

# Metal Structures

## Lecture VI

### Imperfections

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# Introduction

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# Imperfections in steel structures are rather not such picturesque...

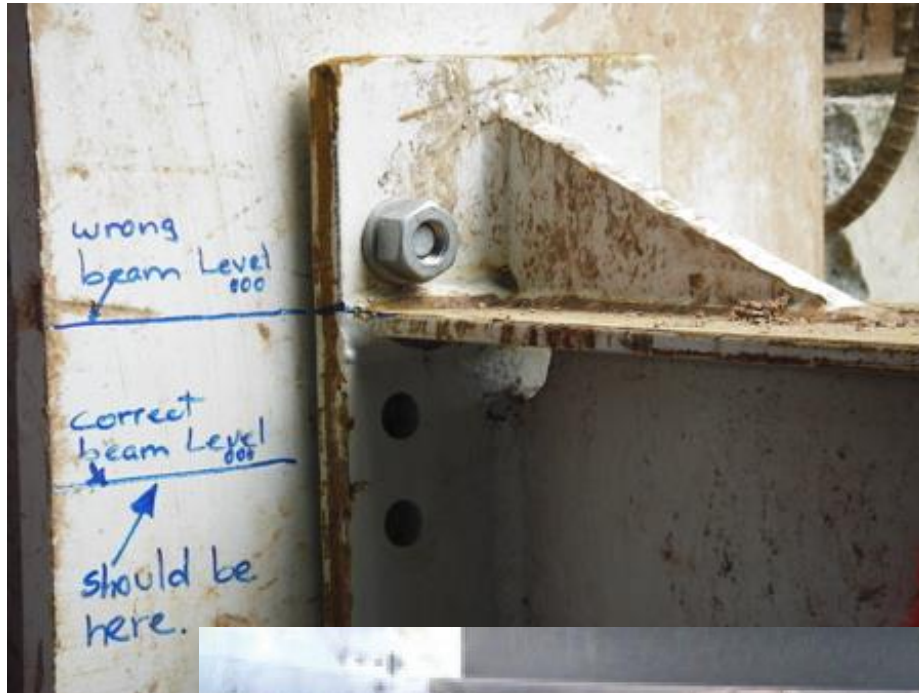


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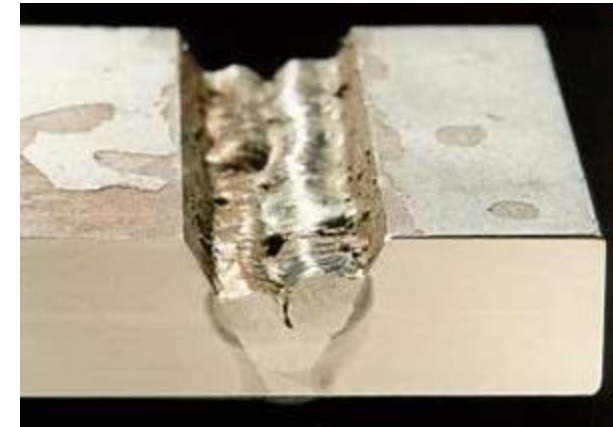


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## Imperfection

Difference between ideal model of structure (theoretical characteristic of material and ideal geometry) – and real structure (real behavior of material, not ideal geometry)



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## First laboratory, measurements:

$h_I :$

524 mm

522 mm

523 mm

525 mm

524 mm

523 mm

524 mm

...

$b :$

198 mm

202 mm

199 mm

200 mm

199 mm

200 mm

201 mm

...

$t_f :$

11,6 mm

12,2 mm

11,8 mm

11,9 mm

12,0 mm

12,1 mm

11,9 mm

...

$t_w :$

2,9 mm

3,0 mm

3,1 mm

2,8 mm

2,9 mm

2,4 mm

2,50 mm

...

Some of these divergences are measurement errors. **But because of imperfection, the actual dimensions of the measured I-beam may differ from the ideal dimensions shown in the design tables.**

**We can't avoid imperfections. In real world not exist ideal structures.**

Imperfections origin from microdamages of material, from uncertainly of mathematical models used for calculations and from human factor (confusions, errors).

Part of them we eliminate because of technical requirements for prefabrication process or for erection of structures. Next part of them we can remove by heat treating. Rest of them we must taken into account during calculations.

For calculations, we take ideal geometry (no geometrical imperfections), ideal material (no structural imperfections) and additional load schemes and dimensionless parameters, which represent real imperfections.

Imperfections can be divided into two groups:

structural

geometrical

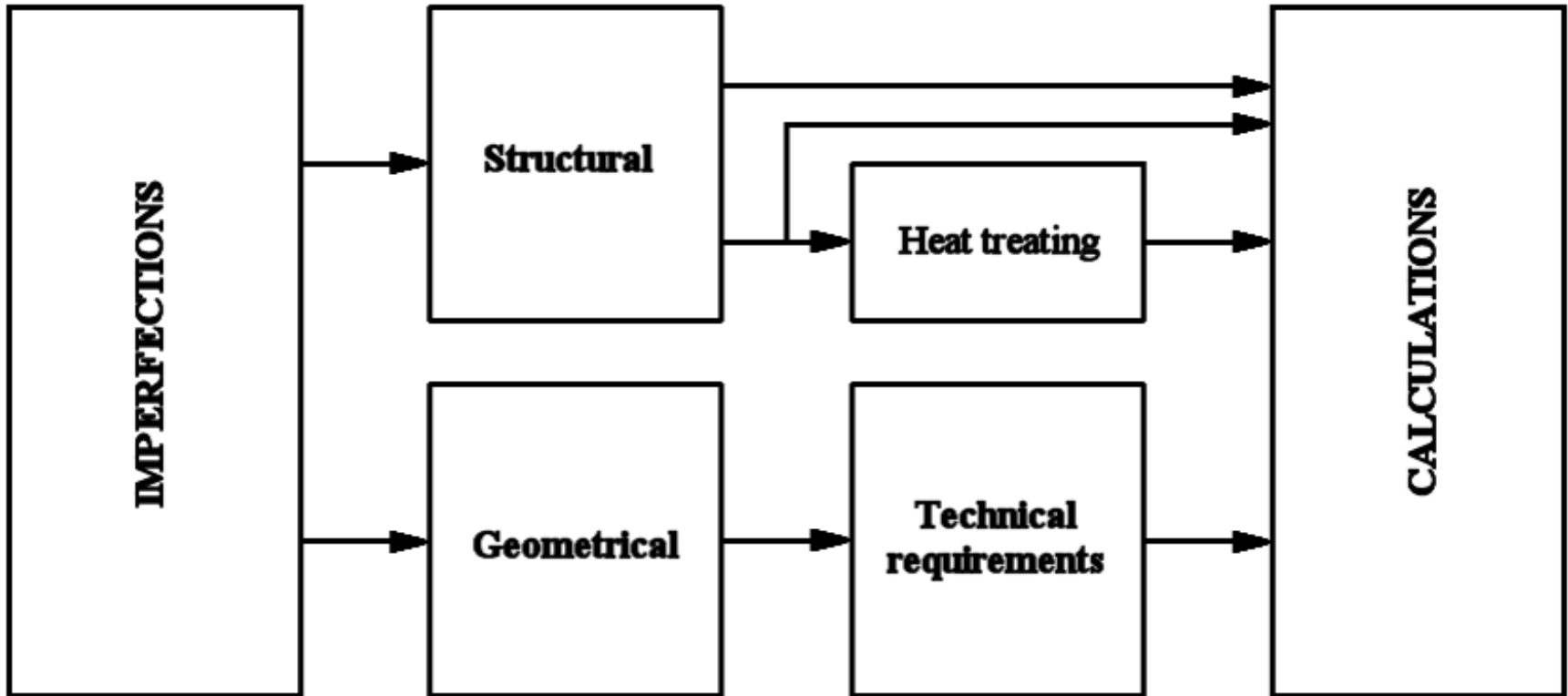


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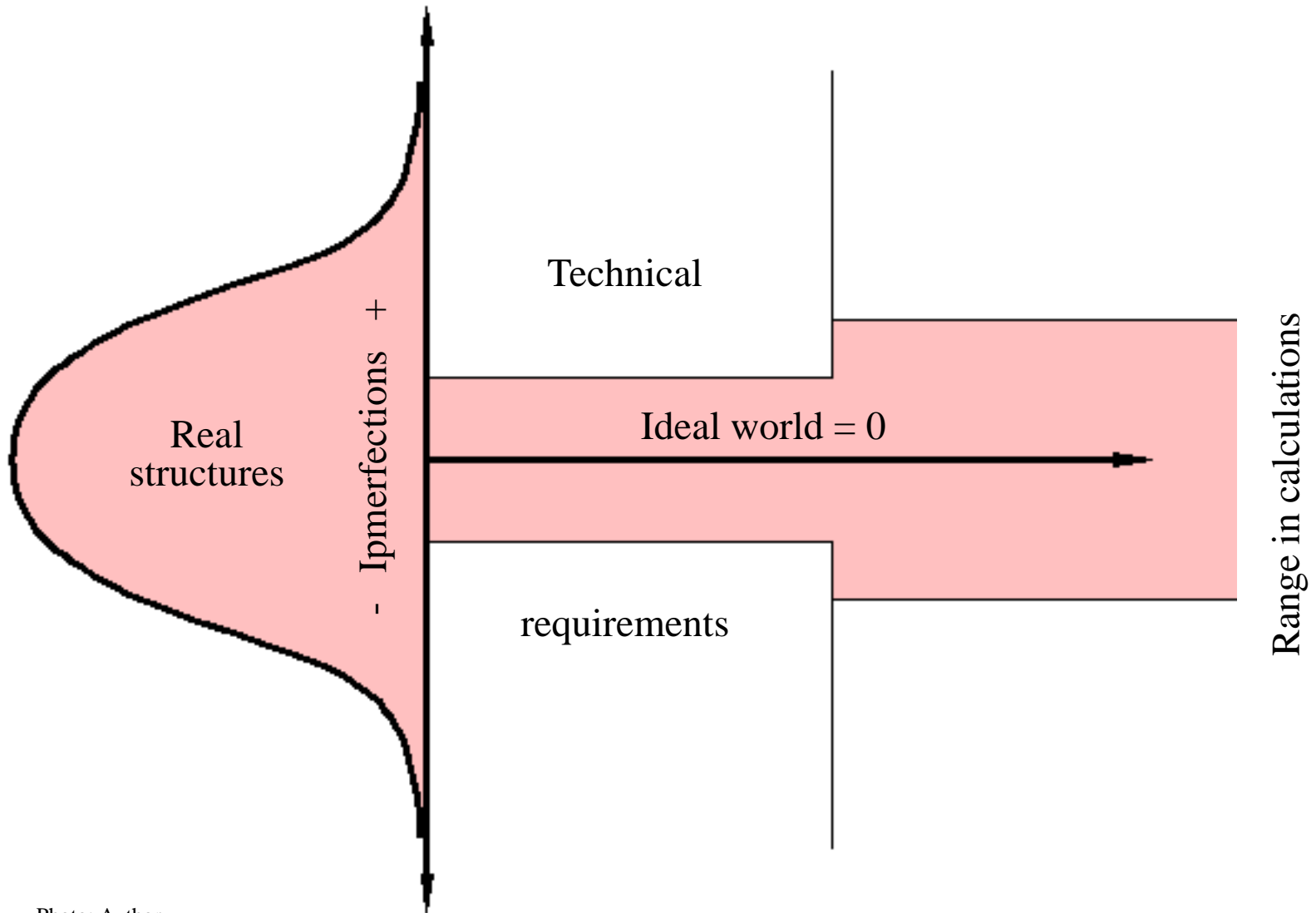


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# Structural imperfections

## Analysis of material

Structural imperfections can be divided into two kinds:

- natural features of material;
- secondary effects of material processing (hot-rolling, cold-forming, cutting to required dimensions, welding...)

## Natural features of material

1. For metals, molecular structure is important. We have no ideal crystals – lack of molecule, shift of molecules, additional molecules, molecules of other chemical elements... Each of these situation changes internal structure of metal and locally decreases its mechanical parameters.

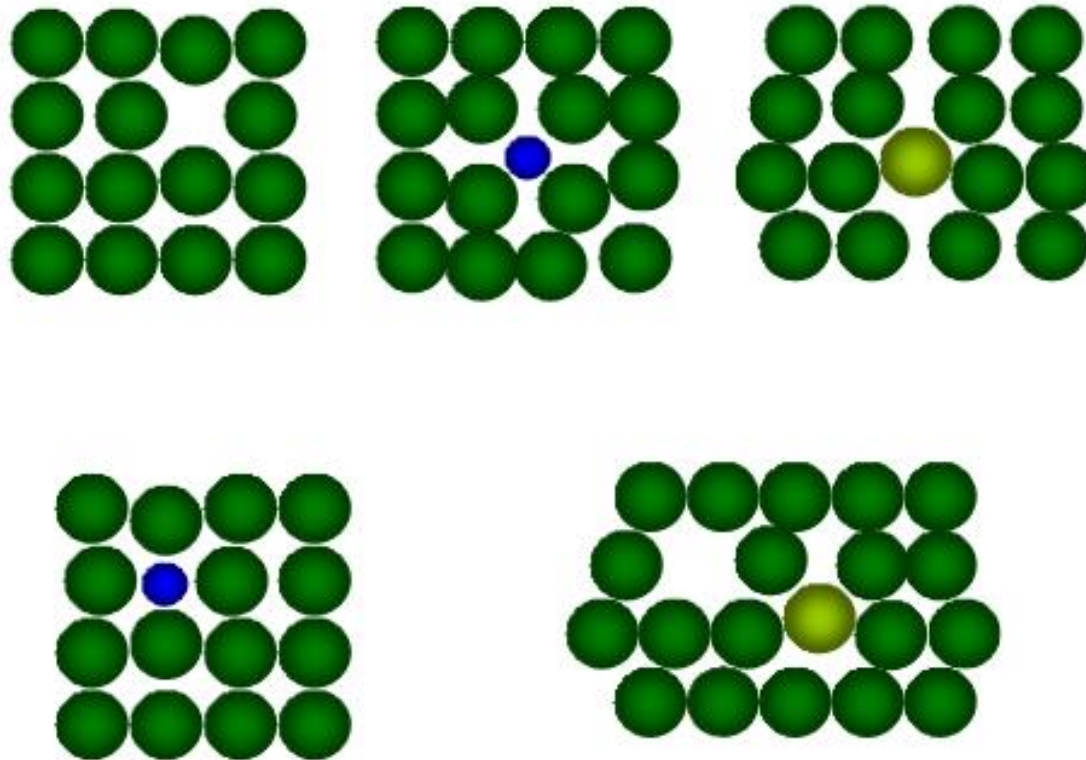


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2. During solidification of steel, crystals start form in random places and in random directions. Their dimensions have random values. Microstresses and microdamages concentrate on borders of crystals.



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Steel consist from iron and carbon – as mixture or chemical compound. Additionally, there are different types of crystals. The effect: various local strength in various points of element.

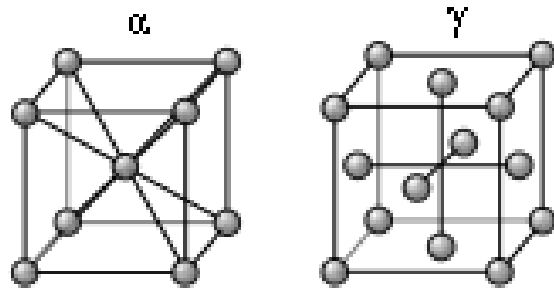


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3. Ferrite, austenite, cementite, ledeburit pearlite, martensite, bainite, sorbite, spheroidyte – different forms of steel have different mechanical parameters.

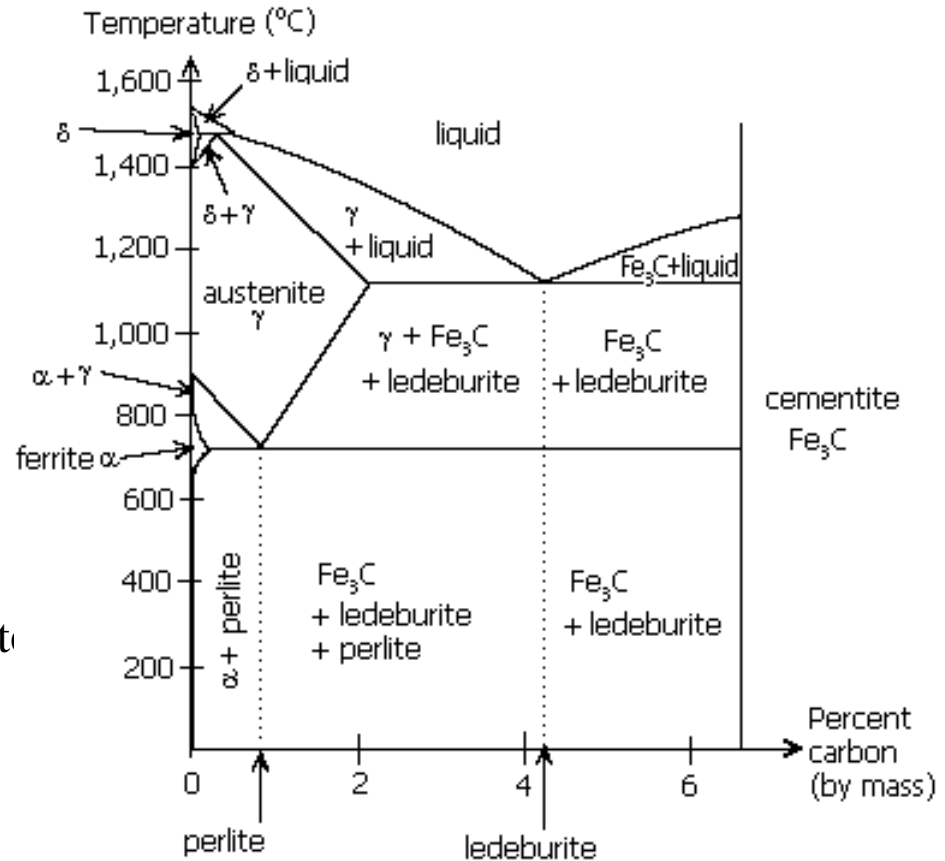


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## 4. Pollutions

Inside each type of steel exists microscopic impurities of sulphur, phosphorus, gases and slags. They have destructive influence on mechanical parameters of steel (corrosion, microcracking)

S 235 JR [%]

C			Mn	Si	P	S	Cr	Ni	Cu	Al	N
t < 16 mm	16 < t < 40 mm	t > 40 mm			(max)	(max)					(max)
0,170	0,170	0,200	1,400	0,000	0,035	0,035	0,000	0,000	0,550	0,000	0,012

Effect: different specimens of steel can have different mechanical parameters = different amount of microdamages in different part of material

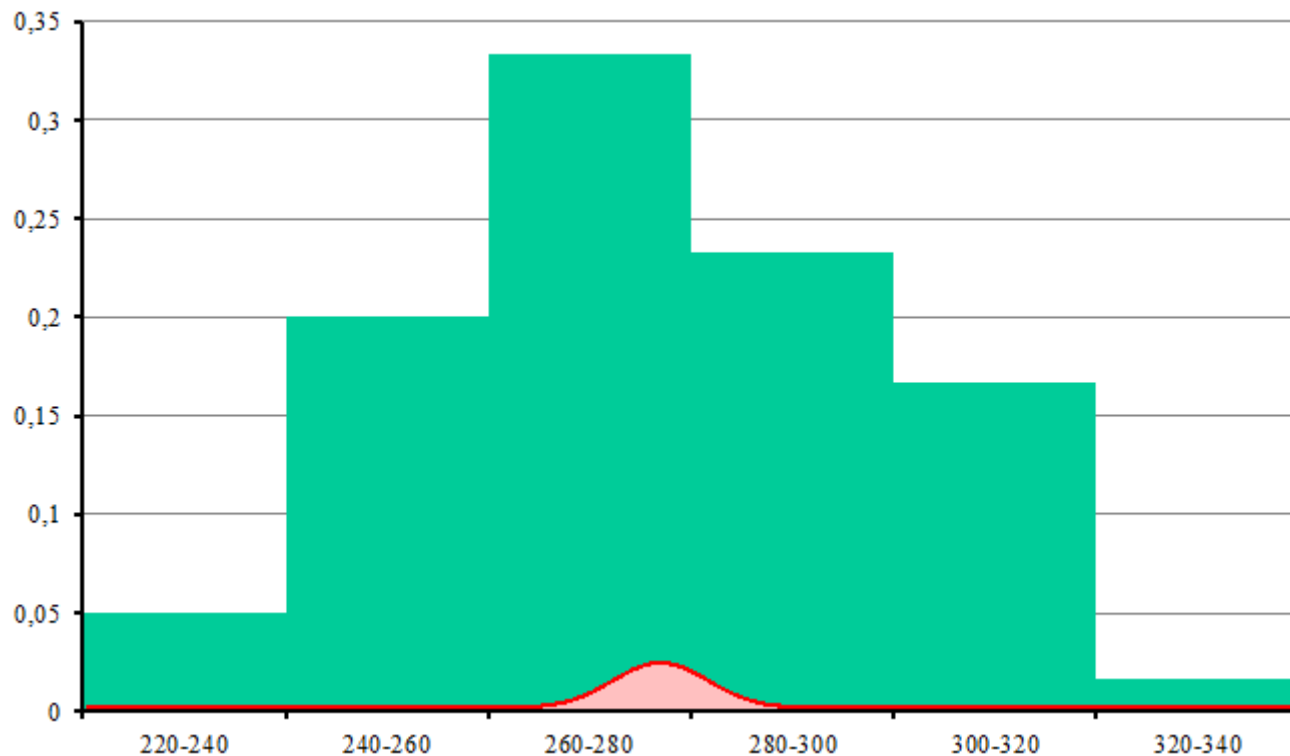


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## Influence of imperfections in microstructure:

	$f_y$ [MPa]	$f_u$ [MPa]
„Normal” steel	235 – 355	360 – 470
Stainless steel	210 – 480	380 – 660
High strength steel	500 – 700	590 – 750
Steel for tension members		1 450 – 2 300
Iron monocrystal	~ 5 000	
Iron monocrystal, no molecular defects (estimation)	~ 18 000	



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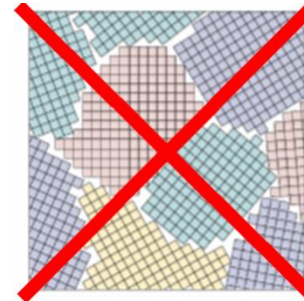
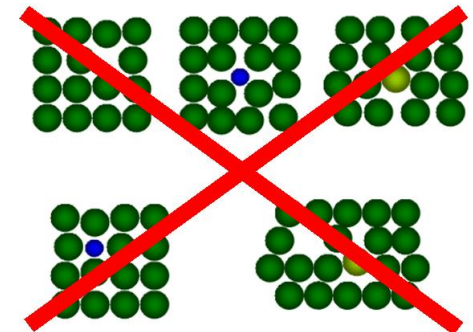
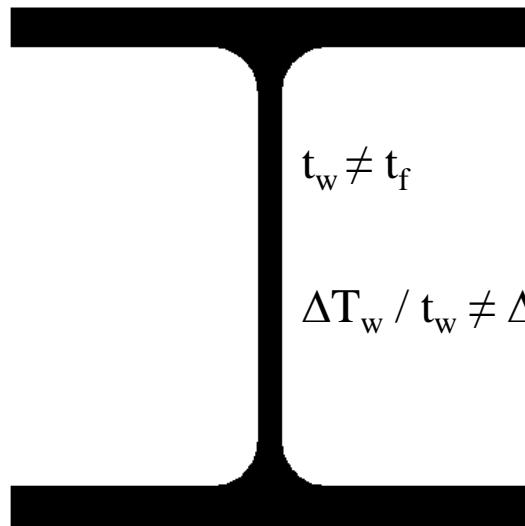


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## Secondary effects of material processing

1. Hot-rolled cross-section: different thickness of web and flange, but the same temperature during rolling. Rate of temperature decreasing after rolling is different. Because of this, thermal stresses occur. This is type of residual stresses. Non-zero values of residual stresses change behaviour of member under loads.



$$t_w \neq t_f$$

$$\Delta T_w / t_w \neq \Delta T_f / t_f \quad [^{\circ}\text{C/s mm}]$$



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Residual stresses are self-balanced: each cross-sectional forces caused by them (axial force, bending moment, shear force, torsional moment) are equal 0,00 but their local values could be very big. Their sum with stresses from loads could be locally equal strength of material even for not big value of loads.

This phenomenon could significantly decreases resistance of cross-section in comparison to teoretical assumption about lack of stresses in not-loaded element.

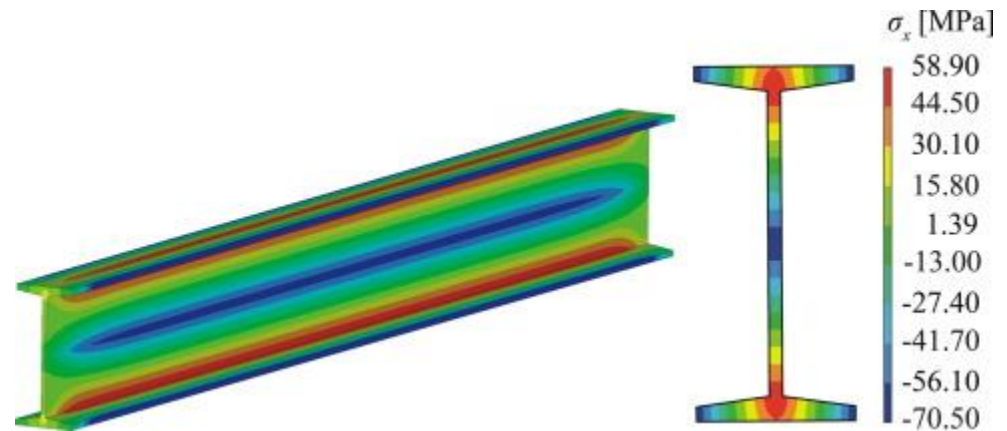


Photo: Global sensitivity analysis of lateral-torsional buckling resistance based on finite element simulations, ZdeněkKala JanValeš

2. Similar situation: cold-formed cross-sections; big deformations during formation of shape of cross-section. The same situation: non-zero values of self-balanced residual stresses.



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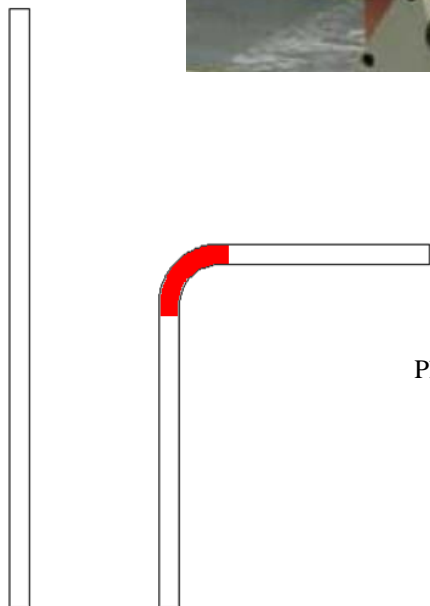


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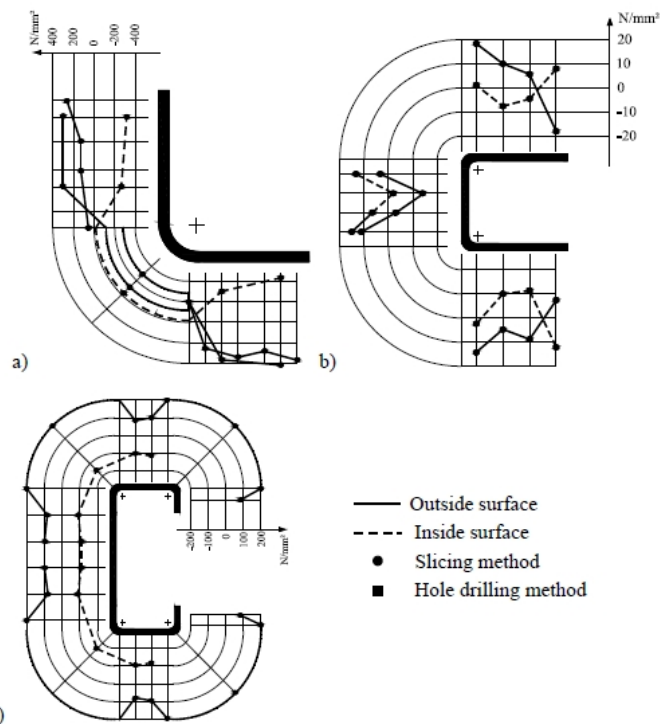


Photo: Design of cold-formed steel structures, D. Dubina, V. Ungureanu, R. Landolfo

## Plates and quasi-plates:

Hoop iron ( $t = 1-5 \text{ mm}$ ;  $s = 20-85 \text{ mm}$ )



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Flat steel ( $t = 6-55 \text{ mm}$ ;  $s = 20-150 \text{ mm}$ )



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### Plate in coils



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### Plate sheets



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## Plate sheets:

### Flat

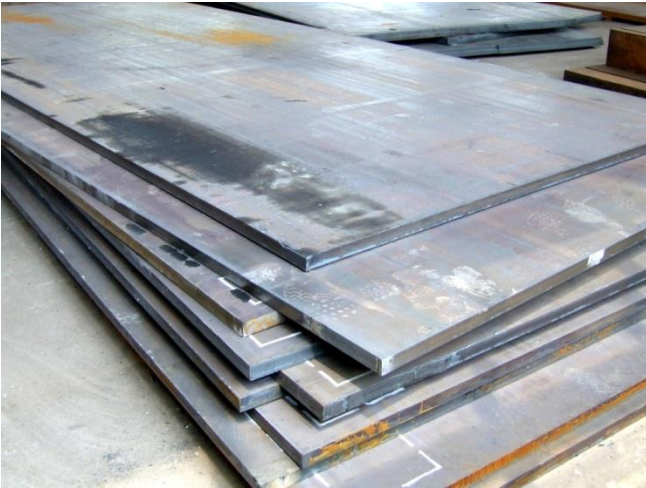


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### Riffled

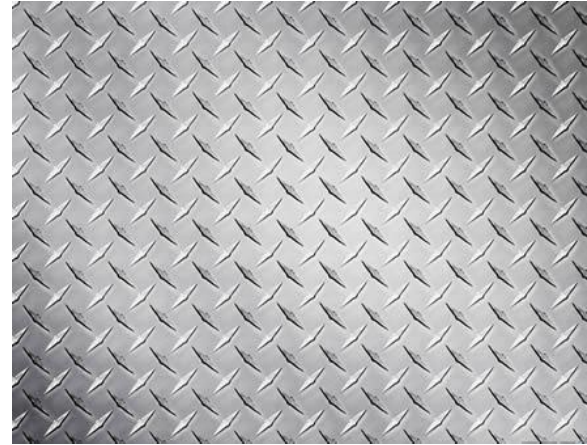


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Flat plate sheets: → #1 / 75

- cut from the coils;
- rolled in one direction;
- rolled in two directions (universal plate);

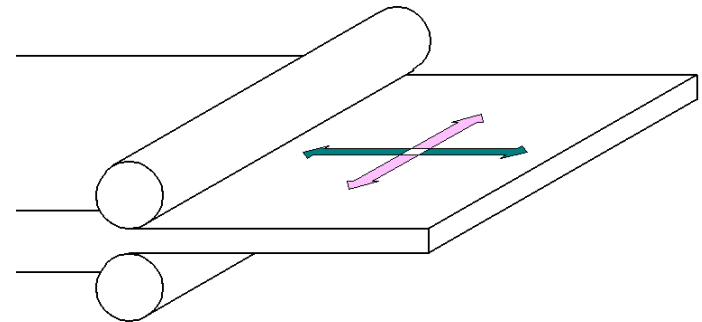


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3. Plate in coils: plates must be straight from the roll after transport. The effect are plastic deformations and residual stresses.



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4. Crystals are deformed during rolling. This deformation followed by one direction. Steel plates rolled in one direction can have different mechanical characteristics in both directions.

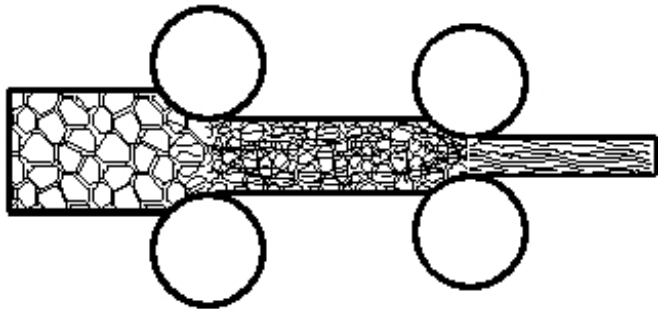


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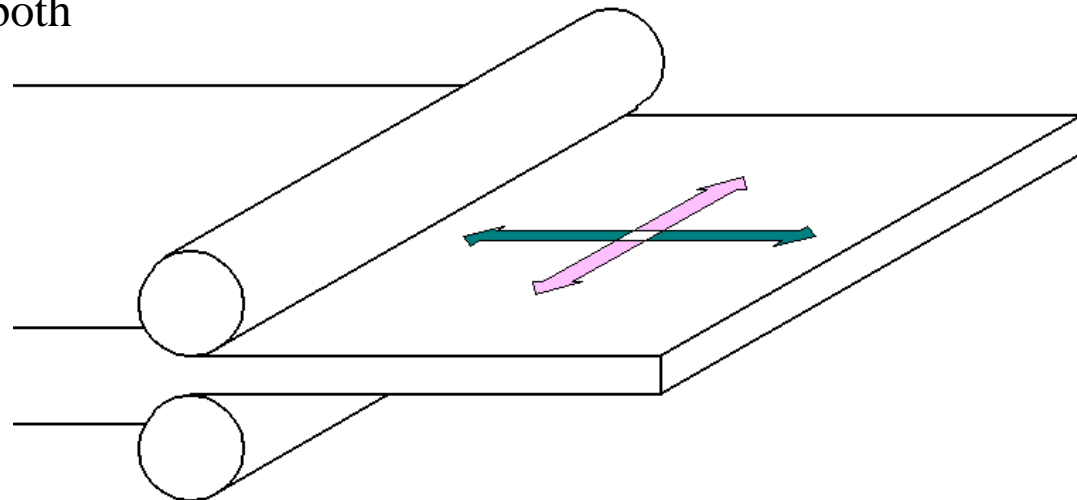


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## 5. Each type of cutting and drilling steel locally changes its mechanical parameters.

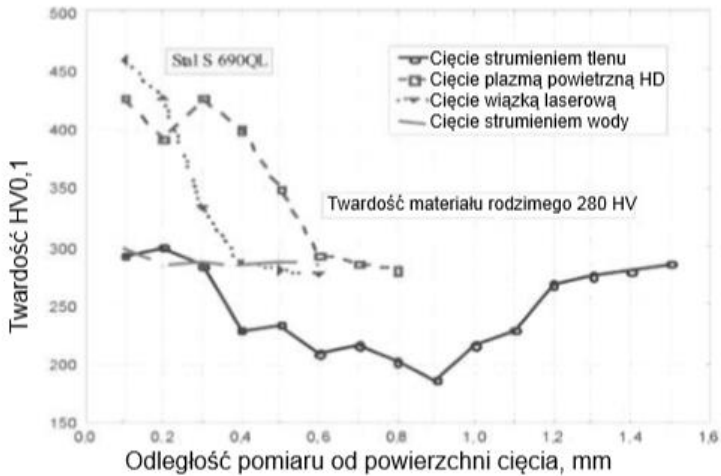
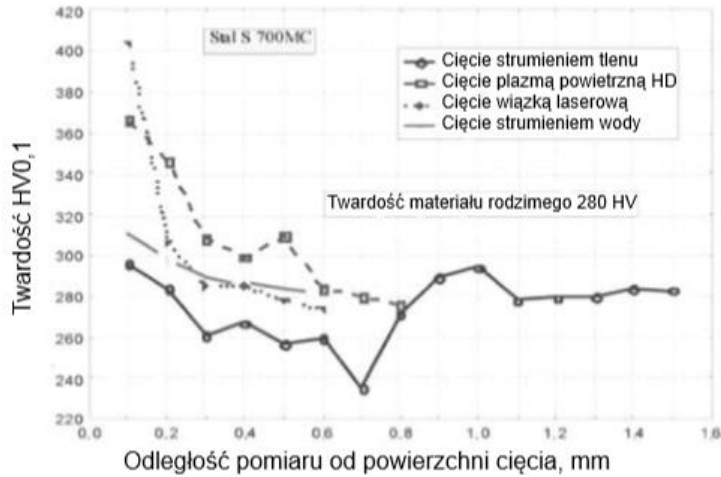


Photo: Wpływ procesów cięcia termicznego i strumieniem wody na właściwości i jakość powierzchni ciętych stali niskostopowych o wysokiej granicy plastyczności, Górka J. Skiba R.

Hardness in function of distance between analysed point and edge of steel plate for cutting with oxygen, plasma, laser and water jet; steel S 700 and S 690. Hardness is effect of local deformation of crystals during cutting.



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Initial deformations during cutting (type of plastic deformation) of steel plate – another effect of local deformations of crystals.

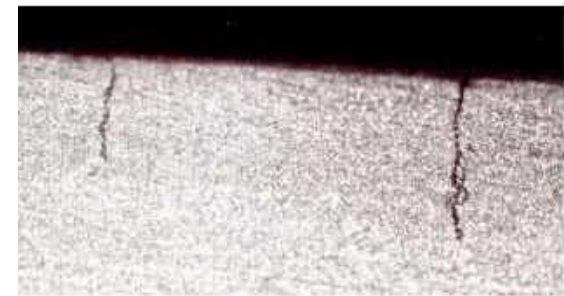


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Hardened steel is very susceptible to brittle fracture. Each element on all cut edges has a certain amount of microcracks.

6. Welded elements: different temperature for different part of elements, different thermal deformations. Non-zero value of residual stresses.

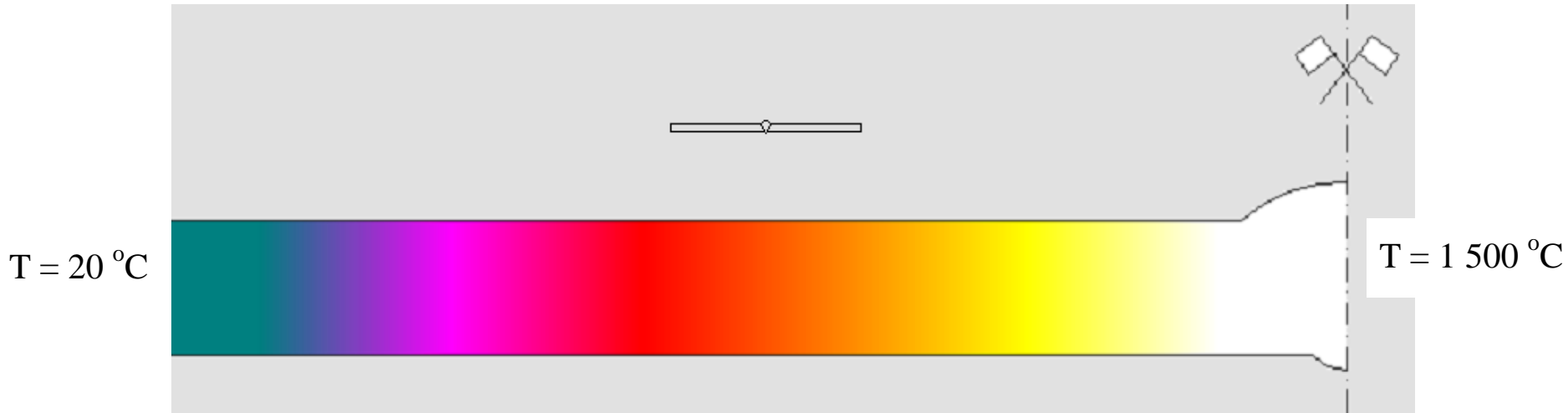


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7. Additionally, there are weldings deformations as a result of residual stresses after weldings. These types of stresses and deformations will be presented on lecture #16.

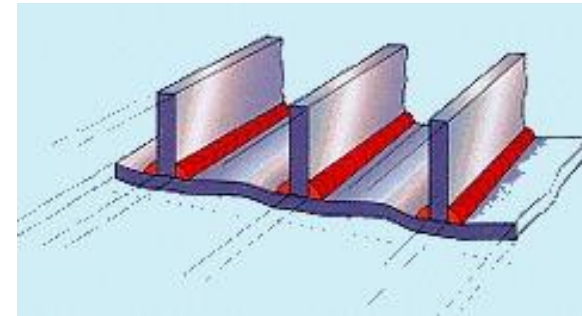
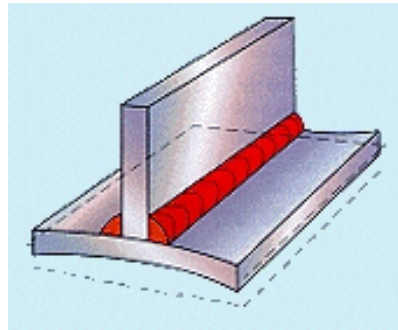
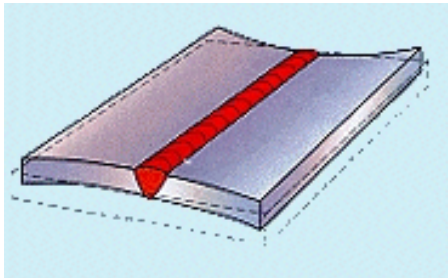


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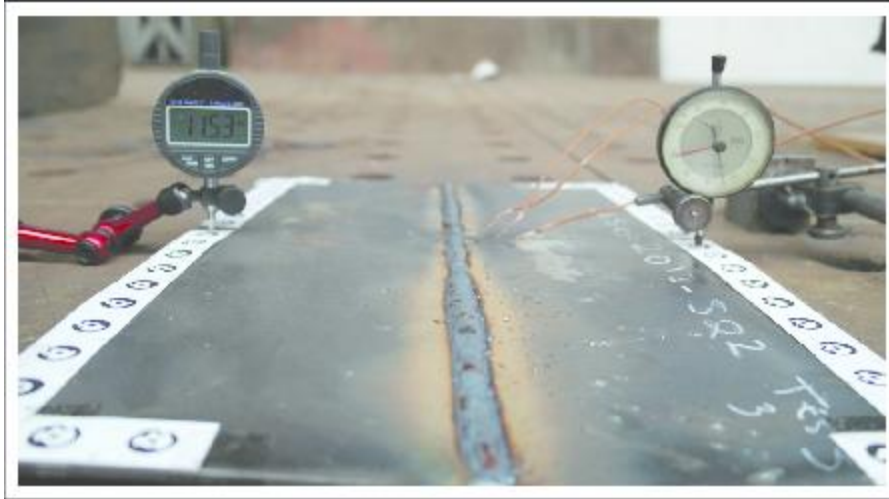


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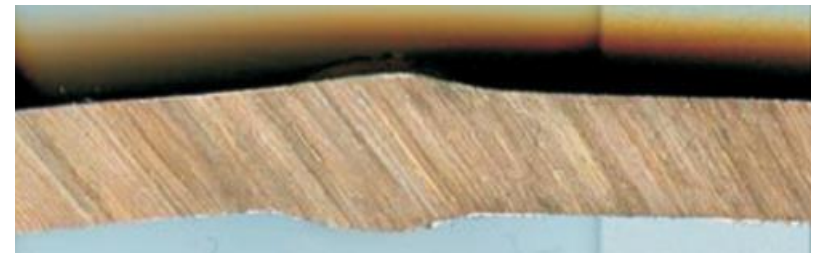
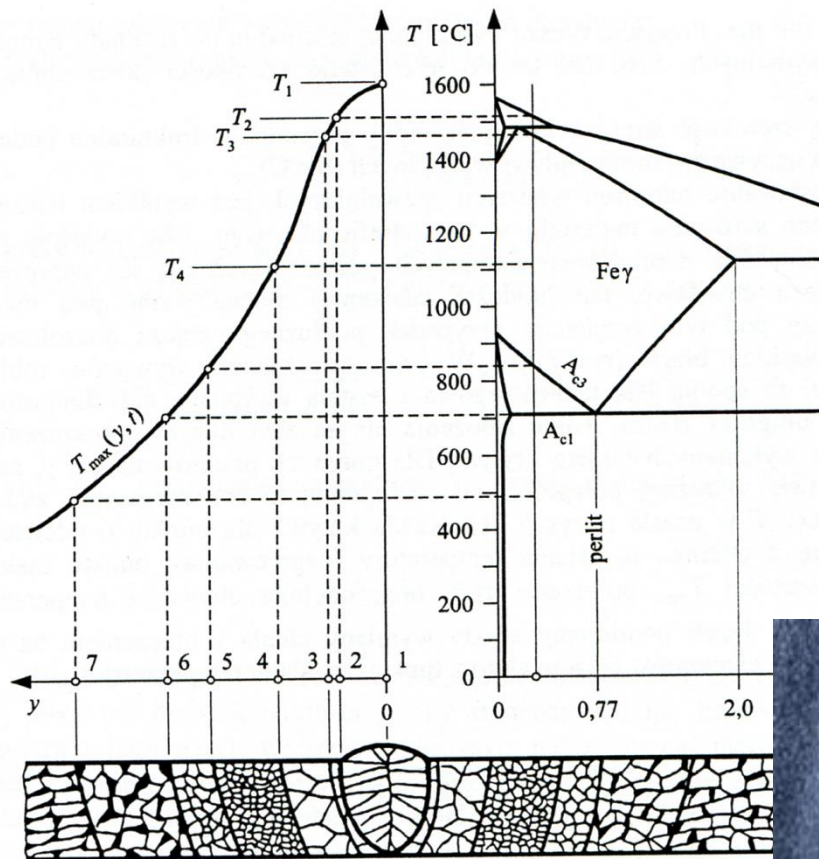


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8. The side effect of the local remelting of the material is the re-crystallization process. This causes local changes in the mechanical parameters of the material.

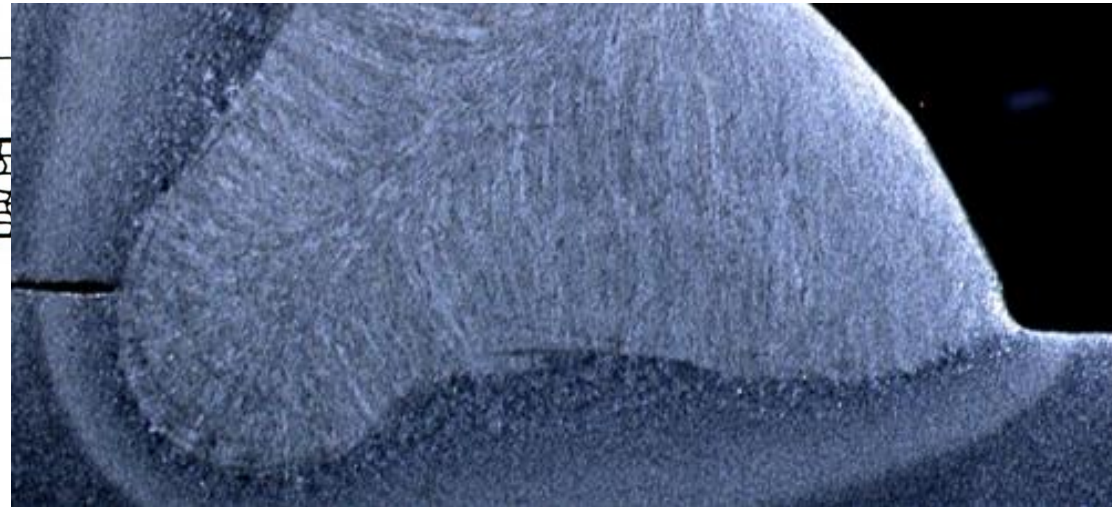


Photo: Konstrukcje stalowe, K. Rykaluk,  
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9. Last reason of imperfections during welding process: secondary pollutions and microdamages. This is the reason for the greatest number of imperfections.



The number of imperfections generated during welding process is much greater than during other machining processes.

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Example: bar bracing with gusset plate



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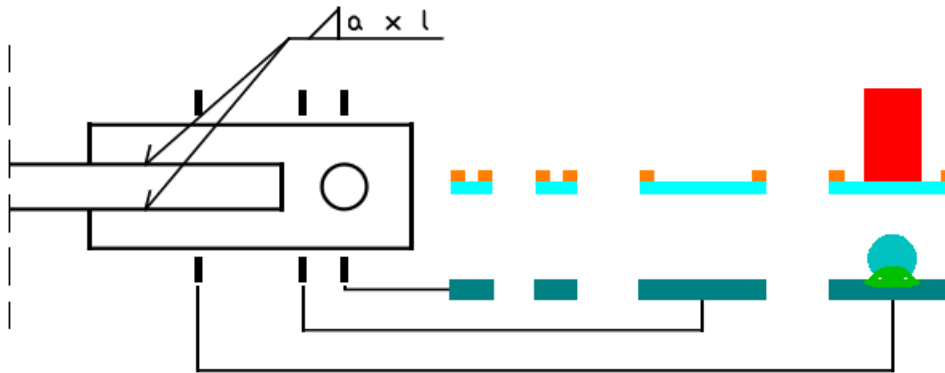


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Approximation: average number of imperfections:  
„normal” structural imperfections in steel plate  
effect of material processing (cutting, making holes...)  
effect of welding process

## Structural imperfections in steel plate (#t / 12 – 17)

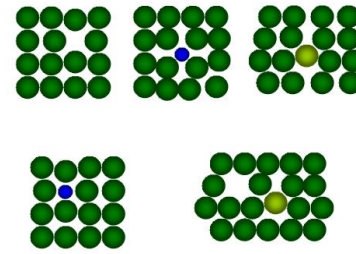


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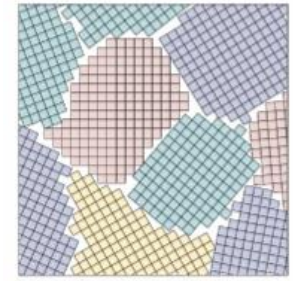


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**Additional effects of material processing** (#t / 18 – 25): plastic deformations, local hardening of steel, local cracking...



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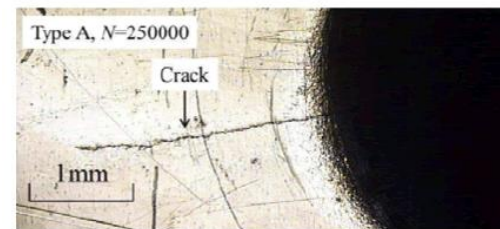
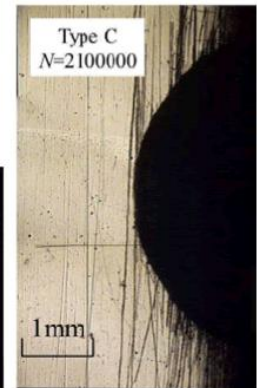


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**Additional effects of welding process** (#t / 26 – 29): secondary pollutions (gas bubbles, ash) introduced during welding, local deformation of plates, cracks as effect of thermal shrinkage...

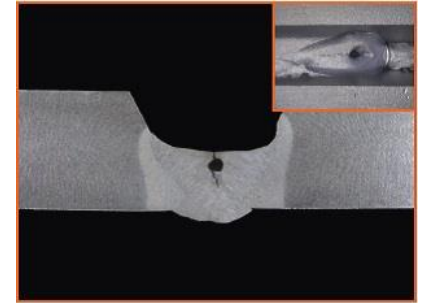
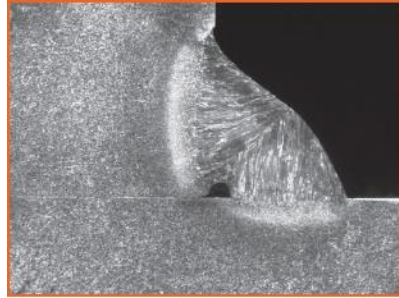


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Ability and experience of worker ↓ → number of welding imperfection ↑ → quality level of welds ↓

Accepted number of welding imperfection is limited by Execution Class. (→ #t / 47).

Annealing – increasing of temperature, keeping element in this temperature for long time (it's need to change internal structure), very slow decreasing of temperature;

Annealing 1100° C → **homogeneous internal structure (chemical and crystalline), homogenize the mechanical characteristics;**

Annealing 800 - 100° C → **fragmentation of crystals**, increasing strength;

Annealing 500 - 600° C → **reduction of residual stresses;**

Quenching – increasing of temperature, keeping element in this temperature for long time (it's need to change internal structure), very quick decreasing of temperature → increasing hardness and fragility;

Tempering – increasing of temperature, keeping element in this temperature for long time (it's need to change internal structure), slow decreasing of temperature;

Tempering 600° C → high strength, **decreasing hardness;**

Tempering 400° C → high strength, high plasticity, **decreasing hardness;**

Tempering 200° C → reduction of quenching stresses and fragility, high hardness;

More information → lab. #5

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## Geometrical imperfections and technical requirements

How big values of deformations are acceptable?

EN 1090 Execution of steel and aluminum structures:

1090-1 Requirements for conformity assessment of structural components

1090-2 Technical requirements for steel structures

1090-3 Technical requirements for aluminium structures

According to EN 1090, geometrical imperfections are divided as follow:

	Manufacturing	Erection
Essential	U.L.S.	U.L.S.
Functional	S.L.S. (class 1, class 2)	S.L.S. (class 1, class 2)

Manufacturing – created in assembly room, generally;

Erection – created on construction site, generally;

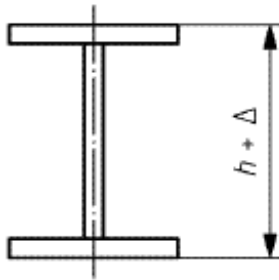
Essential – basic; for secondary elements;

Functional – important part of structure; avoiding inaccuracies in connections, aesthetic reasons

# Examples of Essential – Manufacturing

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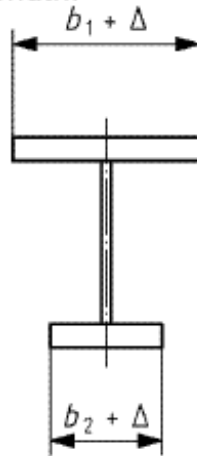
Depth:



Overall depth  $h$ :

$\Delta = - h / 50$   
(no positive value given)

Flange width:



Width  $b = b_1$  or  $b_2$ :

$\Delta = - b / 100$   
(no positive value given)

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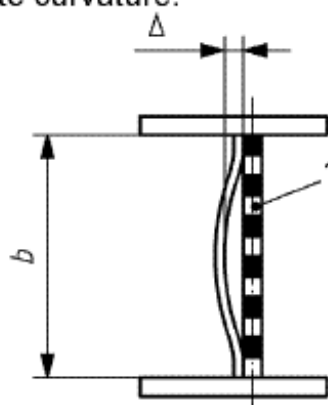
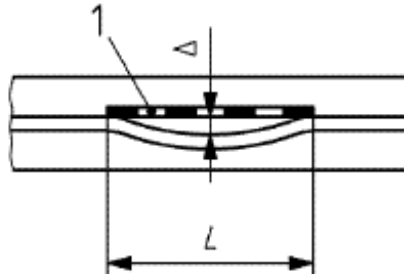
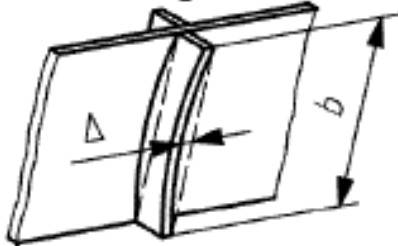
<p>Plate curvature:</p> 	<p>Deviation <math>\Delta</math> over plate height <math>b</math>:</p>	<p><math>\Delta = \pm b/200</math> if <math>b/t \leq 80</math></p> <p><math>\Delta = \pm b^2/(16\ 000\ t)</math> if <math>80 &lt; b/t \leq 200</math></p> <p><math>\Delta = \pm b/80</math> if <math>b/t &gt; 200</math></p> <p>but <math> \Delta  \geq t</math> (<math>t</math> = plate thickness)</p>
<p>Web distortion:</p> 	<p>Deviation <math>\Delta</math> on gauge length <math>L</math> equal to web height <math>b</math> (see (4))</p>	<p><math>\Delta = \pm b/100</math> but <math> \Delta  \geq t</math> (<math>t</math> = plate thickness)</p>

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In plane straightness:

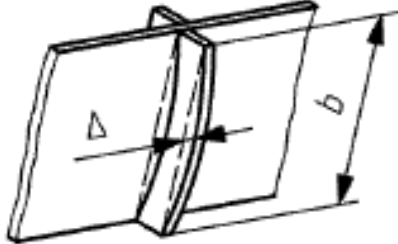


Deviation  $\Delta$  from straightness in the plane of the web:

$$\Delta = \pm b/250$$

but  $|\Delta| \geq 4 \text{ mm}$

Out of plane straightness:



Deviation  $\Delta$  from straightness normal to the plane of the web:

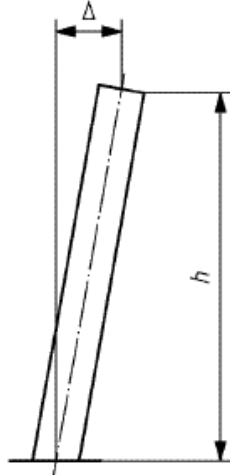
$$\Delta = \pm b/500$$

but  $|\Delta| \geq 4 \text{ mm}$

# Examples of Essential – Erection

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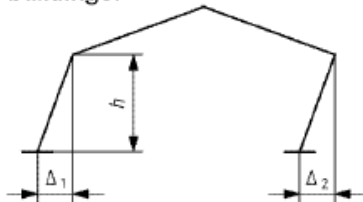
Inclination of columns of single storey buildings



Overall inclination in storey height  $h$ :

$$\Delta = \pm h/300$$

Inclination of single storey columns in portal frame buildings:



Mean inclination of all the columns in the same frame:

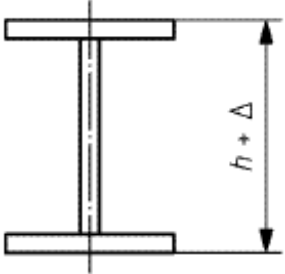
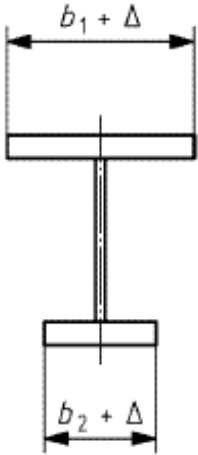
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$$\Delta = (\Delta_1 + \Delta_2)/2 ]$$

$$\Delta = \pm h/500$$

# Examples of Functional – Manufacturing

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<p>Depth:</p> 	<p>Overall depth <math>h</math>:</p> <p><math>h \leq 900</math> mm  <math>900 &lt; h \leq 1\,800</math> mm  <math>h &gt; 1\,800</math> mm</p>	<p><math>\Delta = \pm 3</math> mm  <math>\Delta = \pm h/300</math>  <math>\Delta = \pm 6</math> mm</p>	<p><math>\Delta = \pm 2</math> mm  <math>\Delta = \pm h/450</math>  <math>\Delta = \pm 4</math> mm</p>
<p>Flange width:</p> 	<p>Width <math>b_1</math> or <math>b_2</math></p>	<p><math>+ \Delta = b/100</math>  but <math> \Delta  \geq 3</math> mm</p>	<p><math>+ \Delta = b/100</math>  but <math> \Delta  \geq 2</math> mm</p>

# Examples of Functional – Erection

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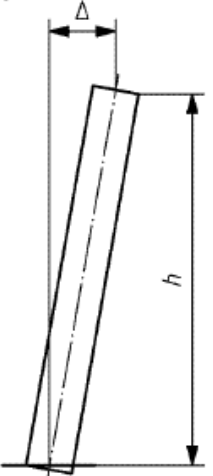
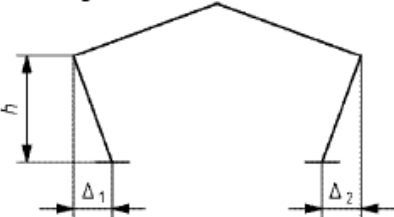
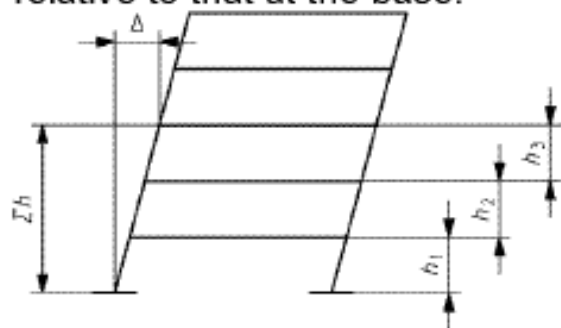
<p>Inclination of columns of single storey buildings generally</p> 	<p>Overall inclination</p>	$\Delta = \pm h/300$	$\Delta = \pm h/500$
<p>Inclination of individual columns in single storey portal frame buildings:</p> 	<p>Inclination <math>\Delta</math> of each column: <math>\Delta = \Delta_1</math> or <math>\Delta_2</math></p>	$\Delta = \pm h/150$	$\Delta = \pm h/300$

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Location at each storey level, relative to that at the base:

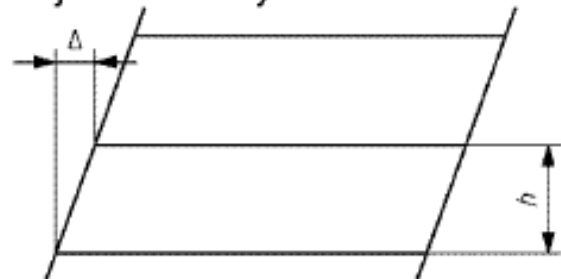


Location of the column in plan, relative to a vertical line through its centre at base level

$$|\Delta| = \Sigma h / (300 \sqrt{n})$$

$$|\Delta| = \Sigma h / (500 \sqrt{n})$$

Inclination of a column, between adjacent storey levels:



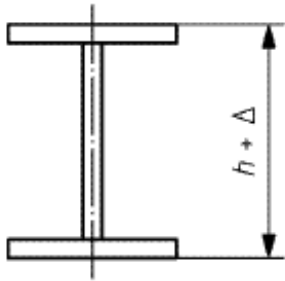
Location of the column in plan, relative to a vertical line through its centre at the next lower level

$$\Delta = \pm h / 500$$

$$\Delta = \pm h / 1\,000$$

## Example

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$h = 800 \text{ mm}$

	Class	$\Delta$	Manufacturing	Erection
Essential	Not applicable	+	<u>0 mm</u>	Not applicable
		-	$h / 50 = 16 \text{ mm}$	
Functional	1	+	3 mm	
		-	<u>3 mm</u>	
	2	+	2 mm	
		-	<u>2 mm</u>	

Conclusion: +0mm, -2 mm or -3 mm according to class

Wymiary w milimetrach

Gwint (d)					M1,6	M2	M2,5	M3	M4							
P <sup>a</sup>					0,35	0,4	0,45	0,5	0,7							
(b)	b				9	10	11	12	14							
	c				15	16	17	18	20							
	d				28	29	30	31	33							
d <sub>s</sub>	nom. = max				1,60	2,00	2,50	3,00	4,00							
	Klasa dokładności	A	min.	A	1,46	1,86	2,36	2,86	3,82							
				B	1,35	1,75	2,25	2,75	3,70							
e	Klasa dokładności	A	min.	A	3,41	4,32	5,45	6,01	7,66							
				B	3,28	4,18	5,31	5,88	7,50							
k	nom.				1,1	1,4	1,7	2	2,8							
	Klasa dokładności	A	max	A	1,225	1,525	1,825	2,125	2,925							
				min.	0,975	1,275	1,575	1,875	2,675							
	Klasa dokładności	B	max	B	1,3	1,6	1,9	2,2	3,0							
				min.	0,9	1,2	1,5	1,8	2,6							
s	nom. = max				3,20	4,00	5,00	5,50	7,00							
	Klasa dokładności	A	min.	A	3,02	3,82	4,82	5,32	6,78							
				B	2,90	3,70	4,70	5,20	6,64							
Klasa dokładności																
					<i>l<sub>s</sub> i l<sub>g</sub><sup>a, f</sup></i>											
<i>l</i>					<i>l<sub>s</sub></i>		<i>l<sub>g</sub></i>		<i>l<sub>s</sub></i>		<i>l<sub>g</sub></i>		<i>l<sub>s</sub></i>		<i>l<sub>g</sub></i>	
nom.	min.	max	min.	max	min.	max	min.	max	min.	max	min.	max	min.	max	min.	max
12	11,65	12,35	-	-	1,2	3										
16	15,65	16,35	-	-	5,2	7	4	6	2,75	5						
20	19,58	20,42	18,95	21,05			8	10	6,75	9	5,5	8				
25	24,58	25,42	23,95	26,05					11,75	14	10,5	13	7,5	11		
30	29,58	30,42	28,95	31,05							15,5	18	12,5	16		
35	34,5	35,5	33,75	36,25									17,5	21		
40	39,5	40,5	38,75	41,25									22,5	26		
45	44,5	45,5	43,75	46,25												
50	49,5	50,5	48,75	51,25												
55	54,4	55,6	53,5	56,5												
60	59,4	60,6	58,5	61,5												
65	64,4	65,6	63,5	66,5												
70	69,4	70,6	68,5	71,5												

The dimensions of the bolts are subject to other standards. The minimum and maximum allowable dimensions are given, for example, in the design tables.

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## Imperfections as effect of drilling:

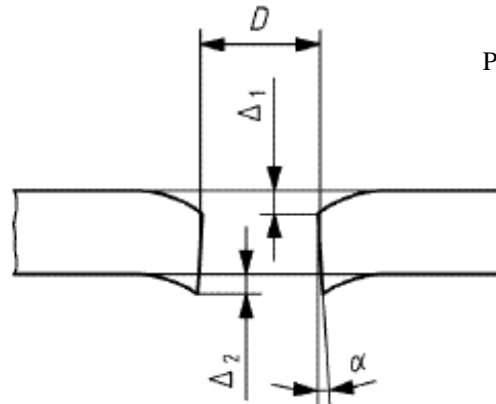


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$$D = (d_{\min} + d_{\max}) / 2$$

$$\max (\Delta_1 ; \Delta_2) \leq \max (D / 10 ; 1 \text{ mm})$$

$$\alpha \leq 4^\circ = 7\%$$

EN 1993-1-1 2.4.2 (1)

## 2.4.2 Design values of geometrical data

(1) Geometrical data for cross-sections and systems may be taken from product standards hEN or drawings for the execution to EN 1090 and treated as nominal values.

If geometrical imperfections do not exceed the permissible values, nominal dimensions are assumed for the calculation (assumed in the design project).

## Execution class

There are two classes of imperfections for functional geometrical imperfections. They depend on execution class.

What is the way to determine type of execution class?

Consequences classes		CC1		CC2		CC3	
Service categories		SC1	SC2	SC1	SC2	SC1	SC2
Production categories	PC1	EXC1	EXC2	EXC2	EXC3	EXC3	EXC3
	PC2	EXC2	EXC2	EXC2	EXC3	EXC3	EXC4
Class of imperfection		1			2		

EN 1090-2 tab B.3

If we can't make accurate analysis, we assume EXC2.

# Consequences classes - effects of structure destruction

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Consequences classes	Description	Examples
CC3	<p><b>High consequence</b> for loss of human life</p> <p>or</p> <p>economic, social or environmental consequences <b>very heavy</b></p>	<p>Grandstands; public buildings where consequences of failure are high</p>
CC2	<p><b>Medium</b> for loss of human life</p> <p>or</p> <p>economic, social or environmental consequences <b>considerable</b></p>	<p>Residential; office buildings; public buildings where consequences of failure are medium</p>
CC1	<p><b>Low</b> for loss of human life</p> <p>and</p> <p>economic, social or environmental consequences <b>small or negligible</b></p>	<p>Agricultural buildings where people do not normally enter; greenhouses</p>

EN 1990 tab B1

## Effects for designing and executing; EN 1990, tab. B1 + B4 + B5

Consequences classes	Design Supervision Levels (during designing)	Characteristics	Minimum recommended requirements	Inspection Level (during execution)	Characteristics	Requirements
CC3	DSL3	Extended supervision	Third part checking (performed by an organisation different from that, which has prepared the design)	IL3	Extended inspection	Third party inspection
CC2	DSL2	Normal supervision	Checking by different person, that those originally responsible and in accordance with the procedure of the organisation	IL2	Normal inspection	Inspection in accordance with the procedures of the organisation
CC1	DSL1	Normal supervision	Self-checking (performed by the person, who has prepared the design)	IL1	Normal inspection	Self inspection

Production categories: EN 1090-2 tab. B.2

Categories	Criteria
PC1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◆ Non welded components manufactured from any steel grade products;</li><li>◆ Welded components manufactures from steel grade products below S355;</li></ul>
PC2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◆ Welded components manufactured from steel grade products from S355 and above;</li><li>◆ Components essential for structural integrity that are assembled by welding on construction site;</li><li>◆ Components with hot forming manufacturing or receiving thermic treatment during manufacturing;</li><li>◆ Components of CHS lattice girders requiring end profile cuts;</li></ul>

Service categories: EN 1090-2 tab. B.1

Categories	Criteria
SC1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Structures and components designed for quasi static actions only (example: buildings);</li> <li>◆ Structures and components with their connections designed for seismic actions in regions with low seismic activity and in DCL*;</li> <li>◆ Structures and components designeg for fatigue actions from cranes (class <math>S_0</math>)**;</li> </ul>
SC2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Structures and components designed for fatigue actions according to EN 1993 (examples" roads and railway bridges, cranes (class <math>S_1</math> to <math>S_9</math>)**, structures susceptible to vibrations induced by wind, crowd or rotaring machinery);</li> <li>◆ Structures and components with their conections designed for seismic actions in regions with medium or risk seismic activity and in DCM* and DCH*;</li> </ul>

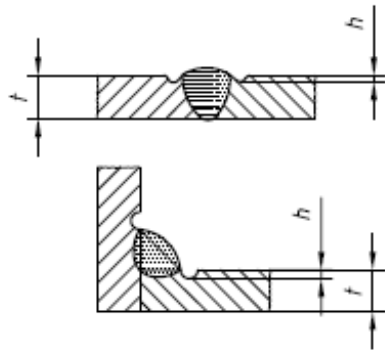
\* DCL, DCM, DCH: ductility calsses according to EN 1998-1;

\*\* For classification of fatigue actions from cranes, see EN 1991-3 and EN 13 001-1

Welds quality as a function of Execution Class (EN 1090-2 tab 7.6)

Execution classes	Quality level for welded joints
EXC1	D
EXC2	C (generally) D (undercut, overlap, stray arc, end crater pipe)
EXC3	B
EXC4	B+

No.	ISO 6520-1 reference	Imperfection designation	Remarks	<i>t</i> mm	Limits for imperfections for quality levels		
					D	C	B
1.7	5011 5012	Continuous undercut Intermittent undercut	Smooth transition is required. This is not regarded as a systematic imperfection.	0,5 to 3	Short imperfections: $h \leq 0,2 t$	Short imperfections: $h \leq 0,1 t$	Not permitted
				> 3	$h \leq 0,2 t$ , but max. 1 mm	$h \leq 0,1 t$ , but max. 0,5 mm	$h \leq 0,05 t$ , but max. 0,5 mm



EN ISO 5817 tab. 1 - limits of imperfections for quality level

Imperfection designation		Limits for imperfections <sup>a</sup>
undercut (5011, 5012)		not permitted
internal pores (2011 to 2014)	Butt welds	$d \leq 0,1 s$ , but max. 2 mm
	Fillet welds	$d \leq 0,1 a$ , but max. 2 mm
solid inclusions (300)	Butt welds	$h \leq 0,1 s$ , but max. 1 mm $l \leq s$ , but max. 10 mm
	Fillet welds	$h \leq 0,1 a$ , but max. 1 mm $l \leq a$ , but max. 10 mm
linear misalignment (507)		$h < 0,05 t$ , but max. 2 mm
root concavity (515)		Not permitted

EN 1090-2 tab. 17 - additional requirement for B+

Type of weld	Shop and site welds		
	EXC2	EXC3	EXC4
Transverse butt welds and partial penetration welds in butt joints subjected to tensile stress:			
$U \geq 0,5$	10 %	20 %	100 %
$U < 0,5$	0 %	10 %	50 %
Transverse butt welds and partial penetration welds:			
in cruciform joints	10 %	20 %	100 %
in T joints	5 %	10 %	50 %
Transverse fillet welds in tension or shear:			

EN 1090-2 tab. 24 – range of non-destructive tests (NDT), for example X-ray, made for determining the real level of imperfections.

For good-quality weld: real level of imperfections  $\leq$  limit.

Otherwise weld must be deleted and made once again.

Conclusion: more responsible structure (higher CC) require a greater safety margin in design, more accurate design supervision and more accurate supervision level.

In turn, "troublesome" structure (higher EXC):

due to welding on assembly, use of high-strength steel or a specific method of processing during execution (higher PC),

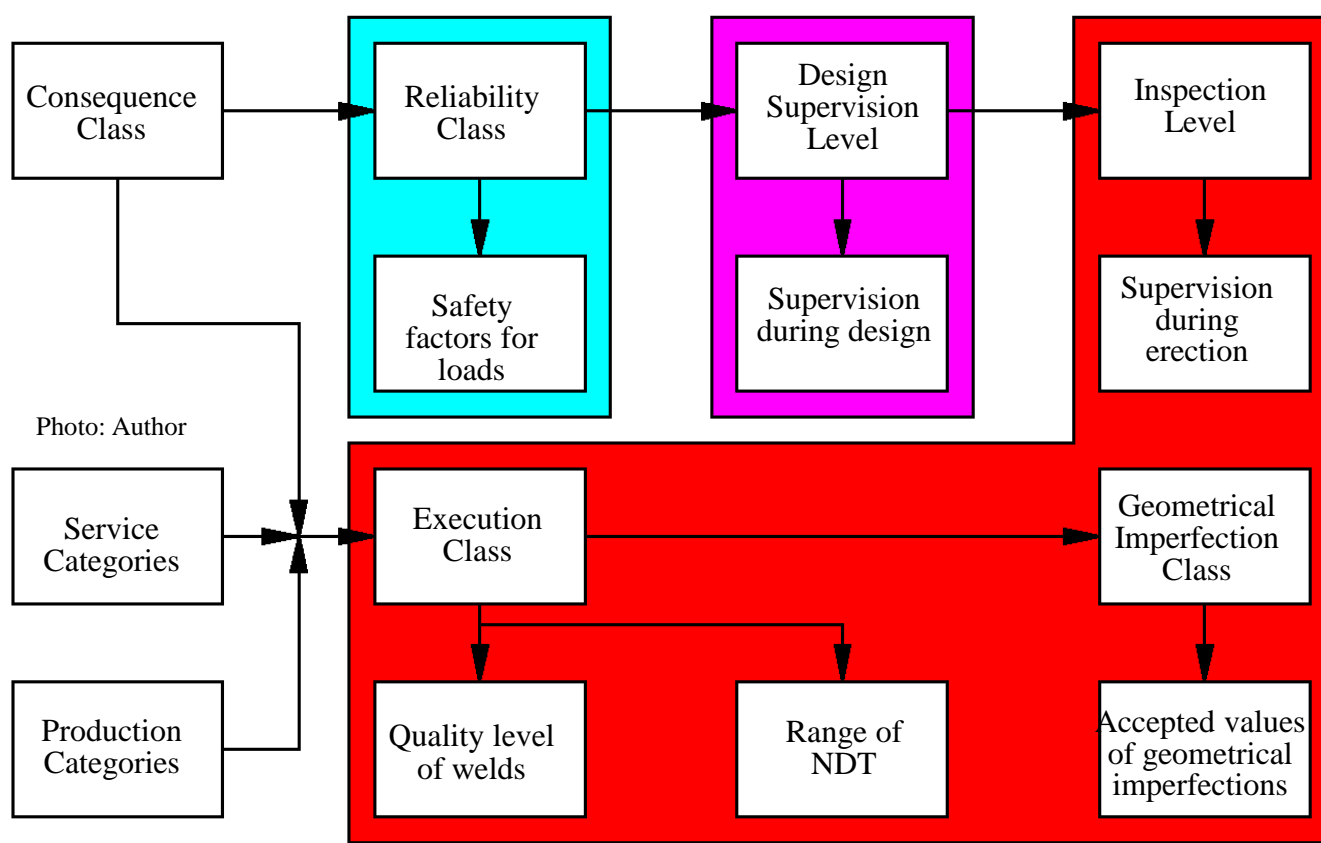
or

significant dynamic load value (higher SC)

or

more responsible (higher CC)

require more accurate execution: they have lower values of acceptable imperfections, require higher quality welds and a greater range of control of their implementation.



**Differentiation of loads for more or less important structures**

**A system to minimize the possibility of error during design proces**

**A system to minimize the possibility of error during manufacturing and erection**

System protection of the structure against errors and imperfections includes design, manufacturing and assembly. For the more responsible structure (CC ↑ SC ↑ PC ↑ ) high quality of welds, small geometrical imperfections and detailed supervision of design and assembly are necessary.

Welds with too low quality or elements with too big imperfections must be removed and made again.

## Design proces

Imperfections are taken into consideration in many various way during design proces. Generally: we analyse ideal geometry, ideal material and effect of imperfections by one of few methods.

These methods can be divided as follows:

- general principles for design and erection, based on the experience of many generations of engineers;
- additional parameters describing the impact of imperfection on the material;
- indirect consideration of imperfections in calculations;
- equivalent loads from imperfections in calculations.

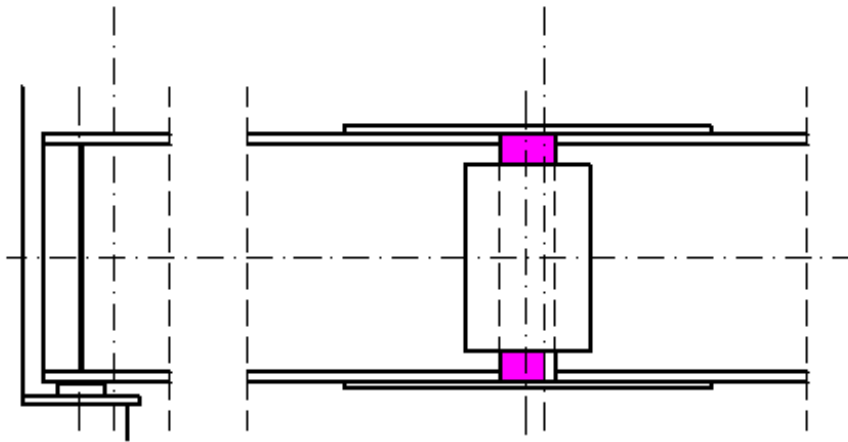
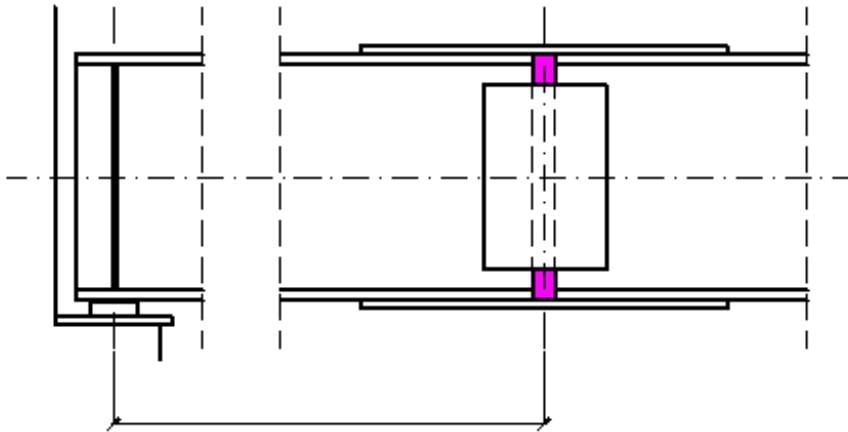
Equivalent loads base on geometry of structure and cross-sectional forces in elements. The cross-sectional forces are calculated taking into account the safety factors  $\gamma$  for loads. Therefore, equivalent forces do not have to be multiplied once again by the factors  $\gamma$ .

# Theoretical axial distance

## General principles, selected examples (change of dimensions to compensate)

### 1. Compensation gaps

Gap can compensate difference between theoretical and real position of support.



Bigger axial distance

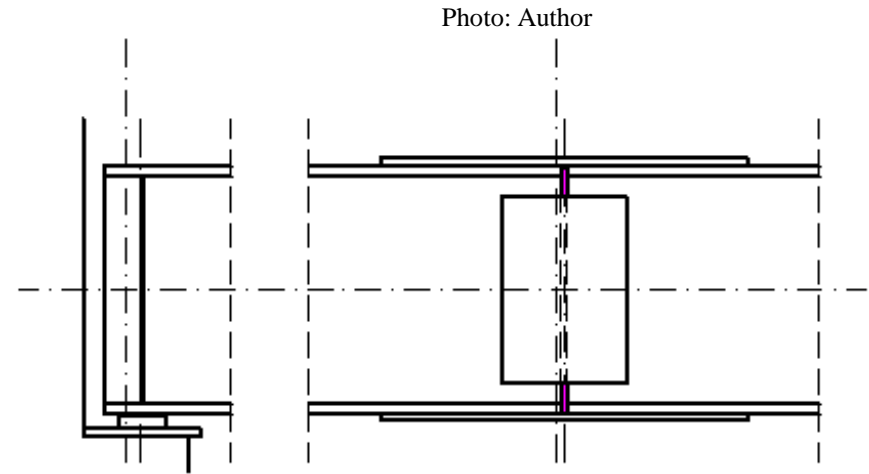


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Smaller axial distance

Effect of compensation: bolts holes in I-beam and plates are in different places.

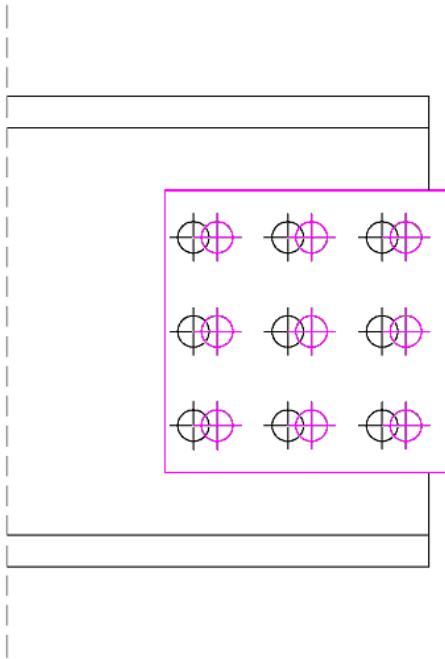


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Because of this, slotted holes are applied in steel structures.



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Oversize and slotted holes are not accepted for preloaded bolts. Better solutions are holes made on construction site, after measuring the actual bolts position.

## 2. Tension joint: compensation

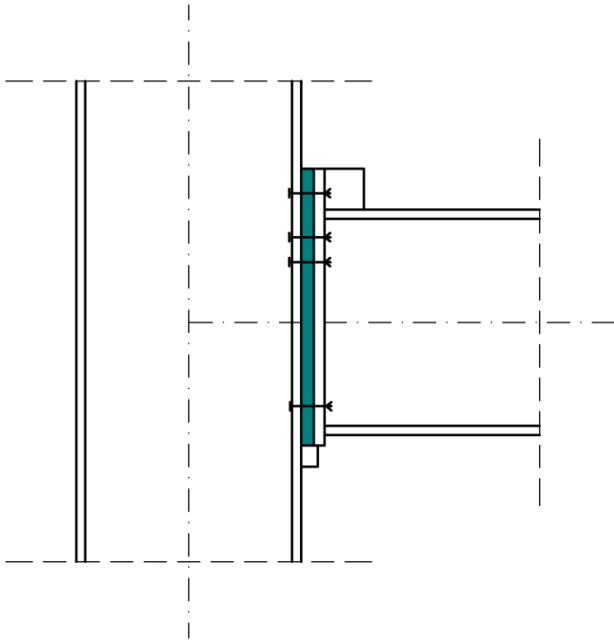


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Length of beams should be a little smaller than theoretical distance between columns.  
Difference of length is compensate by packing plate.

### 3. Support of columns

Accuracy for steel structures - to 1 mm. Accuracy for concrete structures (also for position of anchor bolts) - to 10 mm. Diameter of holes for bolts must be very big to enable compensate imperfection for position of anchor bolts.

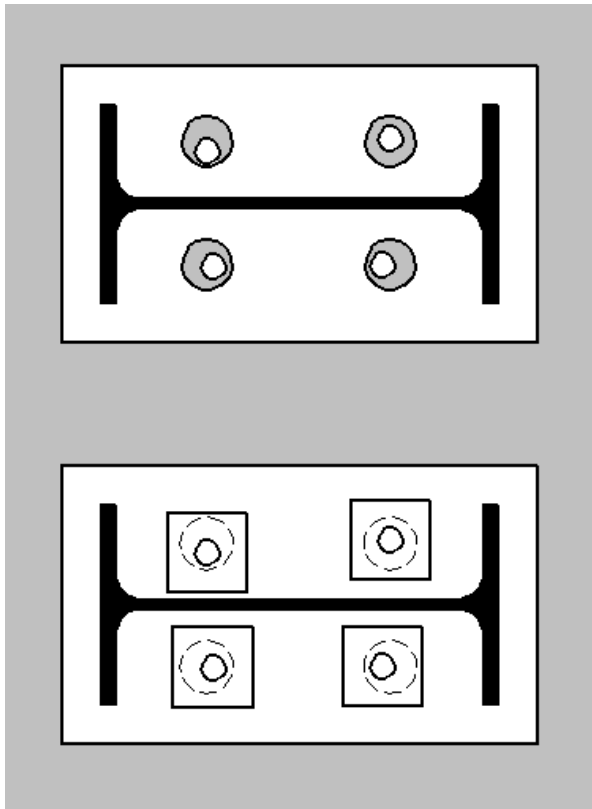


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## 4. Recommendations for welds

There are zones of residual stress concentration for different types of cross-sections. We should avoid or limit welds on black parts of cross-sections. It's important for geometry of welds.

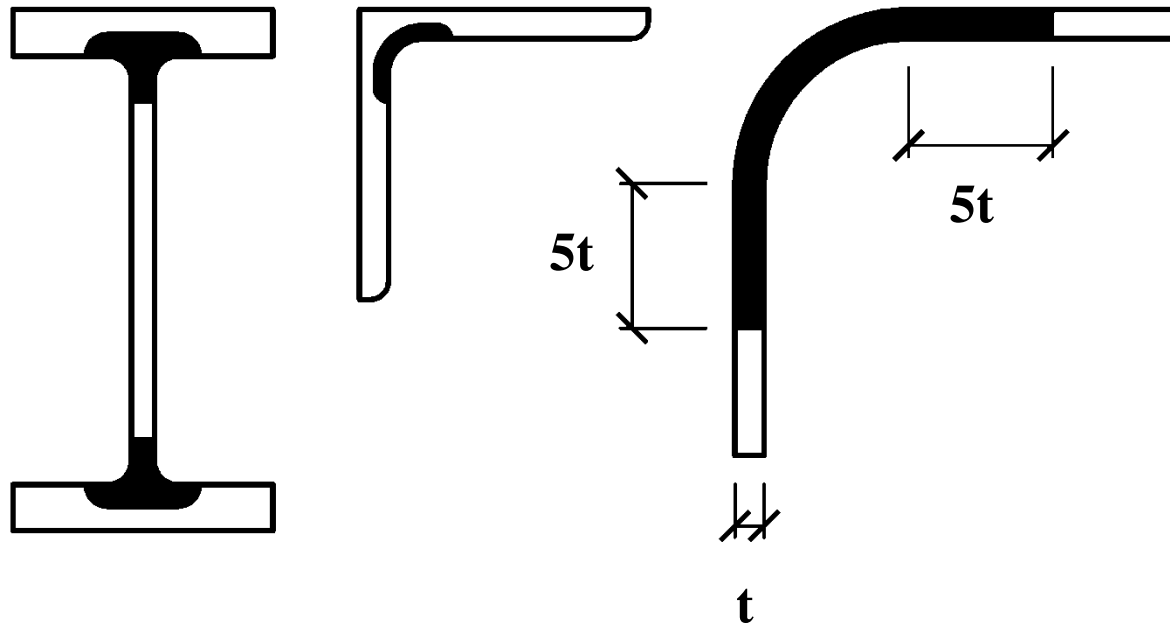
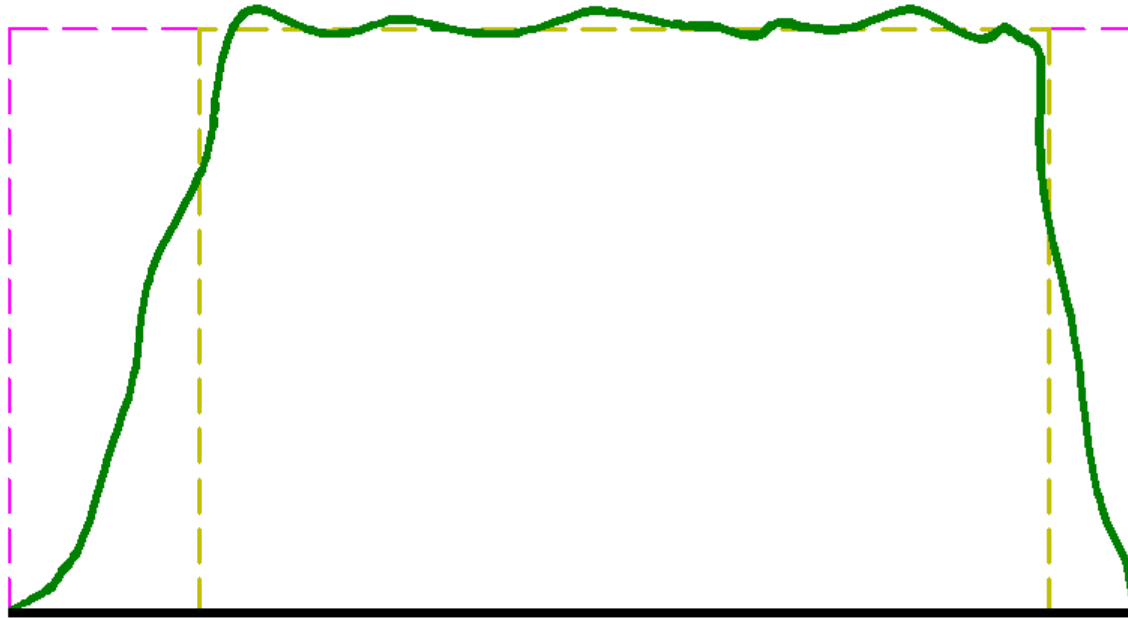


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## Weld quality



Initial part - launch of the welding machine

Final part - possibility of premature shutdown

Theoretical weld quality by mathematical model

Real weld quality

Real weld quality by mathematical model - too short weld in comparison to load

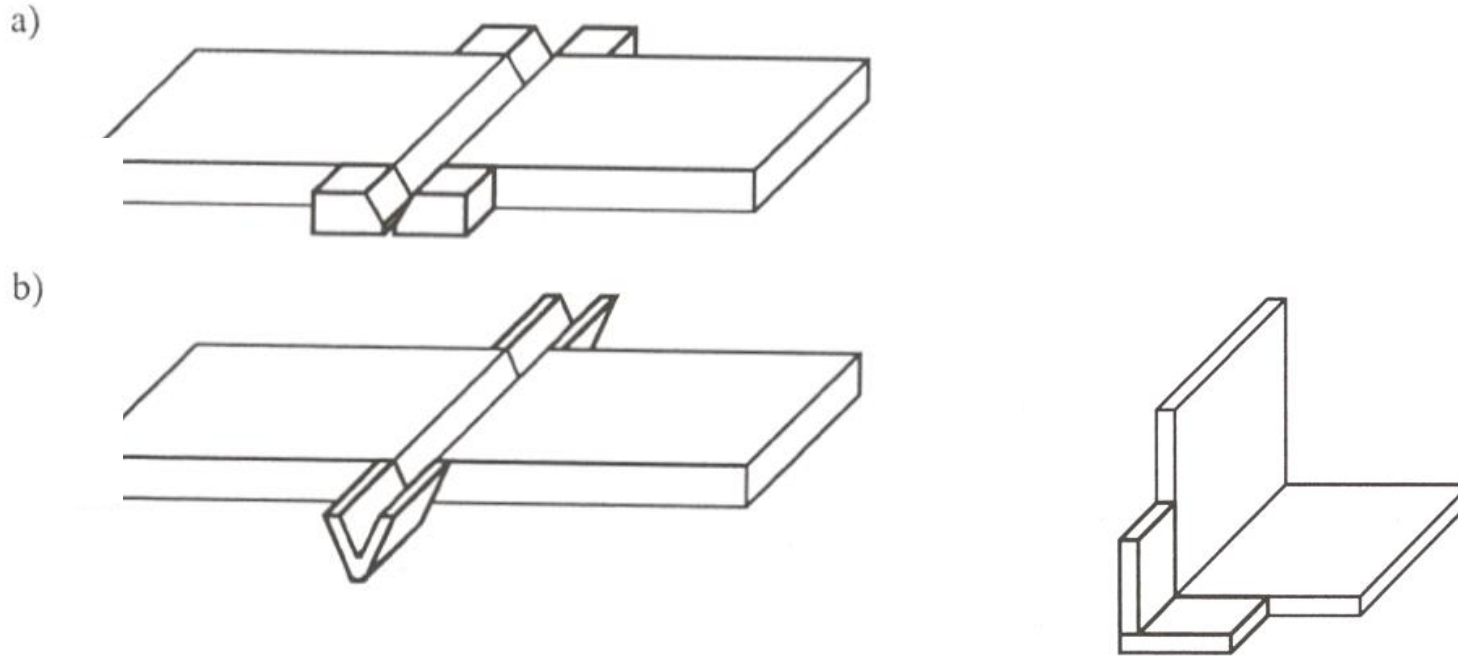
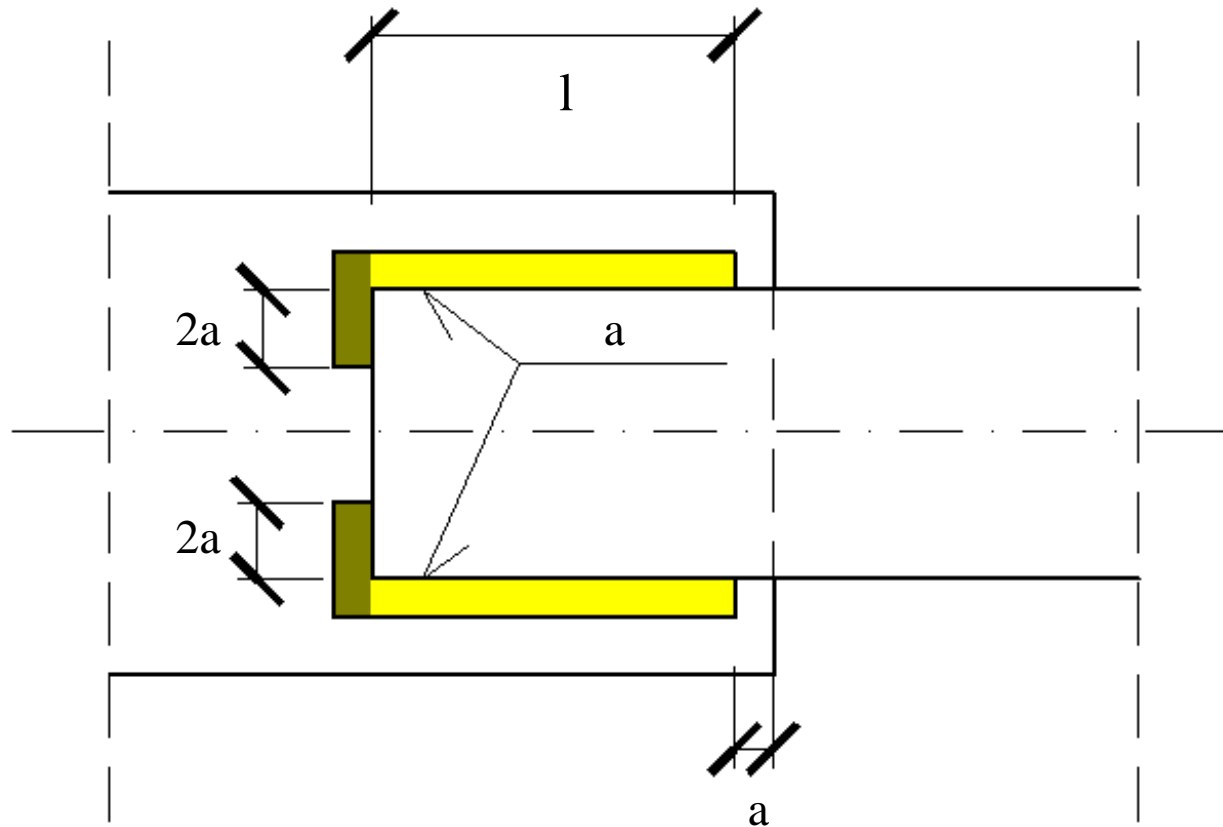


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Run-off plates – initial and final section of the weld are removed

## Filled welds – length of welds without run-off plates



$$l_{(\text{calculations})} = l \quad \text{or} \quad l - 2a \quad \text{or} \quad l + 2a - 2a$$

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## 5. Recommendation for cold-formed purlins

Cold-formed purlins are fixed above top surface of girder, with a small gap. This avoids local deformation and collision as effect of imperfection of purlins when pressed against girder. Cold-formed purlin is thin-walled section. Even small deformations could significantly change its cross-section and reduce bending resistance.

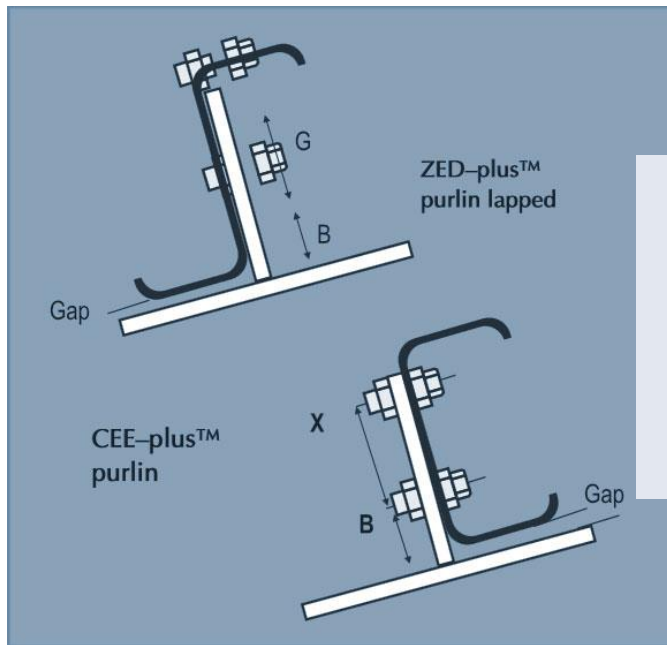


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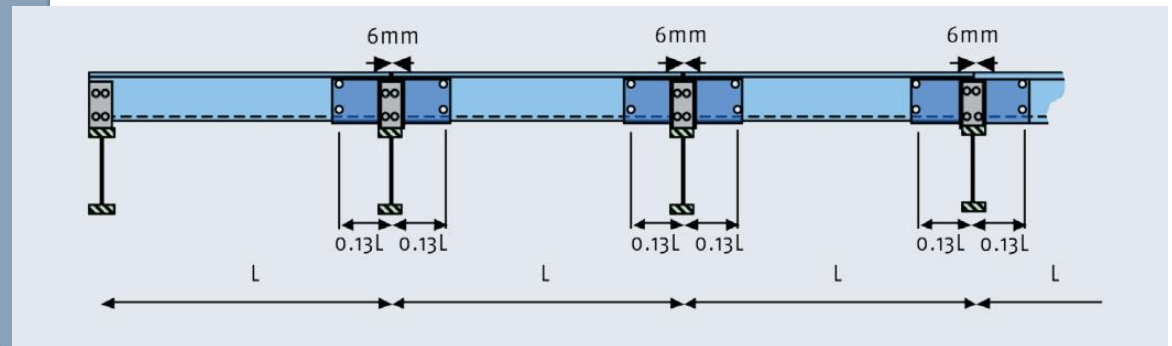


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# Additional parameters

## 1. Safety factors

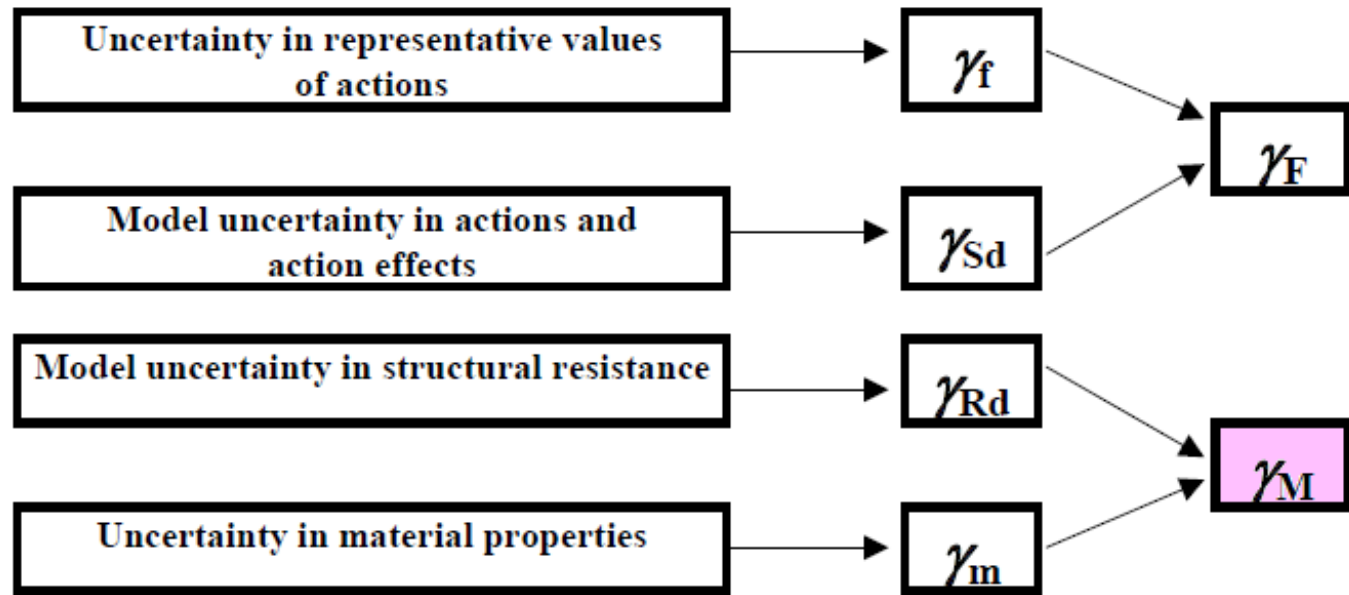


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Uncertainty in material properties means unknown influence of material imperfections

## 2. Recalculation from average value to low quantile (structural imperfections):

$\mu_{Re}$  (average),  $\sigma_{Re}$  (standard deviation),  $f_k$  (lower quantile)

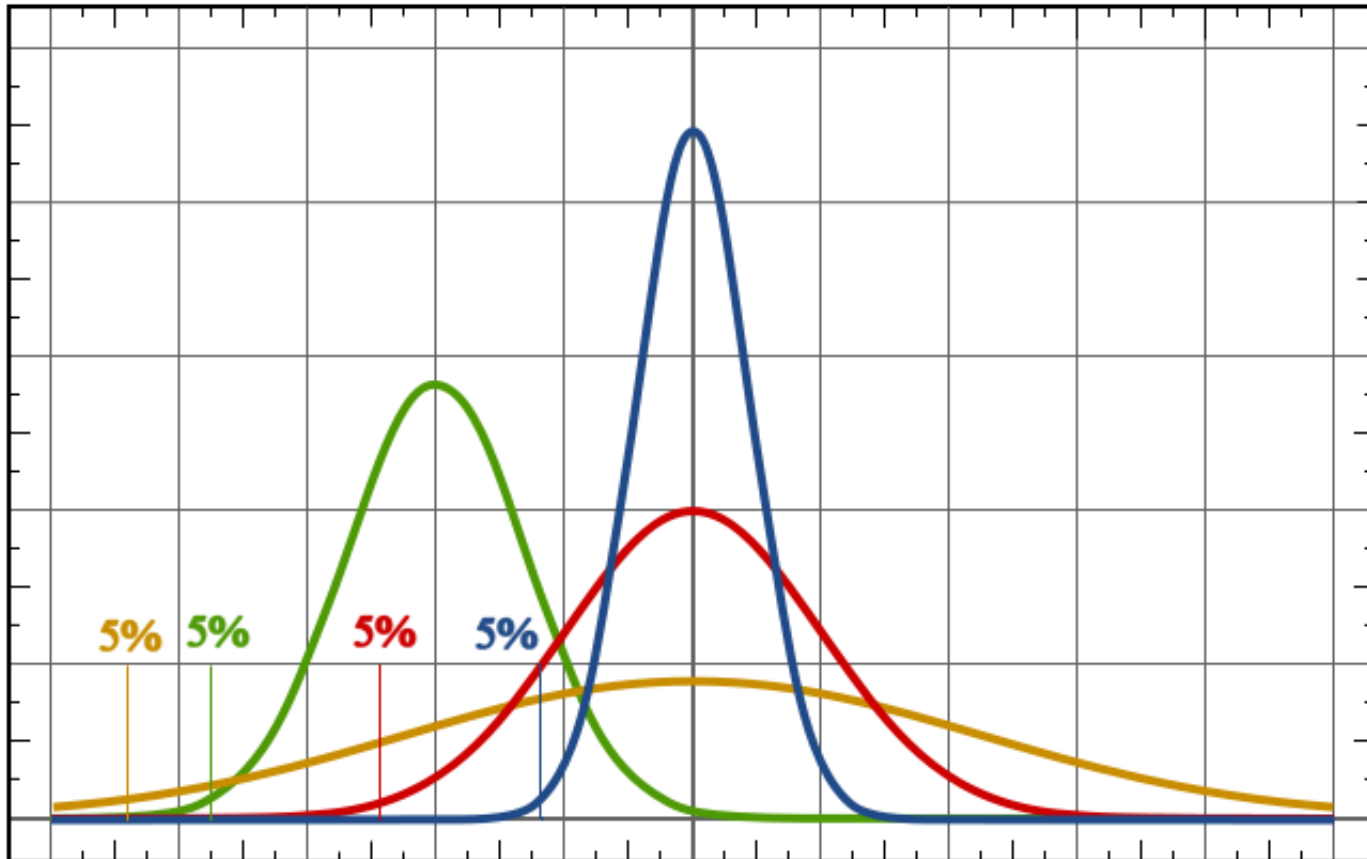
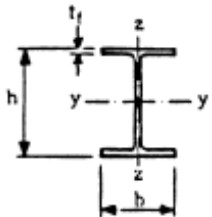
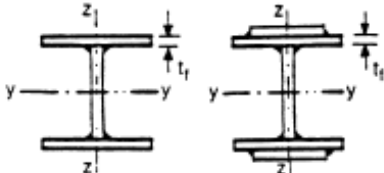



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Cross section	Limits	Buckling about axis	Buckling curve
<b>Rolled I-sections</b> 	$h/b > 1,2$ : $t_f \leq 40 \text{ mm}$	y - y z - z	a b
	$40 \text{ mm} < t_f \leq 100 \text{ mm}$	y - y z - z	b c
	$h/b \leq 1,2$ : $t_f \leq 100 \text{ mm}$	y - y z - z	a b
	$t_f > 100 \text{ mm}$	y - y z - z	d d
<b>Welded I-sections</b> 	$t_f \leq 40 \text{ mm}$	y - y z - z	b c
	$t_f > 40 \text{ mm}$	y - y z - z	c d
<b>Hollow sections</b> 	hot rolled	any	a
	cold formed — using $f_{yk}^*$	any	b
	cold formed — using $f_{yk}^*$	any	c

### 3. Buckling curves

EN 1993-1-1,  
tab. 6.1, 6.2, 6.3, 6.4, 6.5

There are different types of imperfections important for resistance of different types cross-sections.

Buckling curve	a	b	c	d
Imperfection factor $\alpha$	0,21	0,34	0,49	0,76

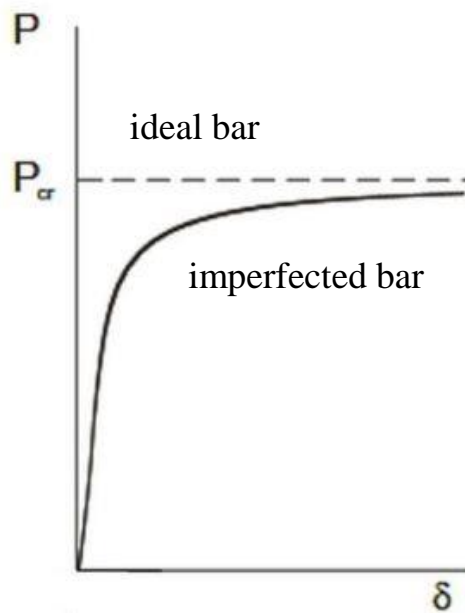
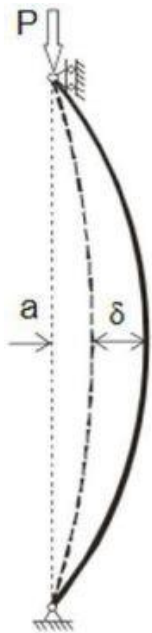


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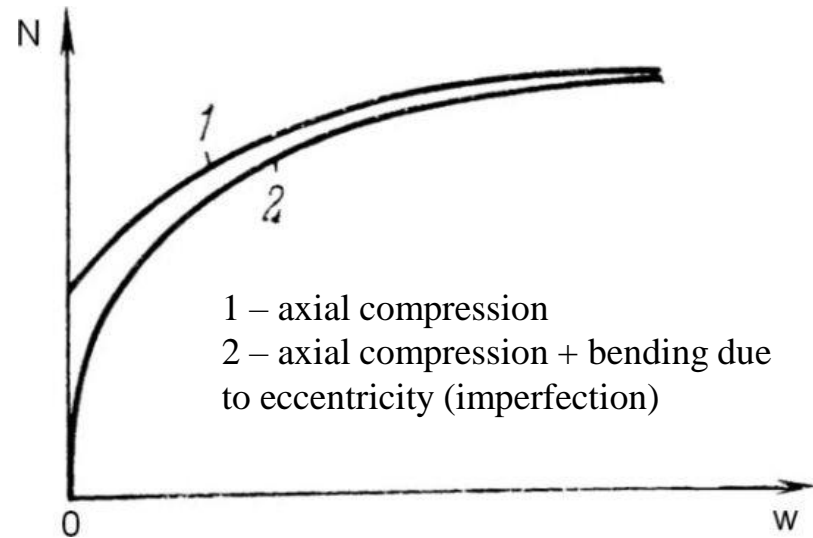
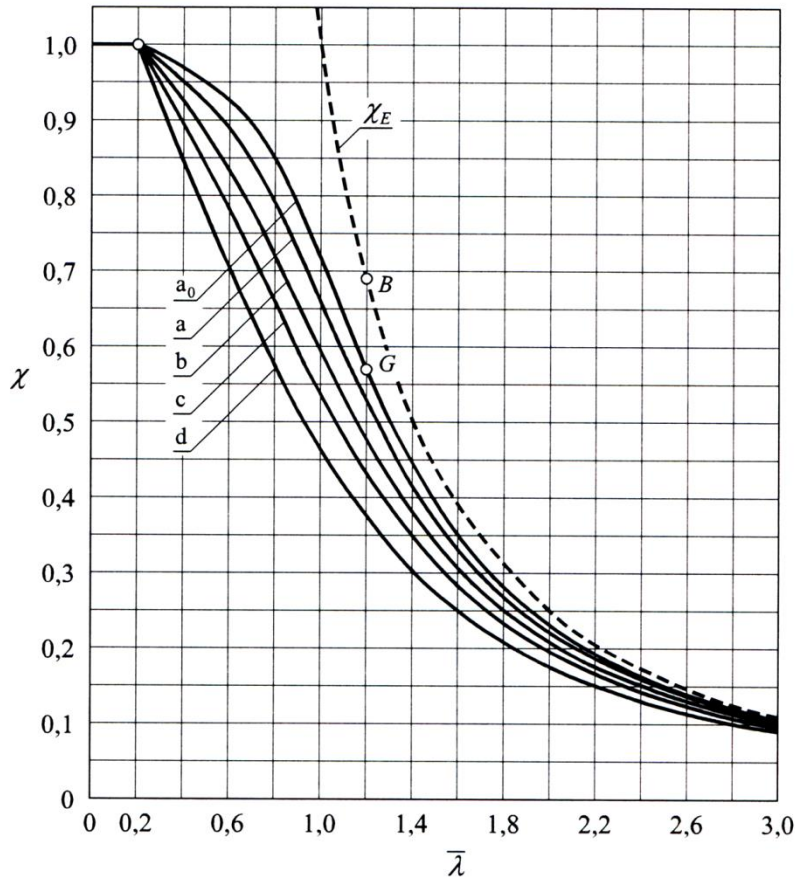


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Imperfections affect the behavior of the compression bars. Generally: increasing of imperfections makes less critical force and the resistance to instability.



Buckling curves according to Eurocode and for ideal (no geometrical and no material imperfections) compressed bar.

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K. Rykaluk, DWE Wrocław 2012

## Indirect considerations

(taking into account the influence of imperfection without declaring their value)

1. Different values of yield strength for different thickness of elements: probability of big unnoticed internal damage is bigger for thicker element (EN 1993-1-1 tab 3.1):

Standard and steel grade	Nominal thickness of the element $t$ [mm]			
	$t \leq 40$ mm		$40 \text{ mm} < t \leq 80$ mm	
	$f_y$ [N/mm <sup>2</sup> ]	$f_u$ [N/mm <sup>2</sup> ]	$f_y$ [N/mm <sup>2</sup> ]	$f_u$ [N/mm <sup>2</sup> ]
<b>EN 10025-2</b>				
S 235	235	360	215	360
S 275	275	430	255	410
S 355	355	490	335	470
S 450	440	550	410	550
<b>EN 10025-3</b>				
S 275 N/NL	275	390	255	370
S 355 N/NL	355	490	335	470
S 420 N/NL	420	520	390	520
S 460 N/NL	460	540	430	540
<b>EN 10025-4</b>				
S 275 M/ML	275	370	255	360
S 355 M/ML	355	470	335	450
S 420 M/ML	420	520	390	500
S 460 M/ML	460	540	430	530
<b>EN 10025-5</b>				
S 235 W	235	360	215	340
S 355 W	355	490	335	490
<b>EN 10025-6</b>				
S 460 Q/QL/QL1	460	570	440	550

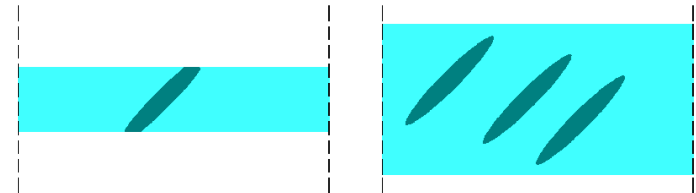
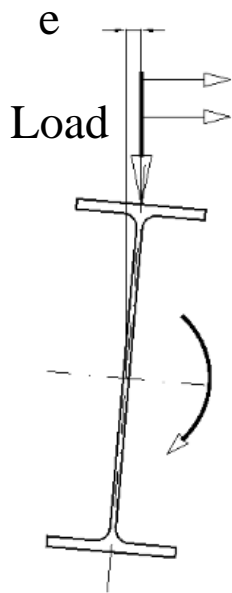


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## 2. Lateral buckling

According to results from Lec #5, critical moment for lateral buckling depends on point of application of load. At the load applied to the upper shelf, the beam loses stability more easily than in the load applied to the bottom shelf.

Application of load	$M_{cr}$ [kNm]	$\lambda_{LT}$	$\chi_{LT}$	$\chi_{LT} W_{pl, y} f_y$ [kNm]	$M_{Ed} / M_{Rd}$
to top flange	91,408	1,271	0,487	71,854	1,113
to centre of shear (= gravity for bi-symmetrical I-beam)	118,515	1,116	0,585	86,323	0,927
to bottom flange	145,635	1,007	0,661	97,509	0,820



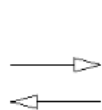
Deformation from initial imperfection

Deformation as the result of torsional moment

$$M_T = \text{Load} \cdot e$$

Initial imperfections make eccentricity  $e$  and torsional moment  $M_T$  as the secondary effect of load.

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Deformation from initial imperfection

Deformation as the result of torsional moment

$$M_T = \text{Load} \cdot e$$

Various points of load's application makes various effects of deformations. These deformations from torsional moment can intensify or weaken the impact of initial imperfections. As a result, the cross-section may lose stability more easily (smaller  $M_{cr}$ ) or more difficult (larger  $M_{cr}$ )

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### 3. Fatigue calculations

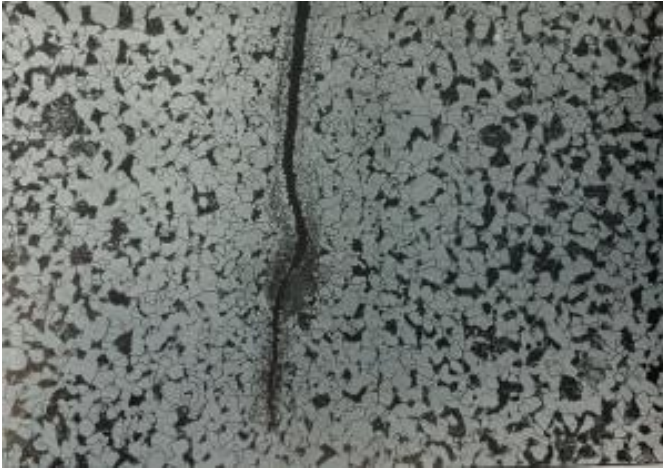


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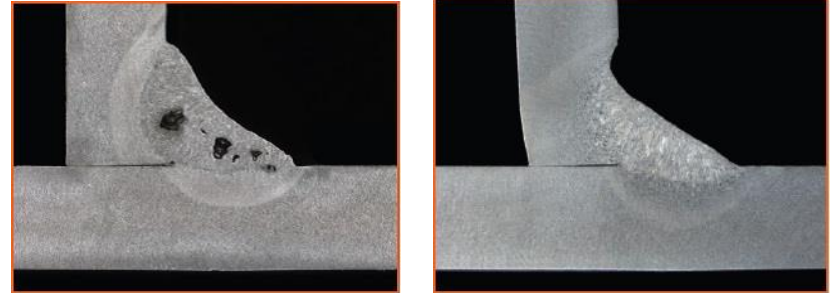
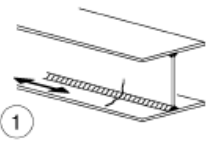
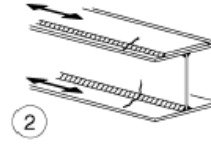
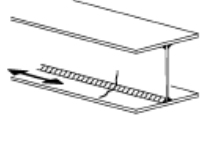
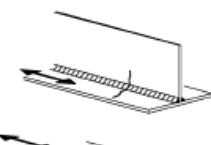
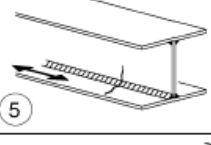
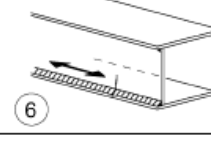
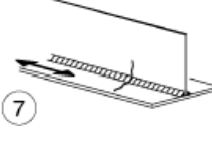
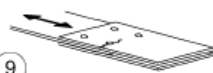
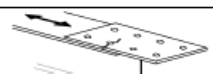
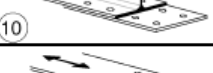

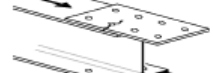

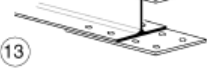



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Imperfections originating from machining (cutting, drilling holes) and re-formed during welding, are notches reducing fatigue resistance. They must be taken into account in the case of high-cyclic and dynamic loads. Initial fatigue resistance, depending on the type of notch (i.e. its origin), is described in EN 1993-1-11. Initial fatigue resistance decreases with increasing of load cycles number.

# Differen value for different notches

125	 	<p><u>Continuous longitudinal welds:</u></p> <p>1) Automatic butt welds carried out from both sides.</p> <p>2) Automatic fillet welds. Cover plate ends to be checked using detail 6) or 7) in Table 8.5.</p>			
112	 	<p>3) Automatic fillet or butt weld carried out from both sides but containing stop/start positions.</p> <p>4) Automatic butt welds made from one side only, with a continuous backing bar, but without stop/start positions.</p>			
100	 	<p>5) Manual fillet or butt weld.</p> <p>6) Manual or automatic butt welds carried out from one side only, particularly for box girders</p>			
100		<p>7) Repaired automatic or manual fillet or butt welds for categories 1) to 6).</p>			
				<p>9) Double covered joint with fitted bolts.</p>	<p>9) ... net cross-section.</p>
				<p>9) Double covered joint with non preloaded injection bolts.</p>	<p>9) ... net cross-section.</p>
				<p>10) One sided connection with preloaded high strength bolts.</p>	<p>10) ... gross cross-section.</p>
				<p>10) One sided connection with preloaded injection bolts.</p>	<p>10) ... gross cross-section.</p>
				<p>11) Structural element with holes subject to bending and axial forces</p>	<p>11) ... net cross-section.</p>
80				<p>12) One sided connection with fitted bolts.</p>	<p>12) ... net cross-section.</p>
				<p>12) One sided connection with non-preloaded injection bolts.</p>	<p>12) ... net cross-section.</p>
50				<p>13) One sided or double covered symmetrical connection with non-preloaded bolts in normal clearance holes. No load reversals.</p>	<p>13) ... net cross-section.</p>

EN 1993-1-9 tab. 8.1 - 8.10

EN 1993-3-2 tab. C-1

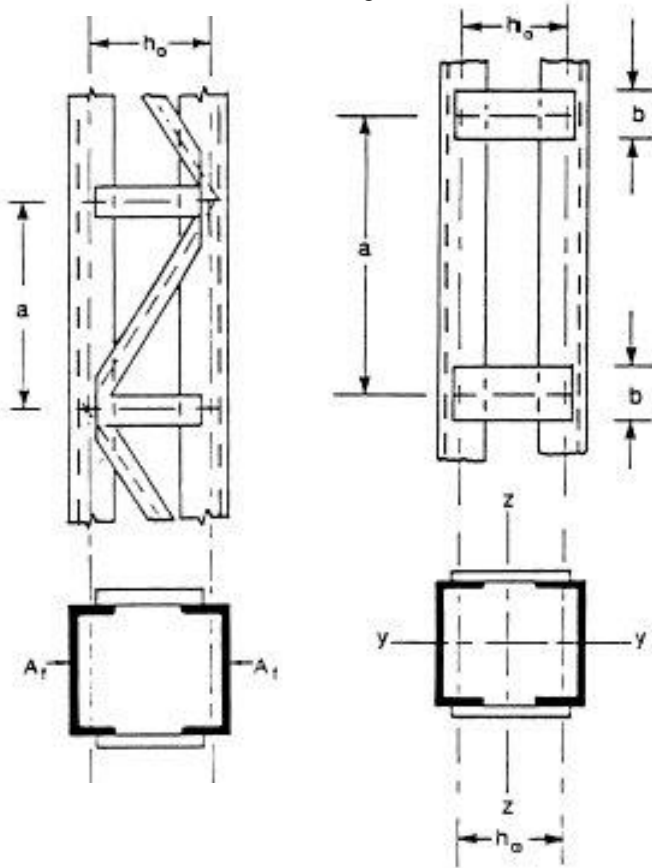
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## Direct considerations

(equivalent values of imperfections in formulas)

1. We must analyse initial deformations for members with two or more chords (according to EN 1993-1-1 p.6.4). This means, these elements are always bent, even if axial force acts only.

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$$M_{Ed}^{II} = e_{imperf} N_{Ed}$$

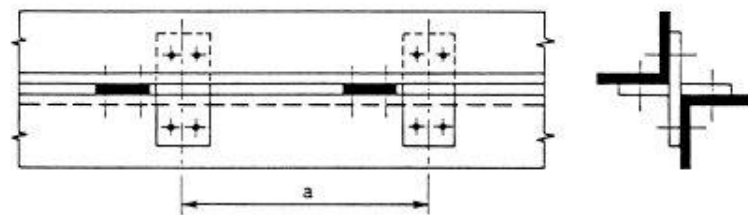
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laced compression members,

battened compression members,

closely spaced build-up compression members

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## 2. Stiffeners

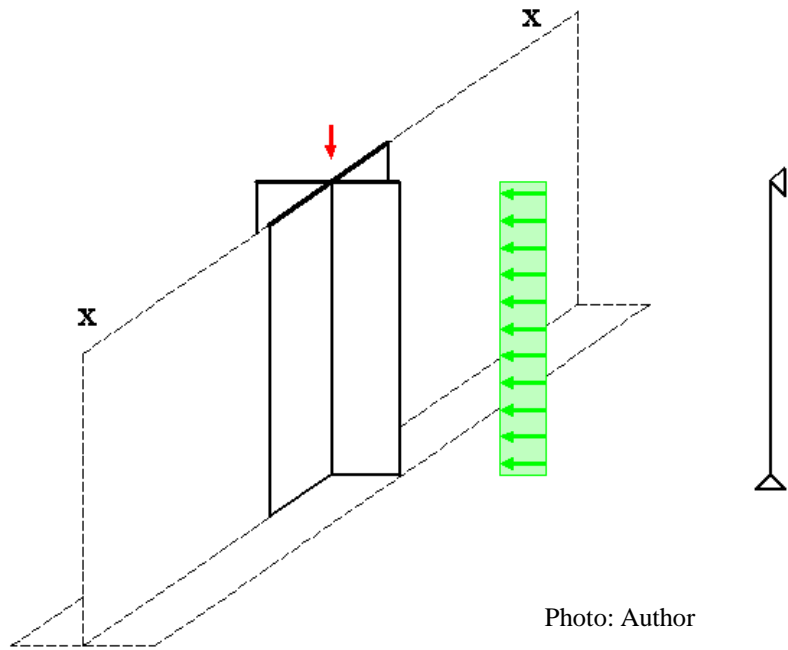
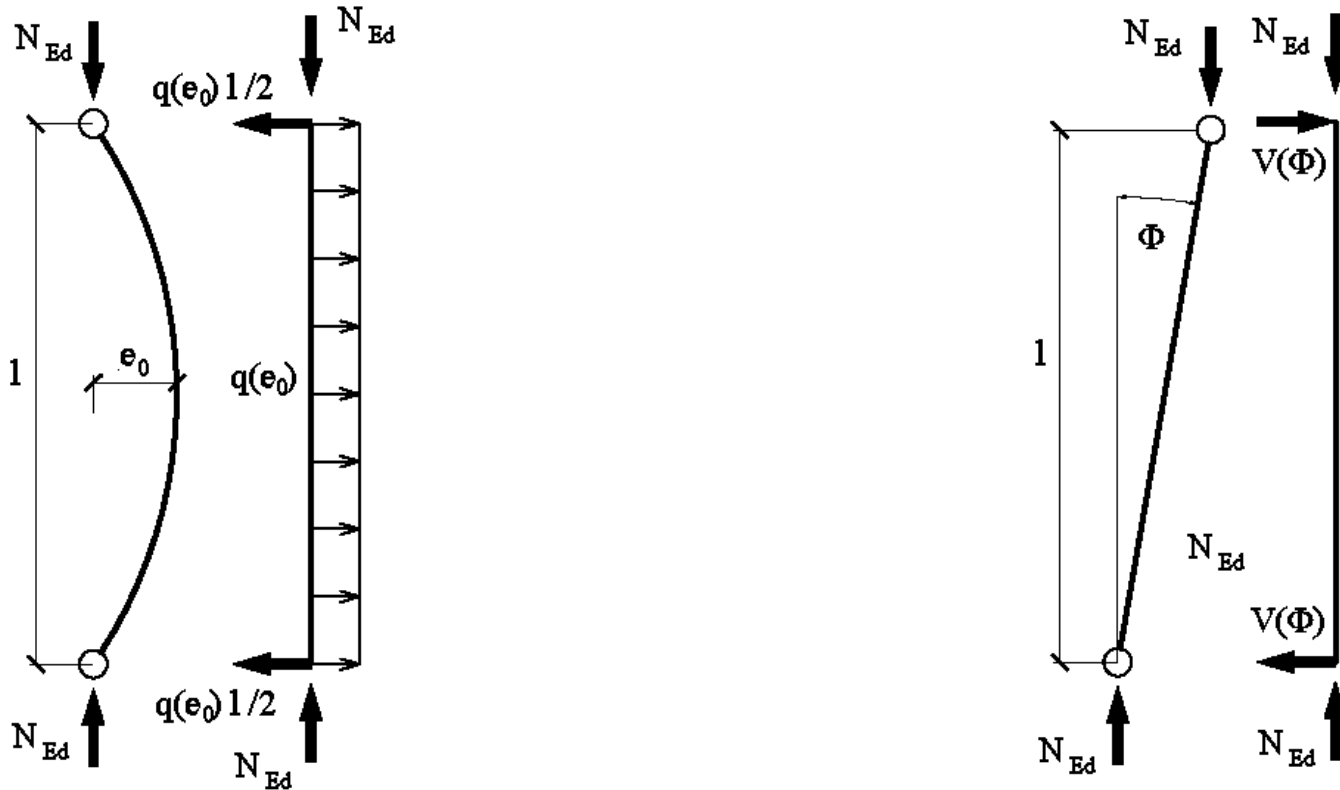


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Because of initial imperfections, we increase value of **axial force** and add **perpendicular load**. Both depend on  $e_{\text{imperf}}$

More information will be presented on lecture # 21

### 3. Equivalent effects : initial bow imperfection and initial sway imperfection.



For both, we calculated self-balanced loads, corresponded to deformations.

We use different models for different members:

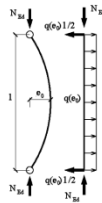
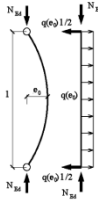
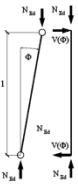
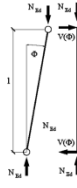
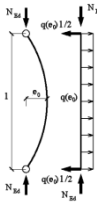
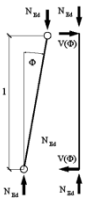
<p>roof girder and horizontal bracing (roof)</p>	
<p>horizontal bracing (ceiling)</p>	 <p style="text-align: center;">or</p> 
<p>vertical bracing</p>	
<p>column</p>	 <p style="text-align: center;">and</p>  <p style="text-align: right;">(mutually exclusive in combinations)</p>

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# Sway imperfection

$$\Phi = \Phi_0 \alpha_h \alpha_m$$

$$\Phi_0 = 1 / 200$$

$$\alpha_h = \max\{ 2 / 3 ; \min[ (2 / \sqrt{h}) ; 1,0] \}$$

$h$  – heigh of structure [m]

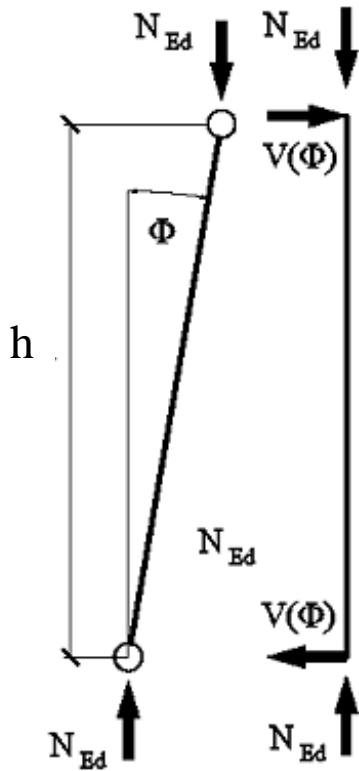
$$\alpha_m = \sqrt{[ 0,5 (1 + 1 / m)]}$$

$m$  - number of columns (elements) in a row, including only those columns, which carry a vertical load  $N_{Ed}$  not less than 50% of the average value of the column in the vertical plane considered

$N_{Ed}$  – axial force in column or in braced member (chord of truss, etc).

$$V(\Phi) h = M = N_{Ed} h \Phi$$

$$V(\Phi) = N_{Ed} \Phi$$

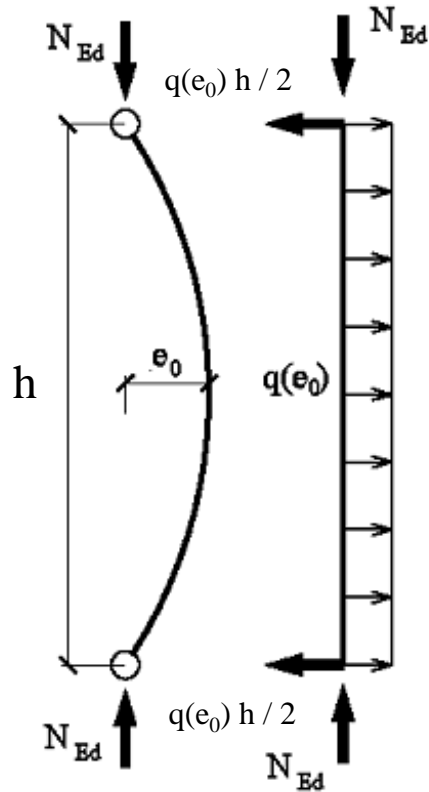


EN 1993-1-1 fig. 5.4

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# Bow imperfection

$e_0$  depends on buckling curve ( $\rightarrow$  Lec #5)



Buckling curve	Elastic analysis	Plastic annalysis
$a_0$	1 / 350	1 / 300
a	1 / 300	1 / 250
b	1 / 250	1 / 200
c	1 / 200	1 / 150
d	1 / 150	1 / 100

EN 1993-1-1 fig. 5.4

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$N_{Ed}$  – axial force in column or in braced member (chord of truss, etc).

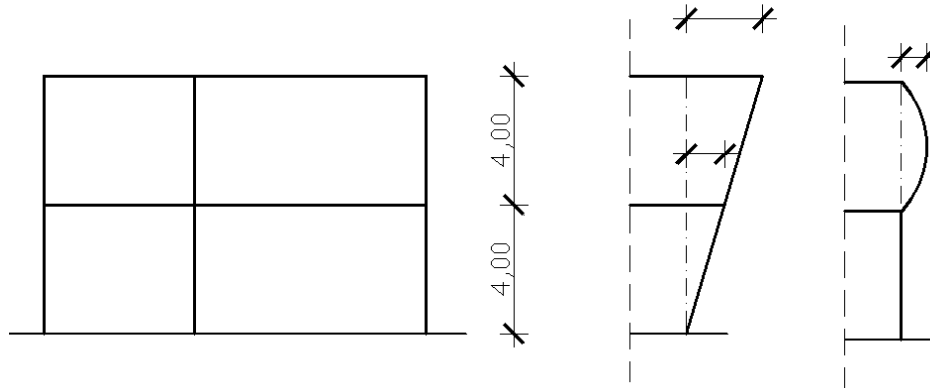
$$N_{Ed} e_0 = M = q(e_0) h^2 / 8$$

$$q(e_0) = 8 N_{Ed} e_0 / h^2$$

# Example

## Comparison of imperfections values [m]

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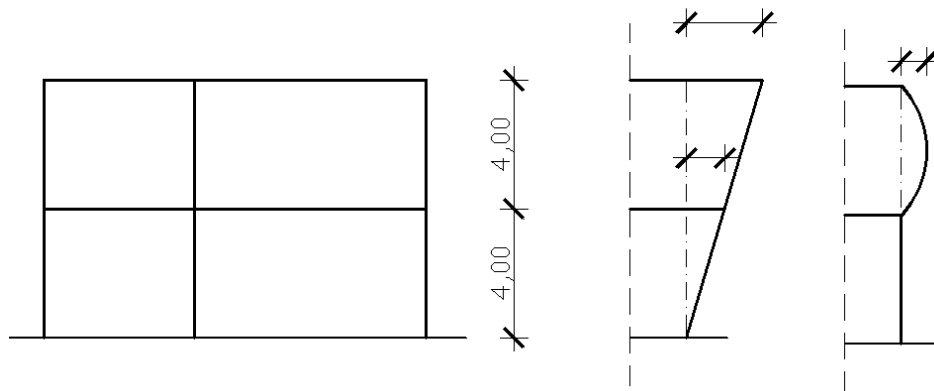


Columns HEB 300, S235, buckling about axis y, elastic analysis

Essential imperfection - functional imperfection - design imperfection

Sway imperfection for entire structure - sway imperfection for one storey - bow imperfection

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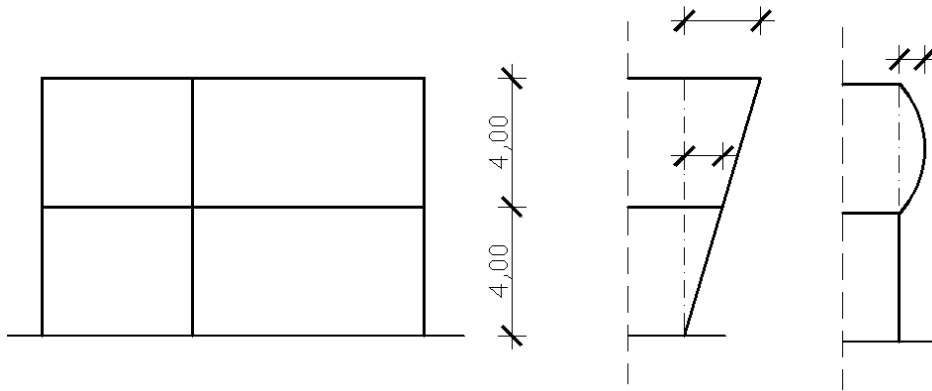


## Essential imperfections

Type	Table	Value
Sway imperfection for entire structure	EN 1090-2, tab. D 1-12	$\pm \Sigma h / (300 \sqrt{n}) = \pm 8 / (300 \cdot 1,414) =$ $= \pm 0,019 \text{ m}$
Sway imperfection for one storey		$\pm h / 500 = \pm 4 / 500 =$ $= \pm 0,008 \text{ m}$
Bow imperfection		$\pm h / 750 =$ $= \pm 0,007 \text{ m}$

n – number of storey

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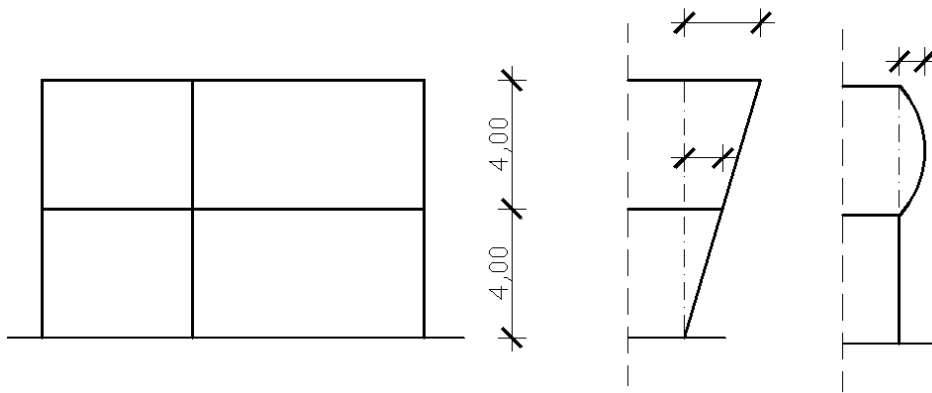


Functional imperfections,  
Class 1

Type	Table	Value
Sway imperfection for entire structure	EN 1090-2, tab. D 2-24	$\pm \Sigma h / (300 \sqrt{n}) = \pm 8 / (300 \cdot 1,414) =$ $= \pm 0,019 \text{ m}$
Sway imperfection for one storey		$\pm h / 500 = \pm 4 / 500 =$ $= \pm 0,008 \text{ m}$
Bow imperfection		$\pm h / 750 =$ $= \pm 0,007 \text{ m}$

n – number of storey

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Functional imperfections,  
Class 2

Type	Table	Value
Sway imperfection for entire structure	EN 1090-2, tab. D 2-24	$\pm \Sigma h / (500 \sqrt{n}) = \pm 8 / (500 \cdot 1,414) =$ $= \pm 0,011 \text{ m}$
Sway imperfection for one storey		$\pm h / 1000 = \pm 4 / 1000 =$ $= \pm 0,004 \text{ m}$
Bow imperfection		$\pm h / 1000 =$ $= \pm 0,004 \text{ m}$

n – number of storey

## Sway imperfection - design

$$\Phi = \Phi_0 \alpha_h \alpha_m$$

$$\Phi_0 = 1 / 200$$

$$\alpha_h = \max\{ 2 / 3 ; \min[ (2 / \sqrt{h}) ; 1,0] \}$$

$h$  – height of structure [m]

The maximum possible value of  $\alpha_h = 1,0$

$$\alpha_m = \sqrt{[ 0,5 (1 + 1 / m)]}$$

$m$  - number of columns

The maximum possible value of  $\alpha_m \rightarrow 1,0$

The maximum possible value of  $\Phi_{\max} = 1 / 200$

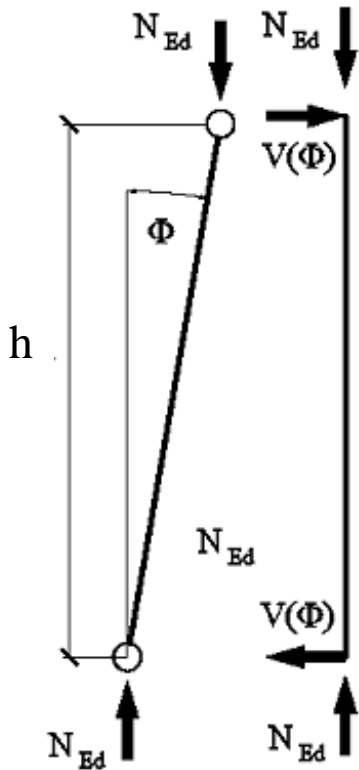


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## Sway imperfection – design

for entire structure;  $h = 8,0$  m,  $m = 3$  columns  
 for one storey;  $h = 4,0$  m,  $m = 3$  columns

$\alpha$	Entire structure	One storey
$\alpha_h$	$\begin{aligned} & \max\{ 2 / 3 ; \min[ (2 / \sqrt{h}) ; 1,0] \} = \\ & = \max\{ 2 / 3 ; \min[ (2 / \sqrt{8}) ; 1,0] \} = \\ & = \max\{ 0,667 ; \min[ 0,707 ; 1,0] \} = \\ & = \max\{ 0,667 ; 0,707 \} = \\ & = 0,707 \end{aligned}$	$\begin{aligned} & \max\{ 2 / 3 ; \min[ (2 / \sqrt{h}) ; 1,0] \} = \\ & = \max\{ 2 / 3 ; \min[ (2 / \sqrt{4}) ; 1,0] \} = \\ & = \max\{ 0,667 ; \min[ 1,0 ; 1,0] \} = \\ & = \max\{ 0,667 ; 1,000 \} = \\ & = 1,000 \end{aligned}$
$\alpha_m$	$\begin{aligned} & \sqrt{[ 0,5 (1 + 1 / m)]} = \sqrt{[ 0,5 (1 + 1 / 3)]} = \\ & = \sqrt{0,667} = \\ & = 0,816 \end{aligned}$	$\begin{aligned} & \sqrt{[ 0,5 (1 + 1 / m)]} = \sqrt{[ 0,5 (1 + 1 / 3)]} = \\ & = \sqrt{0,667} = \\ & = 0,816 \end{aligned}$

## Sway imperfection – design

for entire structure;  $h = 8,0$  m,  $m = 3$  columns

for one storey;  $h = 4,0$  m,  $m = 3$  columns

Number of storeys	Value	
	For analysed structure	The maximum possible value
Entire structure	$\begin{aligned} & +/- h \Phi_0 \alpha_h \alpha_m = \\ & = +/- 8 \cdot 0,707 \cdot 0,816 / 200 = \\ & +/- 0,023 \text{ m} \end{aligned}$	$\begin{aligned} & +/- h \Phi_{\max} = +/- 8 / 200 = \\ & = +/- 0,040 \text{ m} \end{aligned}$
One storey	$\begin{aligned} & +/- h \Phi_0 \alpha_h \alpha_m = \\ & = +/- 4 \cdot 1,000 \cdot 0,816 / 200 = \\ & +/- 0,016 \text{ m} \end{aligned}$	$\begin{aligned} & +/- h \Phi_{\max} = +/- 4 / 200 = \\ & = +/- 0,020 \text{ m} \end{aligned}$

## Bow imperfection - design

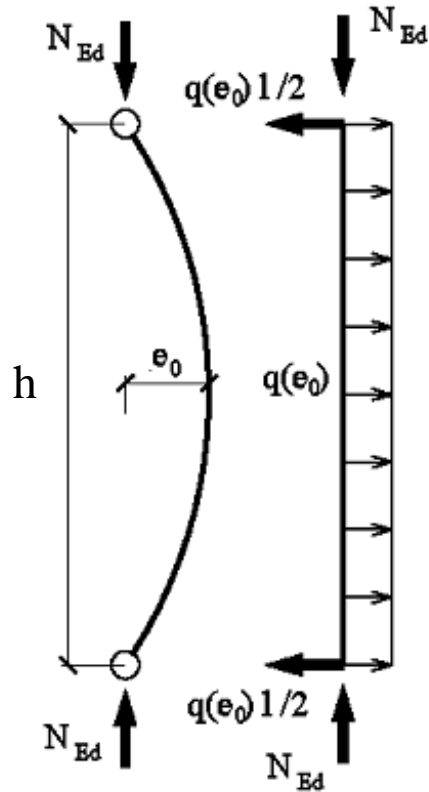


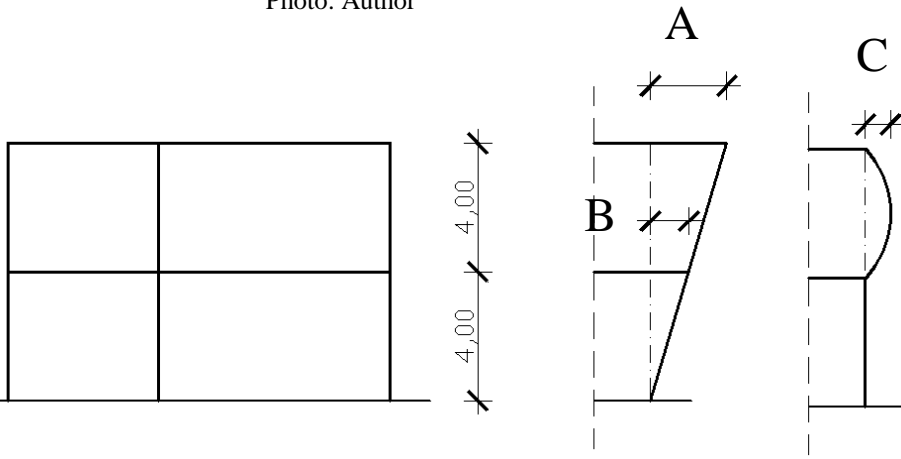
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Buckling curve	Elastic analysis	Plastic annalysis
$a_0$	1 / 350	1 / 300
a	1 / 300	1 / 250
b	1 / 250	1 / 200
c	1 / 200	1 / 150
d	1 / 150	1 / 100

Columns HEB 300, S235, buckling about axis y, elastic analysis → EN 1993-1-1 tab 6.2 → buckling curve b →  
 →  $\pm h / 250 = \pm 4 / 250 = \pm 0,016 \text{ m}$

The maximum possible value  $\pm h / 100 = \pm 0,040 \text{ m}$

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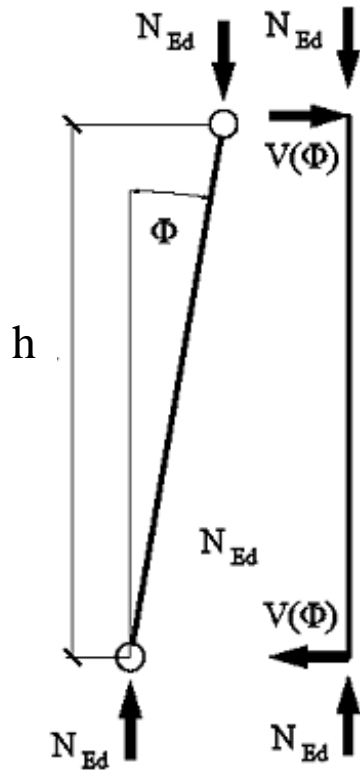


Comparison of imperfections values +/- [mm]

Imperfection	Essential	Functional		Design	
		Class 1	Class 2	For analysed structure	Max possible
A: sway – total	19	19	11	23	40
B: sway – storey	8	8	4	16	20
C: bow	7	7	4	16	40

**Technical requirements** limit values of imperfection in real structures. Bigger values are not acceptable; structure must be repaired or erected once again.

For **design** we must take into consideration bigger values of imperfections, than are acceptable in real structures.

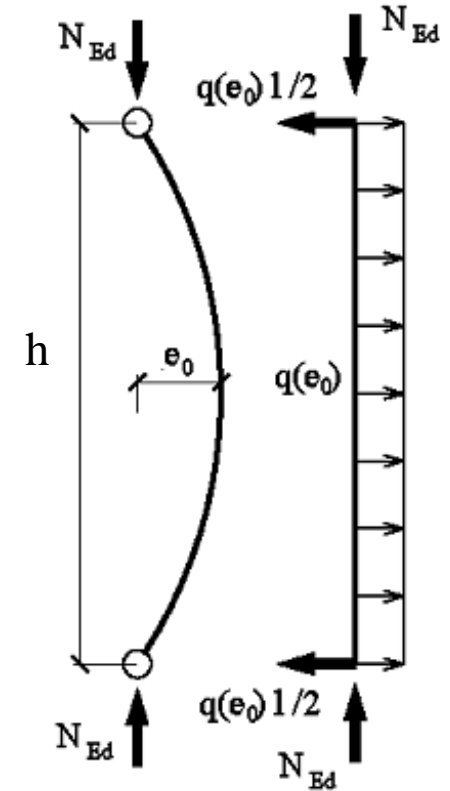


Example: design values of imperfection for sway and bow imperfections for one storey ( $h = 4,0$  m):

B:  $h \Phi = 0,016$  m  $\rightarrow$   $\Phi = 0,0040$

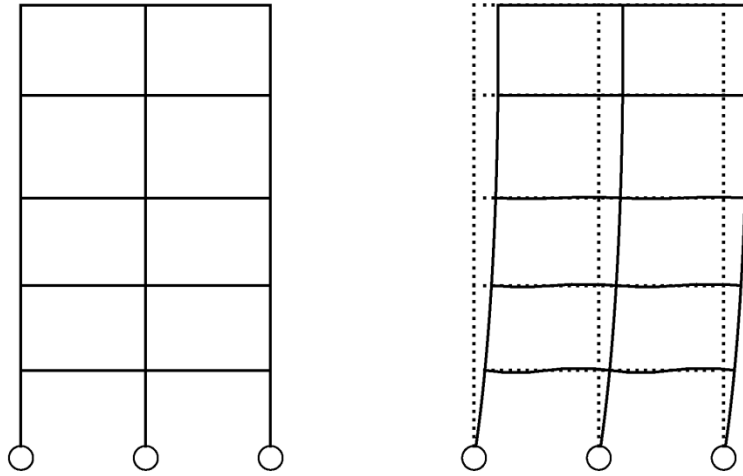
C:  $h e_0 = 0,016$  m  $\rightarrow$   $e_0 = 0,0040$

$N_{Ed} = 150$  kN



$V(\Phi) = N_{Ed} \Phi = 0,607$  kN

$q(e_0) = 8 N_{Ed} e_0 / h^2 = 0,300$  kN/m



Multistorey frame - sway imperfections (global)

Equivalent loads should be applied in accordance with the modes of instability.

Global = sway

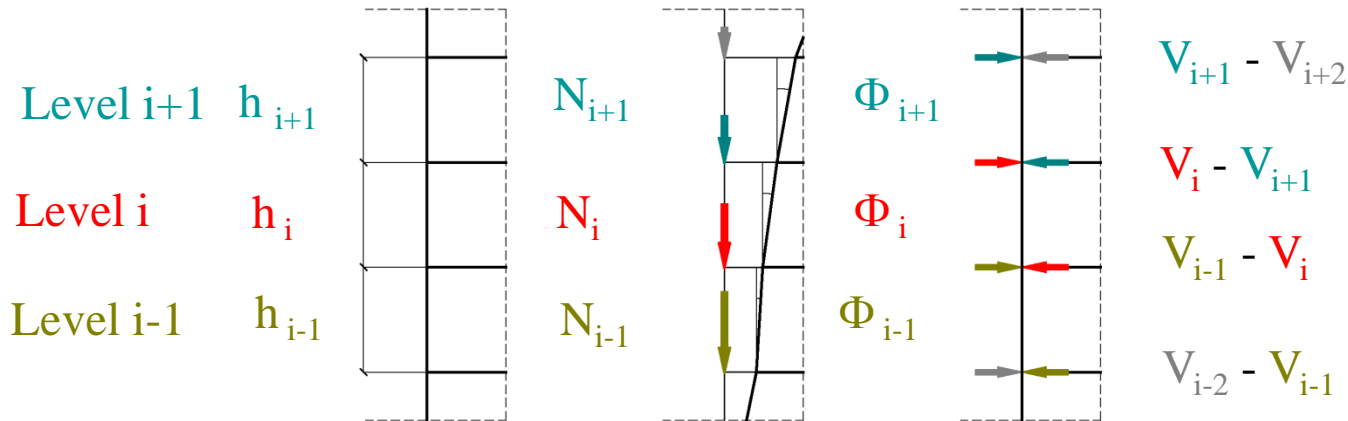
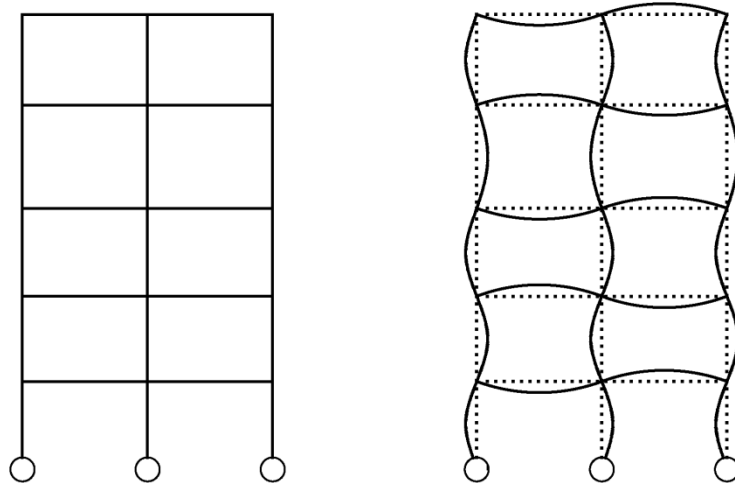


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Multistorey frame - bow imperfections (local)

Local = bow

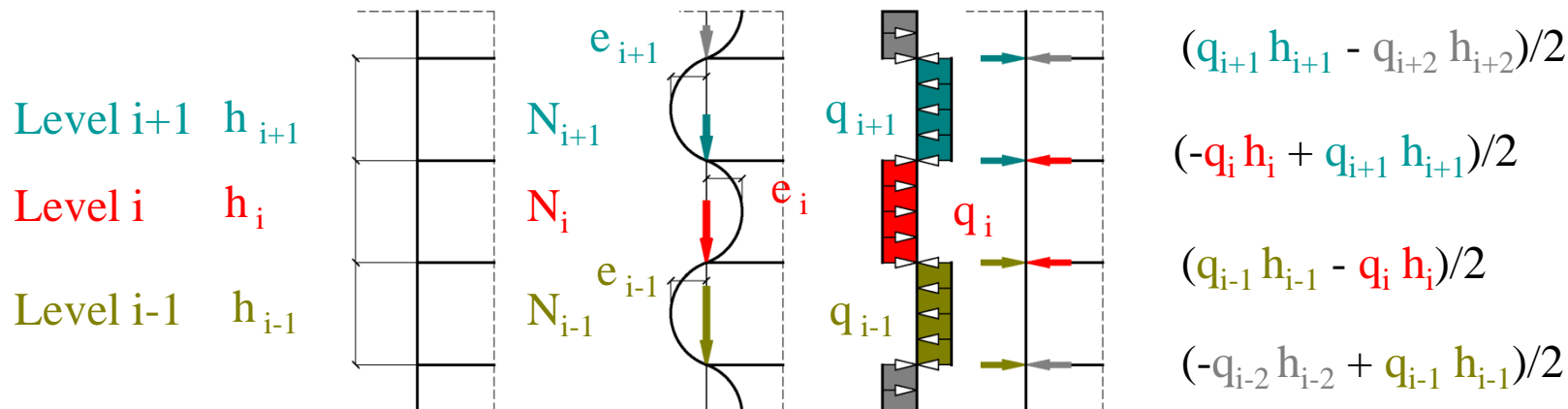


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## Examination issues

Types and examples of imperfections

Importance of execution class

Equivalent forces of imperfections

Stiffener - żeberko

Footing - stopa fundamentowa

Bracing - stężenie

Thank you for attention

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