

1C8 Advanced design of steel structures

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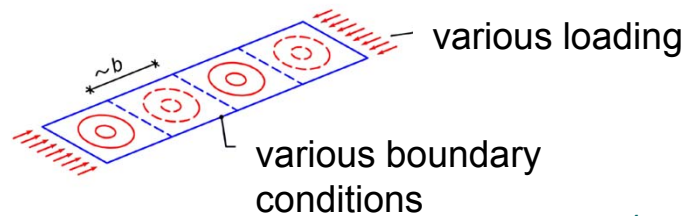
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Stability of an ideal (flat) plate:



Solution is based on linearized relation of a plate with „large deflections“:

$$D \left(\frac{\partial^4 w}{\partial x^4} + 2 \frac{\partial^4 w}{\partial x^2 \partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^4 w}{\partial y^4} \right) + N_x^* \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial x^2} + 2N_{xy}^* \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial x \partial y} + N_y^* \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial y^2} = 0$$

+ relevant boundary conditions

Thereof infinitely many solutions:

- critical stresses σ^* (or N^*) – take the lowest
- respective shapes of deflection w (modes of buckling)

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Critical stresses are given as:

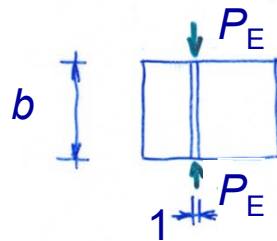
$$\sigma_{cr} = k_{\sigma} \cdot \sigma_E \quad \text{or} \quad \tau_{cr} = k_{\tau} \cdot \sigma_E$$

critical stress factor

Euler stress

"Euler stress" σ_E

Auxiliary value, for a compression strut of width "1":



$$\sigma_E = \frac{P_E}{1 \cdot t} = \frac{\pi^2 D}{1 \cdot t \cdot b^2} = \frac{\pi^2 E}{12(1-\nu^2)} \left(\frac{t}{b}\right)^2 = 189800 \left(\frac{t}{b}\right)^2$$

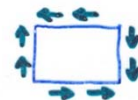
Critical stress factor:
(depends on loading and boundary conditions, see literature)



$k_{\sigma} = 4$



$k_{\sigma} = 23,9$



$$k_{\tau} = 5,34 + 4 \left(\frac{b}{a}\right)^2 \quad \text{for} \quad \frac{a}{b} \geq 1$$

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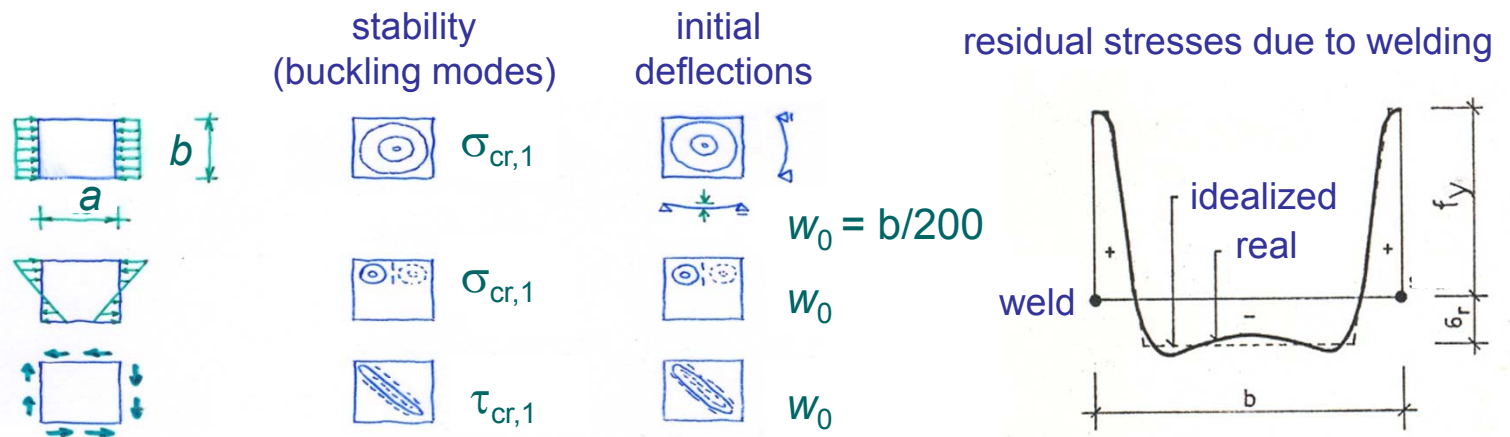
Strength of an actual (imperfect) plate:

Equations of a plate with „large deflections“ (Karman’s equations):

$$(1) \quad D \left(\frac{\partial^4 w}{\partial x^4} + 2 \frac{\partial^4 w}{\partial x^2 \partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^4 w}{\partial y^4} \right) - Et \left(\frac{\partial^2 \Phi}{\partial y^2} \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial x^2} - 2 \frac{\partial^2 \Phi}{\partial x \partial y} \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial x \partial y} + \frac{\partial^2 \Phi}{\partial x^2} \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial y^2} \right) = 0$$

$$(2) \quad \frac{\partial^4 \Phi}{\partial x^4} + 2 \frac{\partial^4 \Phi}{\partial x^2 \partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^4 \Phi}{\partial y^4} + \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial x^2} \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial y^2} - \left(\frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial x \partial y} \right)^2 = 0$$

Plate imperfections



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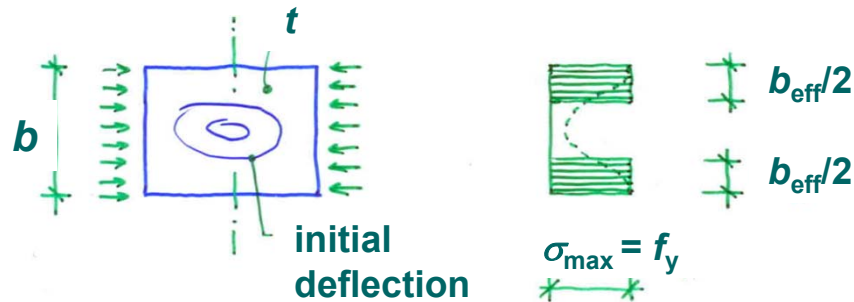
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Example of a compression plate with initial deflections and residual stresses:



Resulting strengths are used in the form of reduction (buckling) factors ρ :

$$\rho = \frac{\bar{\sigma}}{f_y} = \frac{b_{\text{eff}}}{b} \quad \bar{\sigma} = \int_0^b \sigma \, db$$

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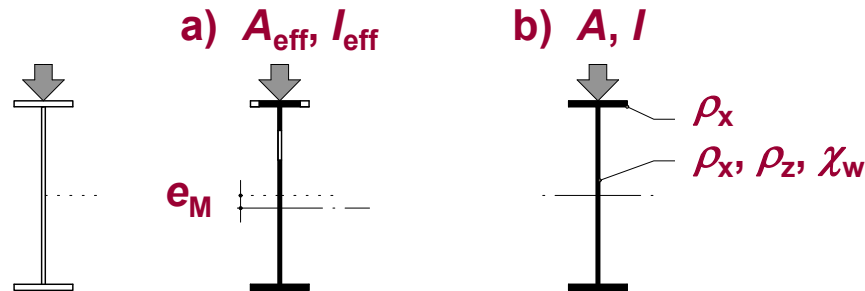
Buckling due to direct stresses

Eurocode 1993-1-5: Plated structural elements

1. Buckling due to direct stress (loading N , M):

Verification of class 4 cross sections:

- effective width method**, in which the buckling parts of plates are excluded,
- reduced stress method**, in which the stresses of full cross section are determined and limited by buckling reduction factors ρ_x , ρ_z , χ_w :



Note:

b) does not include stress redistribution after buckling among individual parts of cross section!!!

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Reduction (buckling) factors:

Internal elements:

$$\rho = \frac{\bar{\lambda}_p - 0,055 (3 + \psi)}{\bar{\lambda}_p^2} \leq 1,0 \quad \bar{\lambda}_p = \sqrt{\frac{f_y}{\sigma_{cr}}} = \frac{b/t}{28,4 \varepsilon \sqrt{k_\sigma}} \quad \psi = \sigma_2/\sigma_1$$

For outstand compression elements similarly:

$$\rho = \frac{\bar{\lambda}_p - 0,188}{\bar{\lambda}_p^2} \leq 1,0$$

For k_σ see next tables or Eurocode.

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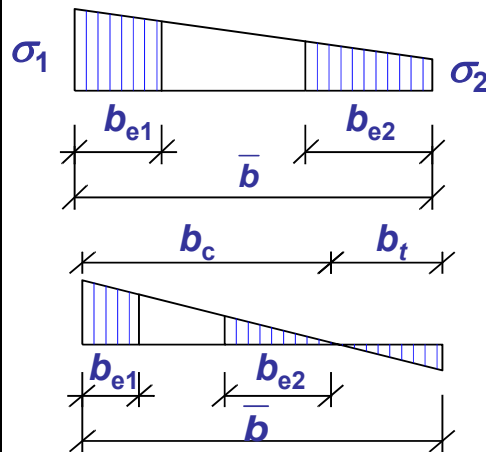
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The effective^P area of the compression zone of a plate: $A_{c,eff} = \rho A_c$

- internal elements: $\psi = \sigma_1/\sigma_2$



$$1 > \psi \geq 0: \quad b_{eff} = \rho \bar{b} \quad b_{e1} = \frac{2}{5 - \psi} b_{eff}$$

$$b_{e2} = b_{eff} - b_{e1}$$

$$\psi < 0: \quad b_{eff} = \rho b_c = \rho \bar{b} |1 - \psi| \quad b_{e1} = 0,4 b_{eff}$$

$$b_{e2} = 0,6 b_{eff}$$

Factors k_σ

ψ	1	$1 > \psi > 0$	0	$0 > \psi > -1$	-1	$-1 > \psi > -3$
k_σ	4,0	$8,2/(1,05 + \psi)$	7,81	$7,81 - 6,29\psi + 9,78\psi^2$	23,9	$5,98(1 - \psi)^2$

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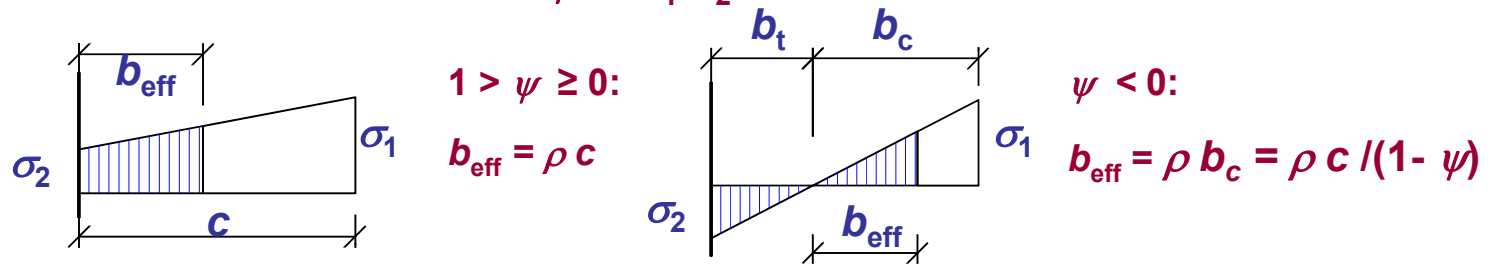
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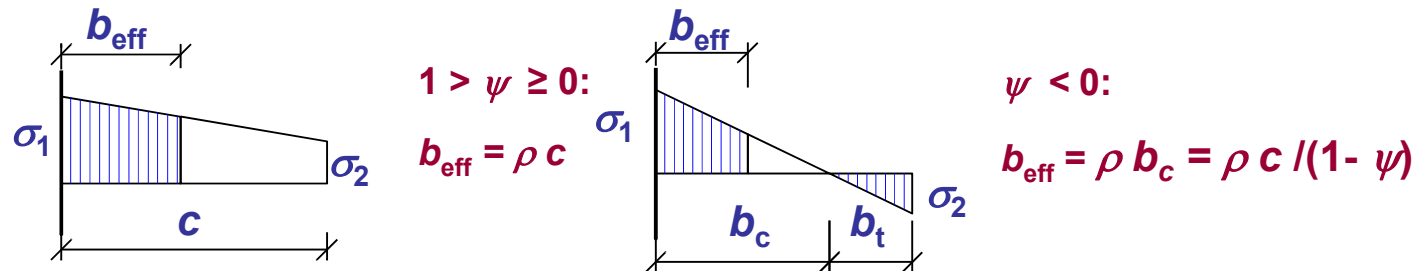
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- outstand elements: $\psi = \sigma_1 / \sigma_2$



ψ	1	0	-1	$1 \geq \psi \geq -3$
k_σ	0,43	0,57	0,85	$0,57 - 0,21\psi + 0,078\psi^2$



Factors k_σ

ψ	1	$1 > \psi > 0$	0	$0 > \psi > -1$	-1
k_σ	0,43	$0,578 / (\psi + 0,34)$	1,70	$1,7 - 5\psi + 17,1\psi^2$	23,8

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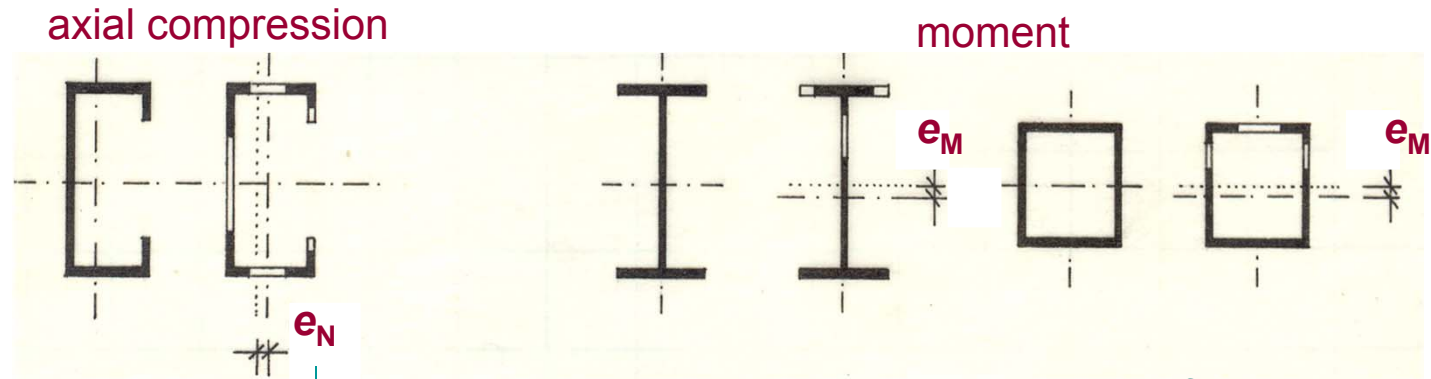
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Effective cross sections (class 4 cross sections):



this eccentricity invokes additional moment from the axial force due to shift of neutral axis in interaction of M - N

Effective parameters of class 4 cross sections (A_{eff} , W_{eff}) are determined by common way.

Verification of cross section in ULS:

$$\eta_1 = \frac{N_{\text{Ed}}}{f_y A_{\text{eff}}} + \frac{M_{\text{Ed}} + N_{\text{Ed}} e_N}{f_y W_{\text{eff}}} \leq 1,0$$

$\gamma_{\text{M0}} \qquad \qquad \qquad \gamma_{\text{M0}}$

(in stability checks: introduce χ , χ_{LT})

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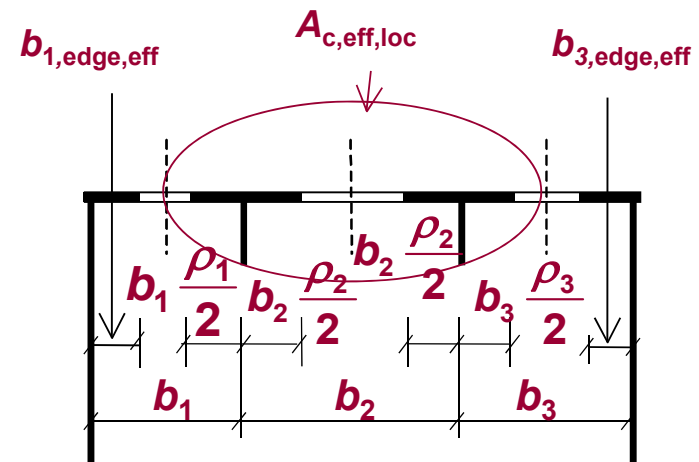
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Stiffened plates:

Examples:

- stiffened flange of a box girder,
- web of a deep girder.



$$A_{c,eff} = \overbrace{\rho_c A_{c,eff,loc}}^{\text{middle part}} + \overbrace{\sum b_{edge,eff} t}_{\text{edges}}$$

↓
global buckling reduction factor
(approx. given by reduction factor of the effective stiffener
- possible to calculate as a strut in compression)

[For more details see course:
Stability of plates]

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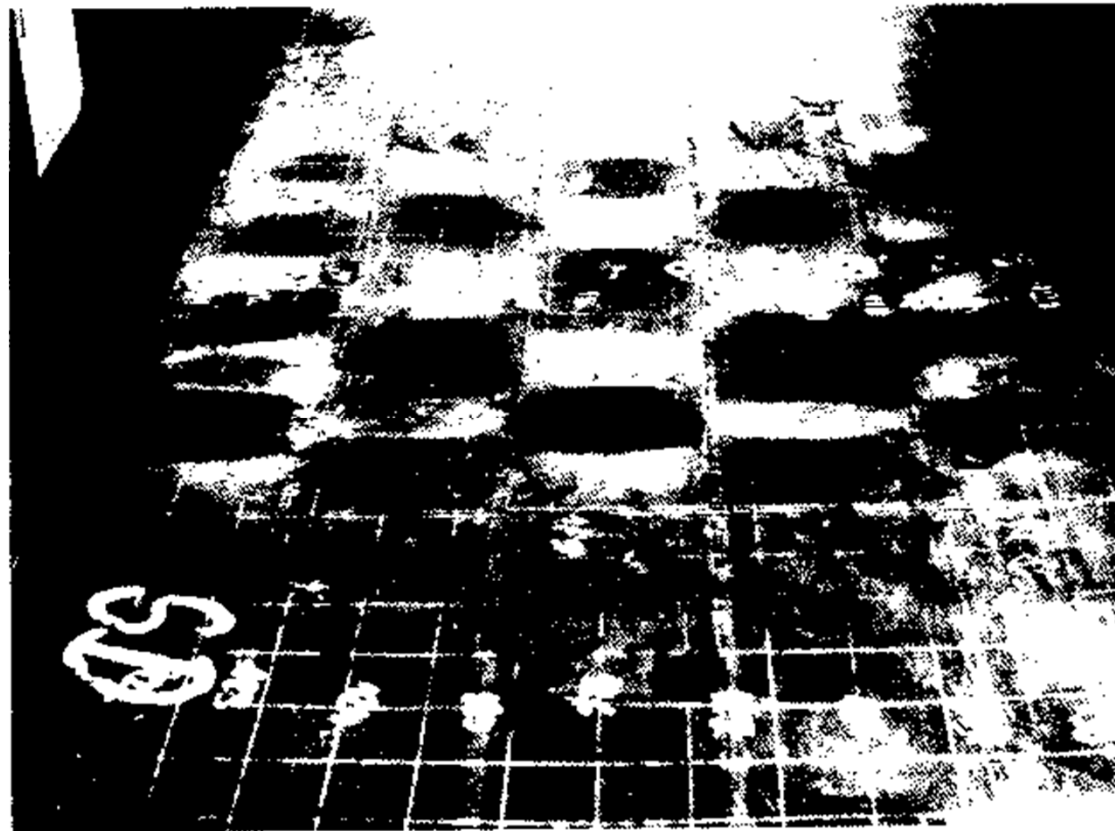
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Example of buckling of longitudinally and transversally stiffened flange of a box girder:



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2. Shear buckling (loading by shear force V):

Rotating stress field theory is used. Influence of stiffeners is included proportionally to higher critical stress – after modification agrees with tests.

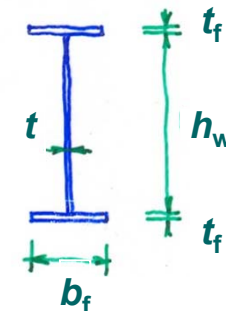
Design resistance to shear (including shear buckling):

$$V_{b,Rd} = V_{bw,Rd} + V_{bf,Rd} \leq \frac{\eta f_y h_w t}{\sqrt{3} \gamma_{M1}}$$

$\eta = 1,2$ up to steels S460
 $\epsilon = \sqrt{\frac{235}{f_y}}$

→ contribution from the flanges (can be ignored)
 → contribution from the web

Verification of ULS: $\eta_3 = \frac{V_{Ed}}{V_{b,Rd}} \leq 1,0$



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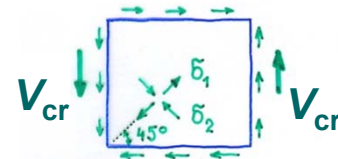
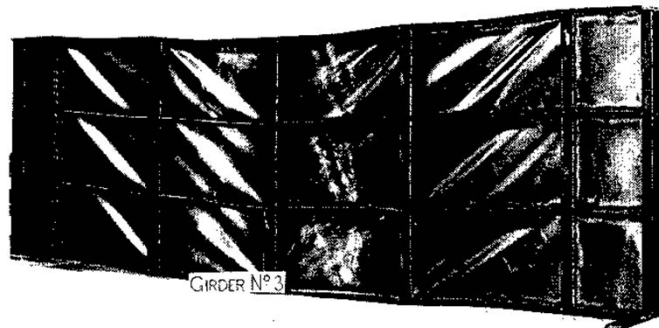
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Shear buckling may be ignored for web slenderness:

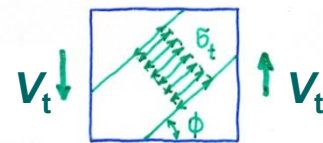
unstiffened webs $\frac{h_w}{t} \leq \frac{72}{\eta} \varepsilon$ (i.e. 60 for S235)

stiffened webs (transverse, longitudinal) $\frac{h_w}{t} \leq \frac{31}{\eta} \varepsilon \sqrt{k_\tau}$

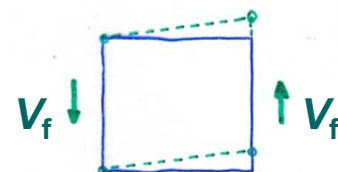
Forming of tension diagonals in panels:



Phase 1
Beam behaviour



Phase 2
Truss behaviour



Phase 3
frame behaviour
(influence of several %)

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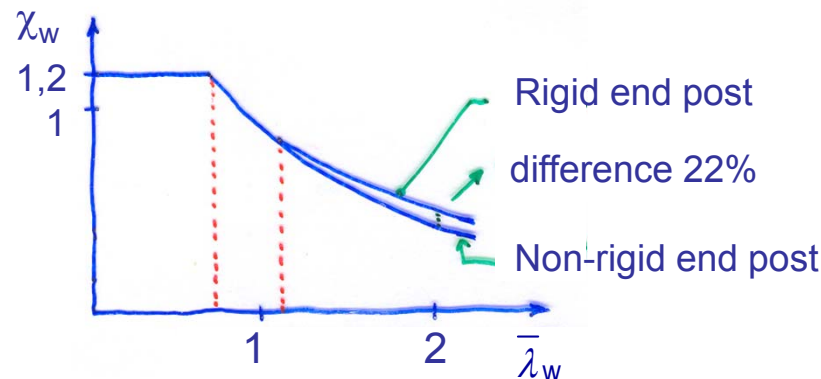
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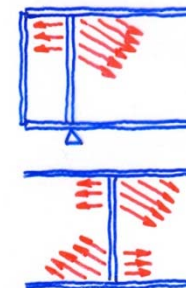
Contribution from the web
$$V_{bw,Rd} = \frac{\chi_w f_{yw} h_w t}{\sqrt{3} \gamma_{M1}}$$

Factor χ_w for the contribution of the web to the shear buckling resistance may be (in acc. to tests) increased for rigid end post and internal panels:

Slenderness \	Rigid end post	Non-rigid end post
$\bar{\lambda}_w < 0,83 / \eta$	η	η
$0,83 / \eta \leq \bar{\lambda}_w < 1,08$	$0,83 / \bar{\lambda}_w$	$0,83 / \bar{\lambda}_w$
$\bar{\lambda}_w \geq 1,08$	$1,37 / (0,7 + \bar{\lambda}_w)$	$0,83 / \bar{\lambda}_w$



Reason: anchorage of panels →



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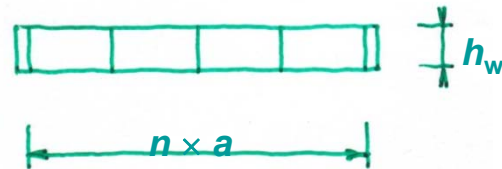
Web slenderness $\bar{\lambda}_w$

- unstiffened webs (with the exception at the beam ends):



$$\bar{\lambda}_w = \sqrt{\frac{f_y / \sqrt{3}}{\tau_{cr}}} = \frac{h_w}{86,4 t \varepsilon}$$

- webs with transverse stiffeners in distance a :



$$\bar{\lambda}_w = \frac{h_w}{37,4 t \varepsilon \sqrt{k_\tau}}$$

Critical stress factor k_τ :

$$k_\tau = 5,34 + 4,00 (h_w / a)^2 \quad \text{as far as } a / h_w \geq 1$$

$$k_\tau = 4,00 + 5,34 (h_w / a)^2 \quad \text{as far as } a / h_w < 1$$

[For webs with longitudinal stiffeners see course: Stability of plates]

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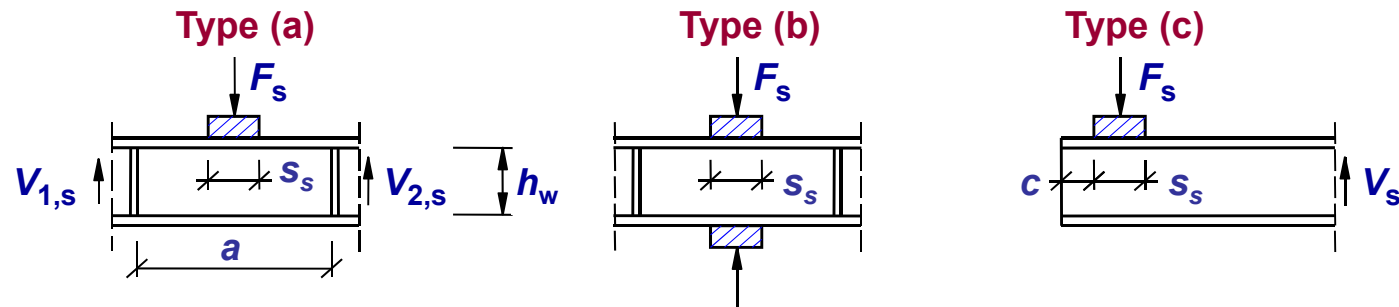
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3. Buckling under local loading

3 types of loading are distinguished:

- a) through the flange ,
- b) through the flange and transferred directly to the other one,
- c) through the flange adjacent to an unstiffened end.



Local design resistance:

$$F_{Rd} = L_{eff} t_w \frac{f_y}{\gamma_{M1}}$$

effective length of web $L_{eff} = \chi_F \ell_y$ → effective loaded length (governed by s_s)

reduction factor due to local buckling (governed by critical stress) ↑

[In detail see Eurocode, or course: Stability of plates]

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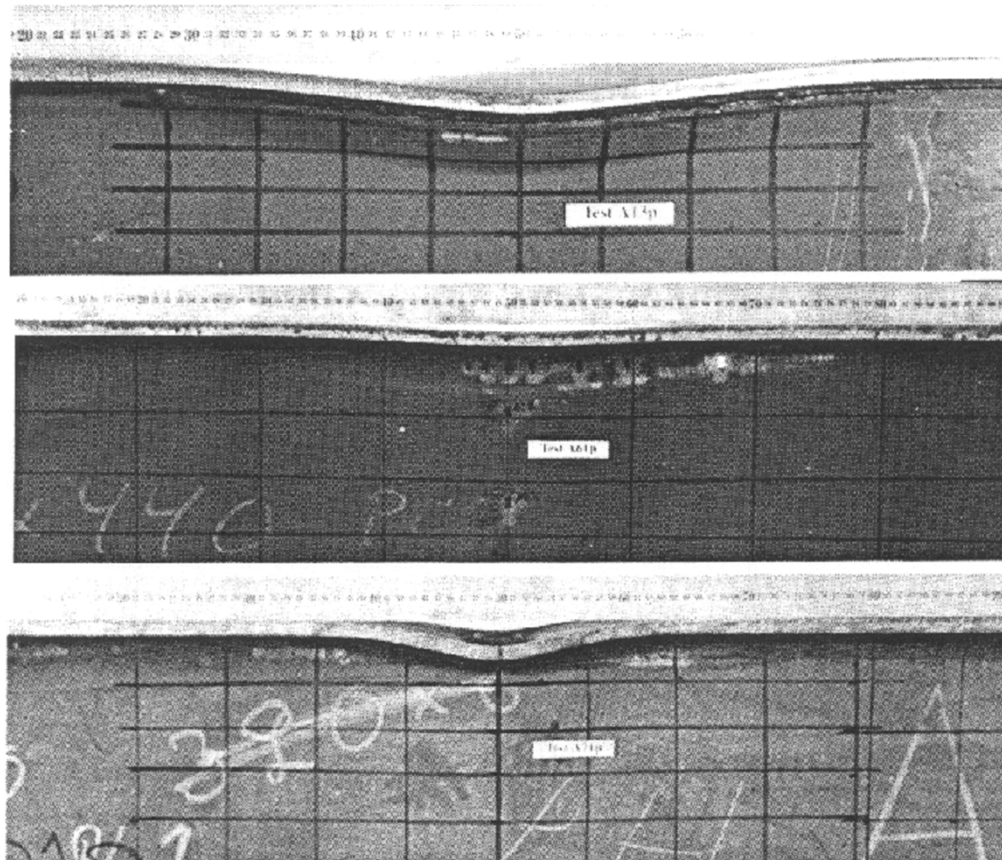
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Example of local web buckling:



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Verification for local buckling:

$$\eta_2 = \frac{F_{Ed}}{F_{Rd}} = \frac{F_{Ed}}{L_{eff} t_w \frac{f_y}{\gamma_{M1}}} \leq 1,0$$

Interaction $N + M + F$:

$$\eta_2 + 0,8 \eta_1 \leq 1,4$$

i.e.:

$$\frac{F_{Ed}}{L_{eff} t_w \frac{f_y}{\gamma_{M1}}} + 0,8 \left(\frac{N_{Ed}}{\frac{f_y A_{eff}}{\gamma_{M0}}} + \frac{M_{Ed} + N_{Ed} e_N}{\frac{f_y W_{eff}}{\gamma_{M0}}} \right) \leq 1,4$$

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- Ideal and actual plate – differences.
- Eurocode approaches concerning buckling effects.
- Verification of class 4 sections.
- Design resistance to shear.
- Behaviour of webs under shear.
- Types of local loading.
- Verification for local loading.

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Notes to users of the lecture

- This session requires about 90 minutes of lecturing.
- Within the lecturing, buckling of plates under direct, shear and local loading is described. The lecture starts with linear theory of buckling and resulting critical stress, followed with non-linear theory of buckling of actual imperfect plate and its resistance. The buckling resistances under direct stress, shear and local loading in accordance with Eurocode are commented.
- Further readings on the relevant documents from website of www.access-steel.com and relevant standards of national standard institutions are strongly recommended.
- Keywords for the lecture:
buckling of plates, ideal plate, real plate, buckling due to direct stresses, buckling under shear, local buckling, interaction formulas for buckling.

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- Lecture duration: 90 minutes.
- Keywords: buckling of plates, ideal plate, real plate, buckling due to direct stresses, buckling under shear, local buckling, interaction formulas for buckling.
- Aspects to be discussed: Ideal plate, critical stress, real plate, reduction factor. Behaviour of plates under shear loading. Behaviour of plates under local loading. Eurocode approach.
- After the lecturing, determination of effective cross section parameters (class 4 effective parameters) should be practised.
- Further reading: relevant documents www.access-steel.com and relevant standards of national standard institutions are strongly recommended.
- Preparation for tutorial exercise: see examples prepared for the course.