

# **Prestressed Concrete**

## **Part 7**

### **(ULS Ultimate limit states)**

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## Ultimate Limit State (ULS)

associated with collapse, or with forms of structural failure which may pose a danger to people, properties, etc. ULS which may require consideration include:

**EQU:** loss of equilibrium of the entire structure or any part, which is considered as a rigid body,

**STR:** failure by rupture, excessive deformation, or loss of stability of the entire structure or any part, including supports and foundations,

**GEO:** failure of excessive deformation of the ground where the strength of the soil or rock are significant in providing resistance.

## **In ultimate limit states STR:**

it shall be verified that

$$E_d \leq R_d$$

where

$E_d$  is the design value of an internal force or moment,

$R_d$  the corresponding design resistance, associating all structural properties with the respective design values

## Design situations

are classified as:

1. **persistent situations** which refer to the condition of normal use,
2. **transient situations** which refer to the temporary conditions of the structure, such as execution or repair,
3. **accidental situations** which refer to exceptional conditions of the structure or to its exposure, e.g. to fire, explosion, or an impact,
4. **seismic situations** which refer to exceptional conditions of the structure when subjected to seismic events.

## Effects of loads

Persistent and transient situations - may be expressed as

$$E_d = E \left\{ \gamma_{G,j} G_{k,j}; \gamma_p P; \gamma_{Q,1} Q_{k,1}; \gamma_{Q,i} \psi_{0,i} Q_{k,i} \right\} \quad j \geq 1; i > 1$$

The combination of **effects of actions** to be considered should be based on

- the design value of the **leading variable action** and
- the design combination values of **accompanying variable actions**.

The combination of actions in the brackets “{}” in equation may be expressed either as

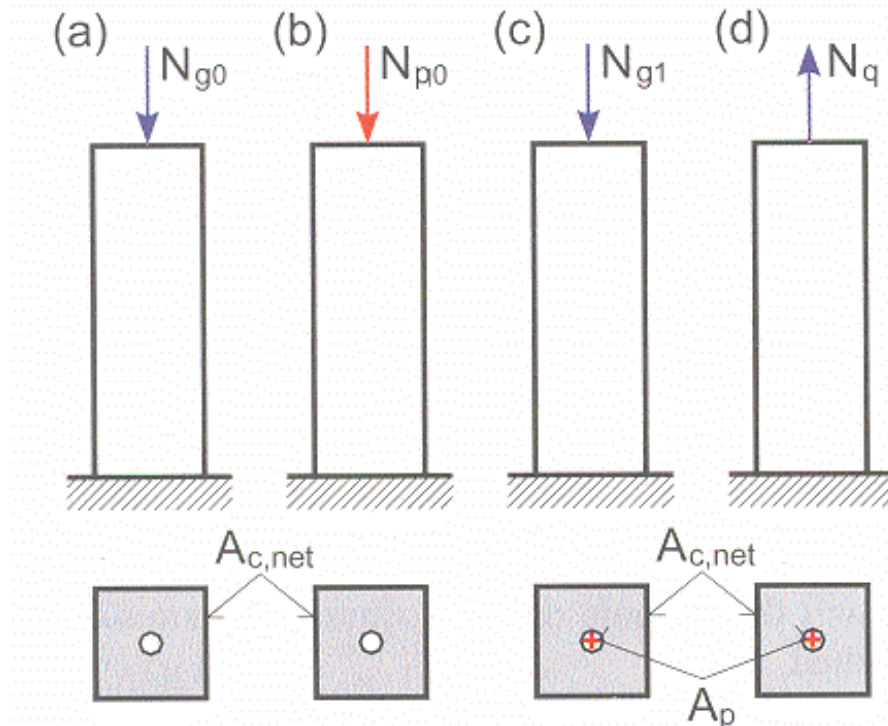
$$\sum_{j \geq 1} \gamma_{G,j} G_{k,j} + \gamma_p P + \gamma_{Q,1} Q_{k,1} + \sum_{i > 1} \gamma_{Q,i} \psi_{0,i} Q_{k,i} \quad (1)$$

or, **alternatively for (STR) limit states**, the less favourable of the two following expressions (1a)(1b) where; the latter procedure gives more concise values and therefore is recommended for use.

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \sum_{j \geq 1} \gamma_{G,j} G_{k,j} + \gamma_p P + \gamma_{Q,1} \psi_{0,i} Q_{k,1} + \sum_{i > 1} \gamma_{Q,i} \psi_{0,i} Q_{k,i} \end{array} \right. \quad (1a)$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \sum_{j \geq 1} \xi_j \gamma_{G,j} G_{k,j} + \gamma_p P + \gamma_{Q,1} Q_{k,1} + \sum_{i > 1} \gamma_{Q,i} \psi_{0,i} Q_{k,i} \end{array} \right. \quad (1b)$$

# Prestressed element subjected to tensile axial load



Concrete:  $\sigma_{cg0} = \frac{N_{g0}}{A_{c,net}}; \epsilon_{cg0} = \frac{\sigma_{cg0}}{E_{cm}}; \text{copr.}$

$$\sigma_{cp0} = \frac{N_{p0}}{A_{c,net}}; \epsilon_{cp0} = \frac{\sigma_{cp0}}{E_{cm}}; \text{copr.}$$

$$\sigma_{cg1} = \frac{N_{g1}}{A_i}; \epsilon_{cg1} = \frac{\sigma_{cg1}}{E_{cm}}; \text{copr.}$$

$$\sigma_c = \sum \sigma_{ci}; \epsilon_c = \sum \epsilon_{ci};$$

Steel:

$$\sigma_{pg0} = 0$$

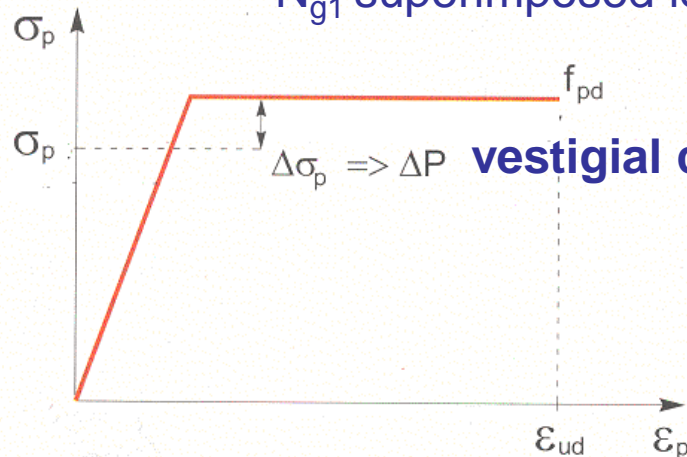
$$\sigma_{p0} = \frac{N_{p0}}{A_p}; \epsilon_{p0} = \frac{\sigma_{p0}}{E_p}; \text{tens.}$$

$$\sigma_{pg1} = \frac{N_{g1} E_p}{A_i E_{cm}}; \epsilon_{pg1} = \frac{\sigma_{pg1}}{E_p}; \text{copr.}$$

$$\sigma_p = \sum \sigma_{pi}; \epsilon_p = \sum \epsilon_{pi};$$

$\sigma_c; \sigma_p$  – initial stress

$N_{g1}$  superimposed load

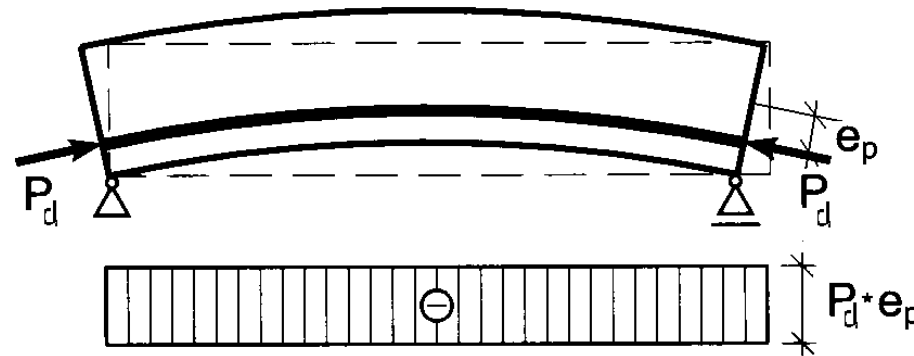


Capacity for tension variable load:

$$N_q = A_{c,net} \sigma_c + A_p (f_{pd} - \sigma_p)$$

- **Effect of prestressing at ULS**

Prestressing force acts as the external force.



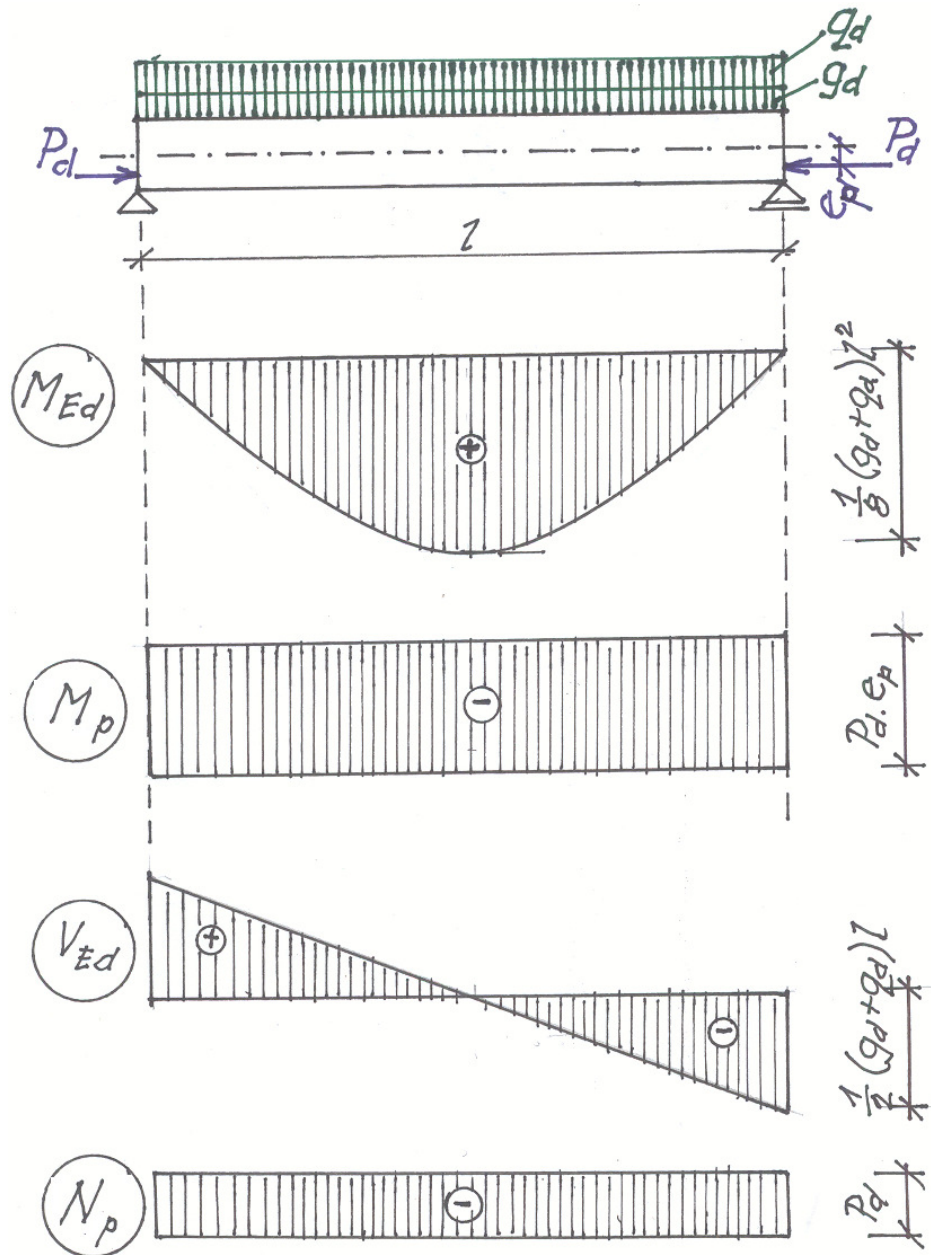
**Design value of prestressing force:**

$$P_d = \gamma_P P_{m,t}(x)$$

Prestress in most situations is intended to be favourable. The design value of prestress may be based on the mean value of the prestressing force and then  $\gamma_P = 1,0$ .

- In the verification of local effects  $\gamma_{P,unfav}$  should be used. The recommended value is  $\gamma_{P,unfav} = 1,2$

## Effects of loads – simply supported beam



In the middle of the beam:

$$M_{Ed} - M_p = (g_d + q_d) l^2 / 8 - P_d e_p$$

$$N_p = P_d$$

In the support of the beam:

$$V_{Ed} = (g_d + q_d) l / 2$$

$$N_p = P_d$$

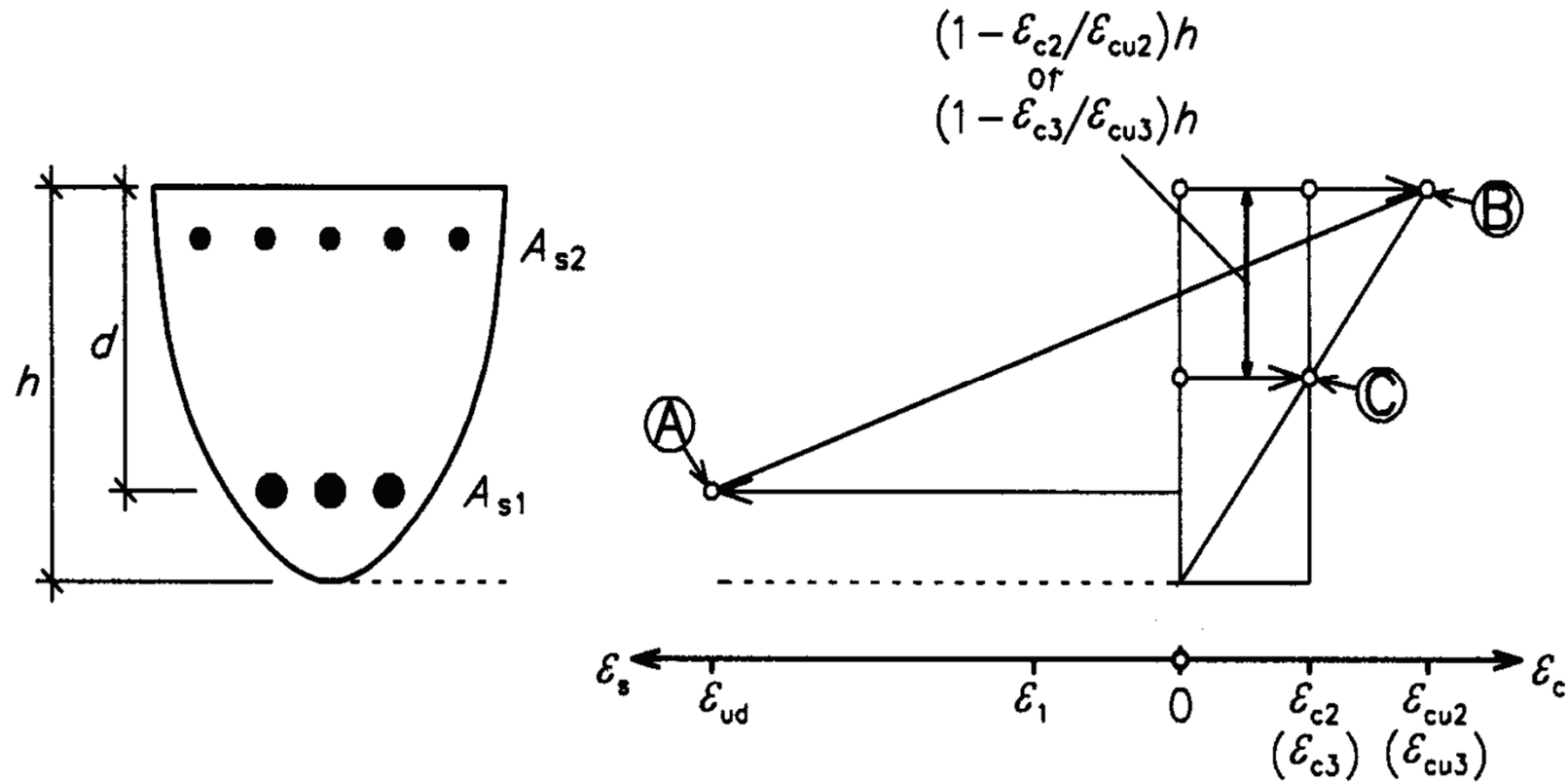


## ULS – Normal force and bending moment

The resisting forces of the sections should be calculated by applying the following **assumptions**:

1. The **section** perpendicular to the axis of bending which are **plane** before bending **remain plane** after bending.
2. The **strain in reinforcement is equal to the strain in the concrete** at the same level.
3. The **tensile strength** of concrete is **ignored**.
4. The **stresses** in the concrete and reinforcement can be computed from the strains **using stress-strain diagrams** for concrete and steel,
5. The **ultimate strain is reached** at the extreme compressed concrete fibres, and/or in extreme tensioned steel fibres

## Possible strain distributions in the ultimate limit state



- A** - reinforcing steel tension strain limit
- B** - concrete compression strain limit
- C** - concrete pure compression strain limit

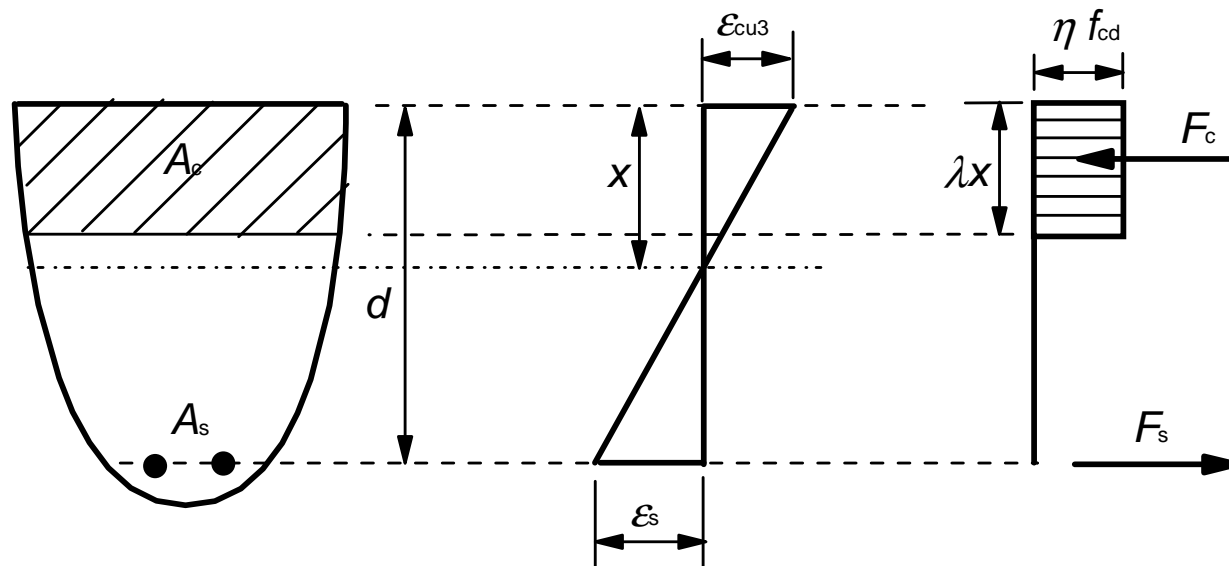
## Design strength for concrete

The value of the design compressive strength

$$f_{cd} = \alpha_{cc} f_{ck} / \gamma_C,$$

$\gamma_C$  is the partial safety factor for concrete; the recommended values for the ultimate limit state is 1.5 in persistent and transient

$\alpha_{cc}$  the coefficient taking account of long-term effects on the compressive strength and of unfavourable effects resulting from the way the load; the recommended value is 1.0.



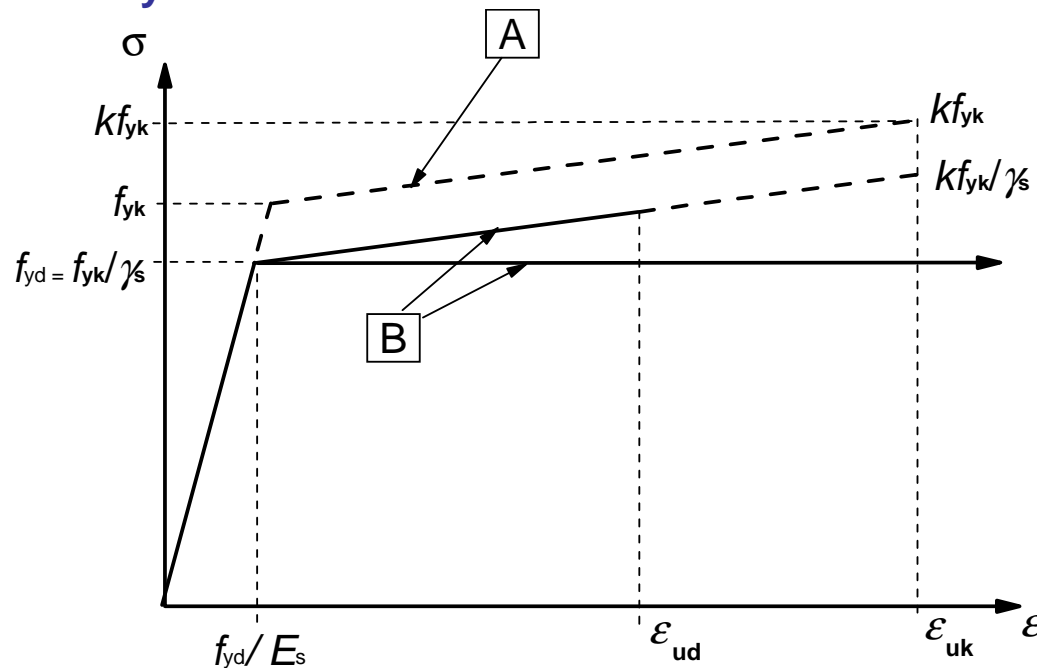
## Design strength for reinforcing steel

The value of the design compressive and tensile yield strength of reinforcing steel

$$f_{yd} = f_{yk} / \gamma_s,$$

$\gamma_s$  is the partial safety factor for steel; the recommended value for ultimate limit state is 1.15,

$f_{yk}$  the characteristic yield strength, either taken from  $f_y$  or  $f_{0.2}$ .



$$k = (f_t / f_y)_k$$

A Idealised  
B Design

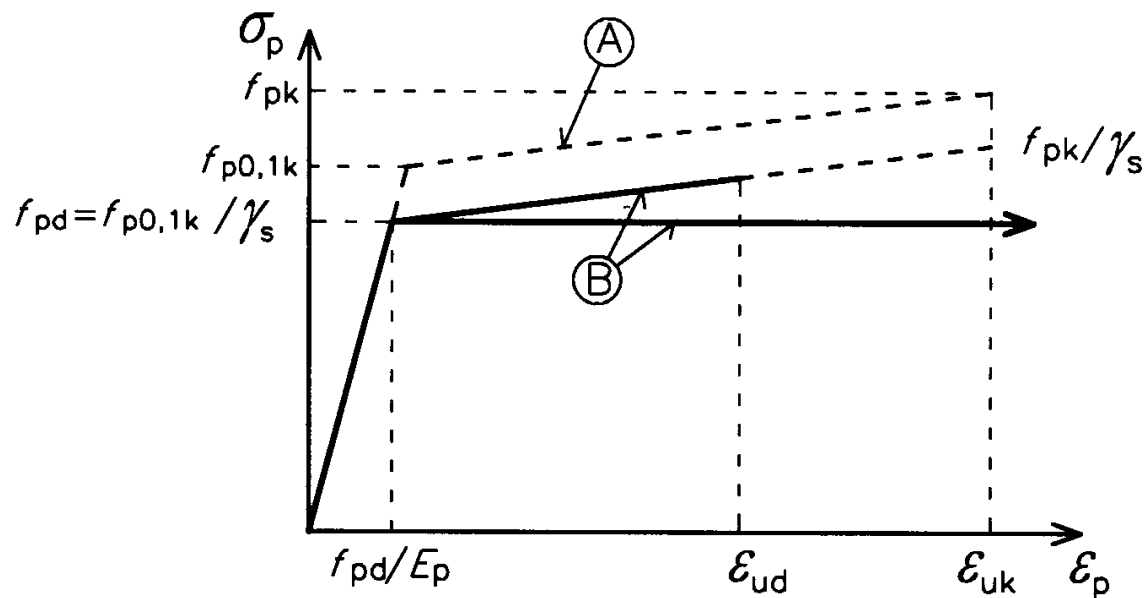
## Design strength for prestressing steel

The value of the design compressive and tensile strength of prestressing steel

$$f_{pd} = f_{p0,1k} / \gamma_s,$$

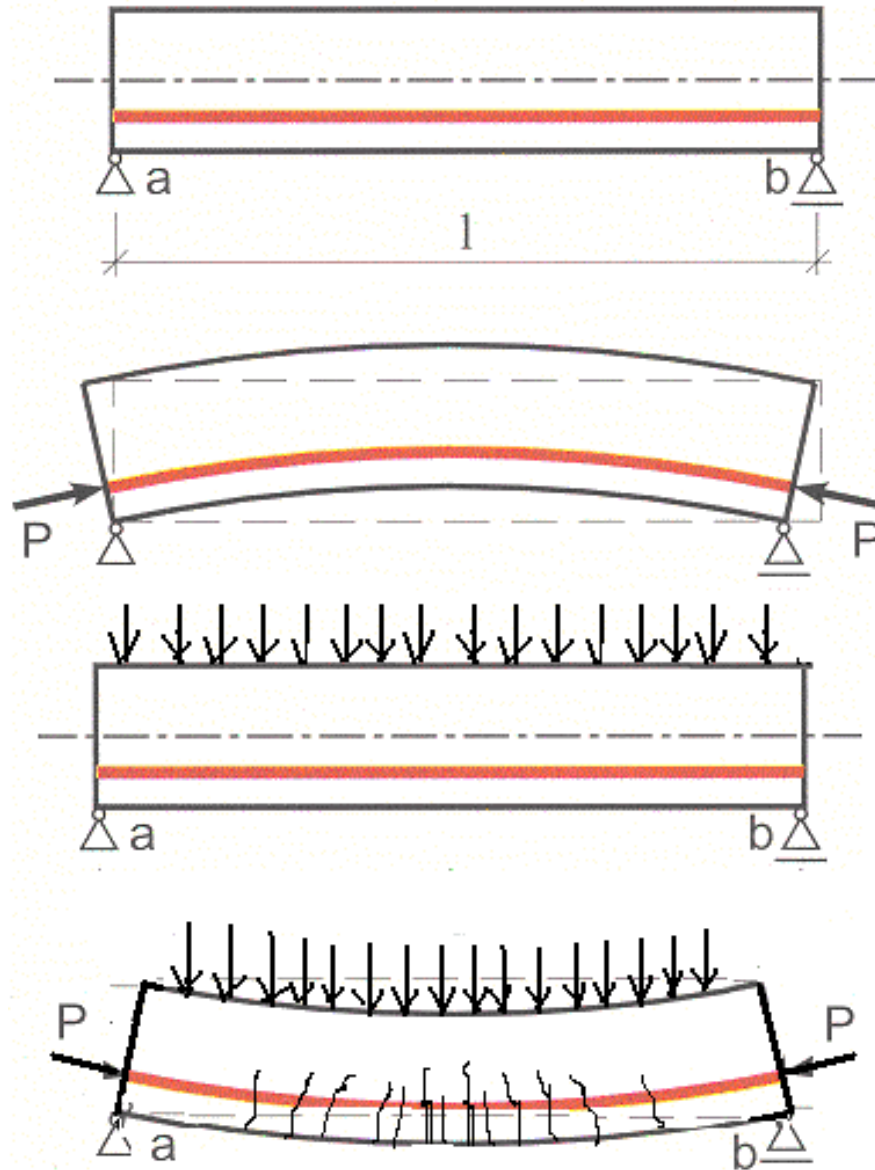
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$f_{p0,1k}$  the characteristic value of proof stress

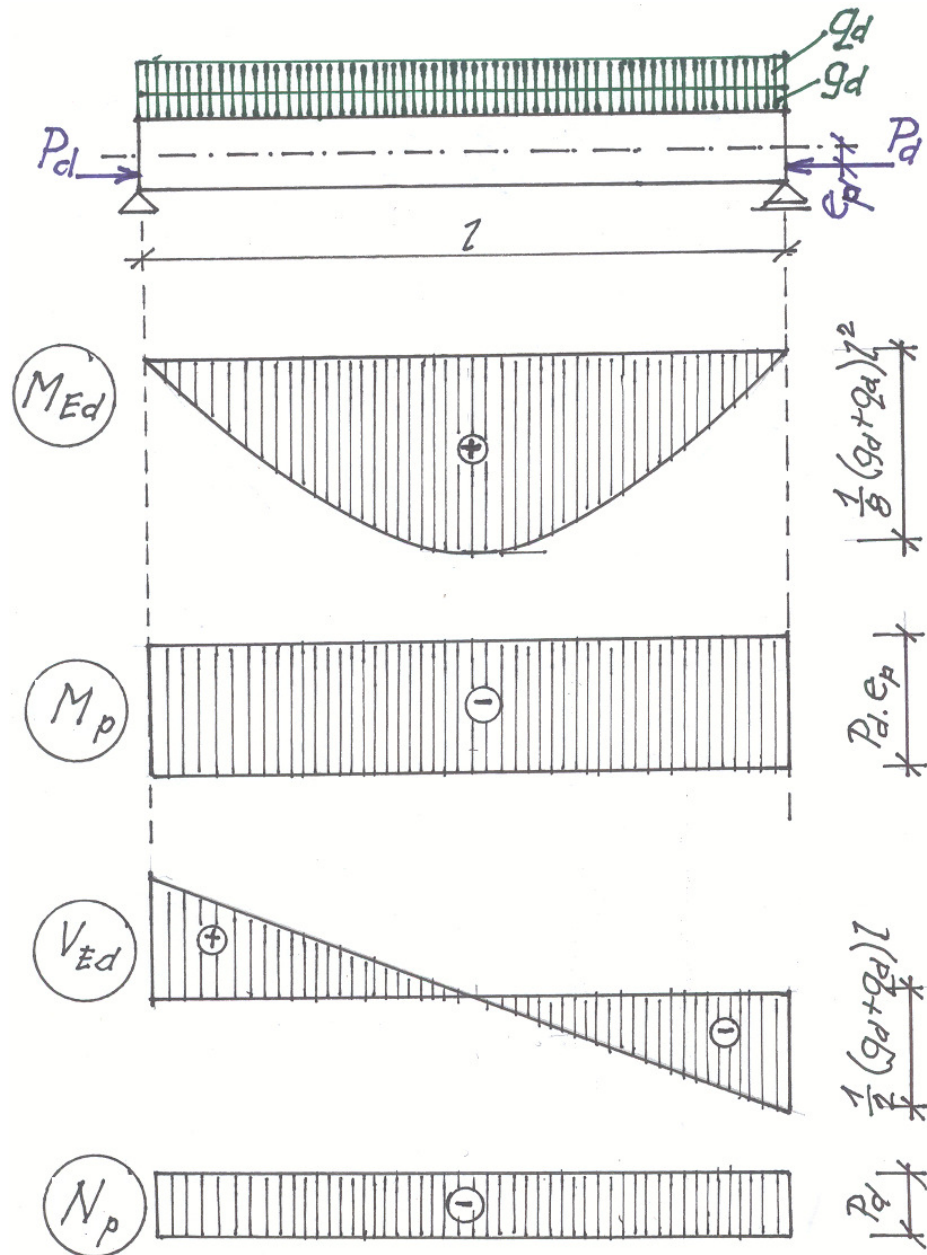


(absolute values are shown for tensile stress and strain)

# Prestressed element subjected to bending



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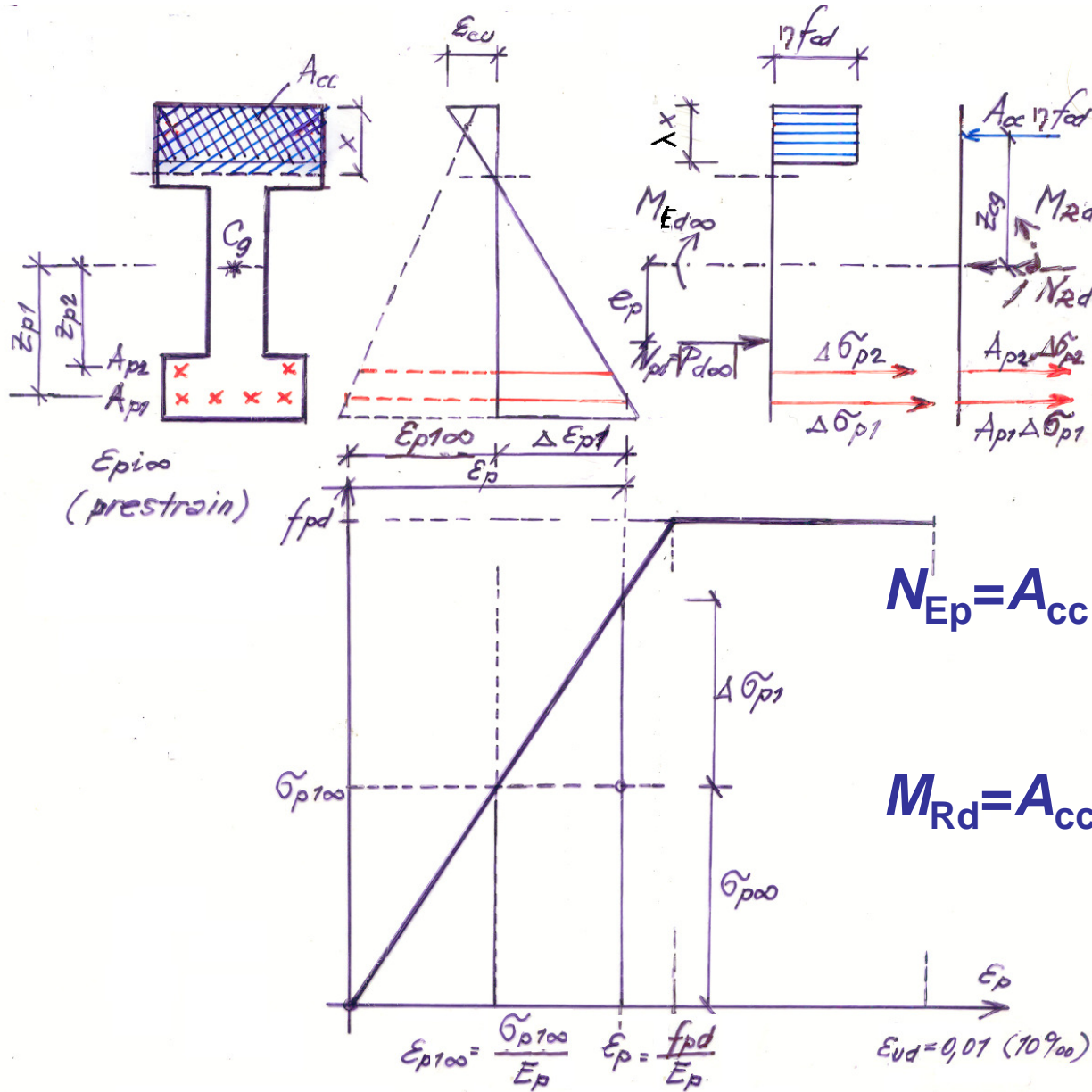
$$M_{Ed} - M_p = (g_d + q_d) l^2 / 8 - P_d e_p$$

$$N_p = P_d$$

In the support of the beam:

$$V_{Ed} = (g_d + q_d) l / 2$$

$$N_p = P_d$$



$$M_{Ed} - M_{Ep} = (g_d + q_d) \cdot l^2 / 8 - P_d e_p$$

$$N_{Ep} = P_d$$

Assuming  $N_{Rd} = N_{Ep}$ :

$$N_{Ep} = A_{cc} \eta f_{cd} + \sum A_{pi} \Delta \sigma_{pi} \quad (1)$$

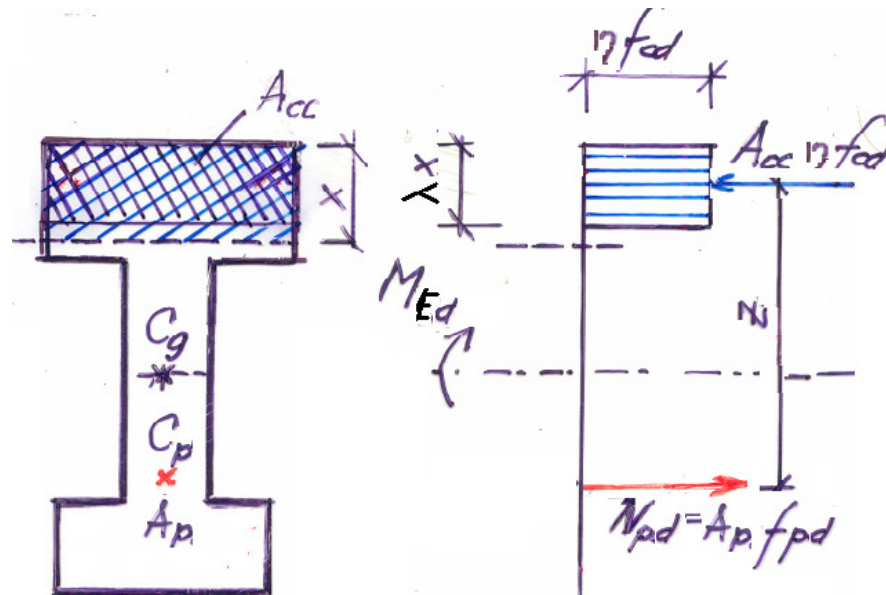
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$$M_{Rd} = A_{cc} \eta f_{cd} z_{gc} + \sum A_{pi} \Delta \sigma_{pi} z_{pi} \quad (2)$$

Condition of safety:

$$M_{Ed} - M_{Ep} \leq M_{Rd}$$





Sometimes in practice it is assumed that the prestressing force acts as internal force, then

$$A_{cc} \eta f_{cd} + A_p f_{pd} = 0 \quad (1)$$

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x

$$M_{Rd} = A_{cc} \eta f_{cd} z \quad (2)$$

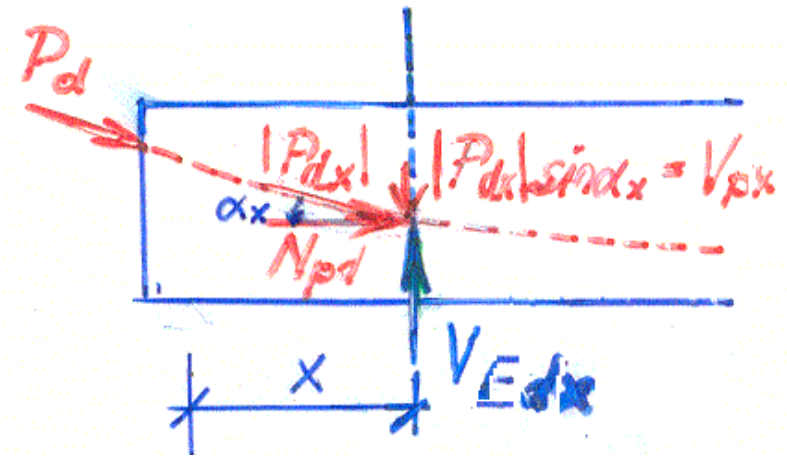
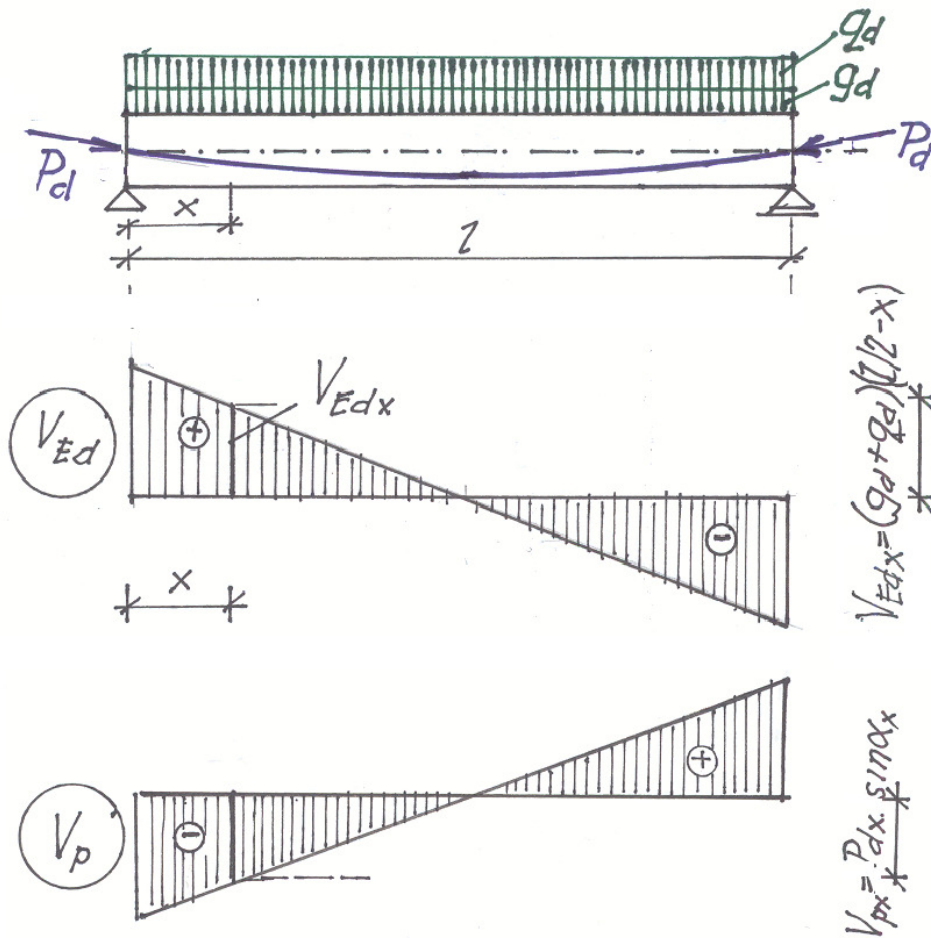
Condition of safety:

$$M_{Ed} \leq M_{Rd}$$

It is assumed:  $P_d = A_{cc} \eta f_{cd} - A_p (f_{pd} - \sigma_{p\infty})$

# ULS – Shear force

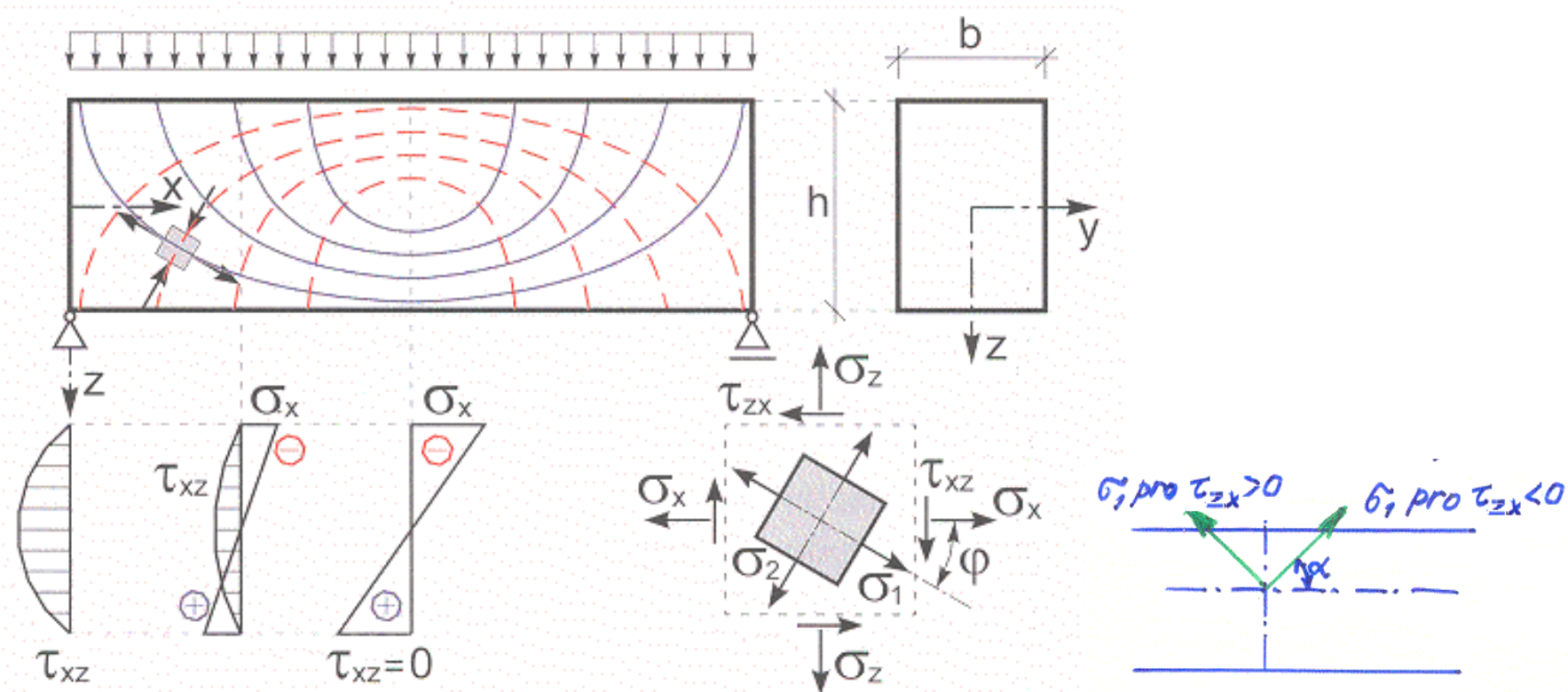
## Shear forces



Lift-up tendon reduces the shear force  $V_{Ed}$ :

$$V_{Edx} - P_{dx} \sin \alpha_x$$

## Trajectories of principal stress

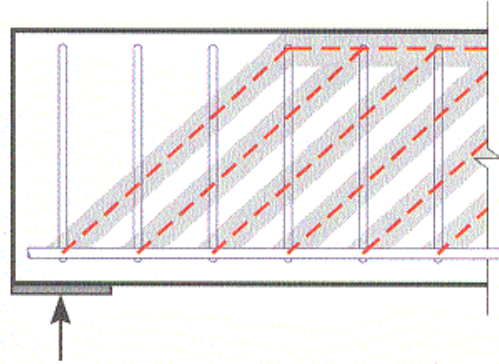


$$\sigma_{1,2} = \frac{\sigma_x + \sigma_z}{2} \pm \sqrt{\left(\frac{\sigma_x - \sigma_z}{2}\right)^2 + \tau_{xz}^2}; \operatorname{tg} 2\alpha = \frac{-2\tau_{xz}}{\sigma_x - \sigma_z}$$

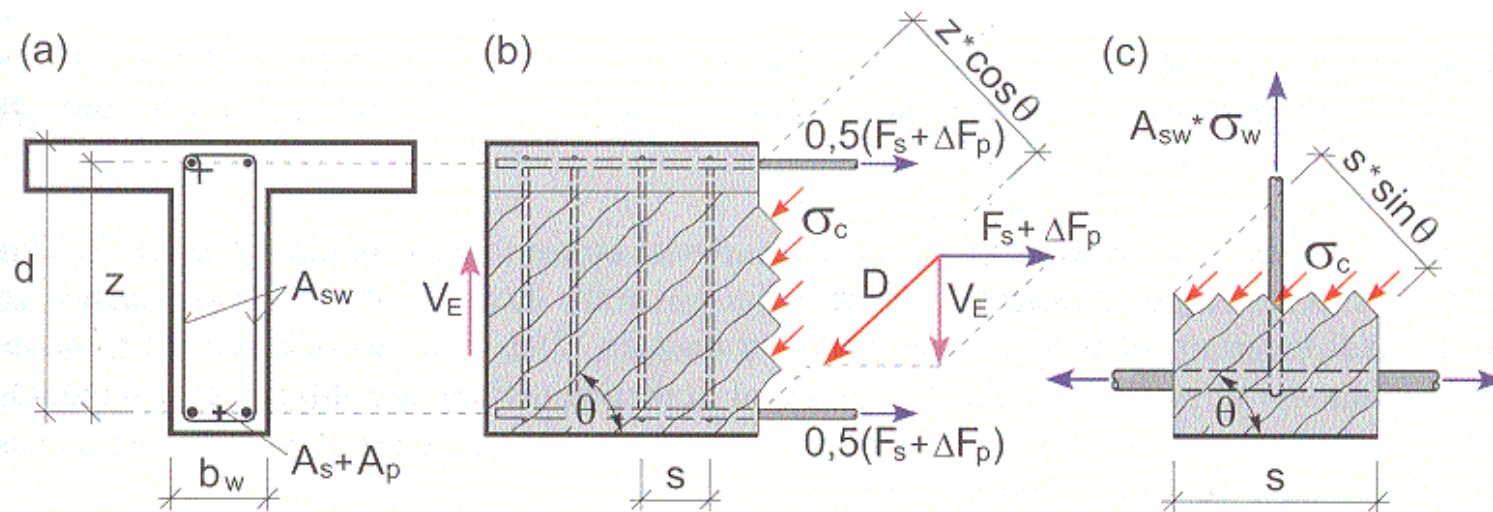
If  $\sigma_x$  is compression stress  $\Rightarrow$  decreases the principal tension stress

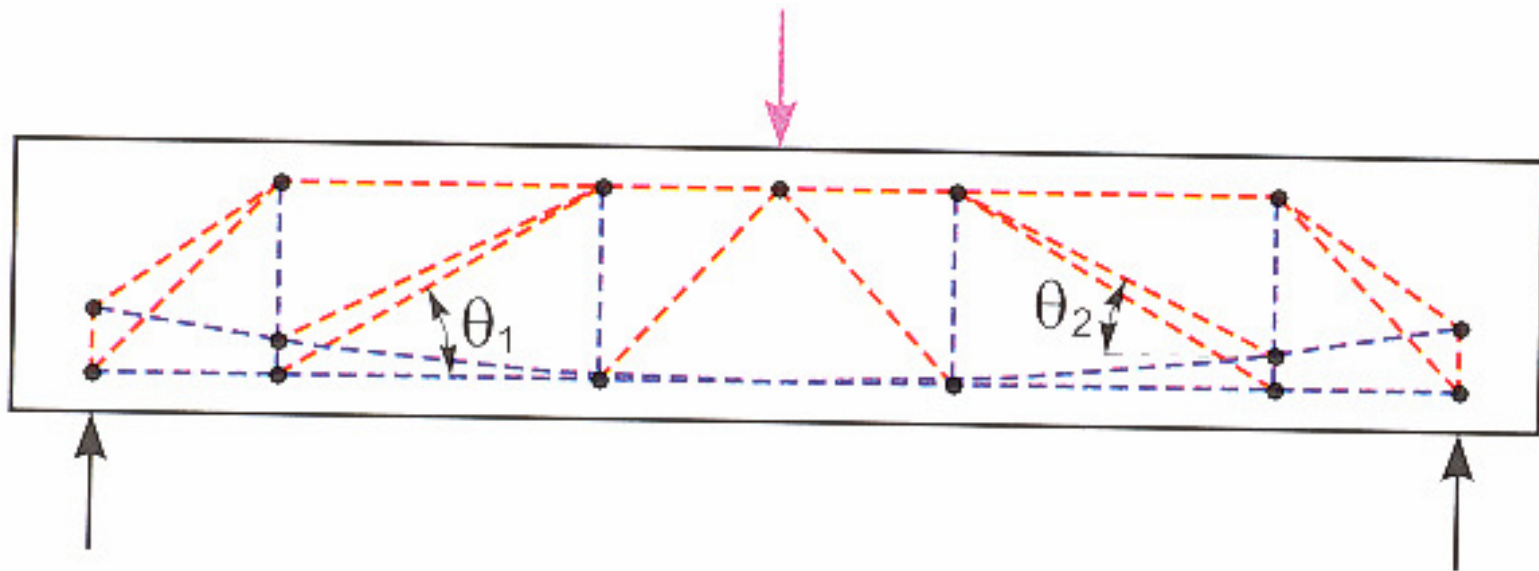
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## Truss model

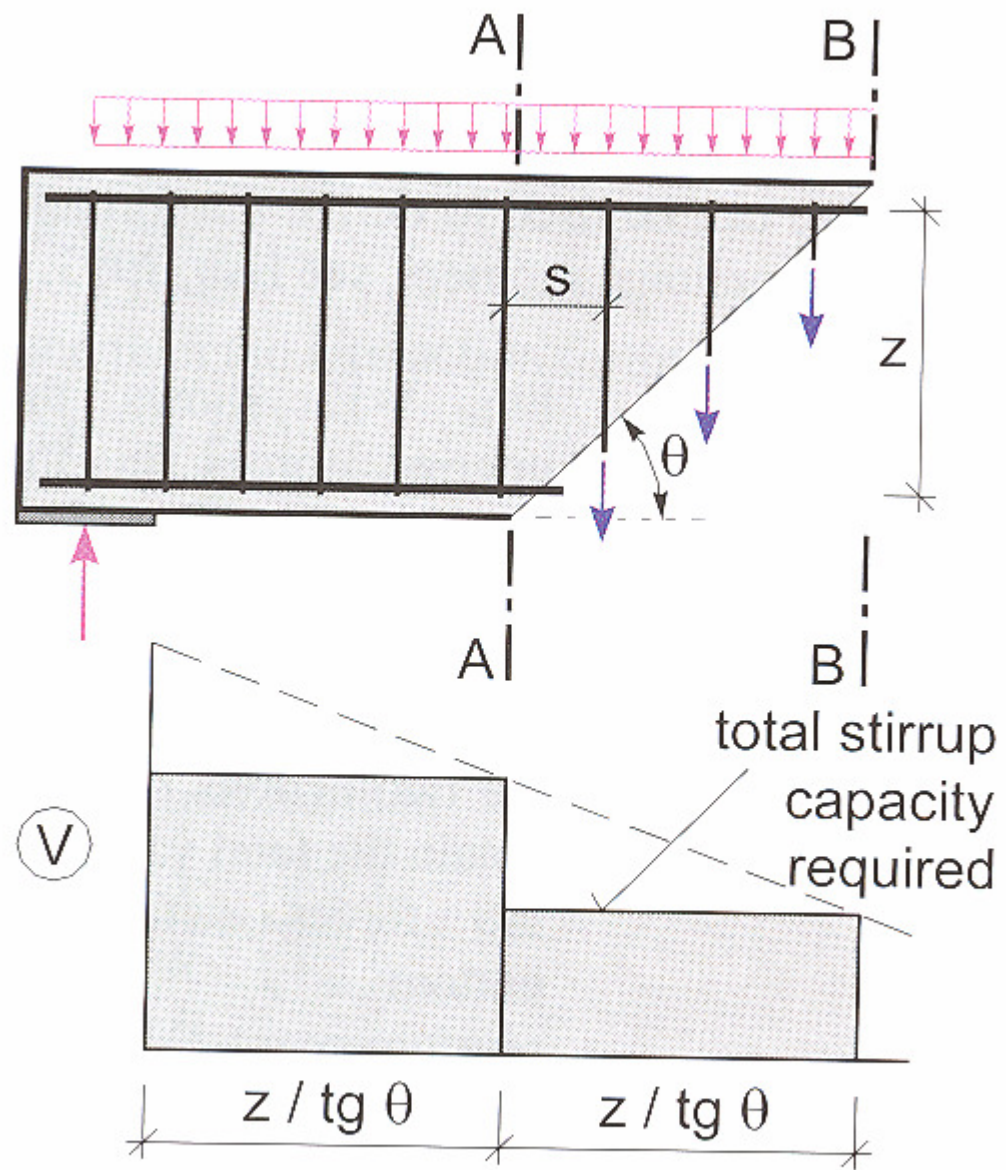


## Equilibrium conditions of the truss model





**Truss model of prestressed beam**



**The staggering concept for shear design**

**For the verification of the shear resistance the following symbols are defined:**

**$V_{Rd,c}$  is the design shear resistance of the member without shear reinforcement.**

**$V_{Rd,s}$  the design value of the shear force which can be sustained by the yielding shear reinforcement.**

**$V_{Rd,max}$  the design value of the maximum shear force which can be sustained by the member, limited by crushing of the compression struts.**

**The shear resistance of a member with shear reinforcement**

$$V_{Rd} = V_{Rd,s}$$

## Members not requiring design shear reinforcement

$$V_{Ed} \leq V_{Rd,c}$$

The design value for the shear resistance  $V_{Rd,c}$  is given by:

$$V_{Rd,c} = [C_{Rd,c} k (100 \rho_l f_{ck})^{1/3} + k_1 \sigma_{cp}]^{1/3} b_w d$$

with a minimum of

$$V_{Rd,c} = (v_{\min} + k_1 \sigma_{cp}) b_w d \quad f_{ck} \text{ is in MPa}$$

$$k = 1 + \sqrt{\frac{200}{d}} \leq 2,0 \quad \text{with } d \text{ in mm ; } \rho_l = \frac{A_{sl}}{b_w d} \leq 0,02$$

$A_{sl}$  the area of the tensile reinforcement, which extends  $\geq (l_{bd} + d)$  beyond the section considered

$b_w$  the smallest width of the cross-section in the tensile area [mm]

$\sigma_{cp} = N_{Ed} / A_c < 0,2 f_{cd}$  [MPa]

$N_{Ed}$  the axial force in the cross-section due to loading or prestressing [in N] ( $N_{Ed} > 0$  for compression).

$A_c$  the area of concrete cross section [mm<sup>2</sup>]

$V_{Rd,c}$  is [N]

The recommended values for:

$C_{Rd,c}$  is  $0,18/\gamma_c$ ,  $v_{\min} = 0,035 k^{3/2} \cdot f_{ck}^{1/2}$ ;  $k_1 = 0,15$



**In regions uncracked in bending** (where the flexural tensile stress is smaller than  $f_{ctk,0,05}/\gamma_c$ ) the shear resistance should be limited by the tensile strength of the concrete. In these regions the shear resistance is given by:

$$V_{Rd,c} = \frac{I \cdot b_w}{S} \sqrt{(f_{ctd})^2 + \alpha_l \sigma_{cp} f_{ctd}} \quad (6.4)$$

$I$  is the second moment of area

$B_w$  the width of the cross-section at the centroidal axis, allowing for the presence of ducts

$S$  the first moment of area above and about the centroidal axis

$\alpha_l = I_x / I_{pt2} \leq 1,0$  for pretensioned tendons  
 $= 1,0$  for other types of prestressing

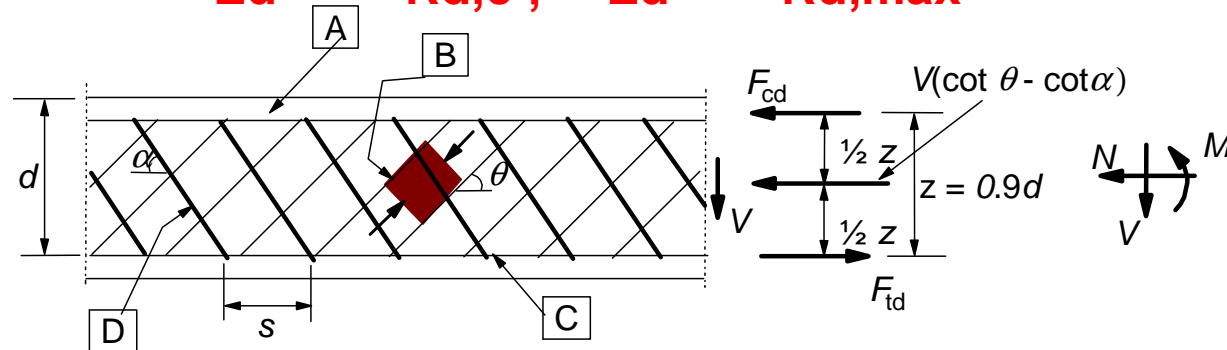
$I_x$  the distance of section considered from the starting point of the transmission length

$I_{pt2}$  the upper value of the transmission length of the prestressing element

$\sigma_{cp}$  the concrete compressive stress at the centroidal axis due to axial loading and/or prestressing ( $\sigma_{cp} = N_{Ed} / A_c$  in MPa,  $N_{Ed} > 0$  in compression)

## Members requiring design shear reinforcement

$$V_{Ed} > V_{Rd,c} ; V_{Ed} \leq V_{Rd,max}$$



A - compression chord, B - struts, C - tensile chord, D - shear reinforcement

$\alpha$  is the angle between shear reinforcement and the beam axis

perpendicular to the shear force (measured positive- in Fig.),

$\theta$  the angle between the concrete compression strut and the beam axis perpendicular to the shear force,

$F_{td}$  the design value of the tensile force in the longit. reinforcement

$F_{cd}$  the design value of the concrete compression force in the direction of the longitudinal member axis,

$B_w$  the minimum width between tension and compression chords

$z$  the inner lever arm, for a member with constant depth, corresponding to the bending moment in the element under consideration. In the shear analysis approximate value  $z = 0,9d$  may be used.

The angle  $\theta$  should be limited. The recommended limits are:

$$1 \leq \cot \theta \leq 2,5$$

For members with vertical shear reinforcement, the shear resistance,  $V_{Rd}$  is the smaller value of:

$$V_{Rd,s} = \frac{A_{sw}}{s} z f_{ywd} \cot \theta$$

and

$$V_{Rd,max} = \alpha_{cw} b_w z \nu_1 f_{cd} / (\cot \theta + \tan \theta)$$

$A_{sw}$  is the cross-sectional area of the shear reinforcement

$s$  the spacing of the stirrups

$f_{ywd}$  the design yield strength of the shear reinforcement

$\nu_1$  a strength reduction factor for concrete cracked in shear

$\alpha_{cw}$  a coefficient taking account of the state of the stress in the compression chord

The recommended value of  $\nu_1$  is  $\nu = 0,6(1 - f_{ck} / 250)$ ,  $f_{ck}$  in MPa.