

# BENDING STRESSES AND MOMENT CAPACITY

## 1 Elastic theory

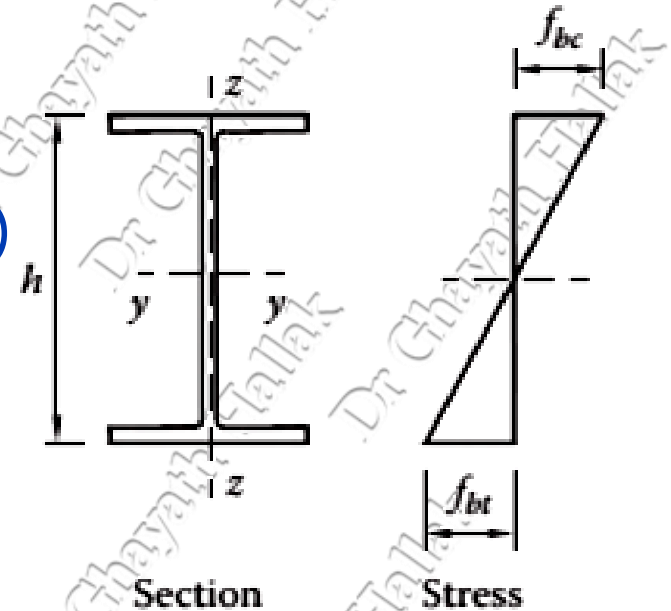
### 1. Uniaxial bending

From the Mechanics of Material course (Symmetrical bending)

$$\text{Max stress} \quad f_{bt} = f_{bc} = \frac{M_y}{I_y} Z = \frac{M_y}{W_{el,y}}$$

$$\text{Moment capacity} \quad M_c = \sigma_b W_{el,y}$$

$W_{el,y}$  elastic section modulus about the major axis



(a)

The elastic design resistance for bending about one principal axis is determined in Clause 5.2.5.2 of EN 1993-1-1 as follows:

$$M_{el,Rd} = \frac{W_{el} f_y}{\gamma_{M0}}$$

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For the asymmetrical crane beam section:

$W_{el,y1} = I_y / z_1$  = modulus of section for top flange.

$W_{el,y2} = I_y / z_2$  = modulus of section for bottom flange. **((MIN))**

$z_1, z_2$  = distance from centroid to top and bottom fibres.

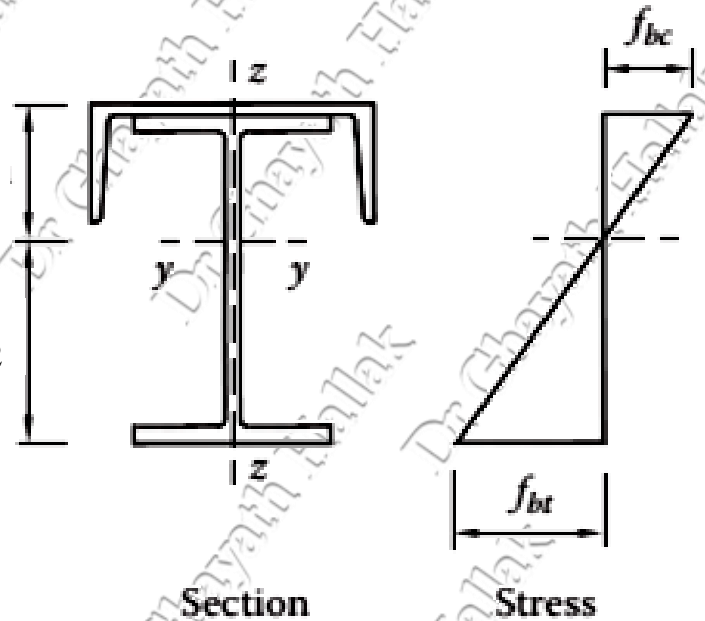
Stress at top

$$f_{bc} = \frac{M_y}{W_{el,y1}}$$

Stress at bottom

$$f_{bt} = \frac{M_y}{W_{el,y2}}$$

max → min



(b)

Moment capacity:

$$M_{el,Rd} = \frac{W_{el,y2} f_y}{\gamma_{M0}}$$

min ↓

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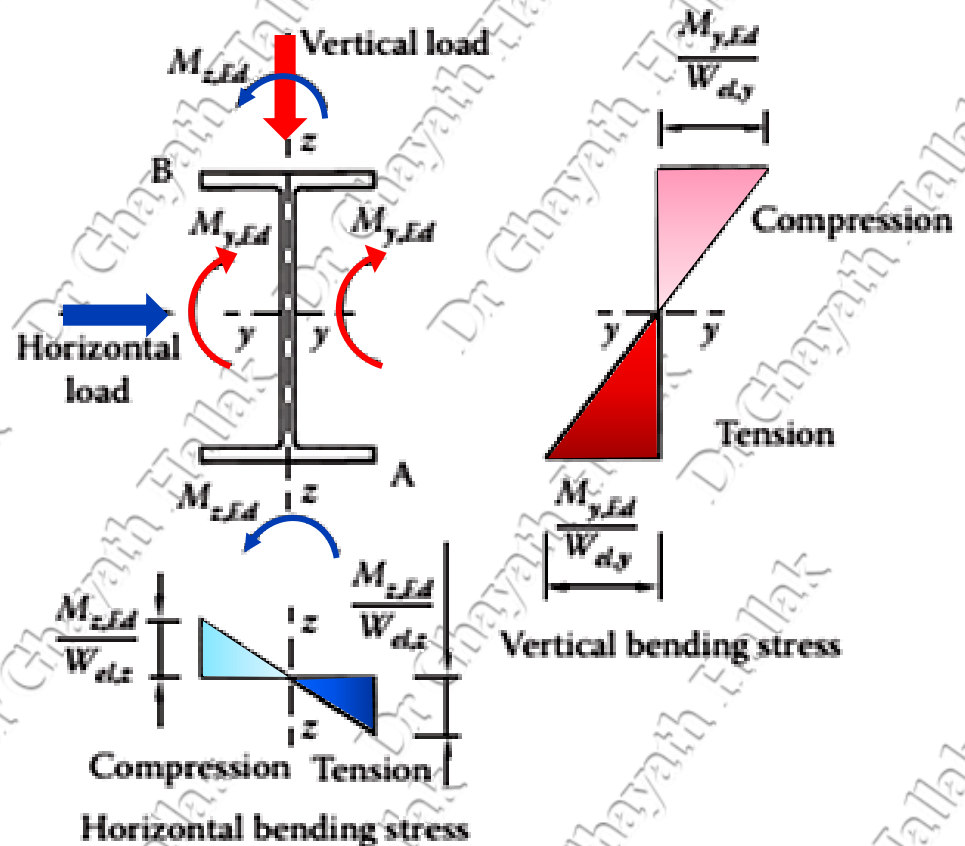
$M_{y,Ed}$  = design bending moment about the  $y$ - $y$  axis.

$M_{z,Ed}$  = design bending moment about the  $z$ - $z$  axis.

$W_{el,y}$  = elastic section modulus for the  $y$ - $y$  axis.

$W_{el,z}$  = elastic section modulus for the  $z$ - $z$  axis.

The maximum Stress at A or B



$$f_A = f_B = \frac{M_{y,Ed}}{W_{el,y}} + \frac{M_{z,Ed}}{W_{el,z}} \leq \frac{f_y}{\gamma_{M0}}$$

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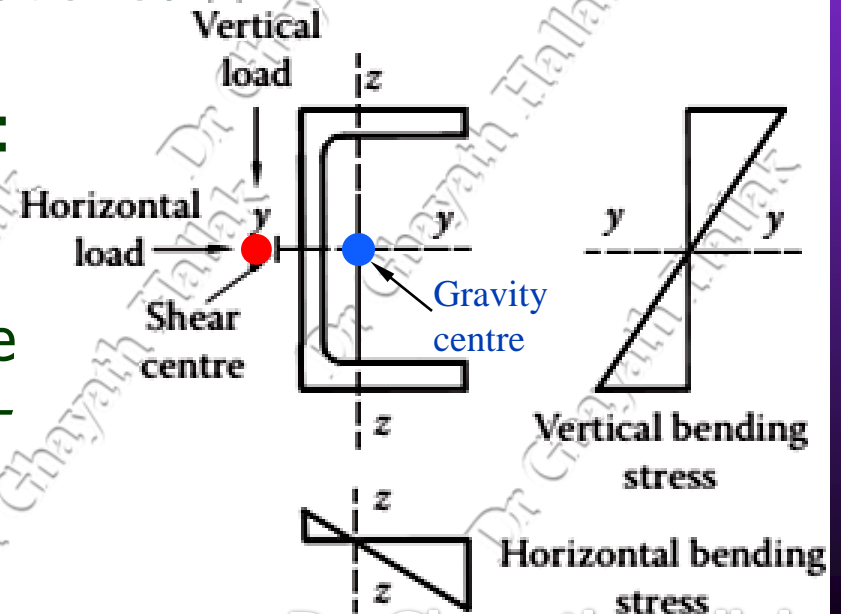
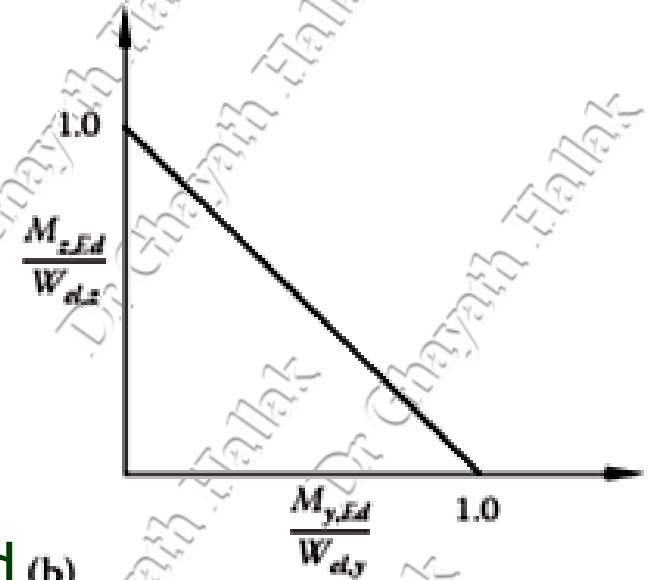
The elastic design resistance for bending

$$M_{el,y,Rd} = \frac{W_{el,y} f_y}{\gamma_{M0}}, \quad M_{el,z,Rd} = \frac{W_{el,z} f_y}{\gamma_{M0}}$$

$$\frac{M_{y,Ed}}{M_{el,y,Rd}} + \frac{M_{z,Ed}}{M_{el,z,Rd}} \leq 1$$

Should be satisfied

For asymmetrical beam sections:  
In channel sections, the vertical load must be applied through the shear centre for bending in the free member to take place about the  $y$ - $y$  axis; otherwise, twisting and biaxial bending occurs.



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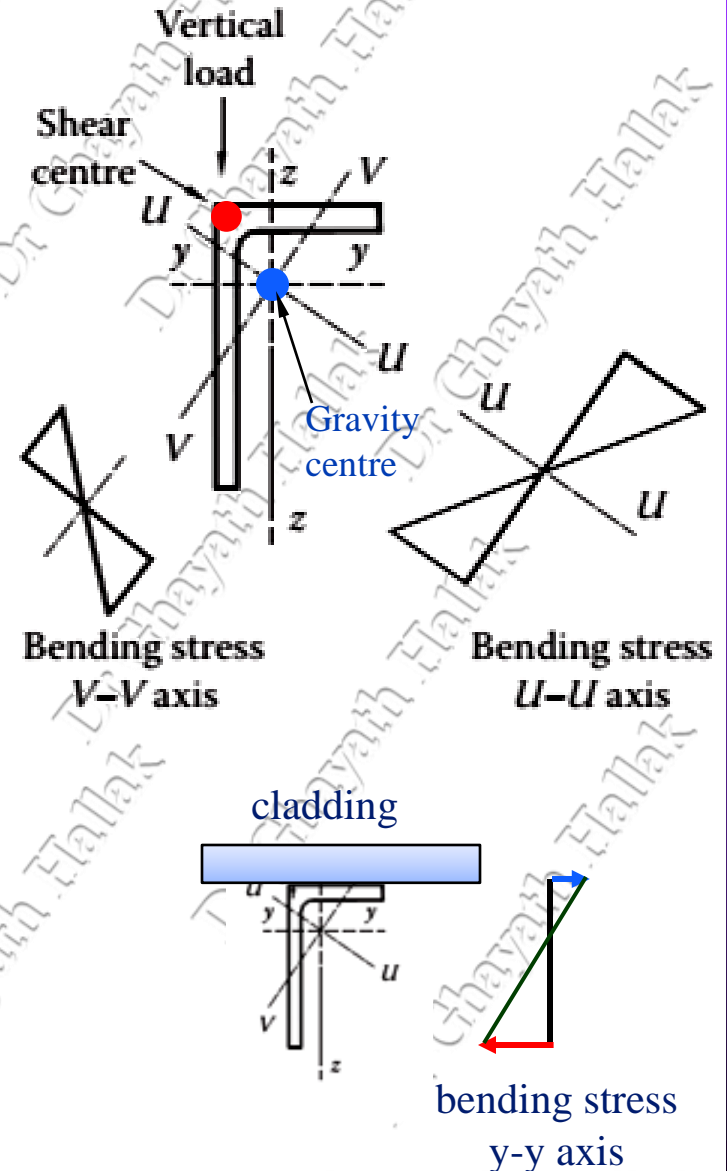
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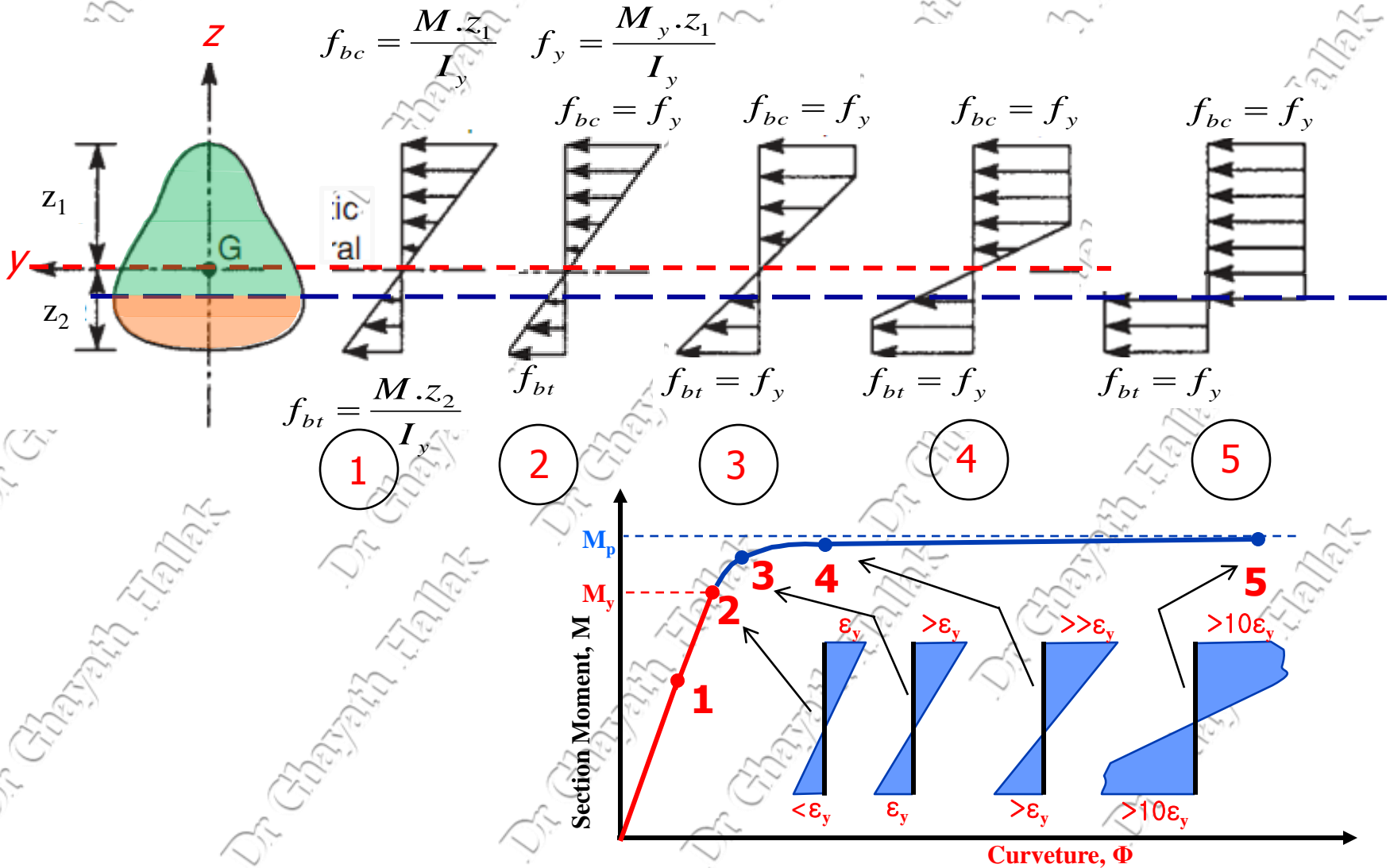
In unequal angles, bending takes place about the principle axes  $U-U$  and  $V-V$  in the free member when the load is applied through the shear centre.

When the angle is used as a purlin, the cladding restrains the member so that it bends about the  $y-y$  axis.

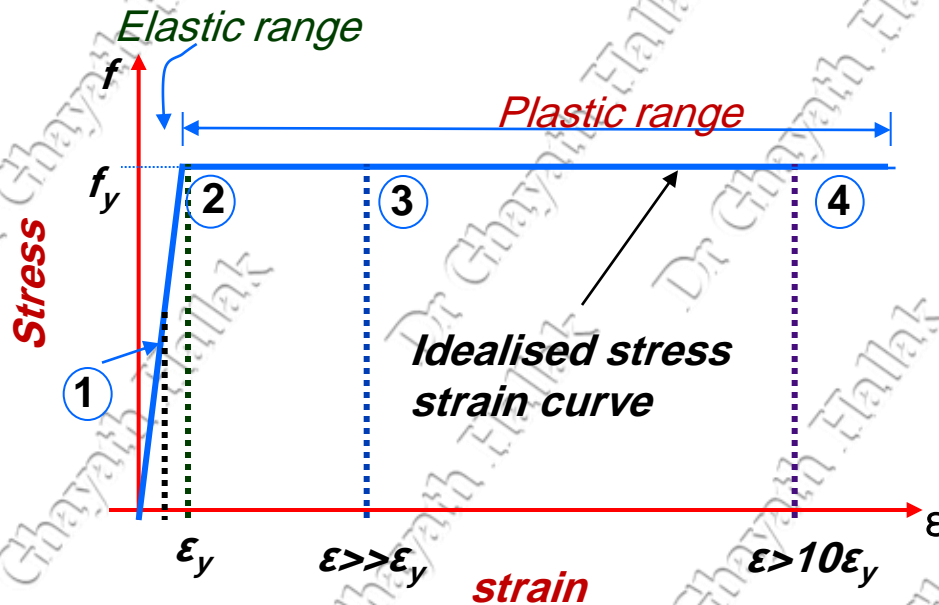


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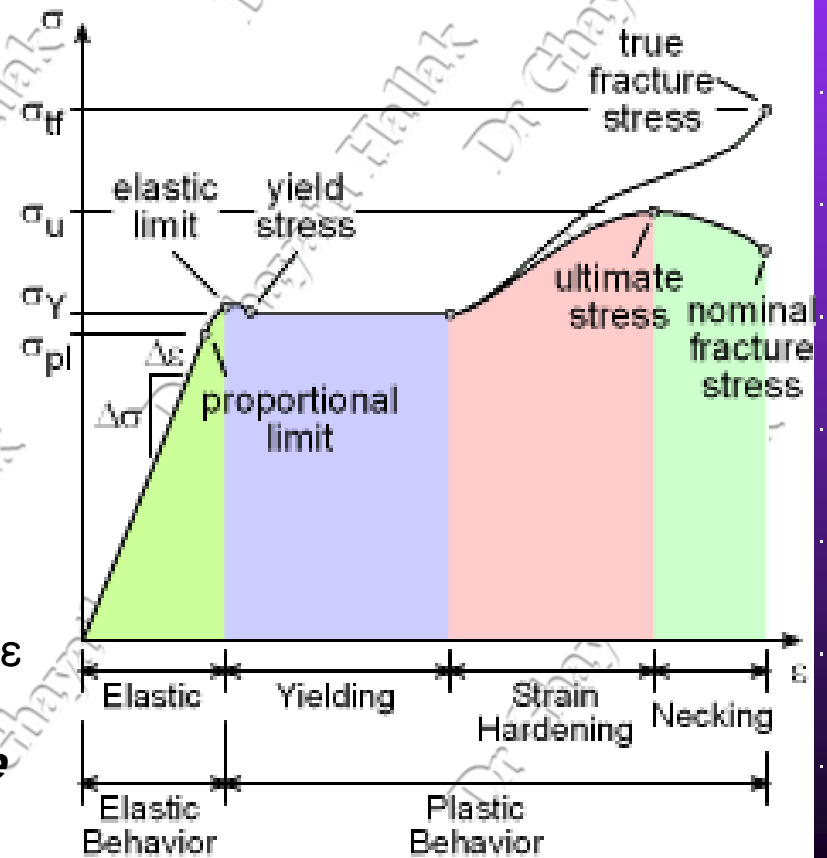
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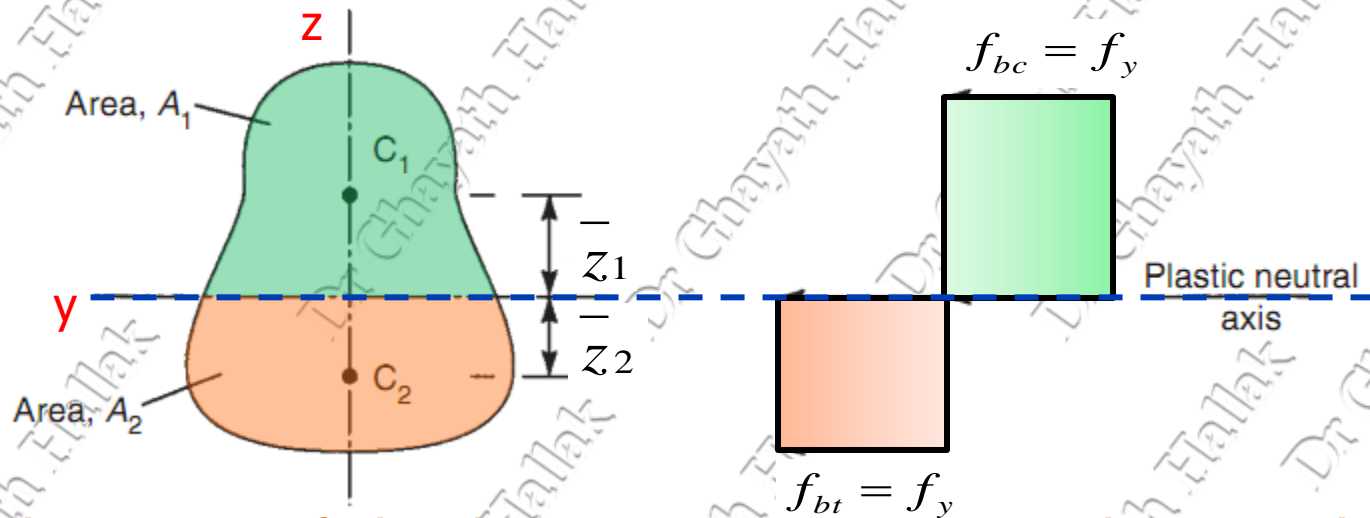




**Idealized elasto-plastic stress strain curve for the purpose of design**



## 2 Plastic theory 1. uniaxial bending



$A_2$  the area of the beam section below the plastic neutral axis (tensile)

$A_1$  the area of the beam section above the plastic neutral axis (compressive)

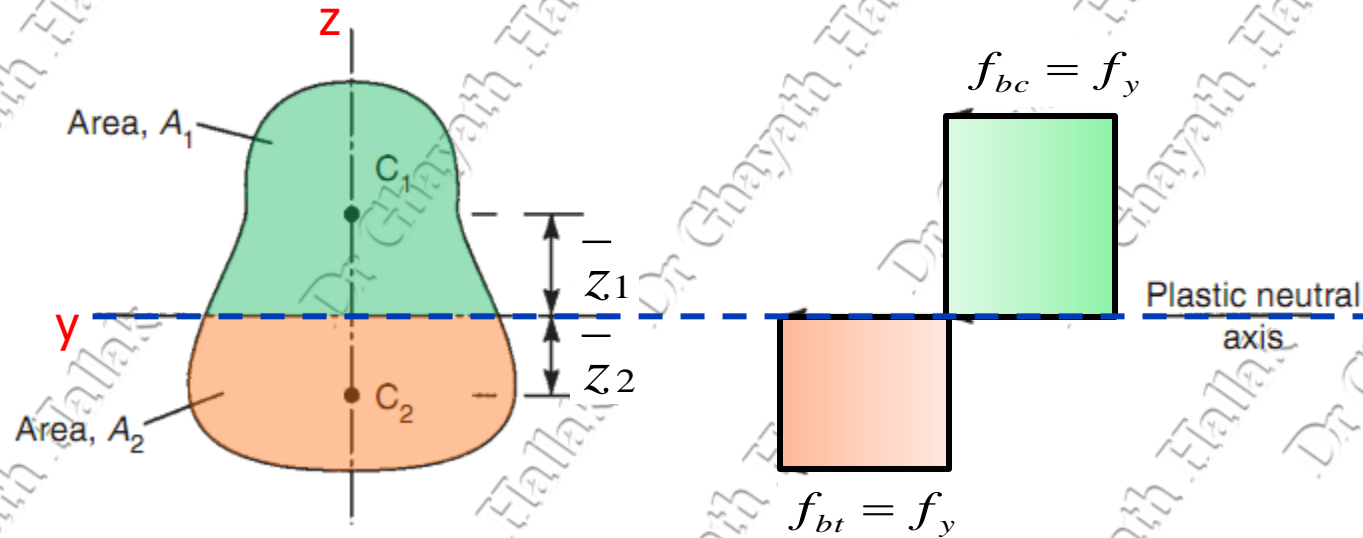
Since  $M_p$  is a pure bending moment  $\rightarrow$  the total direct load on the beam section must be zero.

$$f_{bt} \times A_2 = f_{bc} \times A_1 \Rightarrow f_y \times A_2 = f_y \times A_1 \Rightarrow A_2 = A_1$$

$$\text{if } A = A_1 + A_2 \Rightarrow A_2 = A_1 = \frac{A}{2}$$



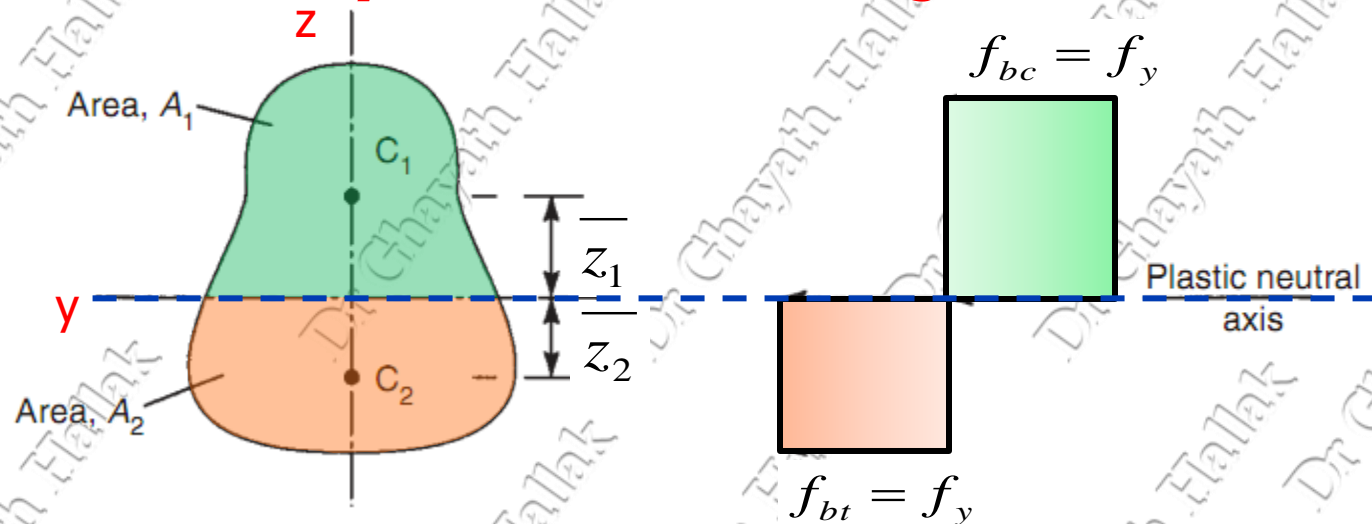
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*we see that the plastic neutral axis divides the beam section into two equal areas.*

Clearly for doubly symmetrical sections or for singly symmetrical sections in which the plane of the bending moment is perpendicular to the axis of symmetry, the elastic and plastic neutral axes coincide.

## 2 Plastic theory 1. uniaxial bending



The plastic moment,  $M_p$ , can now be found by taking moments of the resultants of the tensile and compressive stresses about the Plastic neutral axis. These stress resultants act at the centroids  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  of the areas  $A_1$  and  $A_2$ , respectively.

$$M_p = f_y \times A_2 \times \bar{z}_2 + f_y \times A_1 \times \bar{z}_1 \Rightarrow M_p = f_y \times \frac{A}{2} \times (\bar{z}_1 + \bar{z}_2)$$

$$M_p = W_{pl} \times f_y \quad \text{where} \quad W_{pl} = \frac{A}{2} \times (\bar{z}_1 + \bar{z}_2)$$

## 2 Plastic theory -1. uniaxial bending

$W_{pl} = \Sigma$  first moment of area about the plastic NA)

$W_{pl}$  is known as the plastic modulus of the cross section.

Note that the elastic modulus,  $W_{el}$ , has two values for a beam of singly symmetrical cross section (bending takes place about the centroidal axis) whereas the plastic modulus is single-valued. (bending takes place about the equal area axis-plastic neutral axis)

### SHAPE FACTOR

The ratio of the plastic moment of a beam to its yield moment is known as the *shape factor*. Thus

$$\text{Shape factor} = \frac{M_p}{M_y} = \frac{W_{pl} \times f_y}{W_{el} \times f_y} = \frac{W_{pl}}{W_{el}}$$

where  $W_{pl}$  is the plastic modulus and  $W_{el}$  is the minimum elastic section modulus,  $I/z_1$ .

## 2 Plastic theory

### 1. uniaxial bending

The plastic design resistance for bending moment given in Clause 6.2.5(1) of EN 1993-1-1,

$$M_{pl,Rd} = \frac{W_{pl} f_y}{\gamma_{M0}}$$

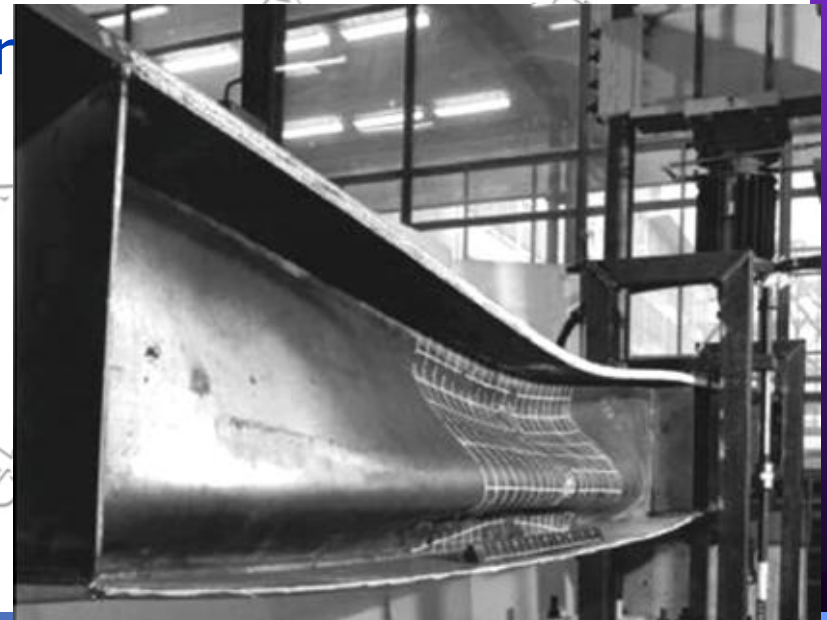
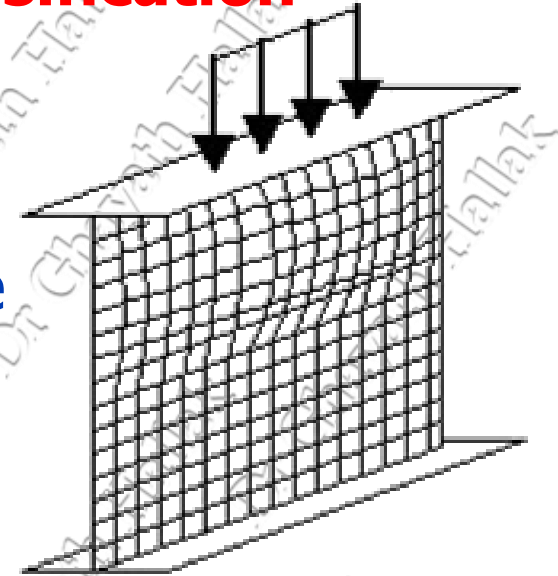
# Local buckling and cross-section classification

## 1 Introduction

When the cross section of a steel shape is subjected to large compressive stresses, the thin plates that make up the cross section may buckle before the full strength of the member is attained if the thin plates are too slender.

When a cross sectional element fails in buckling, then the member capacity is reached.

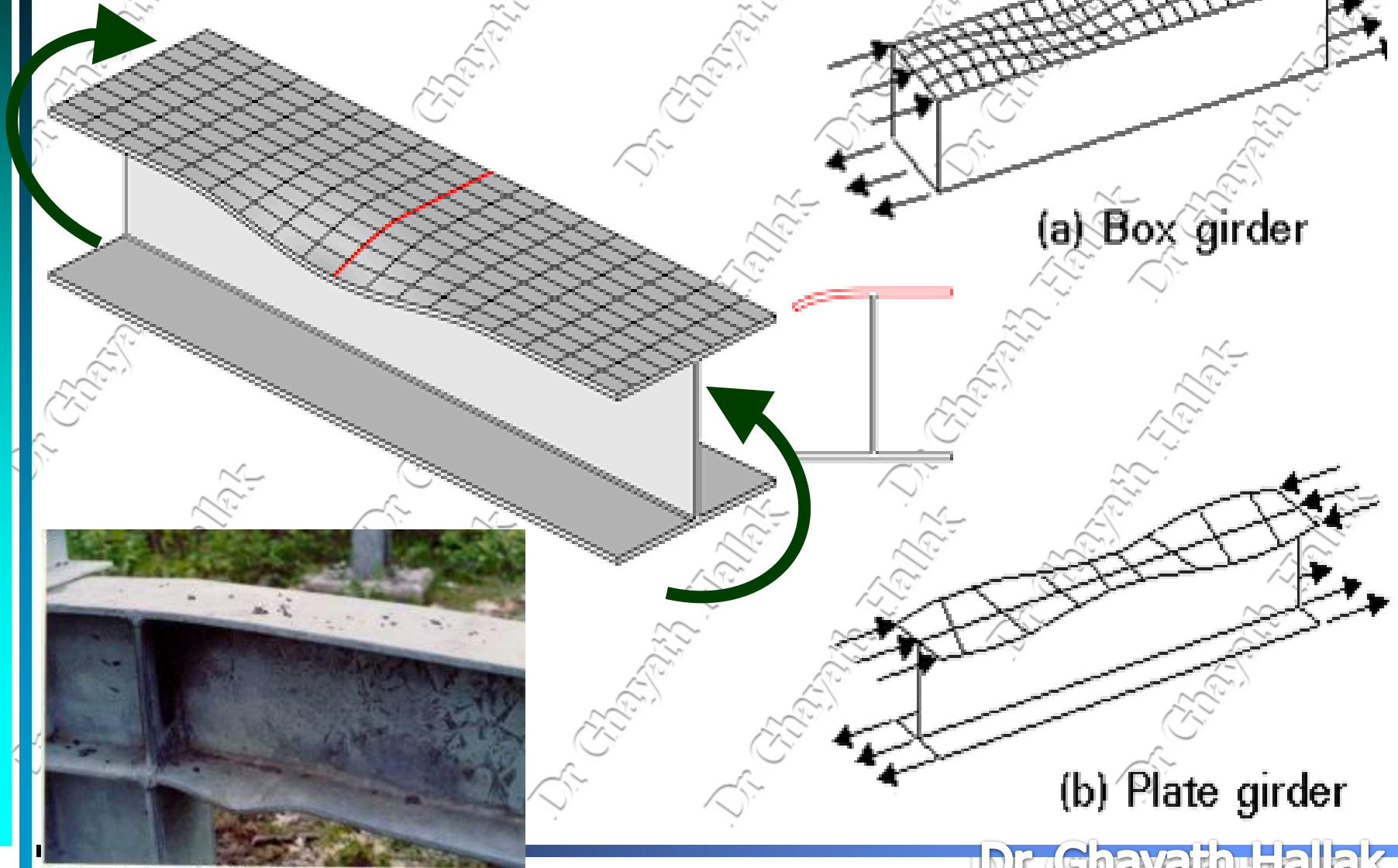
Consequently, local buckling becomes a limit state for the strength of steel shapes subjected to compressive stress. (induced by bending or axial forces)





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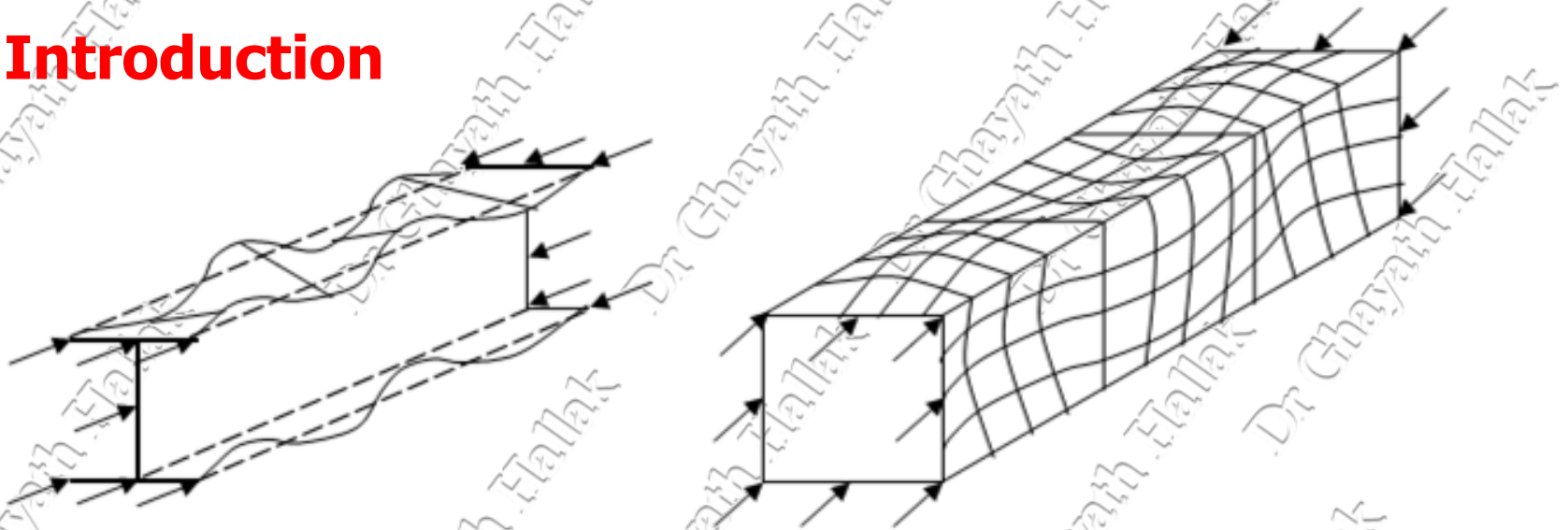
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- ❑- From all Previous examples, Considerable deformation of the cross-section is evident with the flanges being displaced out of their original flat shape. The web, on the other hand, appears to be comparatively undeformed.
- ❑- The buckling has therefore been confined to certain plate elements and has not resulted in any overall lateral deformation of the member (i.e. its centroidal axis has not deflected).

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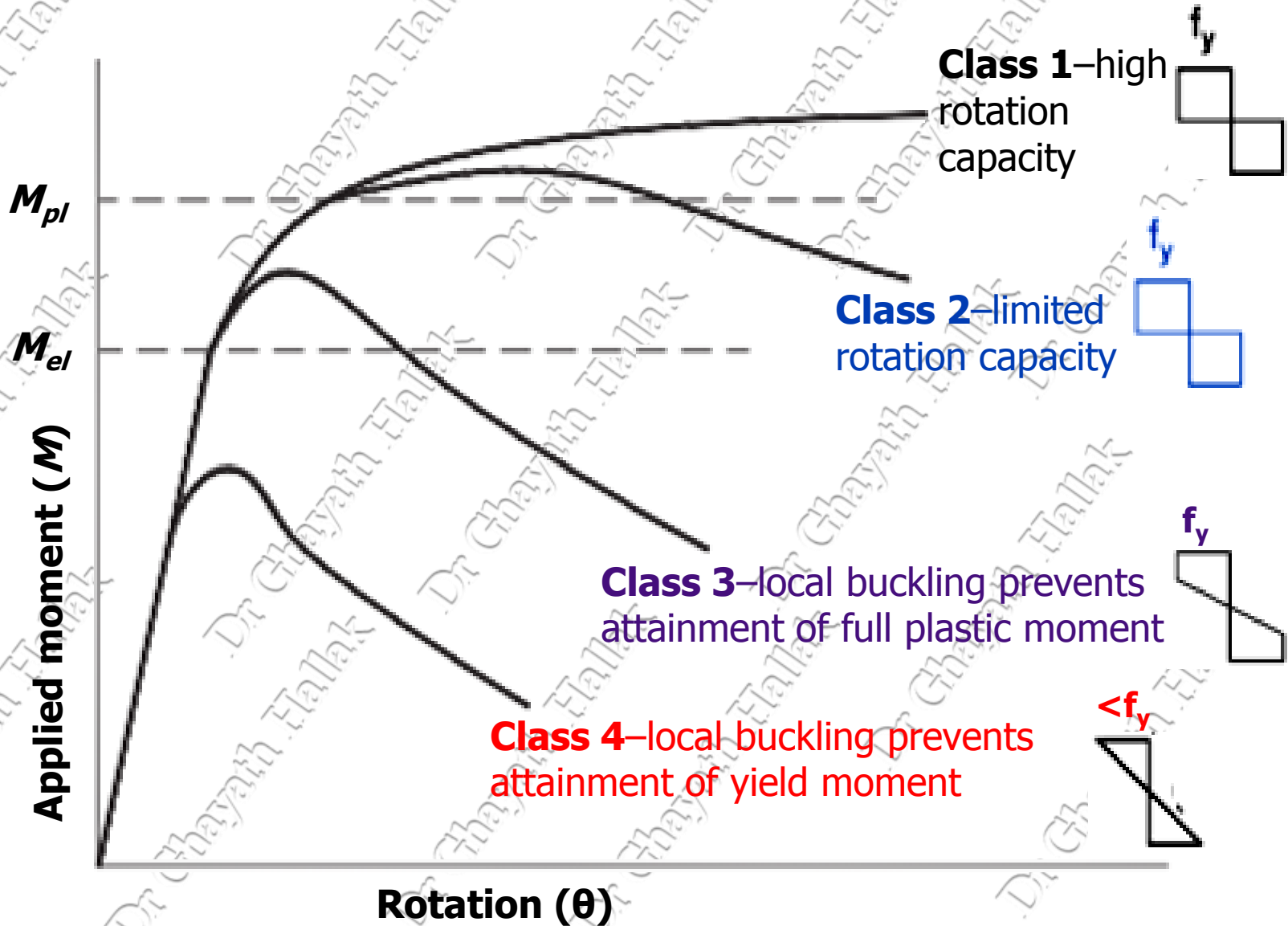
- ❑- Local buckling has the effect of reducing the load carrying capacity of columns and beams due to the reduction in stiffness and strength of the locally buckled plate elements. Therefore it is desirable to avoid local buckling before yielding of the member.
- ❑- It is useful to classify sections based on their tendency to buckle locally before overall failure of the member takes place.
- ❑- However, it should be remembered that local buckling does not always spell disaster. Local buckling involves distortion of the cross-section. There is no shift in the position of the cross-section as a whole as in global or overall buckling

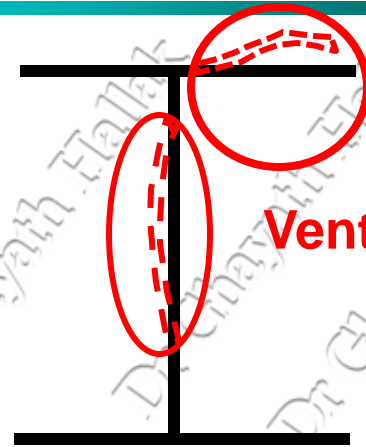
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## 1 Introduction

- ❑- Whether in the elastic or inelastic material range, cross-sectional resistance and rotation capacity are limited by the effects of local buckling.
- ❑- Eurocode 3 accounts for the effects of local buckling through cross-section classification.
- ❑- The factors that affect local buckling (and therefore the cross-section classification) are:
  - Width/thickness ratios of plate components
  - Element support conditions (outstand or internal flanges, internal web)
  - Material strength,  $f_y$
  - Fabrication process (welded or hot rolled section- NO Difference in EC3)
  - Applied stress system .(stress distribution  $\alpha$ ,  $\Psi$ )

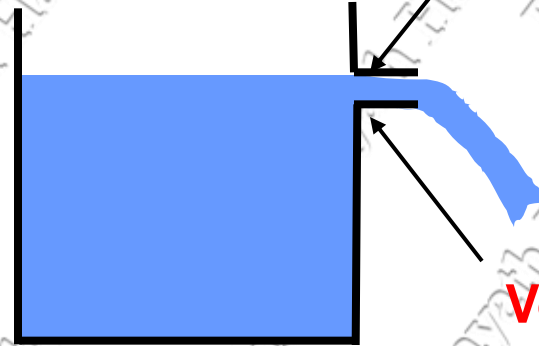
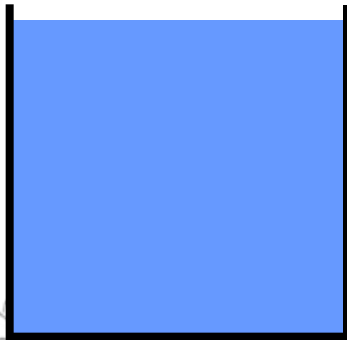
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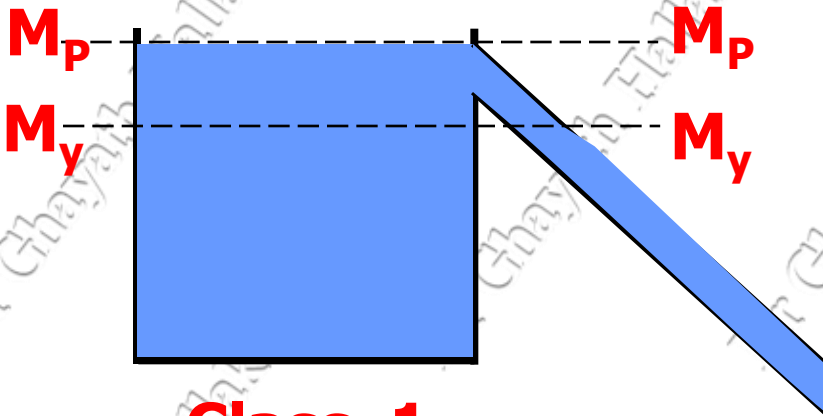
**Local buckling**



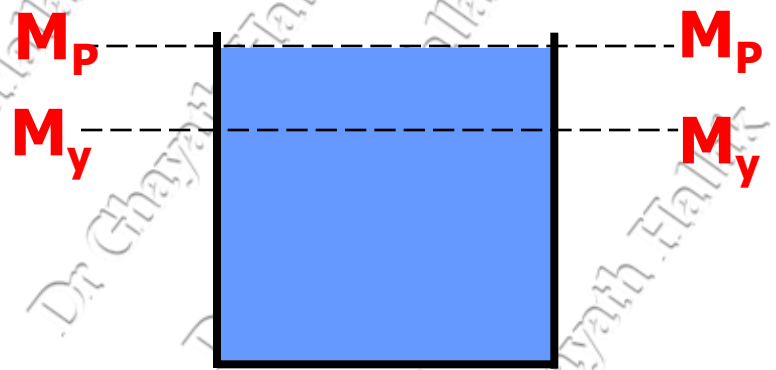
**Vent**

**Full Section Capacity**

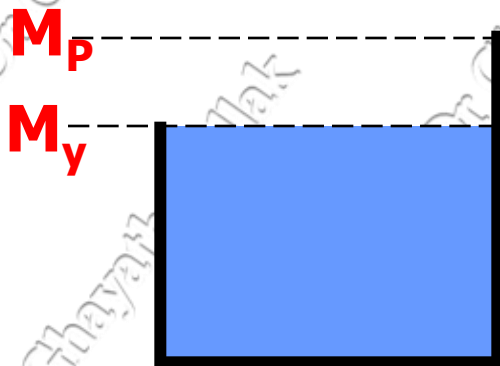
**Full section capacity eroded by local Buckling**



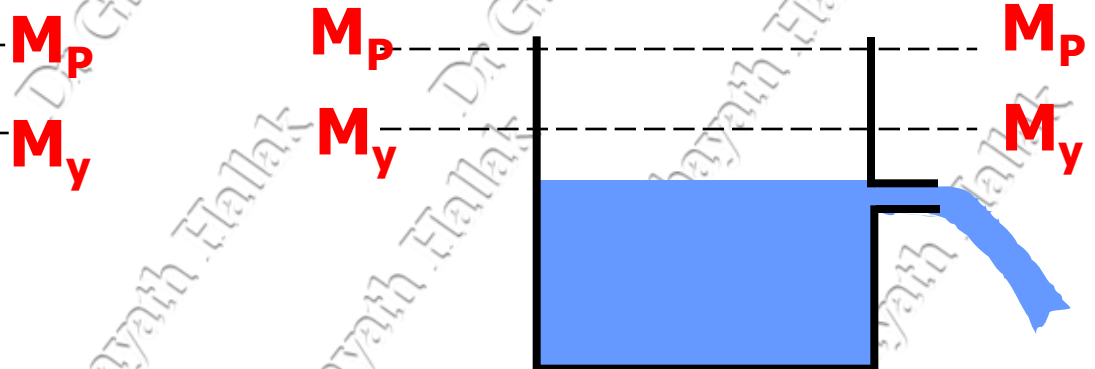
**Class 1**



**Class 2**



**Class 3**



**Class 4**



## **cross-section classification EN 1993-1-1 Clause 5.5**

The EN 1993 definitions of the four beam cross sections are classified as follows in accordance with their behaviour in bending

*Class 1* cross sections are those that can form a plastic hinge with rotation capacity required from plastic analysis without reduction of the resistance.

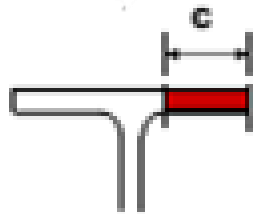
*Class 2* cross sections are those that can develop their plastic moment resistance but have limited rotation capacity because of local buckling.

*Class 3* cross sections are those in which the elastically calculated stress in the extreme compression fibre of the steel member assuming an elastic distribution of stresses can reach the yield strength, but local buckling is liable to prevent development of the plastic moment resistance.

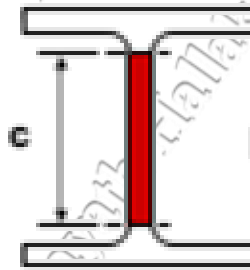
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*Class 4* cross sections are those in which local buckling will occur before the attainment of yield stress in one or more parts of the cross section.

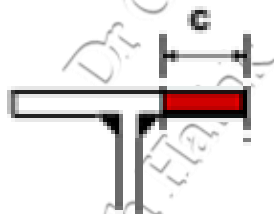
### Definition of compressed widths – flat widths:



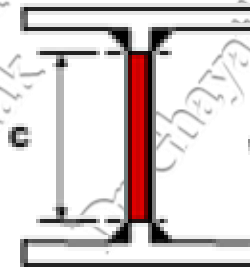
Rolled



Rolled



Welded

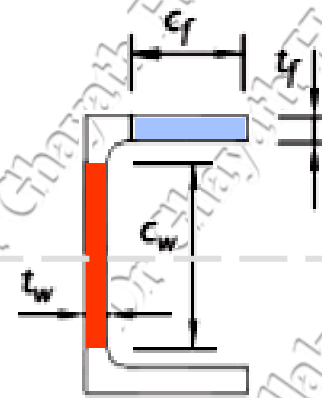
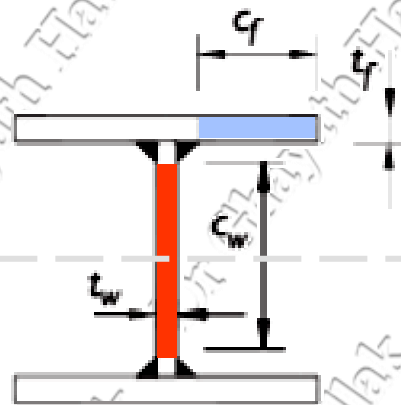
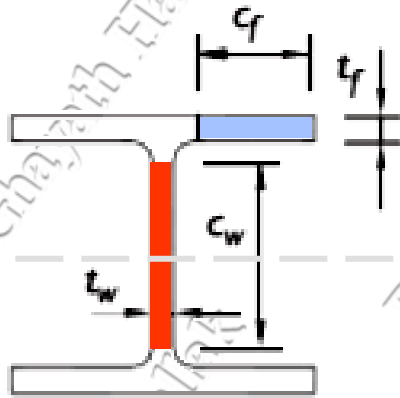


Welded

Outside elements attached on one edge with the other free

Internal elements supported on both longitudinal edges

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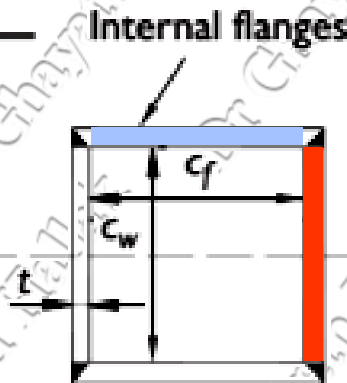
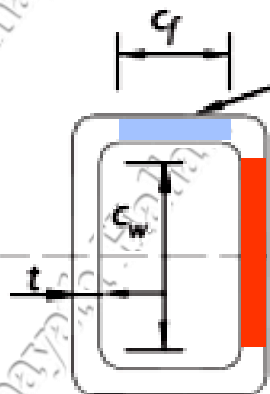


Axis of bending

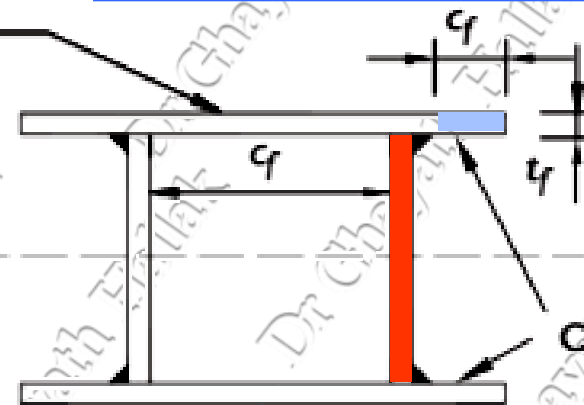
$$C_f = \frac{1}{2} [b - (t_w + 2r)], \quad C_w = d = [h - 2(t_f + r)]$$

$$C_f = [b - (t_w + r)]$$

$$C_w = d = [h - 2(t_f + r)]$$



Internal flanges



Axis of bending

Outstand flanges

hot or :  $C_f = [b - 3t]$

cold  $C_w = [h - 3t]$

## **cross-section classification EN 1993-1-1 Clause 5.5**

- ❑- Classification is made by comparing actual width-to-thickness ratios of the plate elements with a set of limiting values, given in Table 5.2 of EN 1993-1-1.
- ❑- A plate element is Class 4 (slender) if it fails to meet the limiting values for a class 3 element.
- ❑- The **classification of the overall cross-section** is taken as the least favourable of the constituent elements (for example, a cross-section with a class 3 flange and class 1 web has an overall classification of Class 3).

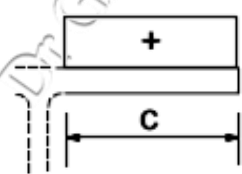
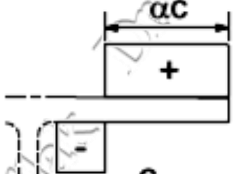
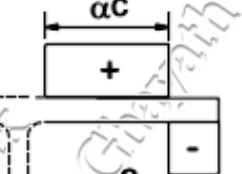
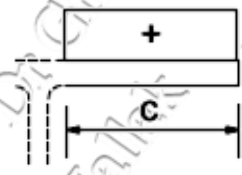
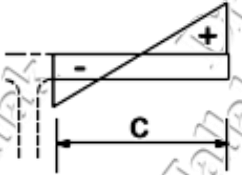
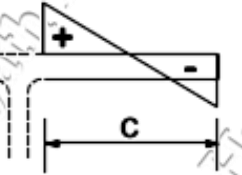
**Table 5.2 (sheet 1 of 3): Maximum width-to-thickness ratios**

**Internal compression parts**  
 $\epsilon = \sqrt{235/f_y}$

Class	Part subject to bending	Part subject to compression	Part subject to bending and compression
Stress distribution in parts (compression positive)			
1	$c/t \leq 72\epsilon$	$c/t \leq 33\epsilon$	when $\alpha > 0,5$ : $c/t \leq \frac{396\epsilon}{13\alpha - 1}$ when $\alpha \leq 0,5$ : $c/t \leq \frac{36\epsilon}{\alpha}$
2	$c/t \leq 83\epsilon$	$c/t \leq 38\epsilon$	when $\alpha > 0,5$ : $c/t \leq \frac{456\epsilon}{13\alpha - 1}$ when $\alpha \leq 0,5$ : $c/t \leq \frac{41,5\epsilon}{\alpha}$
Stress distribution in parts (compression positive)			
3	$c/t \leq 124\epsilon$	$c/t \leq 42\epsilon$	when $\psi > -1$ : $c/t \leq \frac{42\epsilon}{0,67 + 0,33\psi}$ when $\psi \leq -1$ : $c/t \leq 62\epsilon(1 - \psi)\sqrt{-\psi}$

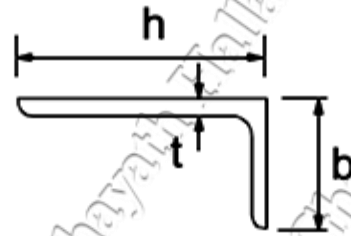
## Table 5.2 (sheet 2 of 3): Maximum width-to-thickness ratios

### Outstand compression flanges

Class	Part subject to compression	Part subject to bending and compression	
		Tip in compression	Tip in tension
Stress distribution in parts (compression positive)			
1	$c/t \leq 9\epsilon$	$c/t \leq \frac{9\epsilon}{\alpha}$	$c/t \leq \frac{9\epsilon}{\alpha\sqrt{\alpha}}$
2	$c/t \leq 10\epsilon$	$c/t \leq \frac{10\epsilon}{\alpha}$	$c/t \leq \frac{10\epsilon}{\alpha\sqrt{\alpha}}$
Stress distribution in parts (compression positive)			
3	$c/t \leq 14\epsilon$	$c/t \leq 21\epsilon\sqrt{k_\sigma}$ For $k_\sigma$ see EN 1993-1-5	



**Table 5.2 (sheet 3 of 3): Maximum width-to-thickness ratios**



Refer also to "Outstand flanges"  
(see sheet 2 of 3)

Does not apply to angles in  
continuous contact with other  
components

Class	Section in compression
Stress distribution across section (compression positive)	
3	$h/t \leq 15\epsilon : \frac{b+h}{2t} \leq 11,5\epsilon$

**Tubular sections**



Class	Section in bending and/or compression
1	$d/t \leq 50\epsilon^2$
2	$d/t \leq 70\epsilon^2$
3	$d/t \leq 90\epsilon^2$

**NOTE** For  $d/t > 90\epsilon^2$  see EN 1993-1-6. **See BS5950:2000**

**Angles and Tubular sections**

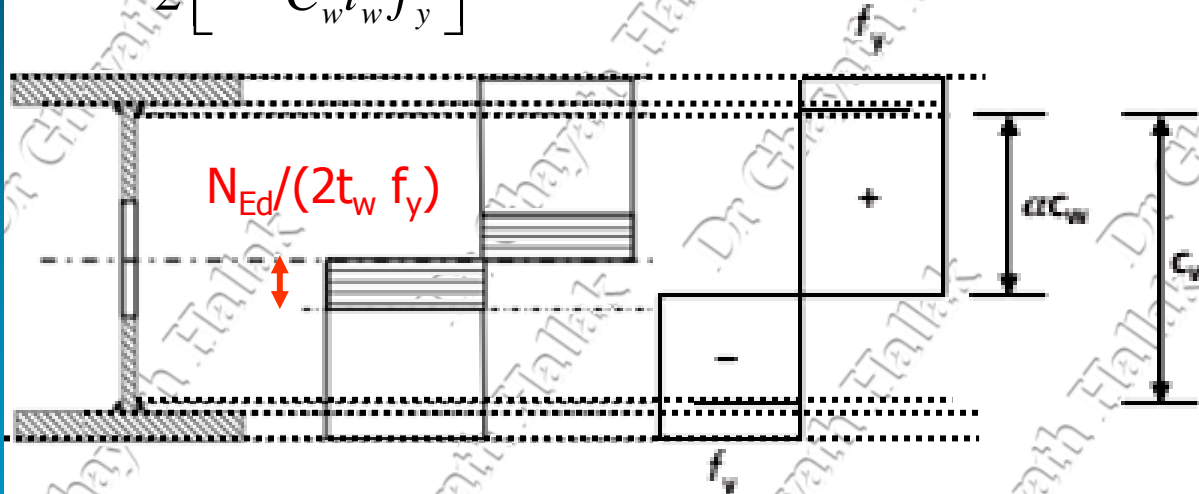
# cross-section classification EN 1993-1-1 Clause 5.5

$$\alpha = \frac{1}{C_w} \left[ \frac{h}{2} + \frac{1}{2} \frac{N_{Ed}}{t_w f_y} - (t_f + r) \right] = \frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{h}{C_w} + \frac{1}{C_w} \frac{N_{Ed}}{t_w f_y} - \frac{2}{C_w} (t_f + r) \right]$$

$$\alpha = \frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{h - 2(t_f + r)}{C_w} + \frac{1}{C_w} \frac{N_{Ed}}{t_w f_y} \right] =$$

$$\alpha = \frac{1}{2} \left[ 1 + \frac{N_{Ed}}{C_w t_w f_y} \right]$$

$$\psi = \frac{2f_c}{f_y} - 1 = \frac{2N_{Ed}}{A f_y} - 1$$



Class 1 and 2 cross-sections

Class 3 cross-sections

Definitions of  $\alpha$  and  $\Psi$  for classification of cross-sections under combined bending and compression.

## Classification influences resistance

Section classification	Compression	Bending
<b>Class 1, 2</b>	$N_{c,Rd} = A f_y / \gamma_{M0}$	$M_{c,Rd} = M_{pl} = W_{pl} f_y / \gamma_{M0}$
<b>Class 3</b>	$N_{c,Rd} = A f_y / \gamma_{M0}$	$M_{c,Rd} = M_{el} = W_{el} f_y / \gamma_{M0}$
<b>Class 4</b>	$N_{c,Rd} = A_{eff} f_y / \gamma_{M0}$	$M_{c,Rd} = W_{eff} f_y / \gamma_{M0}$

Example 1: cross-section classification under combined bending and compression

A member is to be designed to carry combined bending and axial load. In the presence of a major axis ( $y-y$ ) bending moment and an axial force of 300 kN, determine the cross-section classification of a 406 X 178 X 54 UKB in grade S275 steel

$h = 402.6 \text{ mm}$ ,  $b = 177.7 \text{ mm}$ ,  $t_w = 7.7 \text{ mm}$   
 $t_f = 10.9 \text{ mm}$ ,  $r = 10.2 \text{ mm}$ ,  $A = 6900 \text{ mm}^2$

Since  $t_{\max} < 16 \text{ mm}$  Then  $f_y = 275 \text{ Mpa}$

First, classify the cross-section under the most severe loading condition of pure compression to determine whether anything is to be gained by more precise calculations.

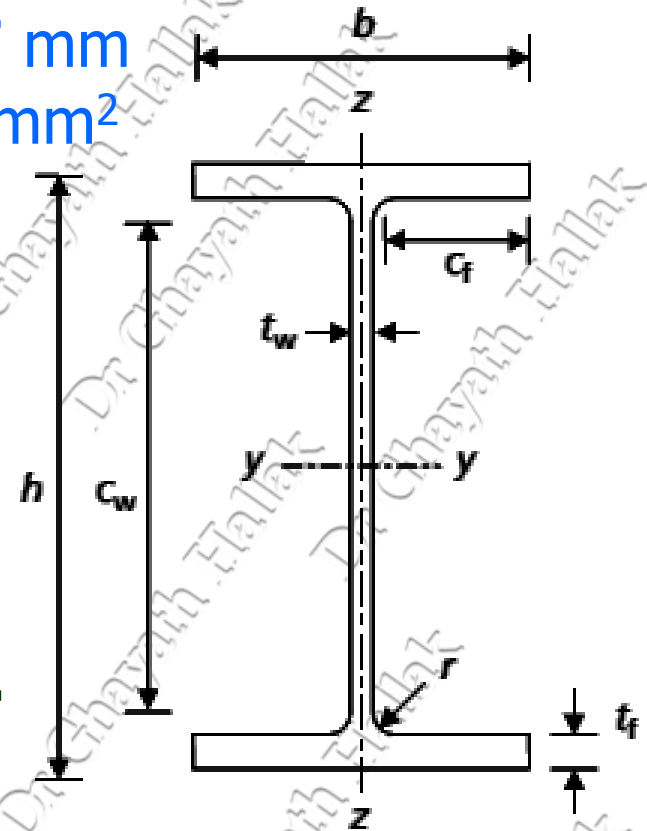
### Cross-section classification under pure compression (clause 5.5.2)

Outstand flanges (Table 5.2, sheet 2):

$$\varepsilon = \sqrt{\frac{235}{f_y}} = \sqrt{\frac{235}{275}} = 0.92$$

$$C_f = (b - t_w - 2r)/2 = 74.8 \text{ mm}$$

$$C_f/t_f = 74.8/10.9 = 6.86$$



## Cross-section classification under pure compression (clause 5.5.2)

Outstand flanges (Table 5.2, sheet 2):

Limit for Class 1 flange =  $9\varepsilon = 8.32$

$8.32 > 6.86$  ; flange is Class 1

Web – internal part in compression (Table 5.2, sheet 1):

$$c_w = h - 2t_f - 2r = 360.4 \text{ mm}$$

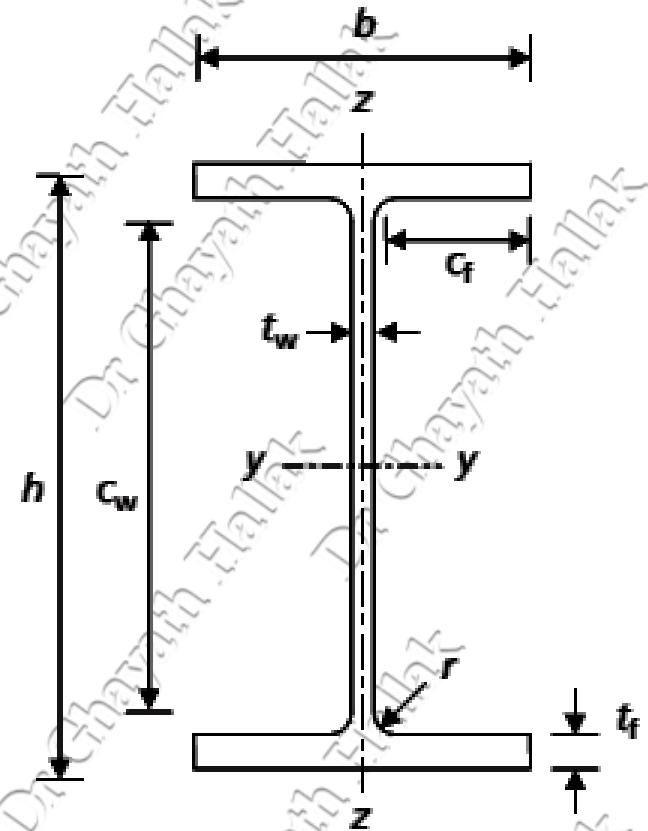
$$c_w/t_w = 360.4/7.7 = 46.81$$

Limit for Class 3 web =  $42\varepsilon = 38.8$

$38.8 < 46.81$  ; web is Class 4

Under pure compression, the overall cross-section classification is therefore Class 4.

Calculation and material efficiency are therefore to be gained by using a more precise approach.





## Cross-section classification under combined loading (clause 5.5.2)

Flange classification remains as Class 1.

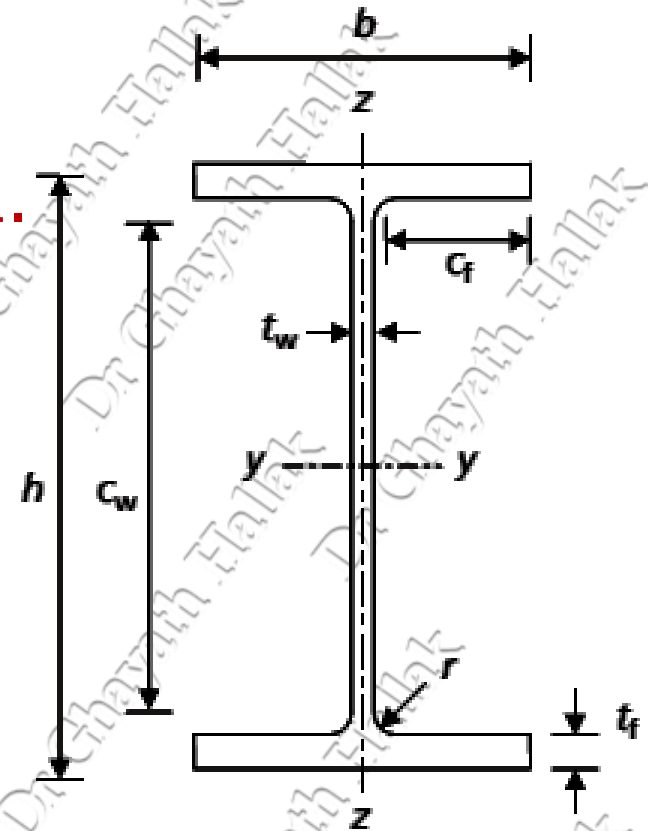
Web – internal part in bending and compression (Table 5.2, sheet 1):

From Table 5.2 (sheet 1), for a Class 2 cross-section:

$$\text{when } \alpha > 0.5 \quad \frac{C_w}{t_w} < \frac{456\varepsilon}{13\alpha - 1}$$

$$\text{when } \alpha \leq 0.5 \quad \frac{C_w}{t_w} < \frac{41.5\varepsilon}{\alpha}$$

$$\alpha = \frac{1}{2} \left[ 1 + \frac{N_{Ed}}{C_w t_w f_y} \right] = \frac{1}{2} \left[ 1 + \frac{300000}{360.4 \times 7.7 \times 275} \right] = 0.7$$





## Cross-section classification under combined loading (clause 5.5.2)

Web – internal part in bending and compression (Table 5.2, sheet 1):

$$\therefore \text{limit for a Class 2 web} = \frac{456\varepsilon}{13\alpha - 1} = 52.33$$

$52.33 > 46.81 \quad \therefore \text{web is Class 2}$

Overall cross-section classification under the combined loading is therefore Class 2.

### Consider combined bending and compression

Firstly the section can be classified under the most severe loading condition of axial load only. If it is Class 4 under this condition then a more efficient classification may be obtained using a more precise calculation relating to the combined bending and axial loads.

# Local (plate) buckling – Class 4 cross-sections- EN 1993-1-5: 2006 § 4.3

## Effective areas for Class 4 compression elements

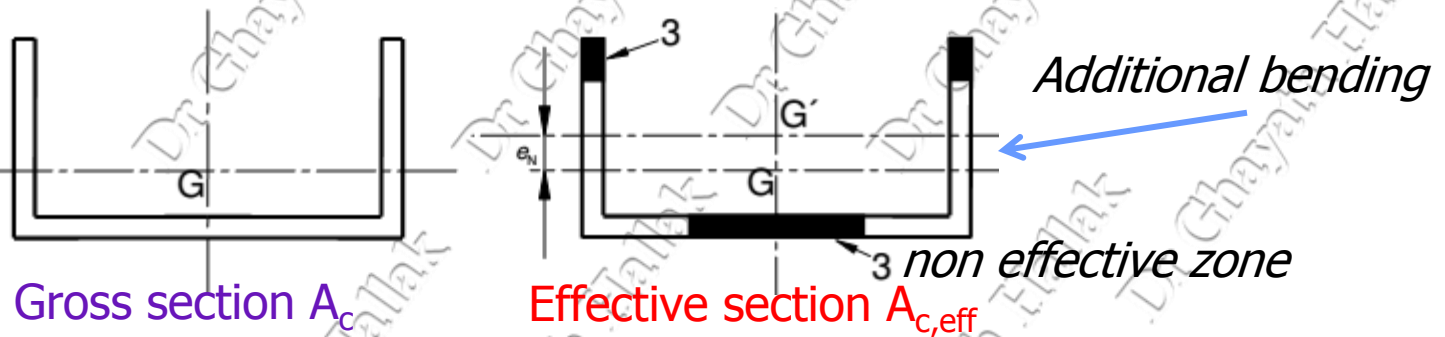


Figure 4.1: Class 4 cross-sections - axial force

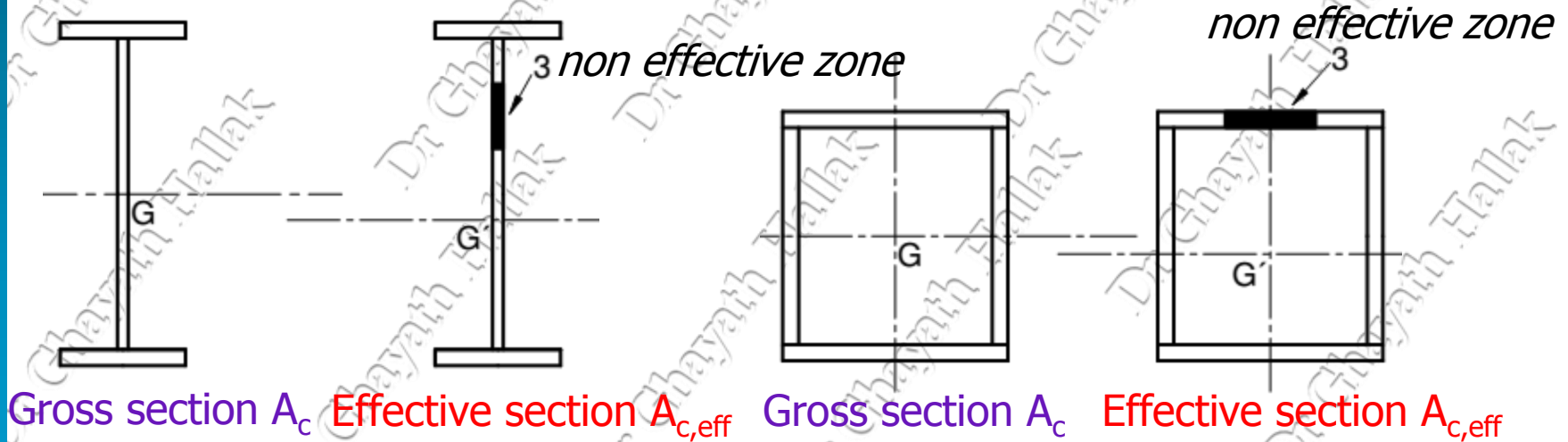
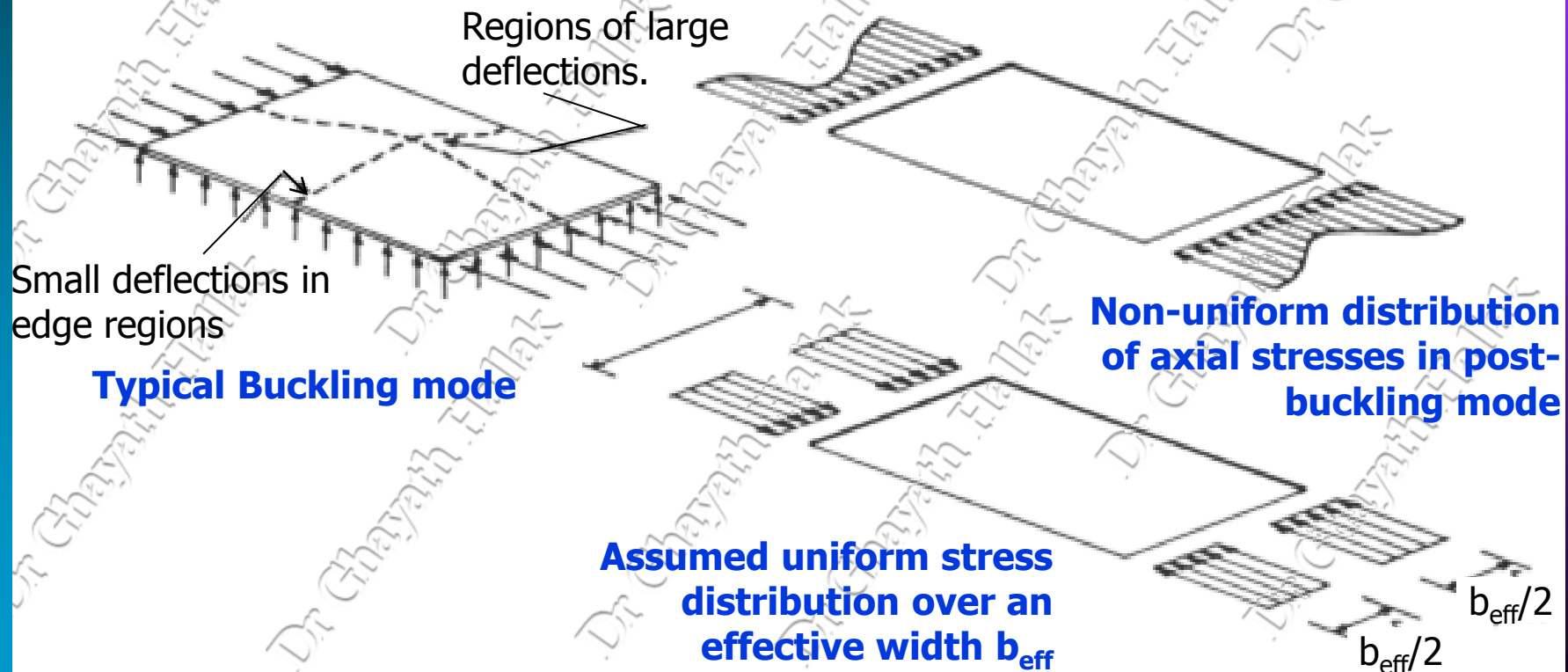


Figure 4.2: Class 4 cross-sections - bending moment

# Local (plate) buckling – Class 4 cross-sections- EN 1993-1-5: 2006 § 4.3

## Effective areas for Class 4 (effective width concept)

For class 4 (slender) cross-sections, reduced (effective) cross-section properties must be calculated to account explicitly for the occurrence of local buckling prior to yielding.



# Effective areas – Class 4

## Table 4.1: Internal compression elements

$$\sigma_{cr} = \frac{k_{\sigma} \pi^2 E}{12(1-\nu^2)} \left( \frac{t}{\bar{b}} \right)^2$$

$\rho = 1.0$  for  $\bar{\lambda}_p \leq 0.673$

$\rho = \frac{\bar{\lambda}_p - 0.055(3 + \psi)}{\bar{\lambda}_p^2} \leq 1.0$  for  $\bar{\lambda}_p > 0.673$ , where  $(3 + \psi) \geq 0$ ,  $\bar{\lambda}_p = \sqrt{\frac{f_y}{\sigma_{cr}}} = \frac{\bar{b}/t}{28.4 \varepsilon \sqrt{k_{\sigma}}}$

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Stress distribution (compression positive)		Effective <sup>P</sup> width $b_{eff}$				
	$\psi = 1:$ $b_{eff} = \rho \bar{b}$ $b_{e1} = 0,5 b_{eff}$ $b_{e2} = 0,5 b_{eff}$					
	$1 > \psi > 0:$ $b_{eff} = \rho \bar{b}$ $b_{e1} = \frac{2}{5 - \psi} b_{eff}$ $b_{e2} = b_{eff} - b_{e1}$					
	$\psi < 0:$ $b_{eff} = \rho b_c = \rho \bar{b} (1 - \psi)$ $b_{e1} = 0,4 b_{eff}$ $b_{e2} = 0,6 b_{eff}$					
$\psi = \sigma_2/\sigma_1$	1	$1 > \psi > 0$	0	$0 > \psi > -1$	-1	$-1 > \psi > -3$
Buckling factor $k_{\sigma}$	4,0	$8,2 / (1,05 + \psi)$	7,81	$7,81 - 6,29\psi + 9,78\psi^2$	23,9	$5,98 (1 - \psi)^2$

Table 4.1

# Effective areas – Class 4

## Table 4.2: Outstand compression elements

$$\rho = 1.0 \quad \text{for } \bar{\lambda}_p \leq 0.748$$

$$\rho = \frac{\bar{\lambda}_p - 0.188}{\bar{\lambda}_p^2} \leq 1.0 \quad \text{for } \bar{\lambda}_p > 0.748$$

**Table 4.2**

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

$$\bar{\lambda}_p = \sqrt{\frac{f_y}{\sigma_{cr}}} = \frac{\bar{b}/t}{28.4 \varepsilon \sqrt{k_\sigma}}$$

$$\sigma_{cr} = \frac{k_\sigma \pi^2 E}{12(1-\nu^2)} \left(\frac{t}{\bar{b}}\right)^2$$



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## Notes On Table 4.1:

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

$b_w = c_w$  for webs; (clear width between welds)

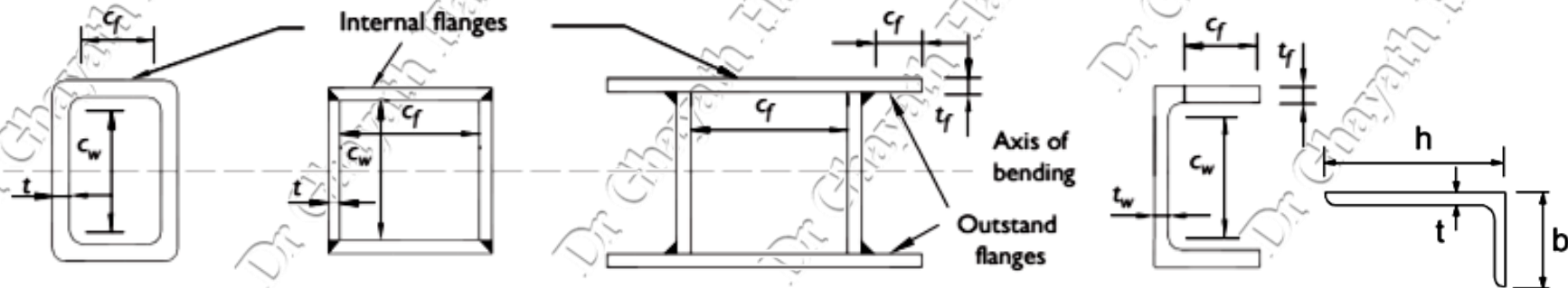
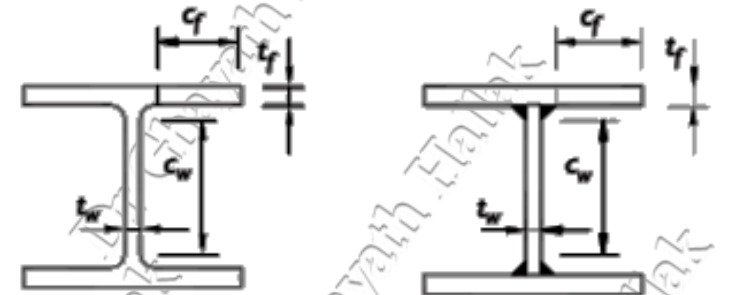
$b = c_f$  for internal flange elements (except RHS);

$b - 3t$  for flanges of RHS;

$c_f$  for outstand flanges;

$h$  for equal-leg angles;

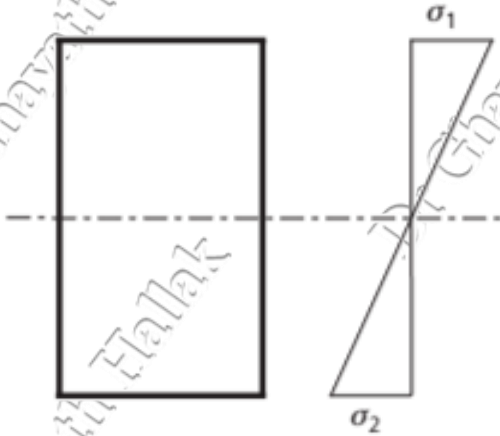
$h$  for unequal-leg angles;



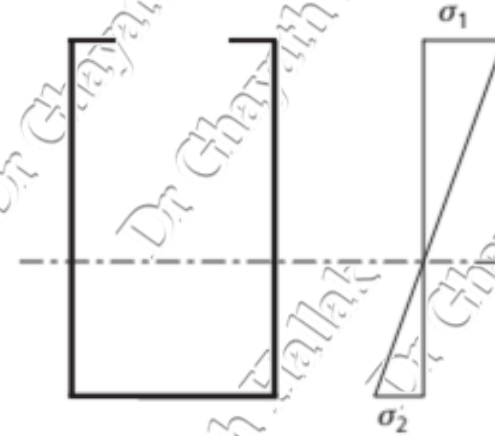


## Effective areas – Class 4 -EN 1993-1-5: 2006 § 4.3

### Notes On Table 4.1:



□- for **flange elements**, the stress ratio  $\Psi$  should be based on the properties of the **gross** cross-section.

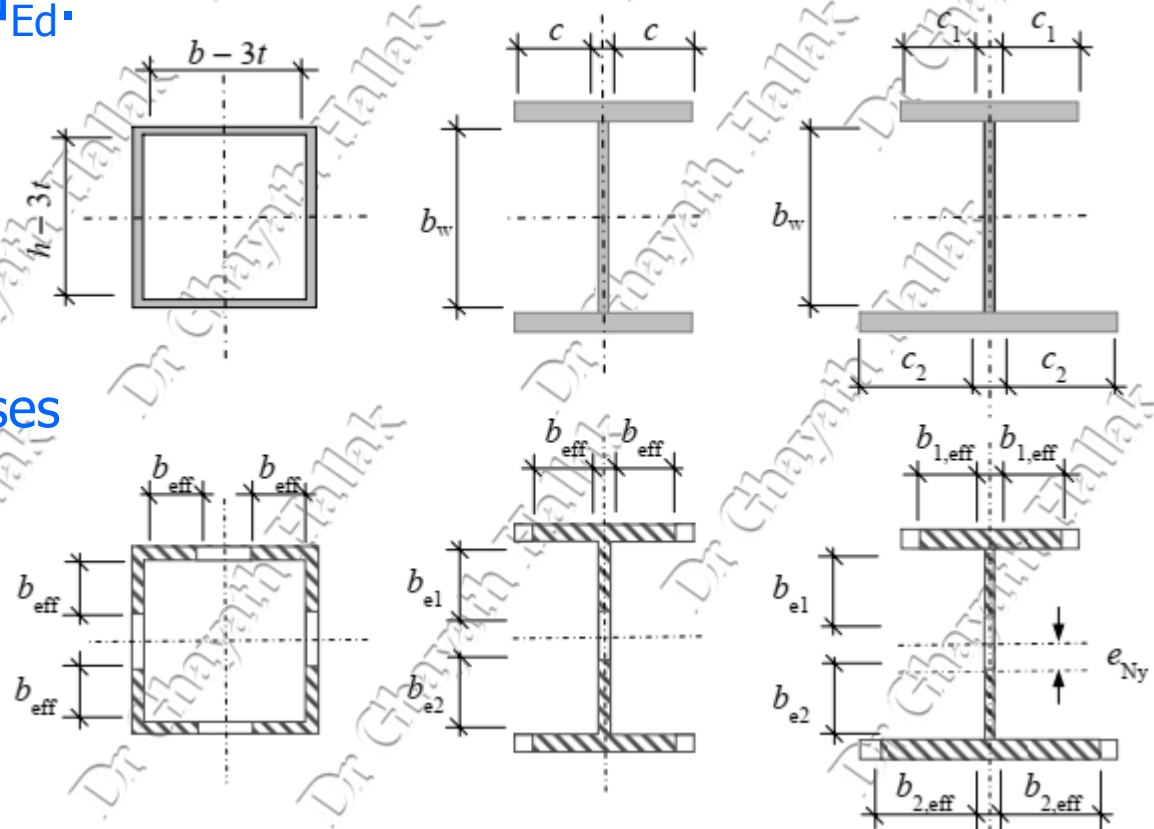


□- for **web elements**, the stress ratio  $\Psi$  should be found using a stress distribution obtained with the **effective area of the compression flange** and the **gross area of the web**

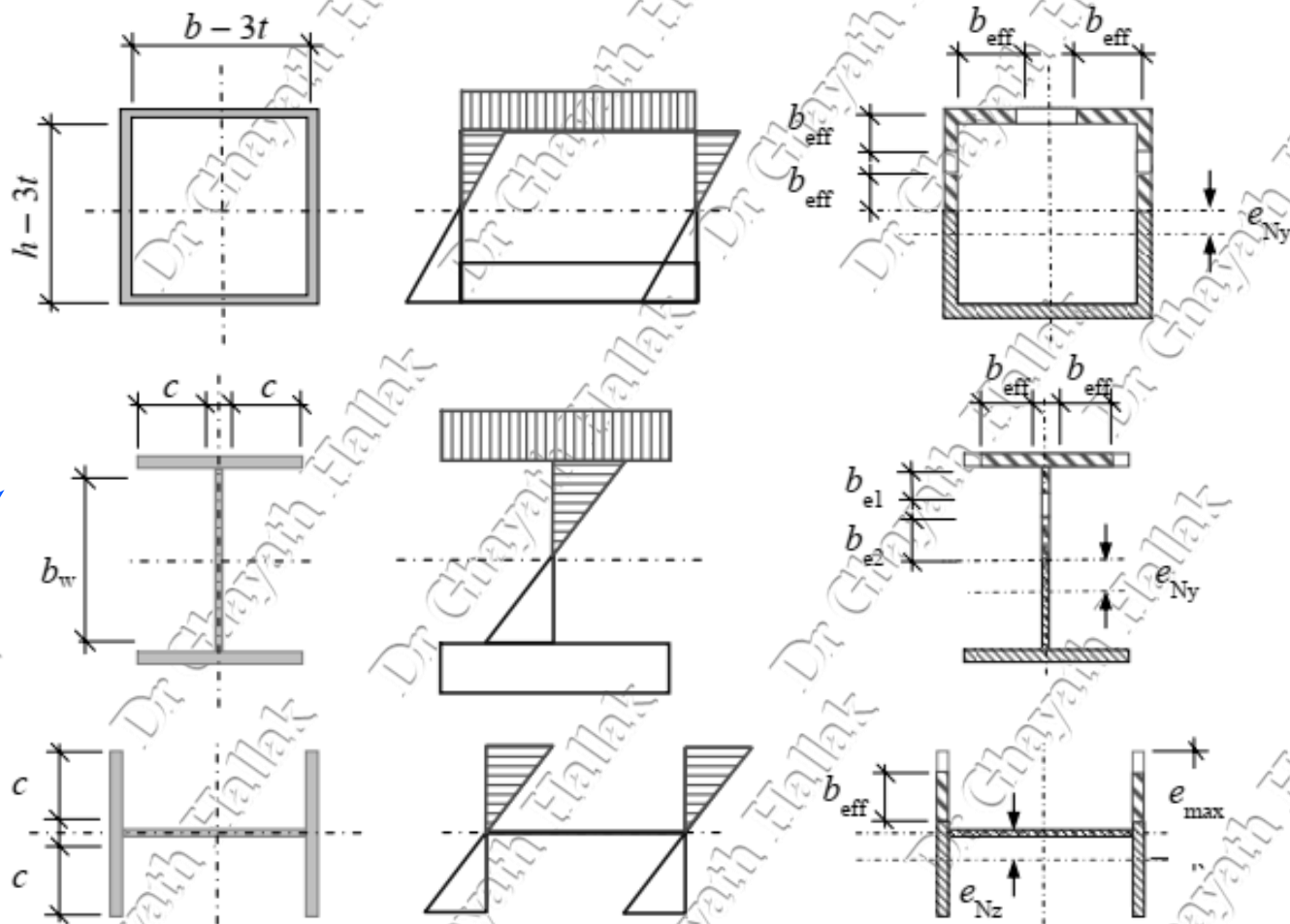
# Effective areas – Class 4 -EN 1993-1-5: 2006 § 4.3

In most cases, the introduction of non-effective zones in a cross-section, or part of a cross-section, will shift the position of the neutral axis for the 'effective cross-section'. This introduces an additional bending moment due to the eccentricity of the applied axial load  $N_{Ed}$ .

Compression stresses



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Bending stresses

## Effective areas – Class 4 -EN 1993-1-5: 2006 § 4.3

### Example : Effective Cross-section Properties

Using the design data given for the welded I-section indicated in the Figure shown, determine the section classification, and

- the effective cross-sectional area when the section is subject to compression,
- the effective elastic section modulus when the section is subject to bending.

#### **Design data:**

Steel grade = S275

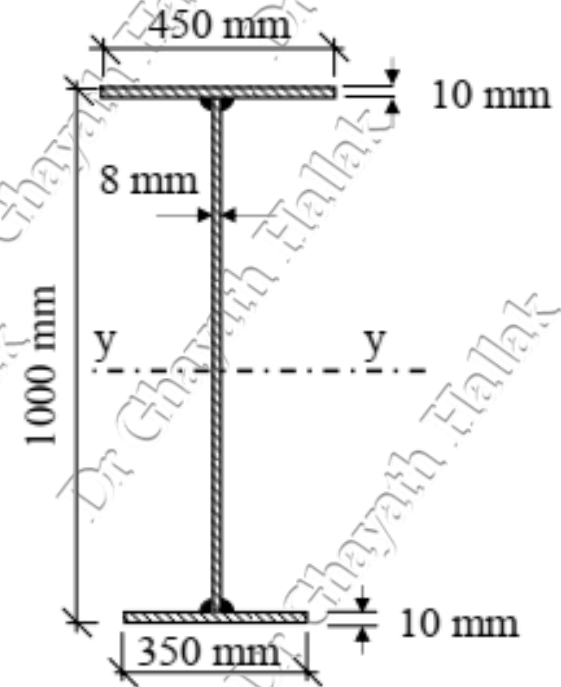
Assume 6 mm fillet welds

Assume that any shear lag effects, see EN 1993-1-5: Clause 3.1(1), are negligible

#### **Solution:**

Gross cross-section properties

$$\text{Cross-sectional area } A = \sum A_i = (450 \times 10) + (980 \times 8) + (350 \times 10) = 15840 \text{ mm}^2$$



## Effective areas – Class 4 -EN 1993-1-5: 2006 § 4.3

### Example : Effective Cross-section Properties

#### **Solution:**

Distance to the centroid from the bottom flange

$$z_c = \frac{\sum A_i z_i}{\sum A_i} = \frac{[(450 \times 10 \times 995) + (980 \times 8 \times 500) + (350 \times 10 \times 5)]}{15840} = 531,25 \text{ mm}$$

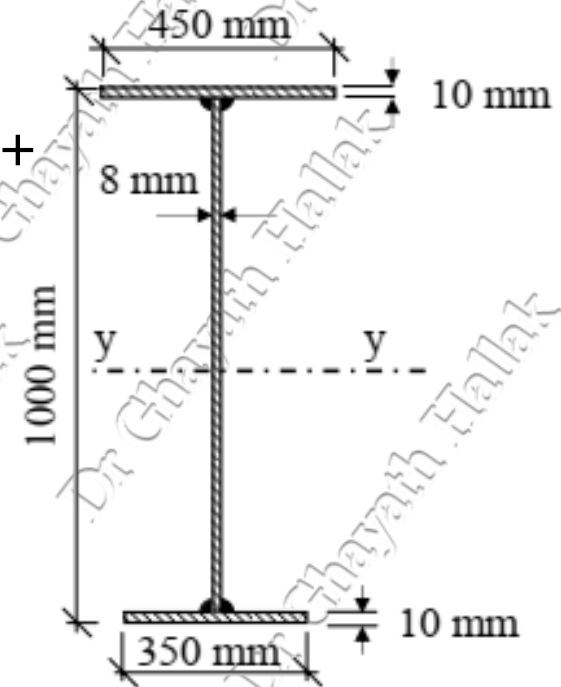
Second moment of inertia with respect to the y-y axis

$$I_{yy} = \frac{(450 \times 10^3)}{12} + 450 \times 10 \times (1000 - 5 - 531.25)^2 + \frac{980^3 \times 8}{12} + 980 \times 8 \times (531.25 - 500)^2 + \frac{(350 \times 10^3)}{12} + 350 \times 10 \times (531.25 - 5)^2 = 2572.26 \times 10^6 \text{ mm}^4$$

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S275 steel: For  $t \leq 16 \text{ mm}$   $f_y = 275 \text{ MPa}$

$$\varepsilon = \sqrt{\frac{235}{f_y}} = \sqrt{\frac{235}{275}} = 0.92$$





# Effective areas – Class 4 -EN 1993-1-5: 2006 § 4.3

## Example : Effective Cross-section Properties

### Solution:

(i) Consider compression

**Web:** internal compression part- Table 5.2(1)-

$$c = [1000 - 20 - (2 \times 6)] = 968 \text{ mm} \quad c/t_w = 968/8 = 121$$

$$42\varepsilon = (42 \times 0.92) = 38.64 \quad c/t_w > 42\varepsilon \therefore \text{The web is Class 4}$$

**Upper flange:** outstand compression flanges -

Table 5.2(2)-

$$c = [450 - 8 - (2 \times 6)]/2 = 215 \text{ mm}$$

$$c/t_f = 215/10 = 21.5$$

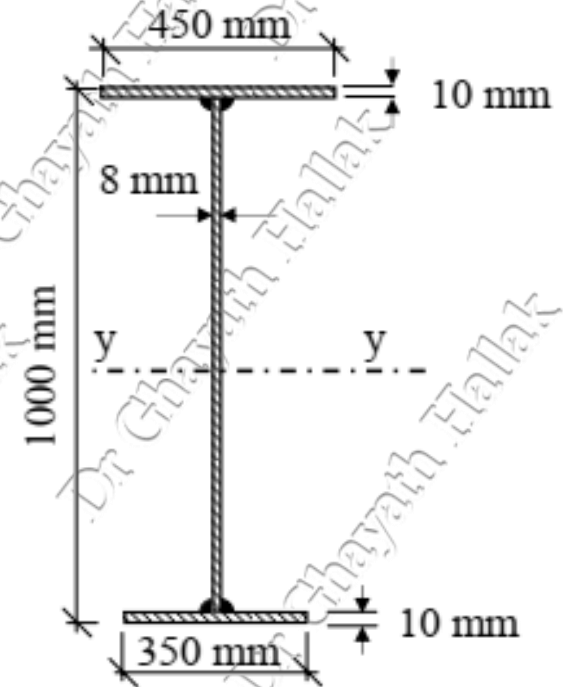
**Lower flange:** outstand compression flanges

$$c = [350 - 8 - (2 \times 6)]/2 = 165 \text{ mm}$$

$$c/t_f = 165/10 = 16.5$$

$14\varepsilon = (14 \times 0.92) = 12.55 \quad c/t_f > 14\varepsilon$  Both flanges are Class 4

**$\therefore$  Section is Class 4**





# Effective areas – Class 4 -EN 1993-1-5: 2006 § 4.3

## Example : Effective Cross-section Properties

(i) Consider compression

**Effective area,  $A_{\text{eff}}$**  (EN 1993-1-5:2006 Clauses 4.3 & 4.4)

Assume the cross-section is subject only to stresses due to uniform axial compression

$$A_{c,\text{eff}} = \rho A_c, \quad \bar{\lambda}_p = \sqrt{\frac{f_y}{\sigma_{cr}}} = \frac{\bar{b}/t}{28.4 \varepsilon \sqrt{k_\sigma}} \quad \text{plate slenderness}$$

Table 4.1 **For internal compression elements**

(WEB) with uniform compression

$$\psi = \sigma_2/\sigma_1 = 1,0 \quad \text{and} \quad k_\sigma = 4,0$$

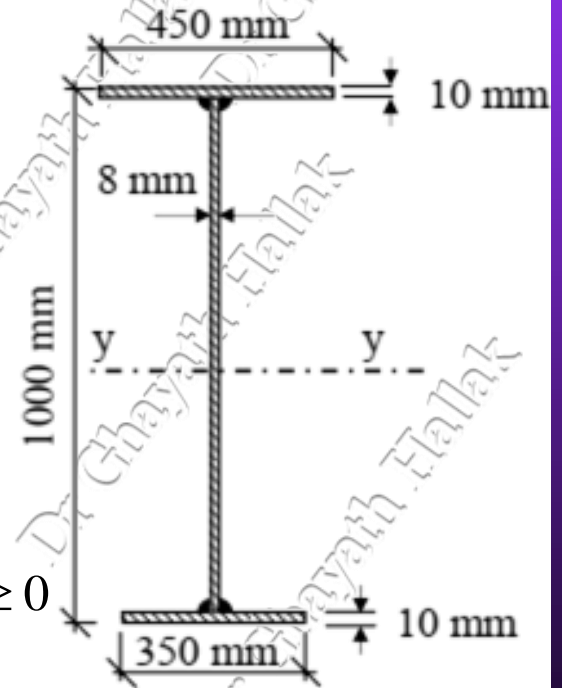
$$\therefore \bar{\lambda}_p = \frac{121}{28.4 \times 0.92 \times \sqrt{4.0}} = 2.315$$

Reduction factor

$$\rho = 1.0 \quad \text{for } \bar{\lambda}_p \leq 0.673$$

$$\rho = \frac{\bar{\lambda}_p - 0.055(3 + \psi)}{\bar{\lambda}_p^2} \leq 1.0 \quad \text{for } \bar{\lambda}_p > 0.673, \quad \text{where } (3 + \psi) \geq 0$$

$$\rho = \frac{2.315 - 0.055(3 + 1)}{2.315^2} = 0.391 \leq 1.0$$



# Effective areas – Class 4 -EN 1993-1-5: 2006 § 4.3

## Example : Effective Cross-section Properties

(i) Consider compression

$$b_{\text{eff}} = (0,391 \times 968) = 378,49 \text{ mm}$$

50% allocated equally from both ends (i.e. 189,25 from the welds)

$$A_{c,\text{eff,w}} = (378,49 + 6,0 + 6,0) \times 8,0 = 3123,9 \text{ mm}^2$$

Table 4.2 For **outstand compression elements** with uniform compression

$$\psi = \sigma_2/\sigma_1 = 1,0 \text{ and } k_\sigma = 0.43$$

$$\therefore \bar{\lambda}_p = \frac{\bar{b}/t}{28.4 \times 0.92 \times \sqrt{0.43}} = 0.058 \bar{b}/t$$

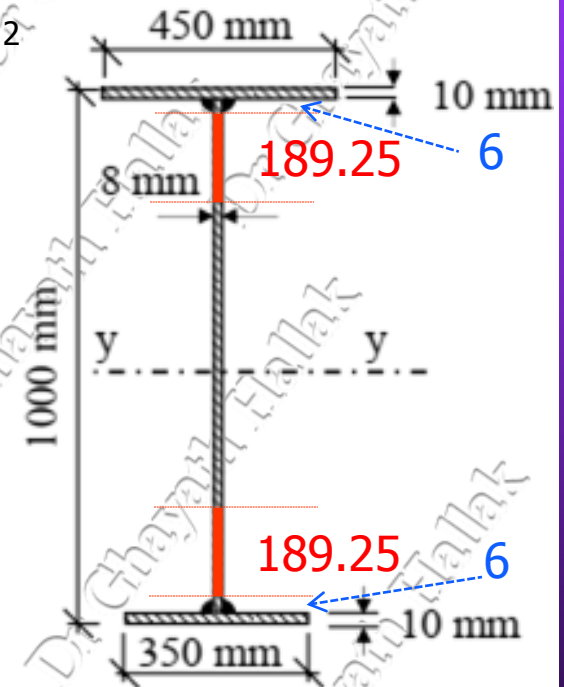
Reduction factor

$$\rho = 1.0 \quad \text{for } \bar{\lambda}_p \leq 0.748$$

$$\rho = \frac{\bar{\lambda}_p - 0.188}{\bar{\lambda}_p^2} \leq 1.0 \quad \text{for } \bar{\lambda}_p > 0.748$$

For the upper flange

$$\therefore \bar{\lambda}_p = 0.058 \bar{b}/t = 0.058 \times 21.5 = 1.247 \Rightarrow \rho = \frac{1.247 - 0.188}{1.247^2} = 0.681 < 1.0$$



# Effective areas – Class 4 -EN 1993-1-5: 2006 § 4.3

## Example : Effective Cross-section Properties

(i) Consider compression

$$b_{\text{eff}} = (0.681 \times 215) = 146.42 \text{ mm}$$

$$A_{\text{c,eff,tf}} = 2 \times [(146,42 + 6,0 + 4,0) \times 10,0] = 3128,4 \text{ mm}^2$$

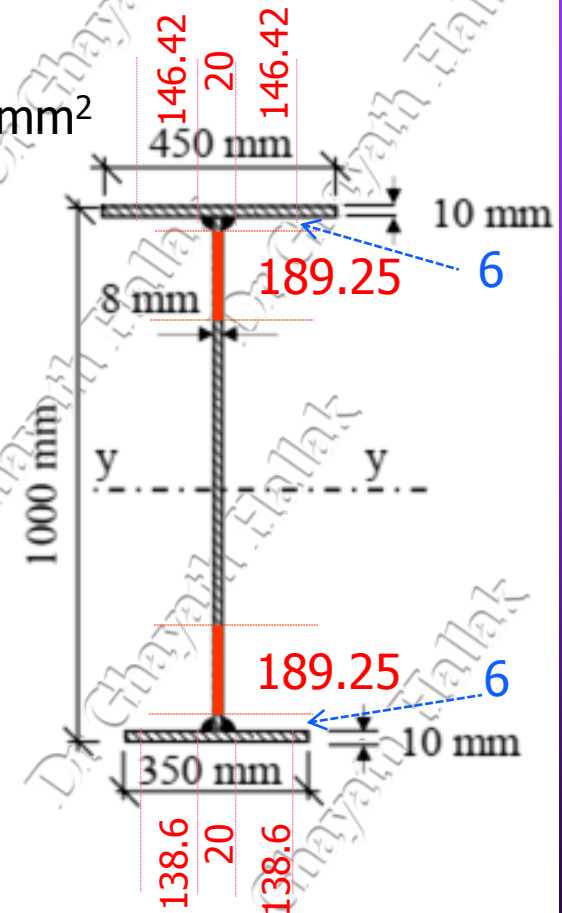
For the lower flange:

$$\therefore \bar{\lambda}_p = 0.058 \bar{b}/t = 0.058 \times 16.5 = 0.957$$

$$\Rightarrow \rho = \frac{0.957 - 0.188}{0.957^2} = 0.84 < 1.0$$

$$b_{\text{eff}} = (0.84 \times 165) = 138.6 \text{ mm}$$

$$A_{\text{c,eff,bf}} = 2 \times (138,6 + 6,0 + 4) \times 10,0 = 2972,0 \text{ mm}^2$$



# Effective areas – Class 4 -EN 1993-1-5: 2006 § 4.3

## Example : Effective Cross-section Properties

(i) Consider compression

### Effective section properties:

$$A_{\text{eff}} = (3123,9 + 3128,4 + 2972) = 9224,3 \text{ mm}^2$$

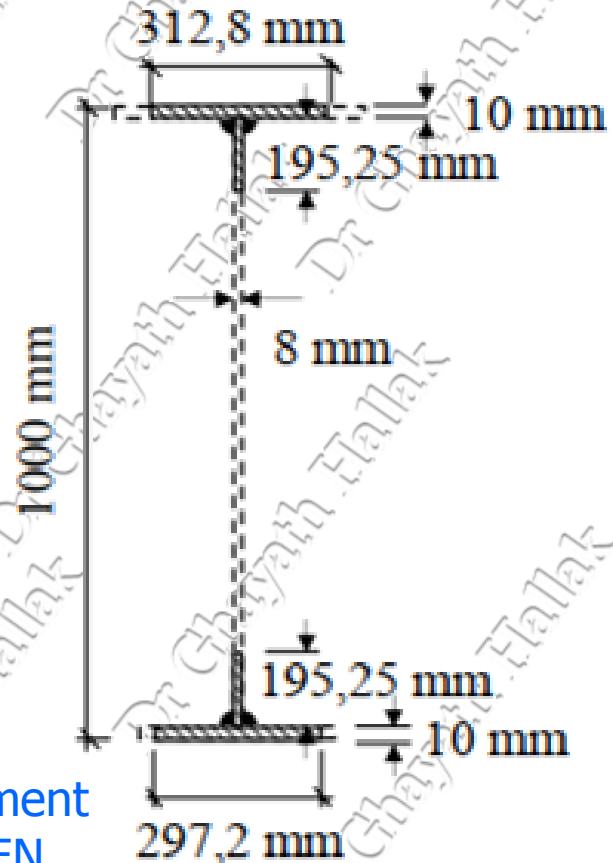
### Location of centroid

$$Z_{\text{eff}} = [(3128,4 \times 995) + (195,25 \times 8 \times (1000 - 10 - 195,25/2)) + (195,25 \times 8 \times (195,25/2 + 10)) + (2972 \times 5)] / 9224,2 = 508,4 \text{ mm}$$

### Shift of the centroid:

$$e_{N_y} = 531,25 - 508,40 = 22,85 \text{ mm}$$

This shift results in an additional bending moment which should be added to the primary bending moment when carrying out verifications in accordance with EN 1993-1-1: Clause 6.2.2.3(4), i.e.  $\Delta M_{\text{Ed}} = N_{\text{Ed}} e_N$



# Effective areas – Class 4 -EN 1993-1-5: 2006 § 4.3

## Example : Effective Cross-section Properties

### (ii) Consider bending

**Upper flange:** outstand compression flanges -  
Table 5.2(2)-

$$c = [450 - 8 - (2 \times 6)]/2 = 215 \text{ mm}$$

$$c/t_f = 215/10 = 21.5$$

$$14\varepsilon = (14 \times 0.92) = 12.55 \quad c/t_f > 14\varepsilon$$

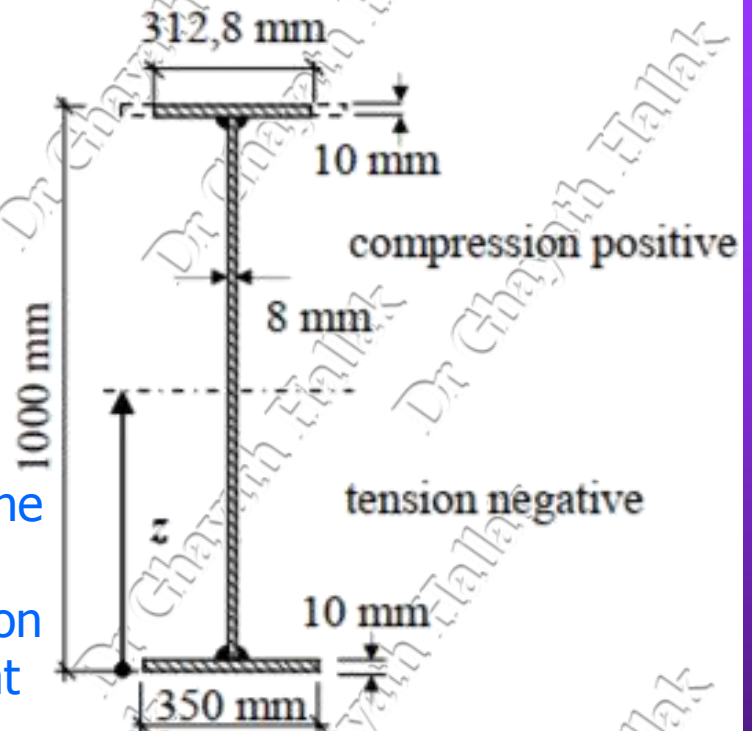
compression flange is Class 4

**Web:** internal compression part

The classification of the web is dependent on the stress ratio  $\psi$ , see EN 1993-1-1: Table 5.2(1).

Since the flanges provide the largest contribution to the bending stiffness, it is recommended that the compression flange is first reduced before completing the stress distribution over the depth of the section.

The cross-section considered when assessing the stress ratio from EN 1993-1-3: Table 5.2 is shown in the Figure. The effective width of the top flange is equal to 312,8 mm as before.





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### Example : Effective Cross-section Properties

#### (ii) Consider bending

#### Cross-sectional area:

$$A = (312,8 \times 10) + (980 \times 8) + (350 \times 10) = 14468 \text{ mm}^2$$

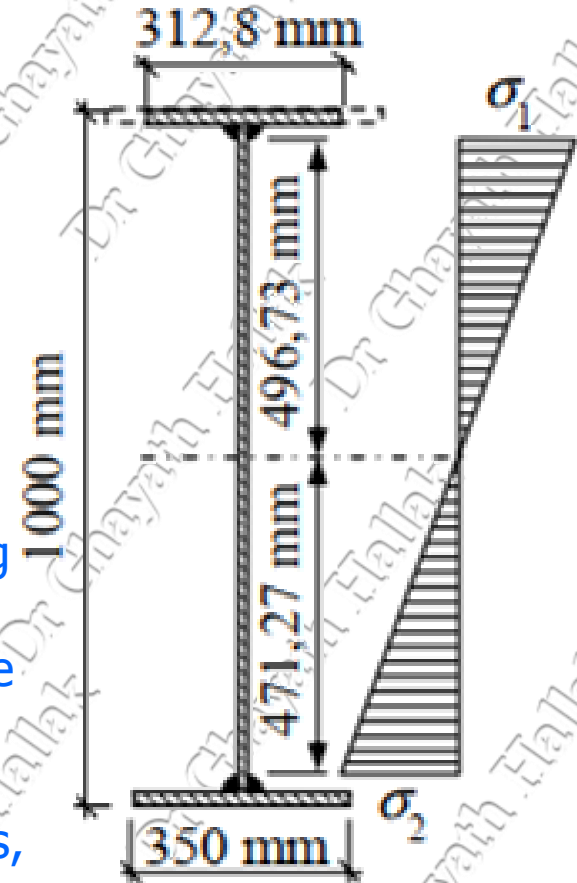
#### Distance to the centroid from the bottom flange:

$$z = [(312,8 \times 10 \times 995) + (980 \times 8 \times 500) + (350 \times 10 \times 5)] / 14468 = 487,27 \text{ mm}$$

The cross-section to be considered when assessing the stress ratio is as shown in the Figure. The stresses  $\sigma_1$  and  $\sigma_2$  are proportional to the distance from the centroid.

The stress ratio is based on the values to the extreme fibres of the web plate between the welds, i.e.

$$\psi = - 471,27 / 496,73 = - 0,949 > - 1,0$$





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## Example : Effective Cross-section Properties

### (ii) Consider bending

EN 1993-1-1:2005: Table 5.2: Class 3 limiting value:

$$\frac{C}{t} = \frac{42\varepsilon}{0.67 + 0.33\psi} = \frac{42 \times 0.92}{0.67 - 0.33 \times 0.949} = 108.3$$

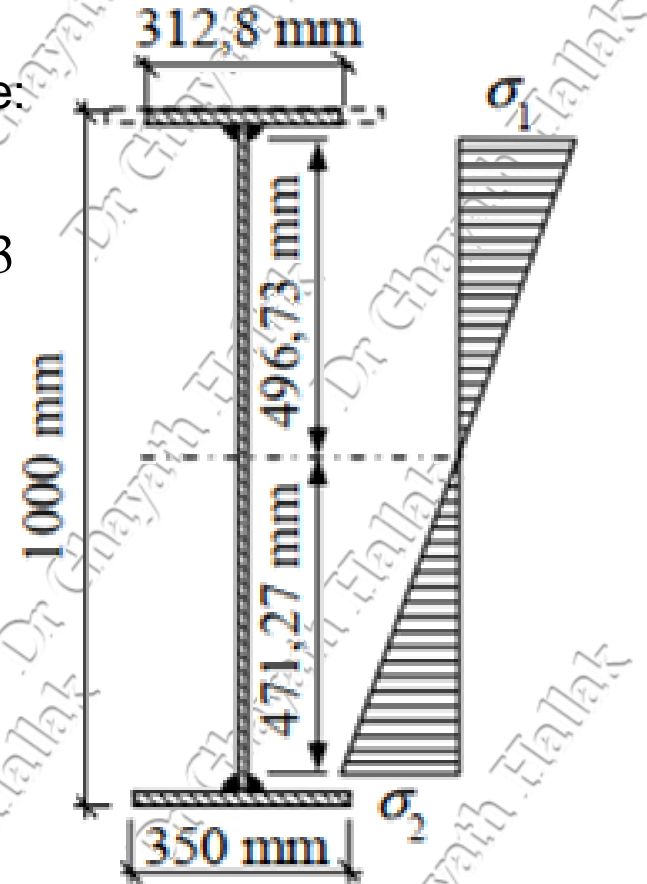
$c/t_w = 121 > 108.3 \therefore$  The web is Class 4

**Section is Class 4**

### Effective section modulus

The effective section modulus ( $W_{\text{eff}}$ ) is determined assuming that the cross-section is subject only to bending stresses or combined bending and compression. Assuming that shear lag is negligible, the tension flange is fully effective and the web is subject to combined bending and compression.

Using the stress ratio  $\psi = -0.949$  as a first approximation, the buckling coefficient  $k_\sigma$  can be obtained from EN 1993-1-5: Table 4.1.



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## Example : Effective Cross-section Properties

### (ii) Consider bending

Buckling factor  $k_{\sigma} = 7,81 - 6,29\psi + 9,78\psi^2$  where  $\psi \approx -0,949$

$$k_{\sigma} = 7,81 + (6,29 \times 0,949) + (9,78 \times 0,949^2) = 22,59$$

$$\therefore \bar{\lambda}_p = \frac{121}{28,4 \times 0,92 \times \sqrt{22,59}} = 0,974 > 0,673$$

$$\rho = \frac{0,974 - 0,055(3 - 0,949)}{0,974^2} = 0,908 \leq 1,0$$

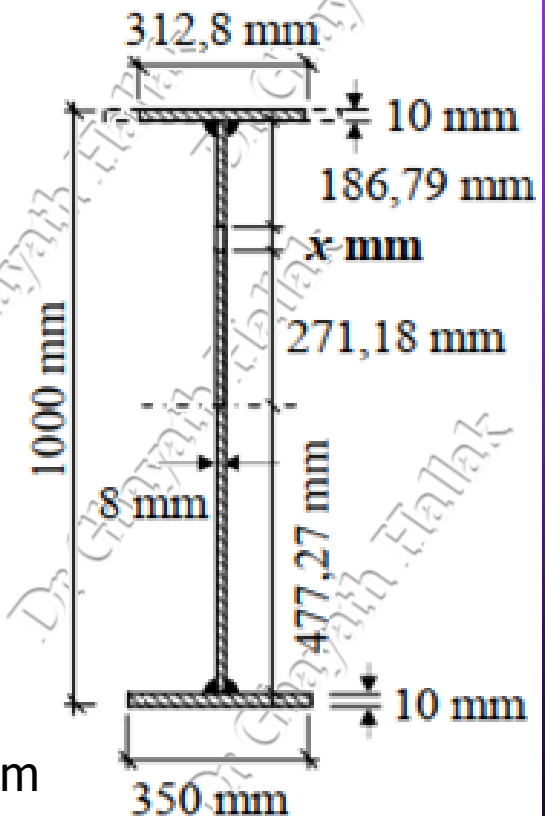
$$b_{\text{eff}} = \rho b_c = \rho b / (1 - \psi) = (0,908 \times 968,0) / (1 + 0,949) = 451,97 \text{ mm}$$

The  $b_{\text{eff}}$  value (451,97 mm) is allocated to the compression zone in accordance with EN 1993-1-5: Table 4.1, i.e

$$b_{e1} = 0,4b_{\text{eff}} = (0,4 \times 451,97) = 180,79 \text{ mm}$$

$$b_{e2} = 0,6b_{\text{eff}} = (0,6 \times 451,97) = 271,18 \text{ mm}$$

$$x = 1000 - (20 + 186,79 + 271,18 + 477,27) = 44,76 \text{ mm}$$



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## Example : Effective Cross-section Properties

### (ii) Consider bending

#### Cross-sectional area

$$A_{\text{eff}} = [3128 + 3500 + (980 \times 8) - (44,76 \times 8)] = 14109,92 \text{ mm}^2$$

#### Location of centroid

$$Z_{\text{eff}} = [(3128 \times 995) + (186,79 \times 8 \times 896,61) + (748,45 \times 8 \times 384,23) + (3500 \times 5)] / 14109,92 = 479,83 \text{ mm}$$

#### Second moment of area about the y-y axis:

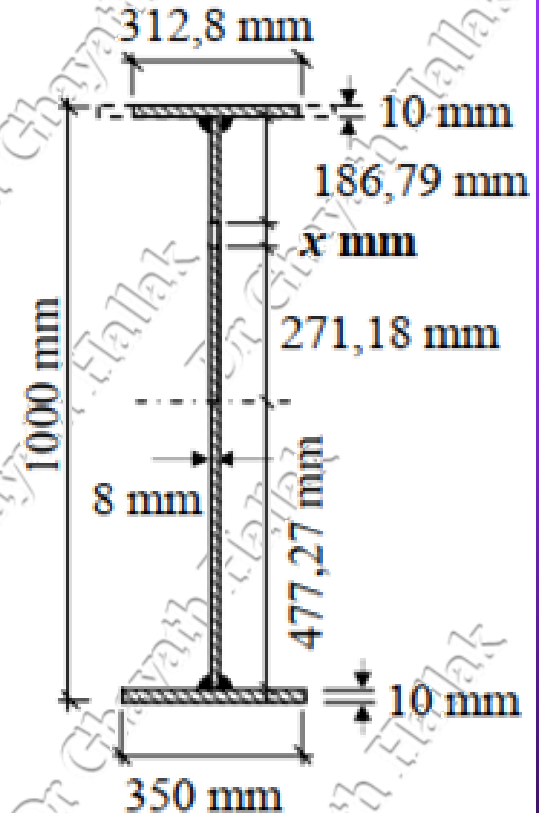
$$I_{yy} = (312,8 \times 10^3) / 12 + 312,8 \times 10 \times (1000 - 5 - 479,83)^2 + 186,79^3 \times 8 / 12 + 186,79 \times 8 \times (186,79 / 2 + 10 - 1000 + 479,83)^2 + (748,45^3 \times 8) / 12 + 748,45 \times 8 \times (748,45 / 2 + 10 - 479,83)^2 + 350 \times 10^3 / 12 + 350 \times 10 \times (479,83 - 5)^2 = 2217,12 \times 10^6 \text{ mm}^4$$

z to the mid-point of the top flange =  $(995,0 - 479,83) = 515,17 \text{ mm}$

z to the mid-point of the bottom flange =  $(479,83 - 5,0) = 474,83 \text{ mm}$

$$W_{\text{eff},y,\text{top flange}} = (2217,12 \times 10^6) / 515,17 = 4,30 \times 10^6 \text{ mm}^3$$

$$W_{\text{eff},y,\text{bottom flange}} = (2217,12 \times 10^6) / 474,83 = 4,67 \times 10^6 \text{ mm}^3$$



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## Example : Effective Cross-section Properties

An improved second approximation can be made by repeating the calculations using a stress ratio  $\psi$  based on the section properties from Figure shown

### Summary: Effective section properties

Cross-sectional area (based on compression, see EN 1993-1-5: Clause 4.3(3)):

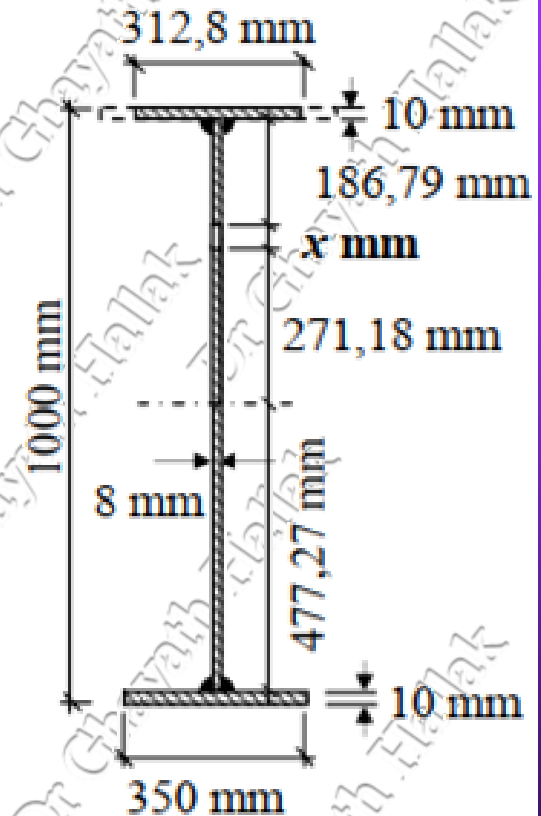
$$A_{\text{eff}} = 9224,2 \text{ mm}^2$$

Shift of the centroid (based on compression, see EN 1993-1-1: Clause 6.2.9.3.(2)):

$$e_{Ny} = 22,85 \text{ mm}$$

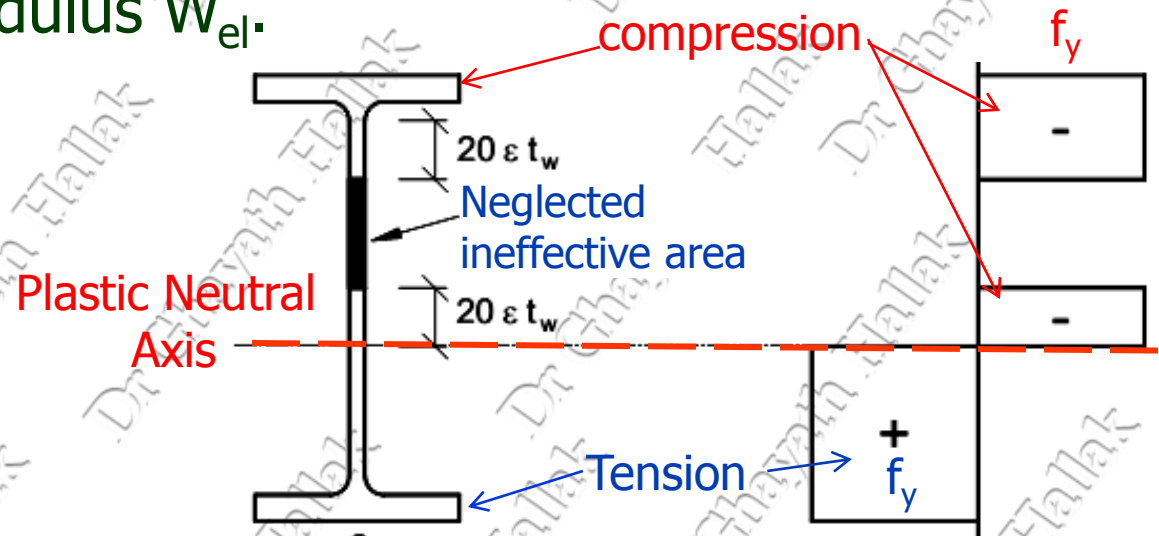
Minimum elastic section modulus (based on bending, see EN 1993-1-5: Clause 4.3(4)):

$$W_{\text{eff},y,\text{min}} = 4,30 \times 10^6 \text{ mm}^3$$



## Effective properties of cross-sections with Class 3 webs and Class 1 or 2 flanges -EN 1993-1-1: 2005 § 6.2.2.4

Generally, a Class 3 cross-section (where the most slender element is Class 3) would assume an elastic distribution of stresses, and its bending resistance would be calculated using the elastic modulus  $W_{el}$ .



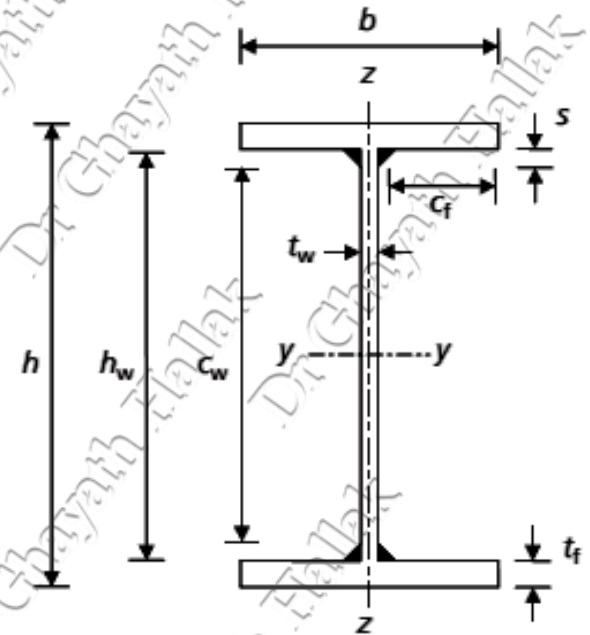
However, EN 1993-1-1: 2005 § 6.2.2.4 makes special allowances for cross-sections with Class 3 webs and Class 1 or 2 flanges by permitting the cross-sections to be classified as effective Class 2 cross-sections.



## Effective properties of cross-sections with Class 3 webs and Class 1 or 2 flanges -EN 1993-1-1: 2005 § 6.2.2.4

Example : cross-section resistance in bending

A welded I section is to be designed in bending. The proportions of the section have been selected such that it may be classified as an effective Class 2 cross-section. The chosen section is of grade S275 steel, and has two 200 x16 mm flanges, an overall section height of 600 mm and a 6 mm web. The weld size (leg length)  $s$  is 6.0 mm. Assuming full lateral restraint, calculate the bending moment resistance.



$$b = 200.0 \text{ mm}$$

$$t_f = 16.0 \text{ mm}$$

$$h = 600.0 \text{ mm}$$

$$t_w = 6.0 \text{ mm}$$

$$s = 6.0 \text{ mm}$$

$$W_{el,y} = 2\,124\,838 \text{ mm}^3$$



# Effective properties of cross-sections with Class 3 webs and Class 1 or 2 flanges -EN 1993-1-1: 2005 § 6.2.2.4

## Section properties

Since  $t_{\max} = 16\text{mm}$  Then  $f_y = 275\text{N/mm}^2$

$E = 210\,000\text{ N/mm}^2$

## Cross-section classification

$$\varepsilon = \sqrt{\frac{235}{f_y}} = \sqrt{\frac{235}{275}} = 0.92$$

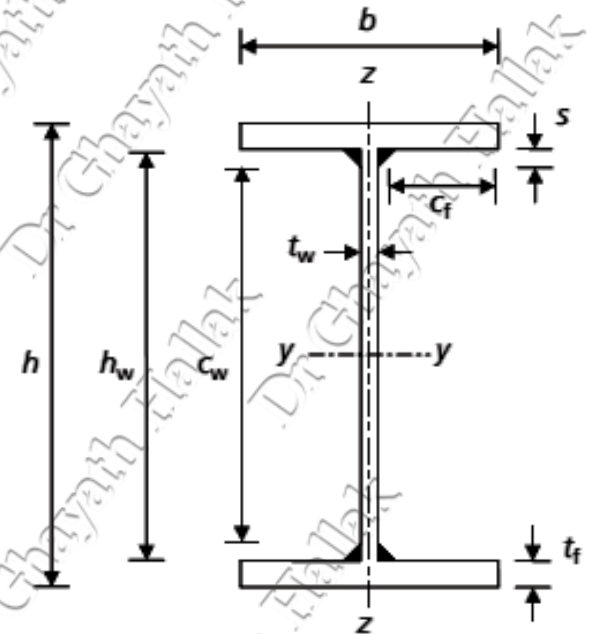
Outstand flanges (Table 5.2, sheet 2):

$$C_f = (b - t_w - 2s)/2 = 91.0\text{ mm}$$

$$C_f/t_f = 91/16 = 5.69$$

Limit for Class 1 flange =  $9\varepsilon = 8.32$

$8.32 > 6.86$  ; flange is Class 1



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## Cross-section classification

Web – internal part in bending (Table 5.2, sheet 1):

$$c_w = h - 2t_f - 2s = 556.0\text{mm}$$

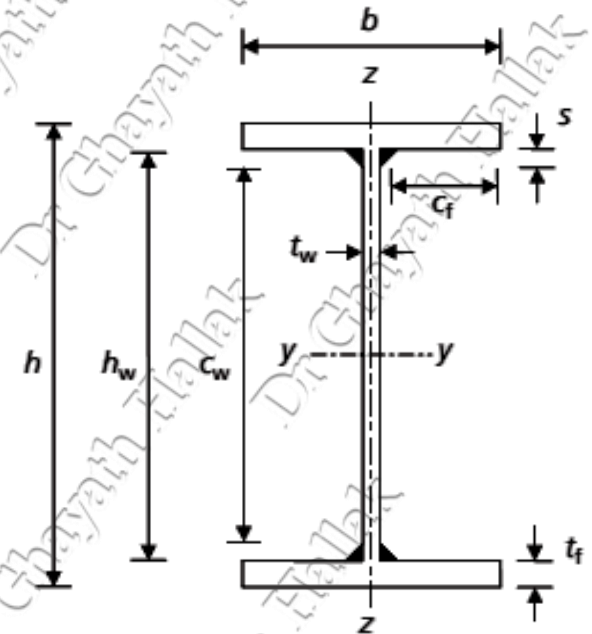
$$c_w/t_w = 556/6 = 92.7$$

$$\text{Limit for Class 2 web} = 83\varepsilon = 76.4$$

$$\text{Limit for Class 3 web} = 124\varepsilon = 114.6$$

$$114.6 > 92.7 > 76.4; \text{ web is Class 3}$$

Overall cross-section classification is therefore Class 3.



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$$t_w = 6.0 \text{ mm}$$

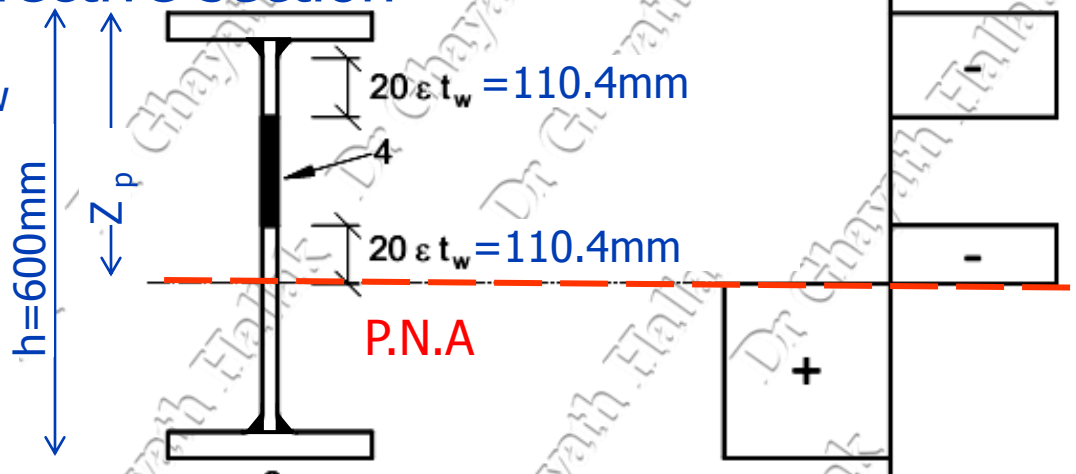
$$s = 6.0 \text{ mm}$$

$$W_{el,y} = 2\,124\,838 \text{ mm}^3$$

# Effective properties of cross-sections with Class 3 webs and Class 1 or 2 flanges -EN 1993-1-1: 2005 § 6.2.2.4

Plastic neutral axis of effective section

$$\begin{aligned}
 & b t_f + 2 \times 20 t_w \times \varepsilon t_w + s t_w \\
 & = b t_f + (h - t_f - z_p) t_w \\
 & 110.4 \times 2 \times 6 + 6 \times 6 = (600 - \\
 & 16 - z_p) \times 6 \\
 & z_p = 357.2 \text{ mm}
 \end{aligned}$$



Plastic modulus of effective section

$$\begin{aligned}
 W_{pl,y,eff} = & b t_f (z_p - 0.5 t_f) + b t_f (h - z_p - 0.5 t_f) + t_w s (z_p - t_f - 0.5 s) + \\
 & t_w (h - z_p - t_f)(h - z_p - t_f) / 2 + (20 \varepsilon t_w) t_w (20 \varepsilon t_w) / 2 + (20 \varepsilon t_w) t_w \\
 & [z_p - s - t_f - (20 \varepsilon t_w) / 2]
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 W_{pl,y,eff} = & b t_f (h - t_f) + 0.5 t_w (h - z_p - t_f)^2 + (20 \varepsilon t_w) t_w [z_p - s - t_f] + \\
 & t_w s (z_p - t_f - 0.5 s) = 2\,257\,326 \text{ mm}^3
 \end{aligned}$$

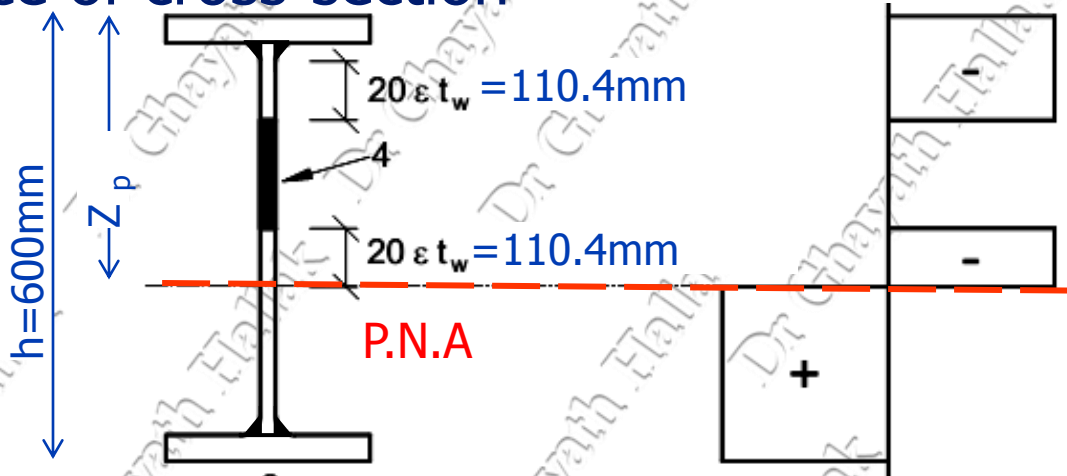
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Plastic Bending resistance of cross-section

$$M_{C,y,Rd} = M_{pl,y,Rd} = W_{pl,y,eff} f_y / \gamma_{M0}$$

for effective class 2 sections

$$M_{C,y,Rd} = 2257326 \times 275 / 1 = \underline{620.76 \text{ kN.m}}$$



Elastic section modulus

$$W_{el,y} = [ b h^3 / 12 - (b - t_w) (h - 2t_f)^3 / 12 ] / (0.5h) = 2\,124\,838\text{mm}^3$$

Elastic Bending resistance of cross-section

$$M_{C,y,Rd} = M_{el,y,Rd} = W_{el,y} f_y / \gamma_{M0} = 2124838 \times 275 / 1 = \underline{584.3\text{kN.m}}$$

Therefore, for the chosen section, use of the effective Class 2 plastic properties results in an increase in bending moment resistance of approximately 6%.