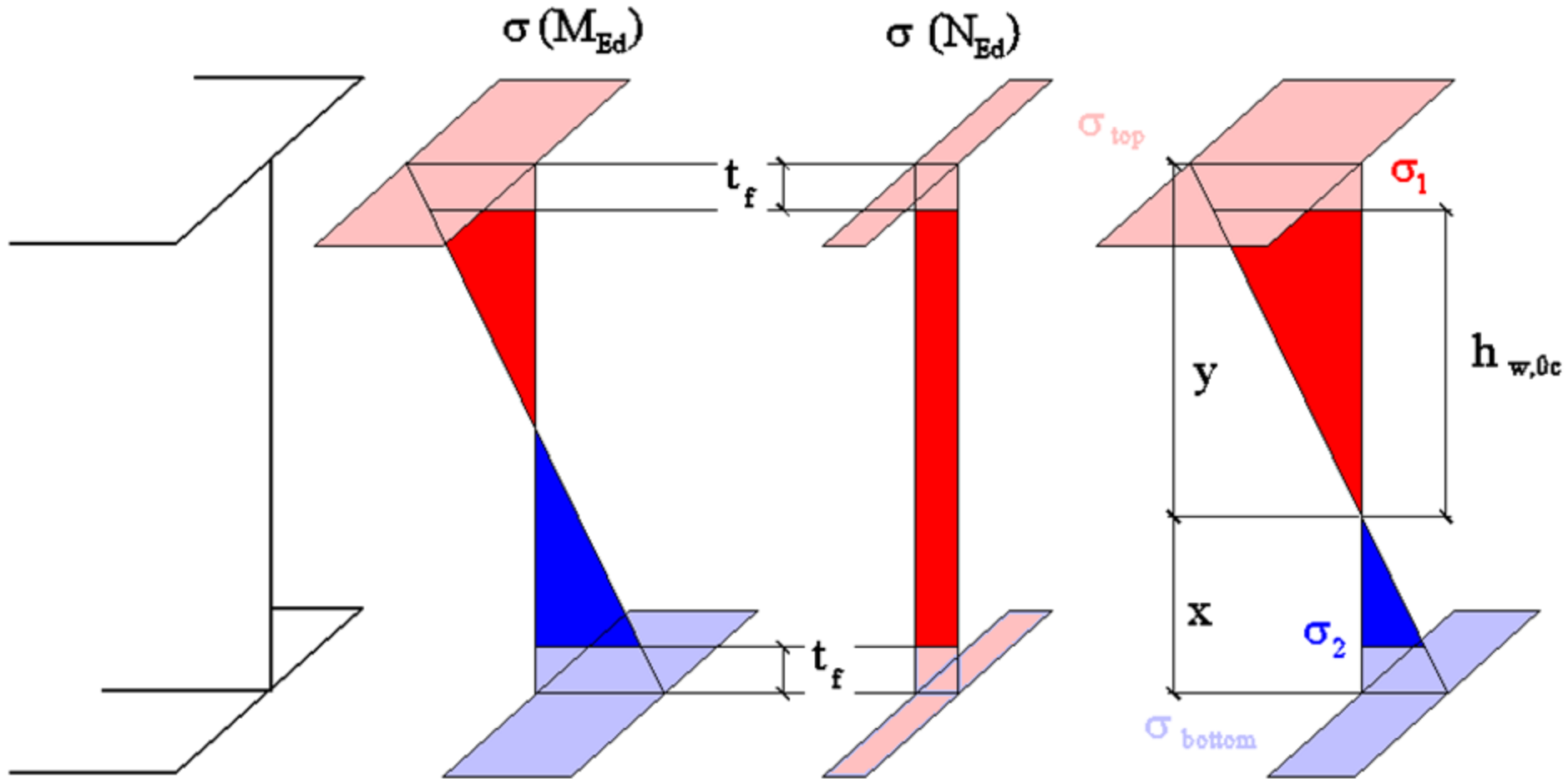


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$\sigma_1$  - compression

$\sigma_2$  - tension

$$\sigma_{\text{top}} = 143,887 \text{ MPa}$$

$$\sigma_1 = 136,814 \text{ MPa}$$

$$\sigma_2 = -61,621 \text{ MPa}$$

$$\sigma_{\text{bottom}} = -68,753 \text{ MPa}$$

$$\psi = \sigma_2 / \sigma_1 = -0,450$$

$$\eta = 0,7 + 0,3 \psi = 0,565$$

$$\beta = \eta b / t_w = 0,559 \cdot 270 / 8 = 19,069$$

$$\varepsilon = \sqrt{(250 / f_0)} \rightarrow \varepsilon = \sqrt{(250 / 280)} = 0,945$$

$$\rho_c = \min \{ [C_1 / (\beta / \varepsilon)] - [C_2 / (\beta / \varepsilon)^2] ; 1,0 \} = 0,950$$

$$t_{w, \text{eff}, 5} = t_5 \rho_c = 8 \cdot 0,950 = 7 \text{ mm}$$

$$t_{w, \text{haz}, \text{eff}, 5} = \min (t_{w, \text{eff}, 5} ; t_{w, \text{haz}}) = 4 \text{ mm}$$

The same cross-section as after IV<sup>th</sup> step

$$A_{\text{eff}, 5} = 65,78 \text{ cm}^2$$

$$W_{y, \text{top}, \text{eff}, 5} = 692,972 \text{ cm}^3$$

$$W_{y, \text{bottom}, \text{eff}, 5} = 736,910 \text{ cm}^3$$

|       |   | A [cm <sup>2</sup> ] | W <sub>y, top</sub> [cm <sup>2</sup> ] | W <sub>y, bottom</sub> [cm <sup>2</sup> ] |
|-------|---|----------------------|--|---|
| 0     | Start   | 81,600               | 900,480                                | 900,480                                   |
| eff 1 | Welded zone   | 68,560               | 732,733                                | 732,733                                   |
| eff 2 | Shear lag in flange                                 | 68,560               | 732,733                                | 732,733                                   |
| eff 3 | Reduction of compressed flange                      | 67,34                | 705,992                                | 728,503                                   |
| eff 4 | 1 <sup>st</sup> reduction of comperssed part of web | 65,78                | 692,972                                | 736,910                                   |
| eff 5 | 2 <sup>nd</sup> reduction of comperssed part of web | 65,78                | 692,972                                | 736,910                                   |

Difference between step IV<sup>th</sup> and V<sup>th</sup>:

0,000 %

0,000 %

0,000 %

All differences < 2,0%, enough.

For aluminum structures, as for steel structures, the same phenomena must be checked:

- proportion between flange and web;
- shear resistance with possibility of loss of web stability;
- resistance under force in point with possibility of loss of web stability;

Formulas for aluminum differ in some details from those for steel.

Local instability, local buckling - niestateczność lokalna

Shear lag in flange - efekt szerokiego pasa

Hogging - strefa przęsłowa

Sagging - strefa podporowa

Plate buckling effect - niestateczność ścianek



Thank you for attention

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