

# Fundamentals of Structural Design


## Part of Steel Structures

Civil Engineering for Bachelors  
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### Syllabus of lectures

1. Introduction, history of steel structures, the applications and some representative structures, production of steel
2. Steel products, material properties and testing, steel grades
3. Manufacturing of steel structures, welding, mechanical fasteners
4. Safety of structures, limit state design, codes and specifications for the design
5. Tension, compression, buckling
6. Classification of cross sections, bending, shear, serviceability limit states
7. Buckling of webs, lateral-torsional stability, torsion, combination of internal forces
8. Fatigue
9. Design of bolted and welded connections
-  10. Steel-concrete composite structures
11. Fire and corrosion resistance, protection of steel structures, life cycle assessment

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## Scope of the lecture

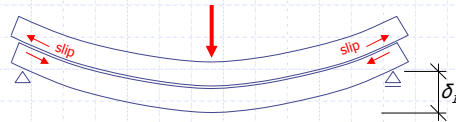
- ➔ Basic principles of the composite structures
  - Shear connectors
  - Composite beams
  - Composite columns
  - Steel-concrete slabs

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## Principle of behaviour of composite beams

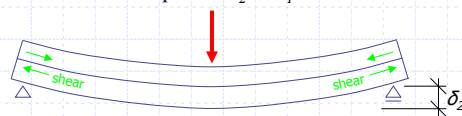
### Steel beam and concrete slab are not connected

- They share the load (each take a part from the total)
- The deformation of both is the same – equal to  $\delta_1$



### Steel concrete composite beam

- The beam and the concrete slab are connected by shear connectors eliminating the slip on steel-concrete interface
- The composite beam takes the whole load
- The deformation is equal to  $\delta_2 < \delta_1$



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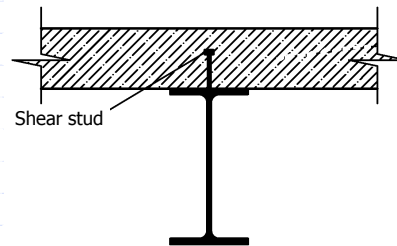
## Steel concrete composite structures

### Advantages

- Convenient stresses (concrete in compression / steel in tension)
- Saving expensive material (steel) - low cost of the structure
- Increase of stiffness
- Better fire resistance (compared to steel structures) – no need for additional fire protection – low cost of the structure

### Steel concrete composite elements

- Beams
- Columns
- Composite slabs



Steel concrete beam section  
with welded stud  
providing shear connection

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## Beam with welded shear studs



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## Standards for design of composite structures

European standard EN 1994-1-1

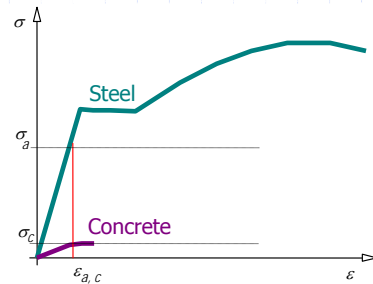
### Design strength

■ concrete .....  $f_{cd} = 0,85 f_{ck} / \gamma_c$   
 $\gamma_c = 1,5$

■ steel .....  $f_{yd} = f_y / \gamma_{M0}$   
 $\gamma_{M0} = 1,0$

■ reinforcement ...  $f_{sd} = f_{sk} / \gamma_s$   
 $\gamma_s = 1,15$

■ shear connectors  $\gamma_v = 1,25$



Stress-strain diagram of steel and concrete  
Note: for equal strain  $\epsilon_{a,c}$ , steel gets much higher stress than concrete because of different modules of elasticity

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Composite beams

Composite columns

Steel-concrete slabs

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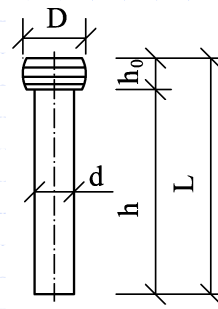
## Welded studs

- Common, cheap, simple to install
- Convenient  $F - \delta$  relationship (high resistance and ductility)

⊗ Need of strong electric source for welding



Studs welded to the steel beam



Shear stud

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## Welding of shear studs



Semi-automatic welding of the shear studs

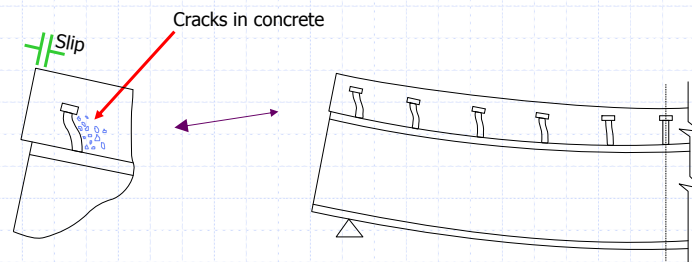
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## Advantages of studs

### Deformation of ductile studs

High deformation capacity of studs allows for plastic distribution of shear forces among the studs

As the studs at the ends of the beam are overloaded, they deform and cracks in the concrete appear, which leads to small slip of the concrete slab, this causes the other studs are loaded by increasing forces



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## Resistance of studs

### Characteristic resistance of the stud

- Steel failure

$$P_{Rk} = 0,8 f_u \frac{\pi d^2}{4}$$

- Concrete failure

$$P_{Rk} = 0,29 \alpha d^2 \sqrt{f_{ck} E_{cm}}$$

$f_u$  ultimate strength of material of studs, max. 500 MPa

### Reduction due to stud height

- Short stud

$$3 \leq \frac{h}{d} \leq 4 \quad \alpha = 0,2 \left( \frac{h}{d} + 1 \right)$$

- Long stud

$$4 < \frac{h}{d} \quad \alpha = 1,0$$

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## Perforated strips

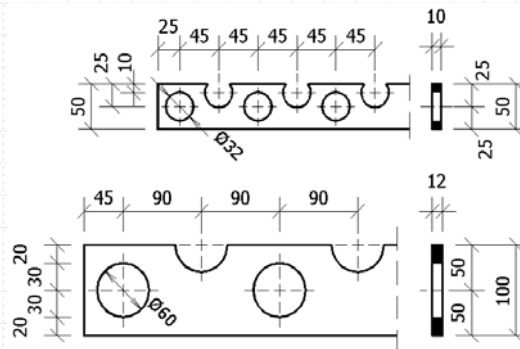
Various types exist worldwide

The resistance can be increased by reinforcement placed into the holes

Non-ductile shear connection

Two types are used in Czech Republic:

- height 50 mm, thickness 10 mm, holes  $d = 32$  mm
- height 100 mm, thickness 12 mm, holes  $d = 60$  mm



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## Thin walled connectors

Manufactured by Hilti

Zinc-coated steel sheet, thickness 2 mm

Easy to apply, no need for electricity for welding

Connected to steel beams by two shot nails

Height from 80 up to 140 mm

Expensive  $\Rightarrow$  refurbishment



Range of Hilti HVB connectors



Hilti HVB shear connectors

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## Thin walled connectors



Application of Hilti shear connectors

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→ Composite beams

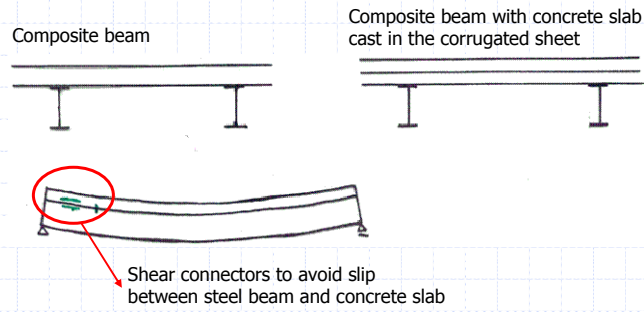
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Steel-concrete slabs

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## Composite beams



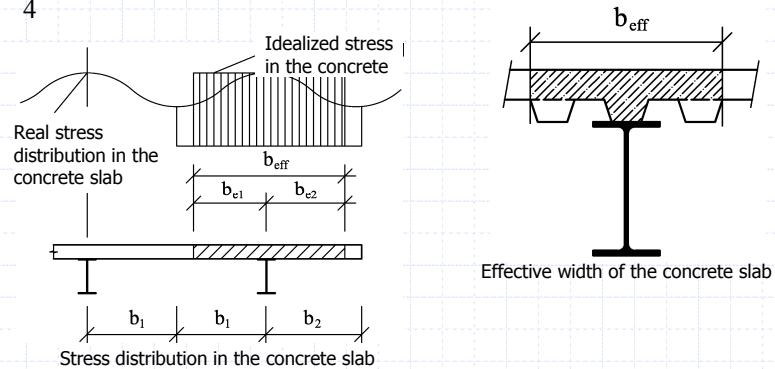
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## Effective cross section

The stress in the concrete slab is not uniform because of effect of shear lag  
Idealized stress distribution (i.e. uniform stress on the effective width  $b_{eff}$ ) is considered in the concrete slab

Considering simply supported beams, the effective width  $b_{eff}$  is equal to

$$b_{eff} = \frac{L}{4}$$



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## Classification of cross sections

- Beam flange connected to the concrete slab by shear connectors is assumed to be fully stabilized - no local buckling of the flange can occur – Class 1 for any  $c/t$  ratio
- The other parts are classified in similar way as normal steel beams

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## Resistance of the beam

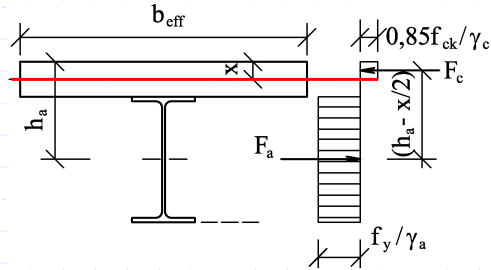
- Two cases should be distinguished:
  - Full shear connection  
(the shear connection is not critical part of the beam)
    - This is the preferable way of design
  - Partial shear connection  
(shear connection limits the resistance of the beam)
    - It is used in cases when the number of the connectors required for full shear connection does not fit on the beam and smaller number of the connectors must be used
    - Stiffness of the beam decrease - deformation increase

Check of cross section – plastic stress distribution at ULS (full shear connection)

- Positive plastic bending moment capacity is evaluated with one of the following options
  - Neutral axis in the slab
  - Neutral axis in the beam
- Negative plastic moment capacity needs to be evaluated at supports of continuous beams, etc.

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## Plastic bending moment capacity



Full shear connection

Assumption: neutral axis is in the concrete slab

Force equilibrium equation to get the depth of concrete zone in compression

$$F_c = F_a$$

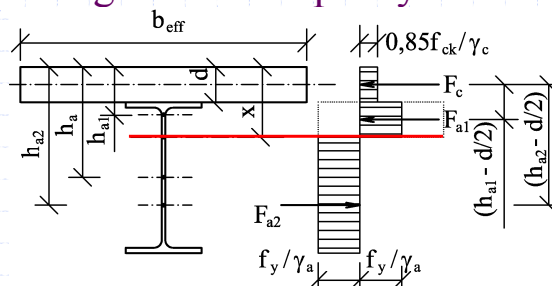
$$b_{eff} x 0,85 \frac{f_{ck}}{\gamma_c} = A_a \frac{f_y}{\gamma_a} \Rightarrow x = \dots \quad \text{but } x \text{ must be smaller than depth of the slab}$$

Moment equilibrium equation to get the bending moment capacity

$$M_{pl,Rd} = F_a r = F_c r$$

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## Plastic bending moment capacity



Full shear connection

Assumption: neutral axis is in the steel section

Force equilibrium equation to get the depth of concrete zone in compression

$$F_c + F_{a1} = F_{a2} \Rightarrow x = \dots \quad (\text{limits for } x \text{ exist})$$

Moment equilibrium equation to get the bending moment capacity

$$M_{pl,Rd} = F_c \left( h_{a2} - \frac{d}{2} \right) + F_{a1} \left( h_{a1} - \frac{d}{2} \right)$$

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## Criteria to be checked

### Ultimate Limit States

- Moment resistance of critical cross section
- Resistance in shear
- Resistance in longitudinal shear (resistance of shear connectors)

### Serviceability Limit States

- Elastic behaviour
- Deflections

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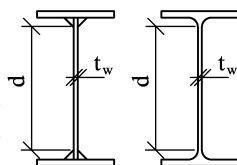
## Resistance in shear

See shear resistance of steel beams

The concrete slab has no effect on the shear resistance

$$V_{pl,Rd} = \frac{A_v f_y}{\sqrt{3} \gamma_{M0}}$$

$A_v$  shear area = area of the beam web



Shear area of I sections

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## Shear connection

Shear connectors transfer longitudinal shear  $V_\ell$

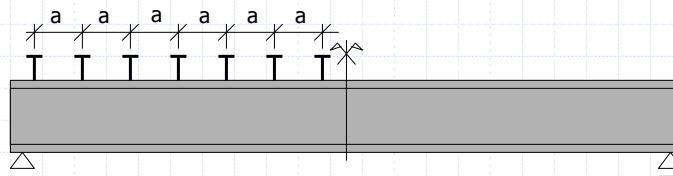
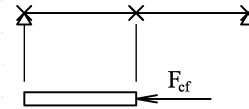
Ductile shear connectors: the connectors can be uniformly distributed

- Shear force to be transferred by connectors

$$F_{cf} = A_c 0,85 \frac{f_{ck}}{\gamma_c}$$

- Number of connectors on half-span:

$$n_f = \frac{F_{cf}}{P_{Rd}}$$



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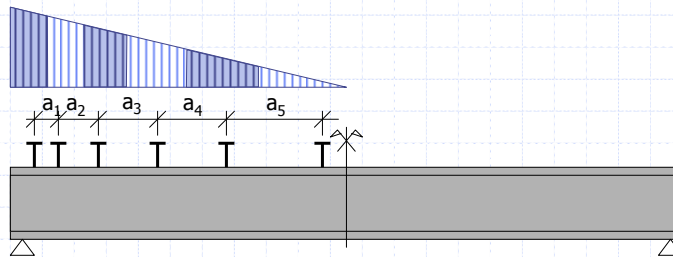
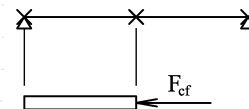
## Shear connection

Shear connectors transfer longitudinal shear  $V_\ell$

Non-ductile connectors: the connectors follow shear force distribution

$$V_\ell = \frac{V_{Ed} \cdot S_c}{I_i}$$

- $V_{Ed}$  shear force on the beam,
- $S_i$  static moment of effective cross section of slab to the centre of gravity of the beam,
- $I_i$  moment of inertia of the beam



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## Serviceability limit states

Service load is assumed for the calculations ( $\gamma_G = \gamma_Q = 1,0$ ;  $\gamma_M = 1,0$ )

Beam is in elastic stage – this should be checked by calculating the maximum stress in the steel and concrete and comparing it to the yield limit of steel and to the concrete strength

Deflections

Cracking of concrete (limit of crack width)

Limit crack width  $w_k = 0,3$  mm

This is controlled by the slab reinforcement

The assembling procedure has significant effect on both the stress and the deflection of the beam

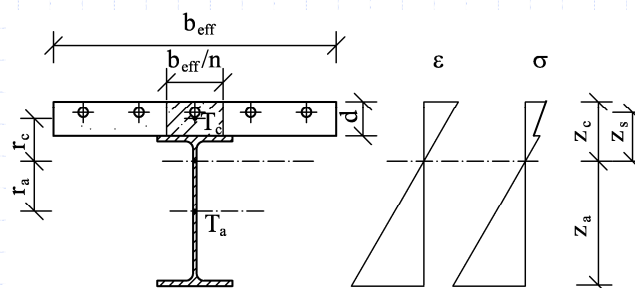
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## Elastic behaviour

Assumption of Navier's hypothesis (planar cross-section after deformation)

Components and maximum stress

- Concrete ( $0,85 f_{ck} / \gamma_c$ )
- Steel ( $f_y / \gamma_{M0}$ )
- Reinforcement ( $f_{sk} / \gamma_s$ )



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## Properties of idealized cross section

Concrete slab is transformed to the equivalent steel part  
The ratio at which the dimensions are modified is

$$n = \frac{E_a}{0,5 E_{cm}}$$

$E_a$  is modulus of elasticity of steel

$E_{cm}$  is modulus of elasticity of concrete, the factor 0,5 is used to take into account the creep in a simplified way

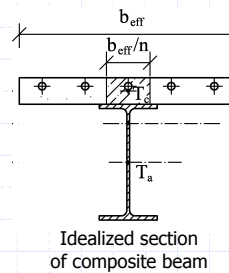
- Area of cross section  $A_i$

$$A_i = A_a + \frac{A_c}{n} + A_s$$

- Centre of gravity

- Moment of inertia  $I_i$

$$I_{y,i} = \dots\dots$$



Idealized section of composite beam

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## Assembling procedure

Has influence on deformation and elastic stress distribution  
(but not on  $M_{pl,Rd}$ )

Two procedures can be used

- Without scaffolding

Two stages need to be considered:

- the assembly stage, when steel beam is loaded by weight of fresh concrete (and some temporary load presented at the assembling) - no composite action
- the final stage, when the concrete is hard and ready to carry the load - the composite beam has to carry all the load

In elastic calculation, the stress from the assembly stage (from the weight of the fresh concrete) and from the remaining load (other dead load applied after the concrete gets hard and from variable load) add

- On scaffolding

The weight of the fresh concrete is supported by temporary structure - scaffolding, therefore no stresses and deformation occur, all the load is resisted by the composite beam



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## Assembling with scaffolding

### Stresses, deflections

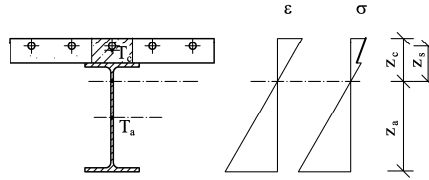


Stress at upper edge of the concrete slab

$$\sigma_c = \frac{1}{n} \frac{M_{Ek} z_c}{I_{y,i}} \quad \sigma_c \leq f_{c,k}$$

Stress at lower edge of steel section

$$\sigma_a = \frac{M_{Ek} z_a}{I_{y,i}} \quad \sigma_a \leq f_y$$



Deformation (for simply supported beam with uniformly distributed load)

$$\delta = \frac{5}{384} \frac{v_k l^4}{E_a I_{y,i}}$$

Note: easy method for the design  
saves the steel - the beams are smaller as only the composite beam is loaded  
cheap? - consider the price of rent and erection of the scaffolding  
effective for large spans, i.e. spans exceeding 7 m

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## Assembling without scaffolding

### Stresses

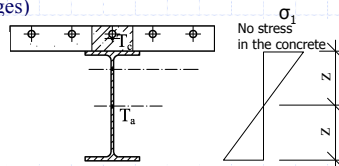


Assembling stage

The load at assembly should be considered, i.e. self weight of the beam, weight of the fresh concrete and people working with the concrete

Stress in the steel section (top and bottom edges)

$$\sigma_{a1} = \frac{M_{Ek,1} z}{I_y} \quad \sigma_{a1} \leq f_y$$



Final stage

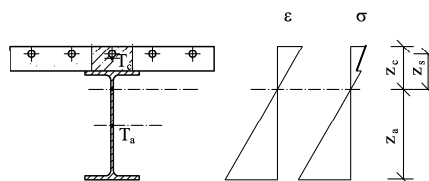
The remaining load should be considered, i.e. the floor and ceiling and any variable load

Stress in the steel section (bottom edge)

$$\sigma_{a2} = \frac{M_{Ek,2} z_a}{I_{y,i}}$$

Stress in the concrete (top surface of the slab)

$$\sigma_c = \frac{1}{n} \frac{M_{Ek,2} z_c}{I_{y,i}}$$



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## Assembling with scaffolding

### Stresses



#### Total stress

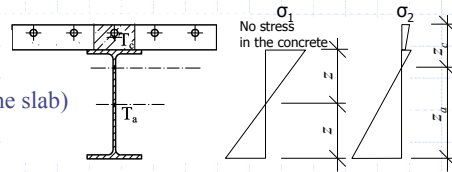
The total stress is obtained as the sum of the previous

Stress in the steel section (bottom edge)

$$\sigma_a = \sigma_{a1} + \sigma_{a2}$$

Stress in the concrete (top surface of the slab)

$$\sigma_c = 0 + \sigma_{c2}$$



Note: more complicated method for the design (two situations need to be considered)  
the beams are bigger - usually the assembling stage limits the size of the steel beam  
effective for small spans, i.e. spans up to 7 m

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## Assembling with scaffolding

### Deformation



#### Deformation (for simply supported beam with uniformly distributed load)

At assembly stage

The load at assembly should be considered, i.e. self weight of the beam, weight of the fresh concrete and people working with the concrete

The moment of inertia of the steel section only ( $I_y$ ) is used

$$\delta_1 = \frac{5}{384} \frac{v_{k1} l^4}{E_a I_y}$$

At final stage

The remaining load should be considered, i.e. the floor and ceiling and any variable load

The moment inertia of the composite beam ( $I_{y,i}$ ) is used

$$\delta_2 = \frac{5}{384} \frac{v_{k2} l^4}{E_a I_{y,i}}$$

Total deformation

The total stress is obtained as the sum of the previous

$$\delta = \delta_1 + \delta_2$$

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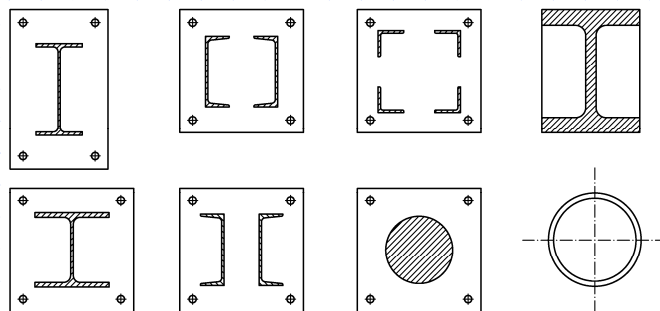


## Columns

Fully encased columns

Partially encased columns

Concrete filled hollow sections (circular, rectangular)



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## Columns



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## Simplified method of resistance evaluation of columns

### Criteria

- Columns with double-symmetric steel sections
- Constant section along length
- $0,2 < \delta < 0,9$ , where  $\delta = \frac{(A_a f_y / \gamma_a)}{N_{pl,Rd}}$
- $0,2 < h_c / b_c < 5,0$
  
- Relative slenderness of column  $\bar{\lambda} \leq 2,0$
- Area of the reinforcement should be max. 6 % of concrete area

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## Centric compression

Full plastification of all parts

$$N_{pl.Rd} = A_a \left( \frac{f_y}{\gamma_a} \right) + A_c \left( \frac{0,85 f_{ck}}{\gamma_c} \right) + A_s \left( \frac{f_{sk}}{\gamma_s} \right)$$

Concrete filled hollow sections

... use  $f_{ck}$  instead of  $0,85 f_{ck}$

Increase of concrete strength confined by the steel section

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## Buckling resistance

$$N_{Ed} \leq \chi N_{pl.Rd}$$

$\chi$  ... reduction factor (buckling factor) as for steel members

Use buckling curves a, b, c

$$\bar{\lambda} = \sqrt{\frac{N_{pl.Rd}}{N_{cr}}}$$

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## Critical load of composite element

$$N_{cr} = \frac{\pi^2 (EI)_e}{\ell^2}$$

Bending stiffness

$$(EI)_e = E_a I_a + 0,6 E_{cm} I_c + E_s I_s$$

$\ell$  buckling length

$E_a = E_s$  modulus of elasticity of steel

$E_{cm}$  modulus of elasticity of concrete

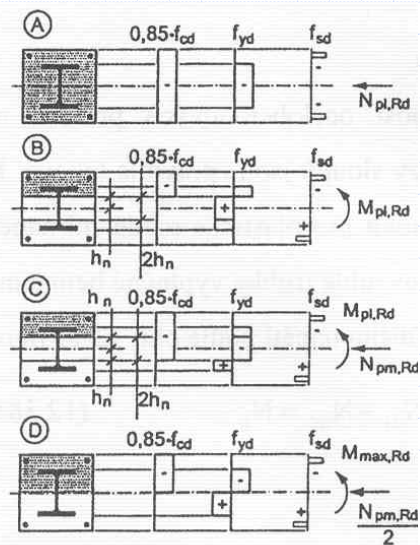
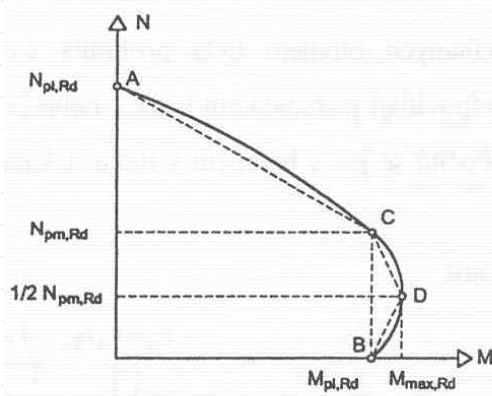
$I_a, I_c, I_s$  moments of inertia of steel part, concrete part and reinforcement to the centroidal axis

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## Compression and bending

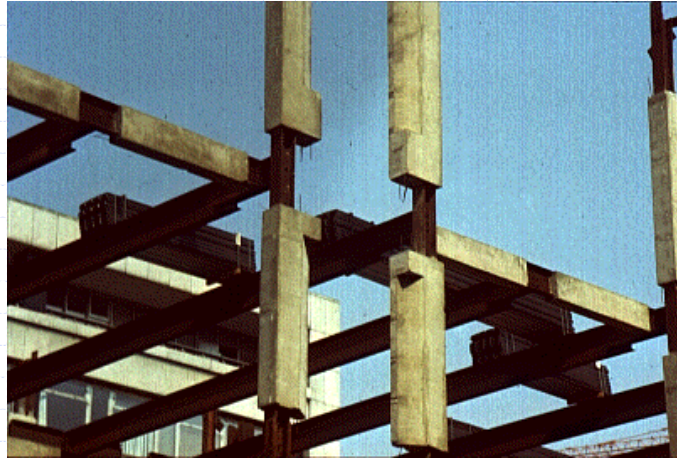
Interaction curve for combined  $M_{Ed} + N_{Ed}$





## Joints of composite structures

Joints are encased in concrete afterwards (to maintain the same fire resistance of the joints as of the other parts)



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## Concrete slab cast on corrugated steel sheets

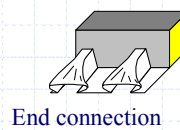
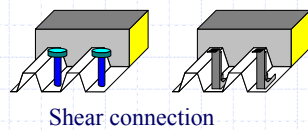
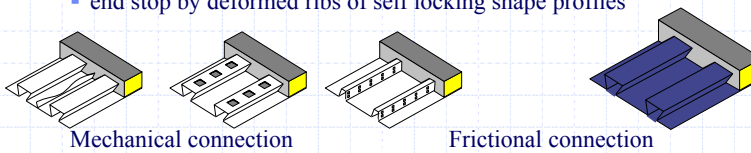
- Corrugated sheet filled by concrete
  1. Fresh concrete = assembling stage: load to sheet
  2. After hardening of concrete: sheet = reinforcement (plus standard reinforcement when necessary)
- For static loading

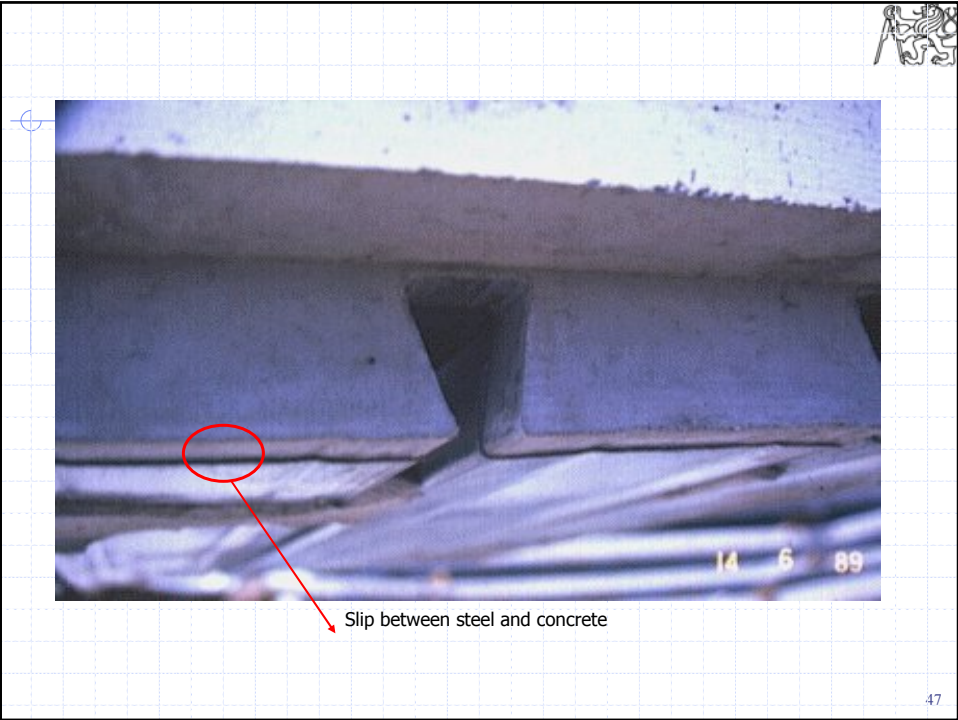


## Concrete slabs cast on corrugated steel sheets

### Shear connection

- mechanical connection assured by nops or profiling in sheet
- frictional connection of profiles with self locking shape profiles
- end stop by welded studs
- end stop by deformed ribs of self locking shape profiles





Thank you for your attention

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