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Plate Buckling – Part 1

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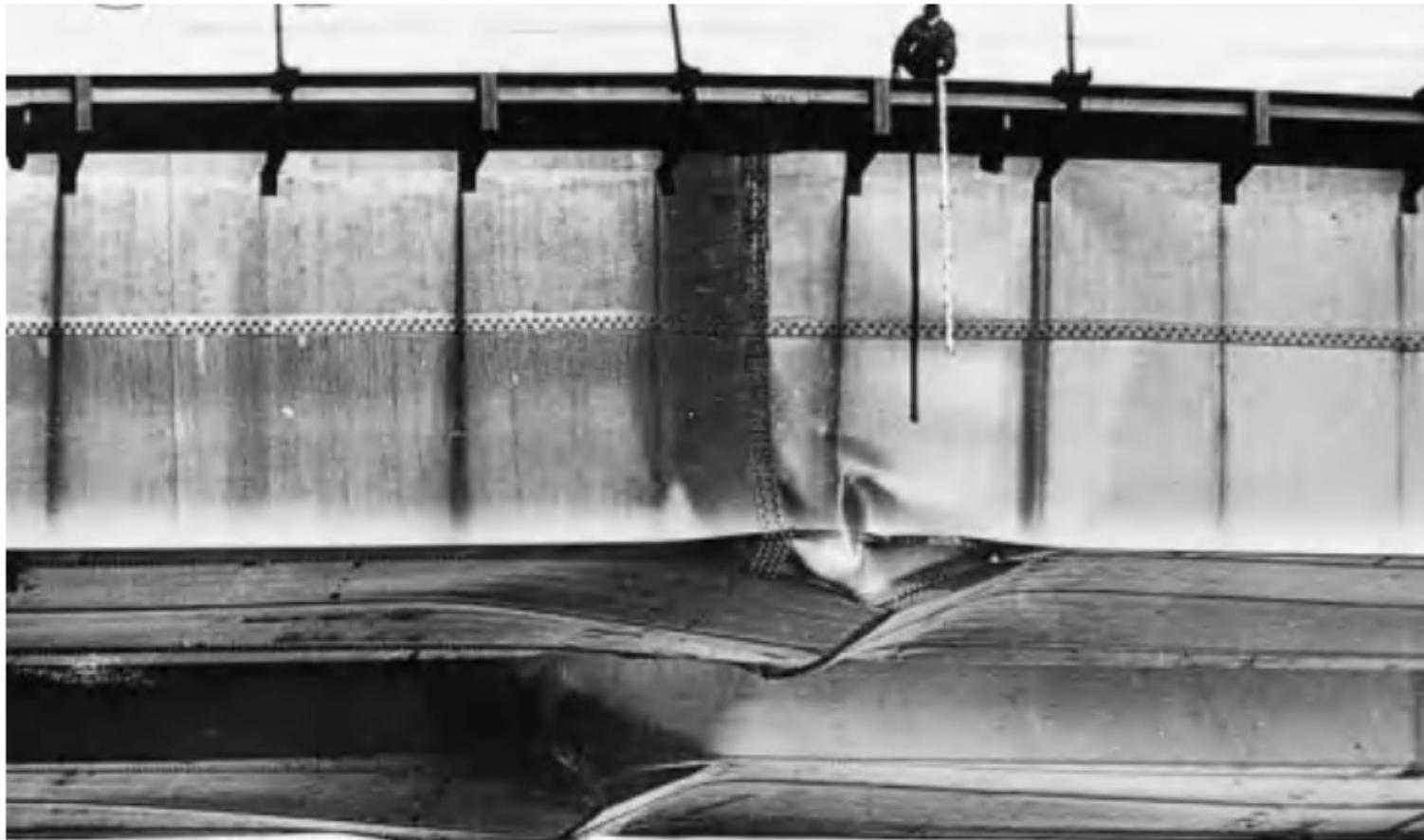
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4th Danube Bridge, Vienna, 1969. [Scheer, 2010]

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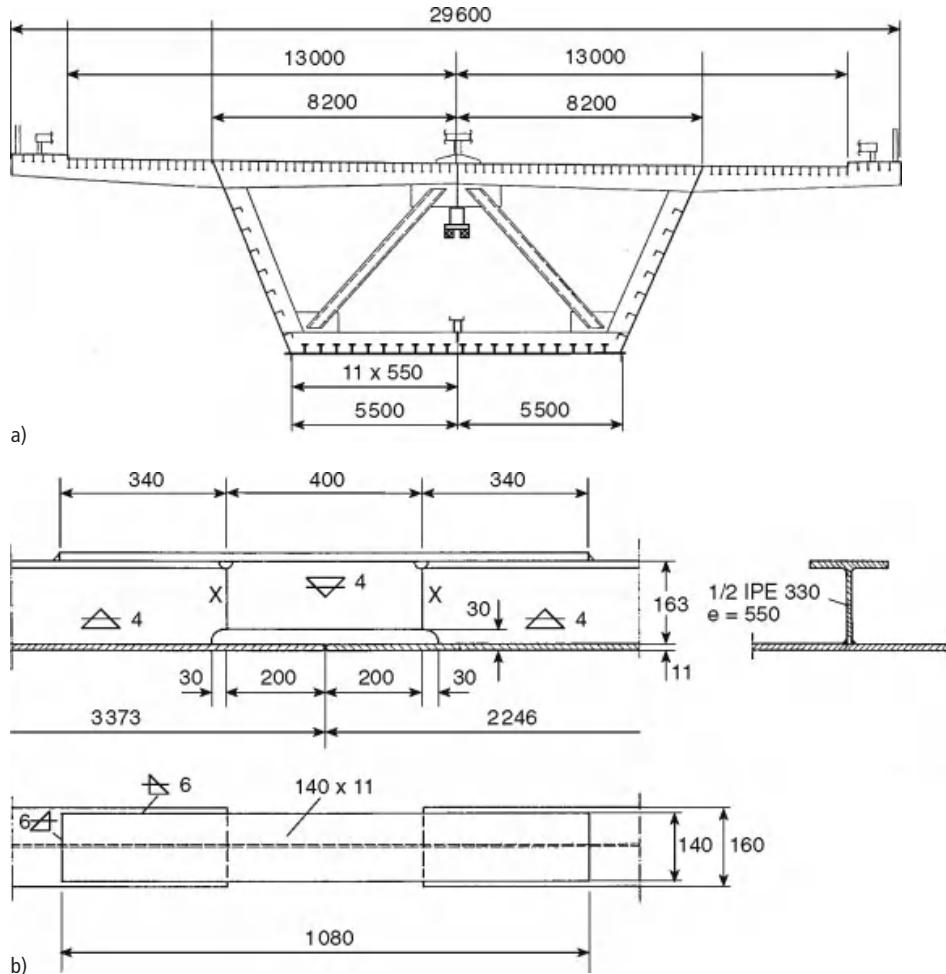
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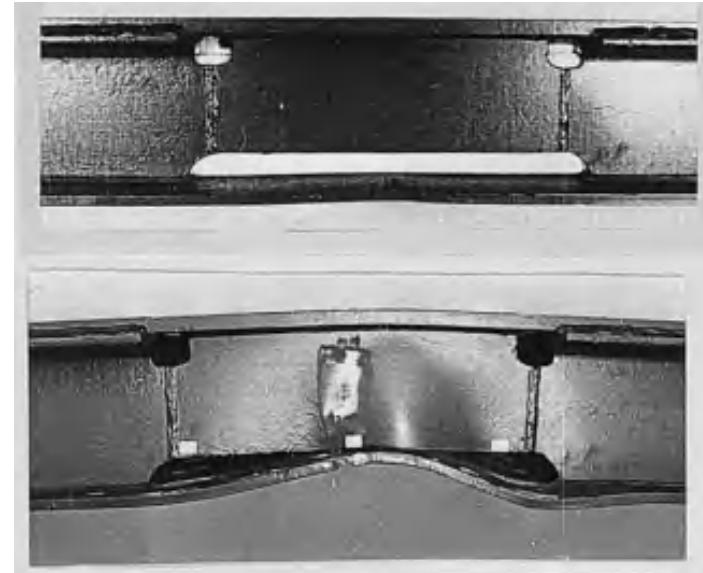
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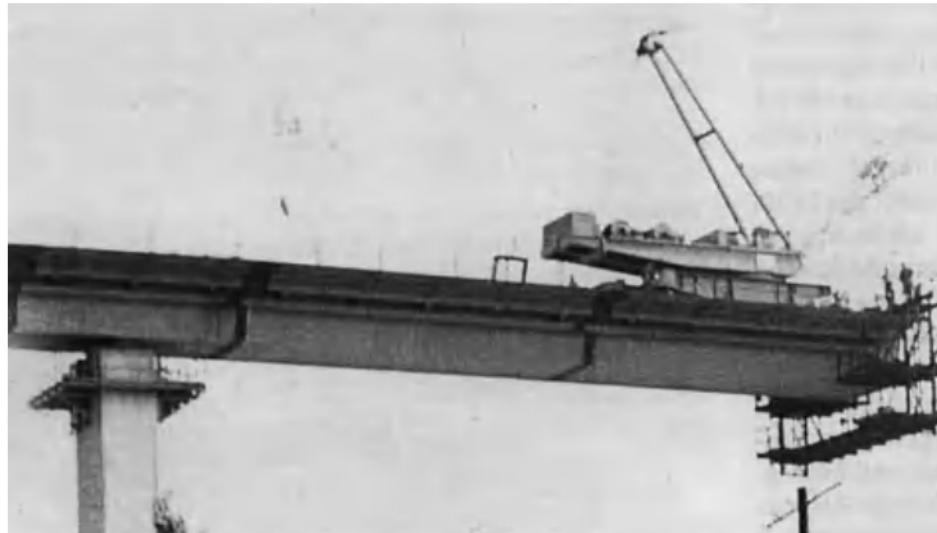
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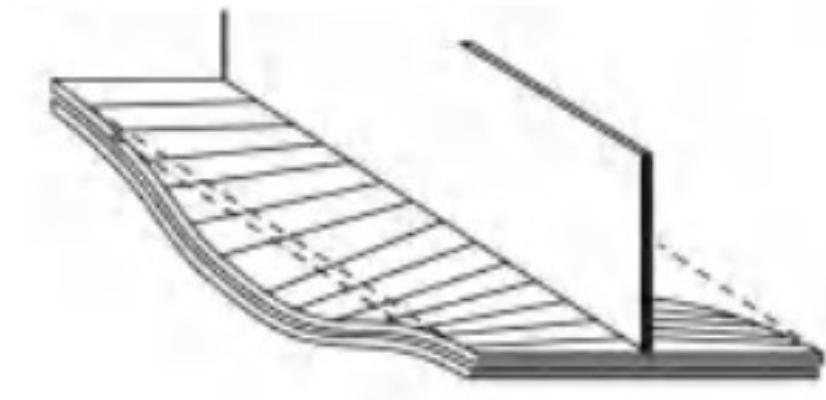
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Werra Bridge, Hedemünden, 1991. [Scheer, 2010]

- A **thin surface laminar element** is characterized by:
 1. A surface defined by a curvilinear reference system in, say, directions $\{x, y\}$;
 2. A thickness t much smaller than the length scale of the surface and perpendicular to the surface in, say, direction $\{z\}$.
- Thin surface laminar elements can be divided in the following categories:
 1. **Plate** – element with **zero curvature in both surface directions**-- ($1/R_x = 0 \wedge 1/R_y = 0$), with R the radius of curvature;
 2. Cylindrical Shell – with one direction of non-zero curvature-- ($1/R_x = 0 \wedge 1/R_y \neq 0$) \vee ($1/R_x \neq 0 \wedge 1/R_y = 0$);
 3. Shell – with non-zero curvature in both directions ($1/R_x \neq 0 \wedge 1/R_y \neq 0$).

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Preliminary definitions

- Linear elastic buckling of plates:
 1. Objective to calculate stresses that lead to loss of stability of plate(**limit point**);
 2. Based on the first-order, small-displacement, deformed configuration of the surface;
 3. Assumes a linear elastic material;
 4. Typically does not take into account initial imperfections or residual stresses;
- Post-buckling of plates:
 1. Objective is to describe equilibrium path **after limit point** is reached;
 2. Based on the second-order(+), small- or large-displacement, deformed configuration;
 3. Slender plate behavior is considerably stable after limit point is reached;
- Inelastic buckling of plates
 1. Describes situations in which significant material nonlinearity takes place. This can happen **before or after** linear elastic limit point;
 2. Based on the second-order(+), small- or large-displacement, deformed configuration;
 3. Plate ultimate loads depend significantly on initial imperfections, residual stresses, and material nonlinear model.

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*On the Stability of a Plane Plate under Thrusts in its own Plane,
with Applications to the “Buckling” of the Sides of a Ship.*

By G. H. BRYAN.

[*Read Dec. 11th, 1890.*]

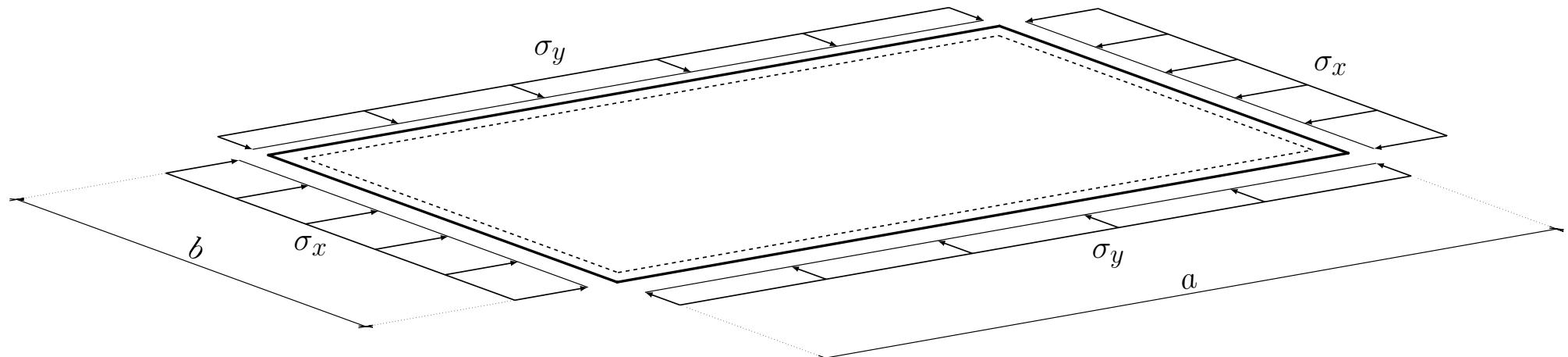
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1. The problems discussed in this paper are the analogues for a plane rectangular or circular plate of the well-known investigations of the stability of a thin wire or shaft, due in the first place to Euler, and since developed by Greenhill. I have employed the energy criterion of stability, the use of which I have already illustrated in this connexion in two papers published in the *Proceedings of the Cambridge Philosophical Society.**

[Bryan, 1890]

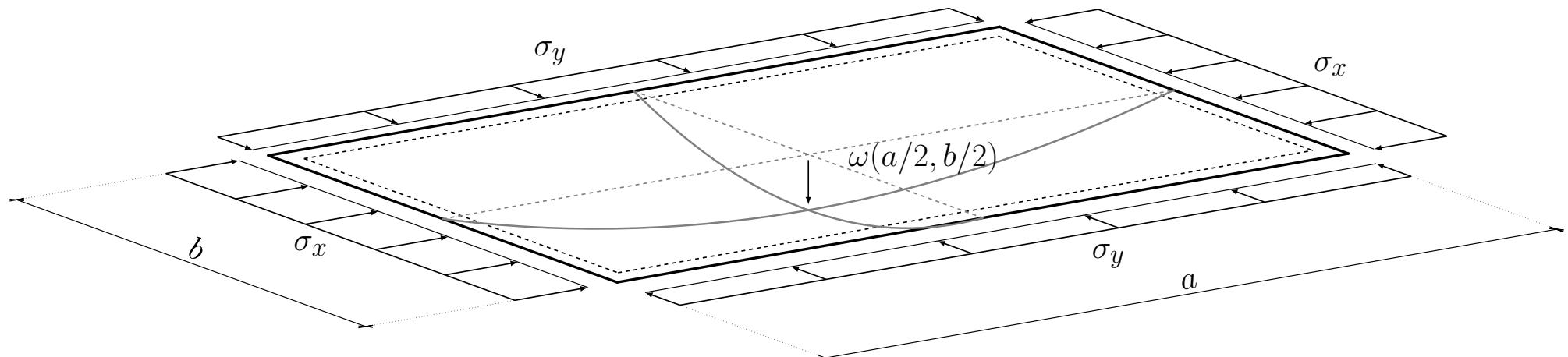
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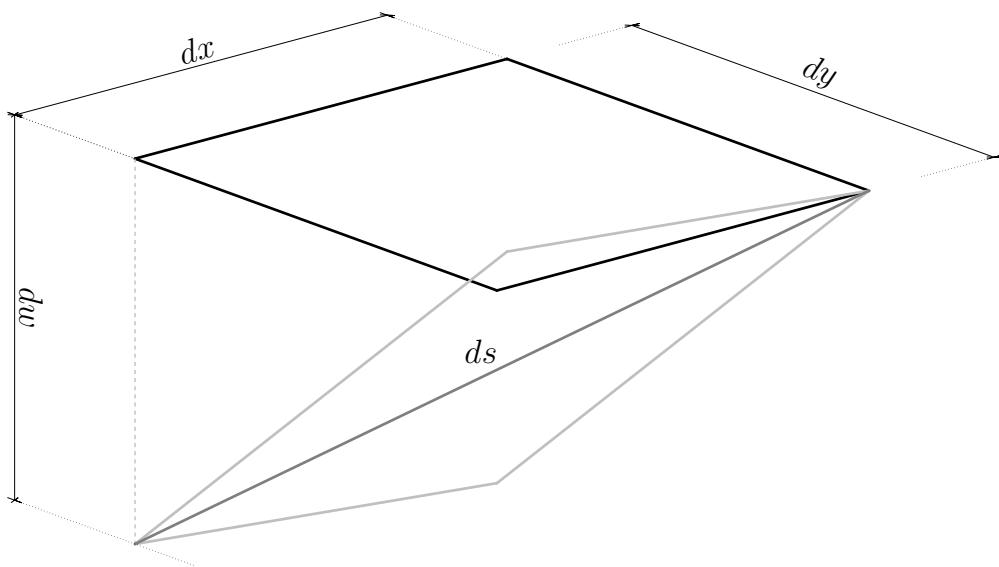
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Consider an infinitesimal plate element,



The length between two points in the deformed configuration can be expressed by,

$$ds^2 = dx^2 + dy^2 + dw^2$$

The displacement is a function of the position on the plate and so,

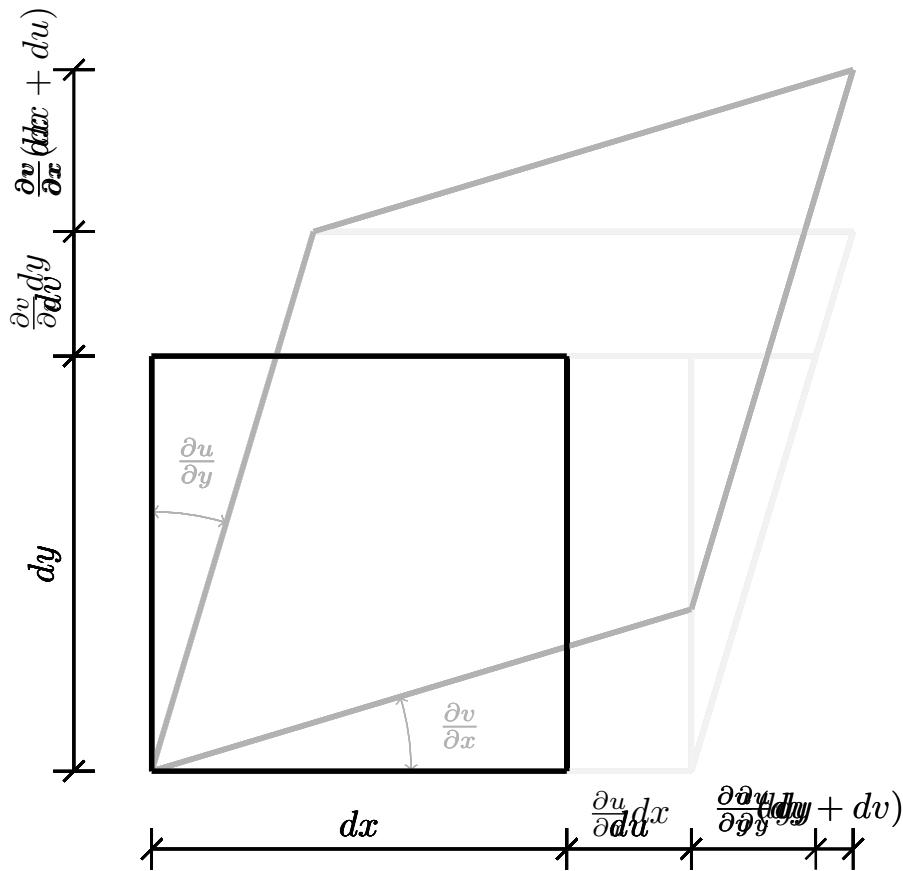
$$dw = \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} dx + \frac{\partial w}{\partial y} dy$$

Substituting,

$$ds^2 = \left[1 + \left(\frac{\partial w}{\partial x} \right)^2 \right] dx^2 + 2 \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} \frac{\partial w}{\partial y} dx dy + \left[1 + \left(\frac{\partial w}{\partial y} \right)^2 \right] dy^2 \quad (1)$$

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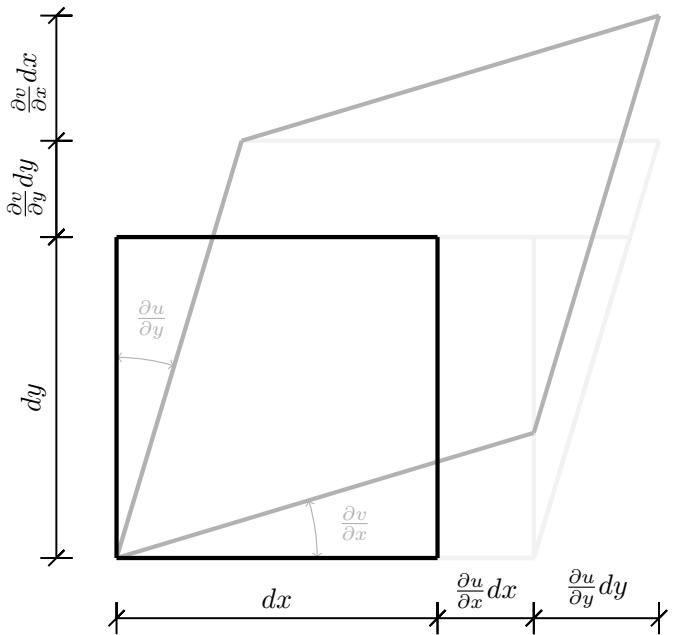
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The length between two points in the deformed configuration can also be expressed by the stretch and distortion of the plate,



$$\begin{aligned} ds^2 &= (dx + du)^2 + (dy + dv)^2 = \\ &= \left(dx + \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} dx + \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} dy \right)^2 + \left(dy + \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} dv + \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} dx \right)^2 = \\ &= \left(\left[1 + \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \right] dx + \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} dy \right)^2 + \left(\left[1 + \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} \right] dy + \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} dx \right)^2 = \\ &= \left[1 + \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \right]^2 dx^2 + 2 \left(1 + \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \right) \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} dx dy + \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \right)^2 dy^2 + \\ &\quad + \left[1 + \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} \right]^2 dy^2 + 2 \left(1 + \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} \right) \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} dx dy + \left(\frac{\partial v}{\partial x} \right)^2 dx^2 = \end{aligned}$$

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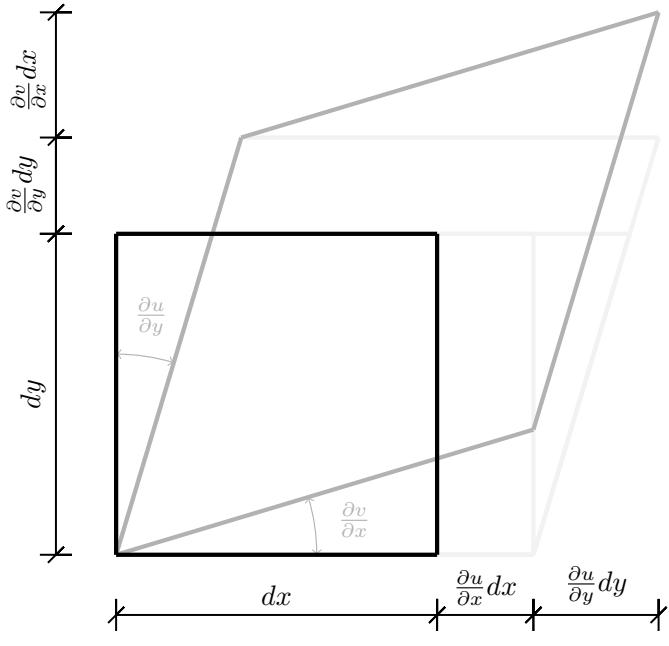
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In this linearized analysis, the **second-order** terms of the strain are neglected

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So finally,

$$ds^2 = \left[1 + 2 \frac{du}{dx} \right] dx^2 + 2\varpi dx dy + \left[1 + 2 \frac{dv}{dy} \right] dy^2 \quad (2)$$

In which ϖ is the shear angle.

$$\varpi = \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial x}$$

For small strains, the squared term of the strains is neglected, and so comparing Eq. (1) with (2) yields,

$$\frac{du}{dx} = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\partial w}{\partial x} \right)^2$$

$$\varpi = \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} \frac{\partial w}{\partial y}$$

$$\frac{dv}{dy} = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\partial w}{\partial y} \right)^2$$

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The work performed by the external forces acting on the plate can thus be expressed as,

$$\begin{aligned} V &= -t \int_0^a \int_0^b \sigma_x \frac{du}{dx} + \tau_{xy} \varpi + \sigma_y \frac{dv}{dy} dx dy = \\ &= -\frac{1}{2} t \int_0^a \int_0^b \sigma_x \left(\frac{\partial w}{\partial x} \right)^2 + 2\tau_{xy} \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} \frac{\partial w}{\partial y} + \sigma_y \left(\frac{\partial w}{\partial y} \right)^2 dx dy \quad (3) \end{aligned}$$

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The internal work that the plate conducts in **bending** due to the displacement field $w(x, y)$, can be expressed as

$$U = \frac{1}{2} D \int_0^a \int_0^b \left[\left(\frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial y^2} \right)^2 - 2(1 - \nu) \left(\frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial x^2} \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial y^2} - \left(\frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial x \partial y} \right)^2 \right) \right] dx dy \quad (4)$$

with D, the plate bending stiffness, equal to

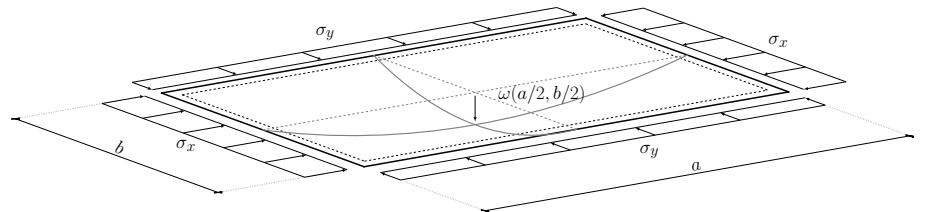
$$D = \frac{Et^3}{12(1 - \nu^2)}$$

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For a rectangular plate supported at its edges, the vertical displacement can be expressed by,

$$w(x, y) = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} A_{mn} \sin \frac{m\pi}{a} x \sin \frac{n\pi}{b} y \quad (5)$$



Assume for the moment that the **shear stress are zero** and the **normal stresses are constant**. Then, performing the corresponding derivatives of Eq. 5 and substituting in the expressions for internal and external work, it can be shown that

$$V = -\frac{1}{8} ab\pi^2 t \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{\sigma_x m^2}{a^2} + \frac{\sigma_y n^2}{b^2} \right) A_{mn}^2 \quad (6)$$

$$U = \frac{1}{8} ab\pi^4 D \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{m^2}{a^2} + \frac{n^2}{b^2} \right)^2 A_{mn}^2 \quad (7)$$

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From the previous lecture we saw that the total potential energy at an equilibrium point can be defined as,

$$\Pi = U + V \quad \text{with stability defined as,} \quad \frac{\partial \Pi}{\partial w} > 0$$

Substituting in the stability definition our expression for the internal and external work yields the following condition, with respect to the amplitude of each vertical displacement,

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial A_{mn}} \left(\frac{1}{8} ab\pi^4 D \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{m^2}{a^2} + \frac{n^2}{b^2} \right)^2 A_{mn}^2 - \frac{1}{8} ab\pi^2 t \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{\sigma_x m^2}{a^2} + \frac{\sigma_y n^2}{b^2} \right) A_{mn}^2 \right) > 0 \quad (8)$$

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From Eq.8 it can be seen that each buckling is independent of each other and, as such, the stability can be expressed for each mode as,

$$\frac{1}{4}ab\pi^4D \left(\frac{m^2}{a^2} + \frac{n^2}{b^2} \right)^2 A_{mn} > \frac{1}{8}ab\pi^2t \left(\frac{\sigma_x m^2}{a^2} + \frac{\sigma_y n^2}{b^2} \right) A_{mn} \quad (9)$$

And so,

$$\pi^2 D > \frac{t \frac{\sigma_x m^2}{a^2} + t \frac{\sigma_y n^2}{b^2}}{\left(\frac{m^2}{a^2} + \frac{n^2}{b^2} \right)^2} \quad (10)$$

With mode shape,

$$w(x, y) = A_{mn} \sin \frac{m\pi}{a} x \sin \frac{n\pi}{b} y$$

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Consider now the case where the plate loaded **uniaxially** ($\sigma_y = 0$),

$$\pi^2 D = \frac{t \frac{\sigma_{cr,x} m^2}{a^2}}{\left(\frac{m^2}{a^2} + \frac{n^2}{b^2}\right)^2} \Leftrightarrow \sigma_{cr,x} = \frac{\pi^2 D a^2}{t m^2} \left(\frac{m^2}{a^2} + \frac{n^2}{b^2}\right)^2$$

The critical stress will be **minimal** when $n = 1$, that is, when the buckling **mode only has one half-wave perpendicular to the load**.

$$\sigma_{cr,x} = \frac{\pi^2 D a^2}{t m^2} \left(\frac{m^2}{a^2} + \frac{1}{b^2}\right)^2 \quad (11)$$

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When we re-work Eq. 11, we are left with **one of the most important expressions in this lecture (Eq. 12)**,

$$\sigma_{cr,x} = \frac{\pi^2 D a^2}{t m^2} \left(\frac{m^2}{a^2} + \frac{1}{b^2} \right)^2 = \frac{\pi^2 D}{t b^2} \left(\frac{mb}{a} + \frac{a}{mb} \right)^2 \Rightarrow$$

$$\sigma_{cr,x} = k \cdot \frac{\pi^2 E}{12(1 - \nu^2) \left(\frac{b}{t} \right)^2} = k \cdot \sigma_E \quad (12)$$

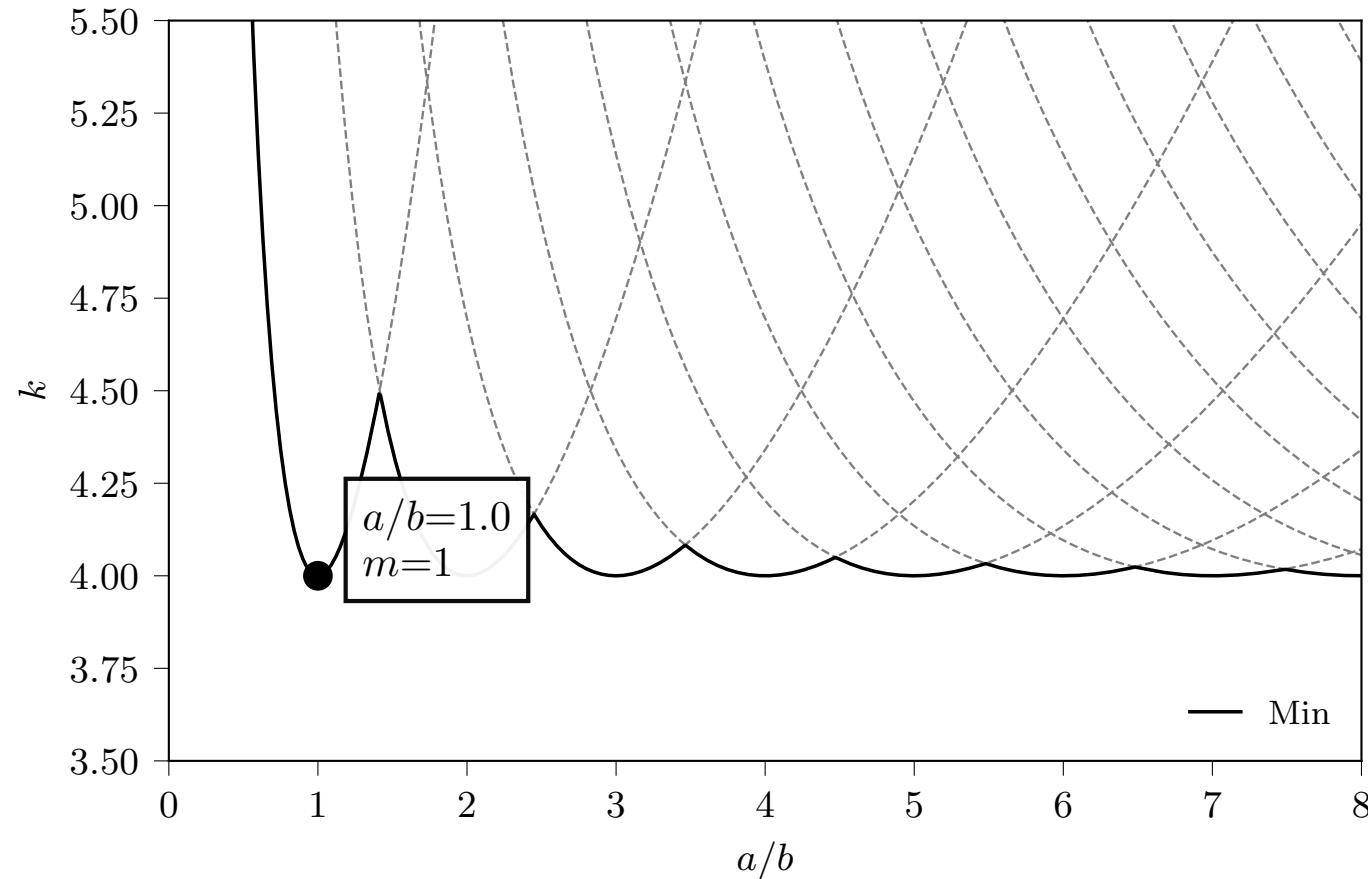
with k , **the plate factor or plate buckling coefficient**, and σ_E ,

$$k = \left(\frac{mb}{a} + \frac{a}{mb} \right)^2 \quad (13)$$

$$\sigma_E = \frac{\pi^2 E}{12(1 - \nu^2) \left(\frac{b}{t} \right)^2} \approx 0.9E \left(\frac{t}{b} \right)^2 \quad (14)$$

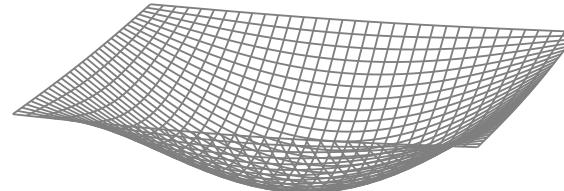
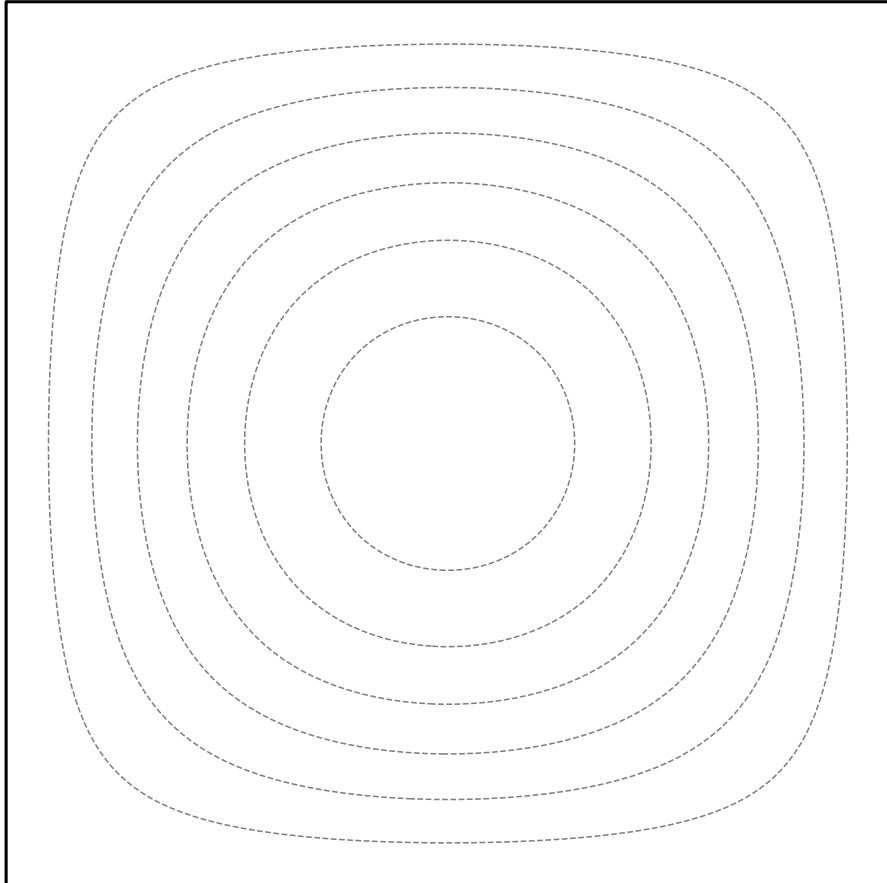
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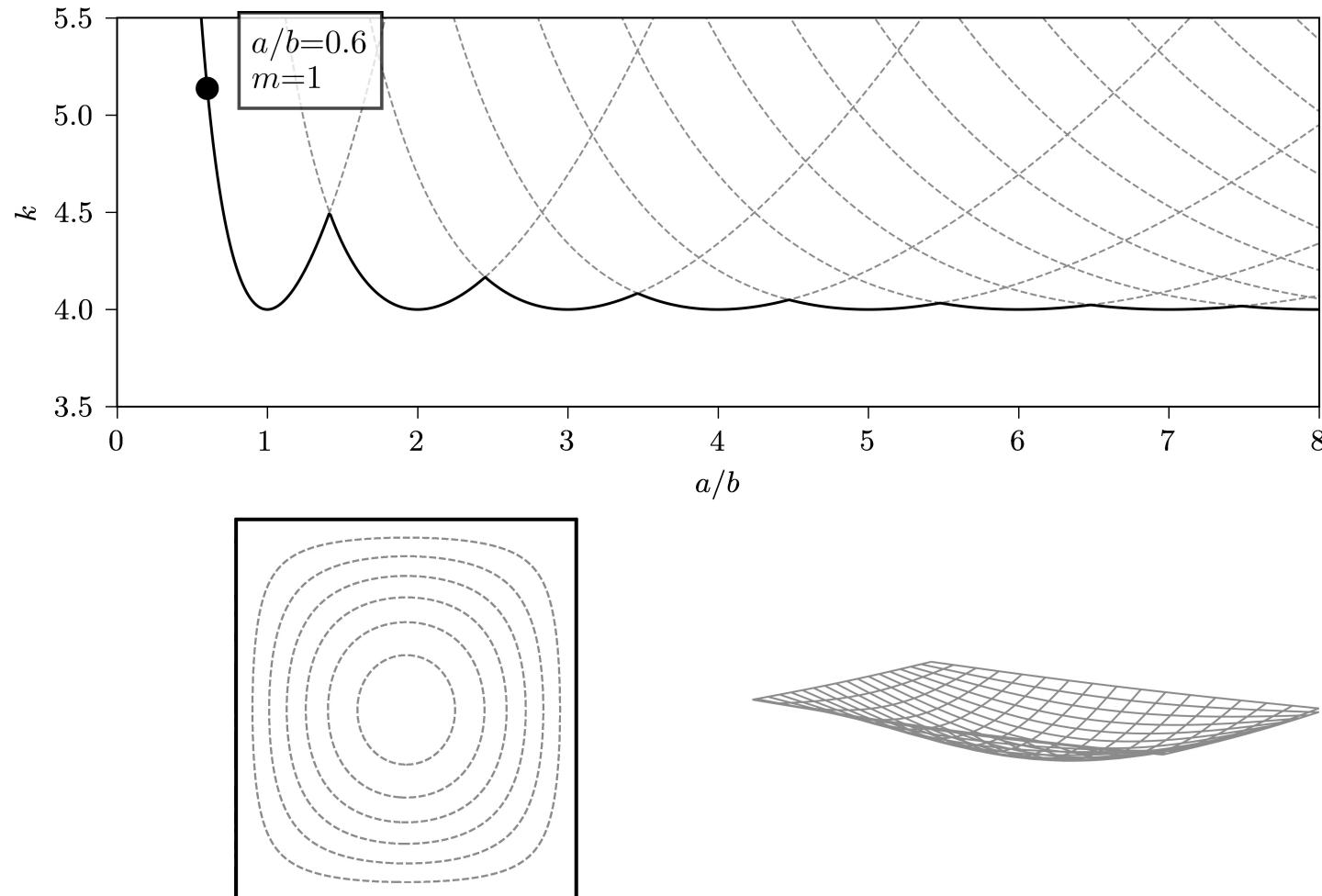
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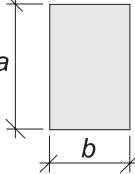
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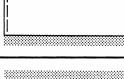
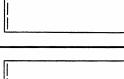
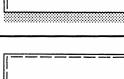
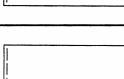
Influence of boundary and loading conditions

		ψ	Boundary conditions							
$-\sigma$		1	4,00	6,97	5,41	5,41	1,28	1,28	0,426	0,426
$-\sigma$		0	7,81	13,54	11,73	9,54	5,91	1,608	1,702	0,567
$-\sigma$		-1	23,90	39,52	39,52	23,94		2,134		0,851
$-\sigma$			$k_{min} \approx \frac{16}{\sqrt{(1+\psi)^2 + 0,112(1-\psi)^2} + (1+\psi)}$ valable pour  et $\psi \geq -1,2$							

SIA263, §4.5.3 - [SIA, 2013]

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Boundary conditions	Normal stresses					Shear stresses (approximate formulas)
						
	4.00	5.32	7.81	13.40	23.9	$\alpha \geq 1 : k = 5.34 + (4.00/\alpha^2)$ $\alpha \leq 1 : k = 4.00 + (5.34/\alpha^2)$
	6.97	9.27	13.54	24.5	39.52	$\alpha \geq 1 : k = 9.00 + (3.30/\alpha^2)$ $\alpha \leq 1 : k = 7.00 + (5.30/\alpha^2)$
	5.41		11.73		39.52	$\alpha \geq 1 : k = 7.50 + (4.00/\alpha^2)$ $\alpha \leq 1 : k = 6.50 + (5.00/\alpha^2)$
	5.41		9.54		23.94	
	1.28		5.91			
	1.28		1.608		2.134	
	0.426		1.702			
	0.426		0.567		0.851	

TGC10, §12 - [Hirt et al., 2011]

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Influence of boundary and loading conditions

TGC10 §12 also discusses ways to compute equivalent critical stresses for mixed loading (uniaxial compression and shear)

$$\sigma_{gcr} = \frac{\sqrt{\sigma_x^2 + 3\tau^2}}{\frac{1 + \psi}{4} \frac{\sigma_x}{\sigma_{cr,x}} + \sqrt{\left(\frac{3 - \psi}{4} \frac{\sigma_x}{\sigma_{cr,x}}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\tau}{\tau_{cr}}\right)}} \quad (15)$$

where,

ψ – is the ratio between the smallest and largest uniaxial stress (signs included)

σ_x – is the largest uniaxial stress

$\sigma_{cr,x}$ – is the limit stress in taking into account **only** the uniaxial stresses

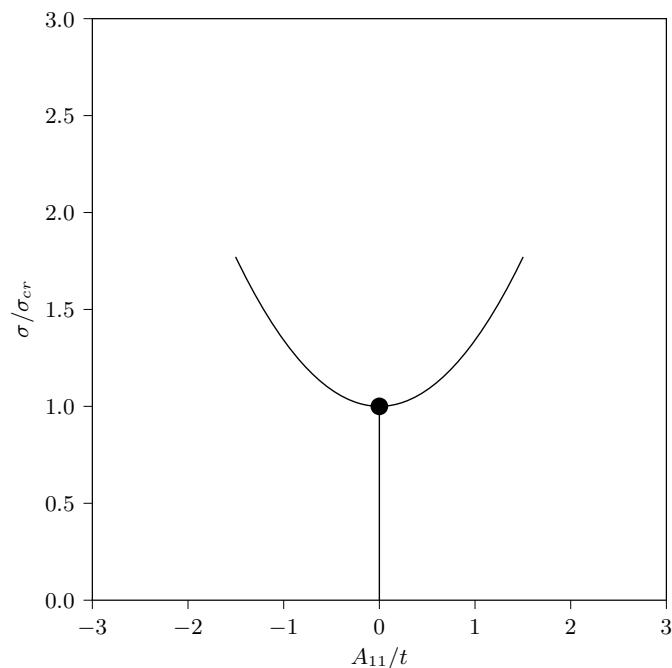
τ_{cr} – is the limit stress in taking into account **only** the shear stresses

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Equilibrium paths

Post-buckling analysis leads us to analyze the previous problem taking into account higher order terms in the linearization of the problem. Analytically this can be performed by:

1. An energy approach [Koiter, 1945]
2. Equilibrium in the deformed configuration [von Karman et. al, 1932]



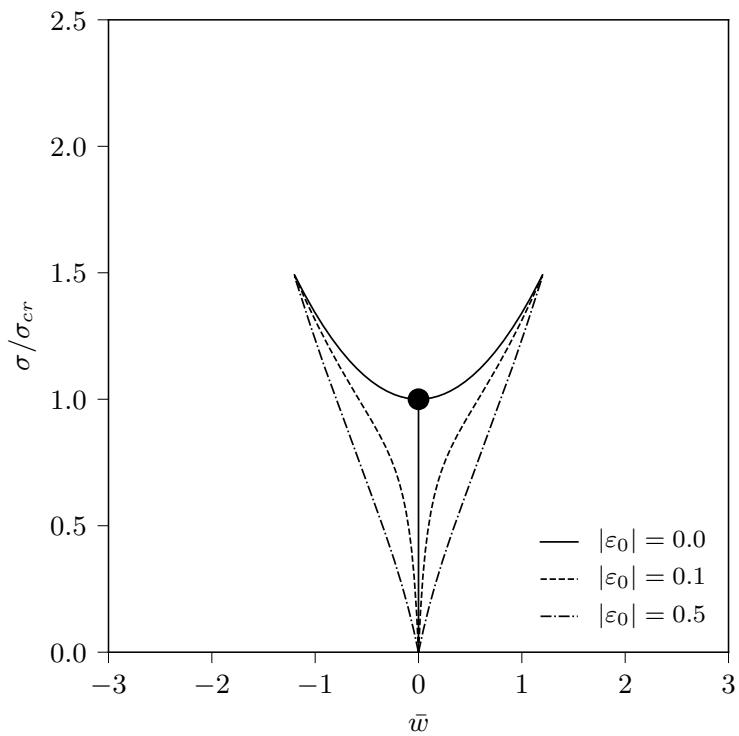
Both approaches can be shown to yield the same result in the neighborhood of the linear elastic limit point for a simply supported square plate:

$$\frac{\sigma}{\sigma_{cr}} = 1 + \frac{3}{8} (1 - \nu^2) \left(\frac{A_{11}}{t} \right)^2 \quad (15)$$

Note that for deflections on the order of the thickness of the plate, the post-buckling stress is around 35% larger than σ_{cr}

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Equilibrium path



For a case with initial imperfections $\varepsilon_0 = \frac{w_0}{t}$,
Volmir [1967] reports,

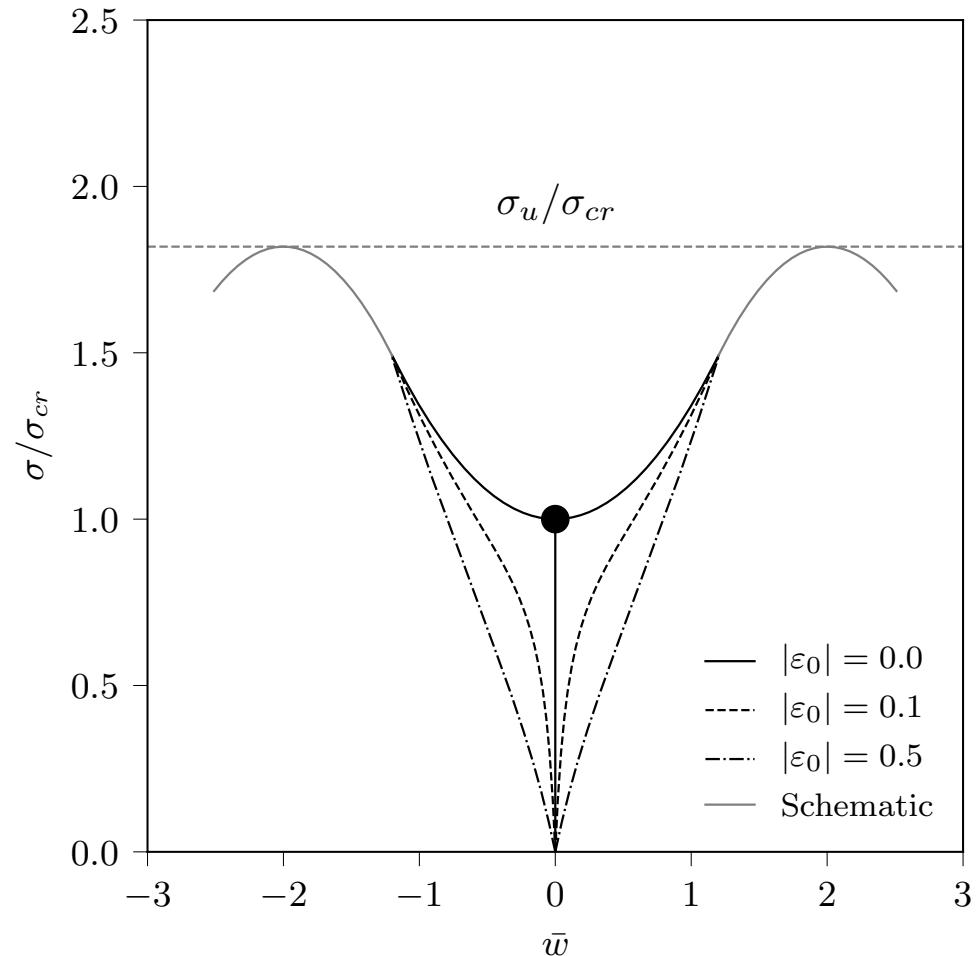
$$\frac{\sigma}{\sigma_{cr}} = 1 + \frac{3}{8}(1 - \nu^2)[\bar{w}^2 + 3\bar{w}\varepsilon_0] \frac{\bar{w}}{\bar{w} + \varepsilon_0} \quad (16)$$

With, $\bar{w} = \frac{w}{t}$

The **key idea** here is that there is a significant amount of reserve capacity, even in the presence of initial imperfections

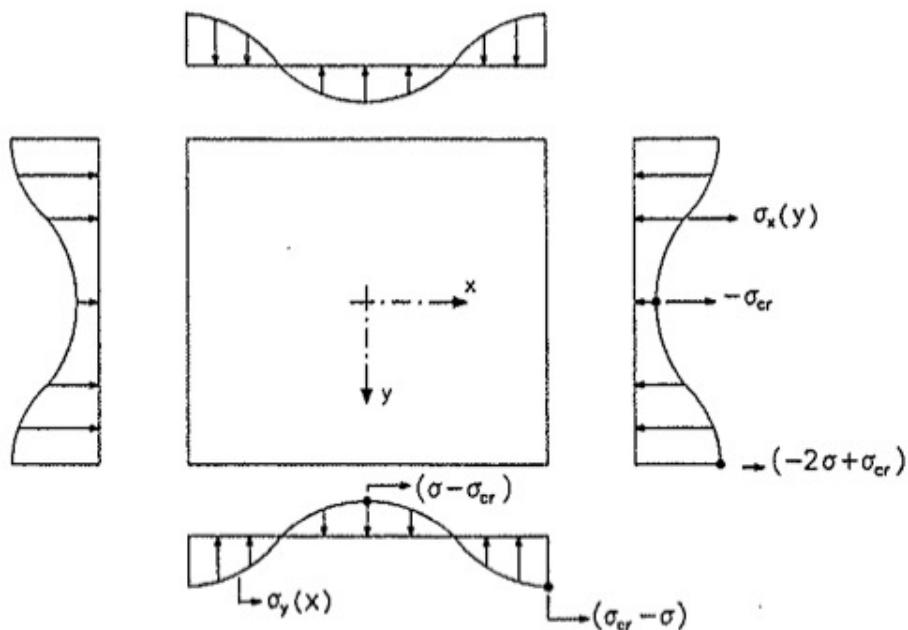
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Ultimate plate load



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Stress distribution at edges



For a rectangular plate ($a=b$), the stress distributions along its edges, in the post buckling phase, assumes the following form,

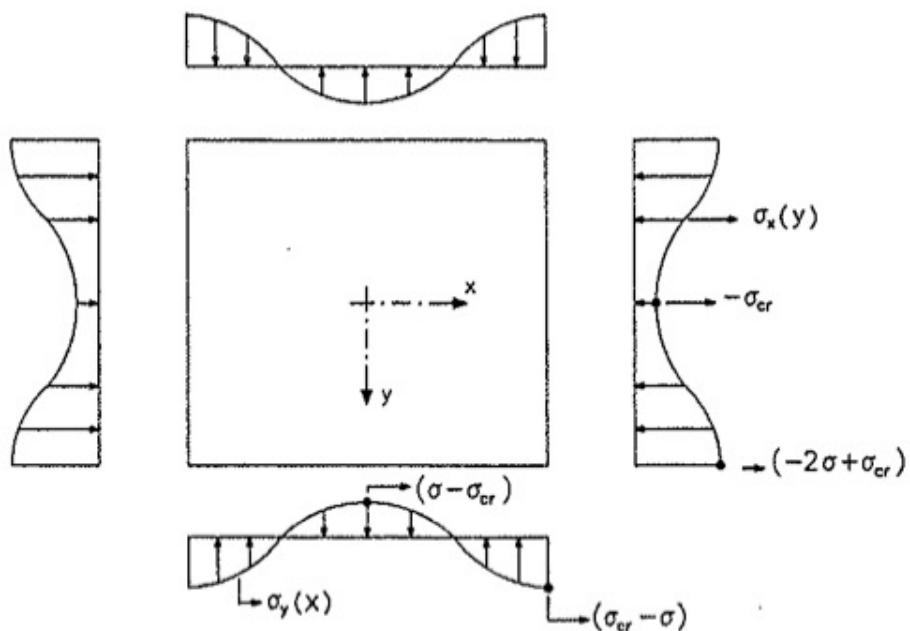
$$\sigma_x(y) = -\sigma + (\sigma - \sigma_{cr}) \cos \frac{2\pi y}{b}$$

$$\sigma_y(x) = (\sigma - \sigma_{cr}) \cos \frac{2\pi x}{b}$$

[Reis and Camotim, 2001]

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Effective width



Take the integral along the compressed edges,

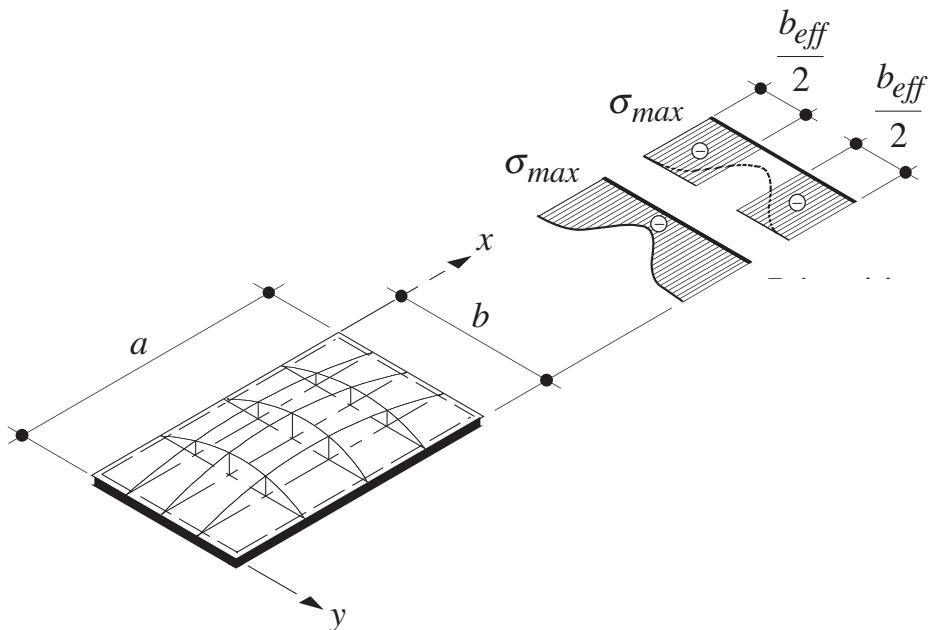
$$\int_{-b/2}^{b/2} \sigma_x(y) dy = \bar{\sigma}b = \sigma_{max}b_{eff}$$

$$\text{with, } \sigma_{max} = 2\bar{\sigma} - \sigma_{cr}$$

[Reis and Camotim, 2001]

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[Hirt et al., 2011]

Take the integral along the compressed edges,

$$\int_{-b/2}^{b/2} \sigma_x(y) dy = \bar{\sigma}b = \sigma_{max}b_{eff}$$

with, $\sigma_{max} = 2\bar{\sigma} - \sigma_{cr}$

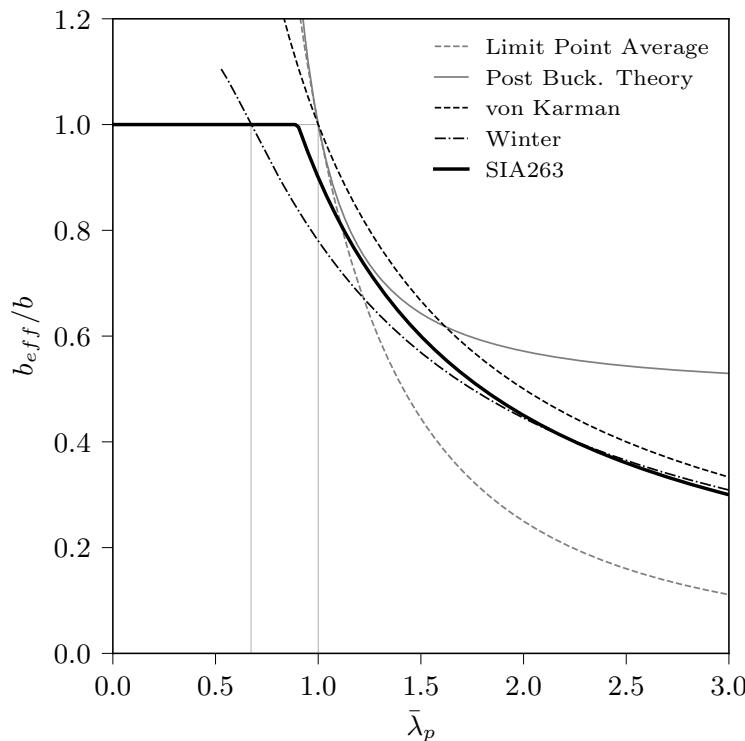
$$\frac{b_{eff}}{b} = \frac{\bar{\sigma}}{2\bar{\sigma} - \sigma_{cr}} = \frac{1}{2 - \frac{\sigma_{cr}}{\bar{\sigma}}} \quad (17)$$

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Effective width – in practice

Let's consider a reduced plate slenderness defined as,

$$\bar{\lambda}_p = \sqrt{\frac{f_y}{\sigma_{cr}}} \quad (18)$$



Limit point average criterion,

$$\int_{-b/2}^{b/2} \sigma_x(y) dy = \sigma_{cr} b = f_y b_{eff}$$

$$\frac{b_{eff}}{b} = \frac{1}{\bar{\lambda}_p^2} \quad (19)$$

Post buckling theory suggests, from (17),

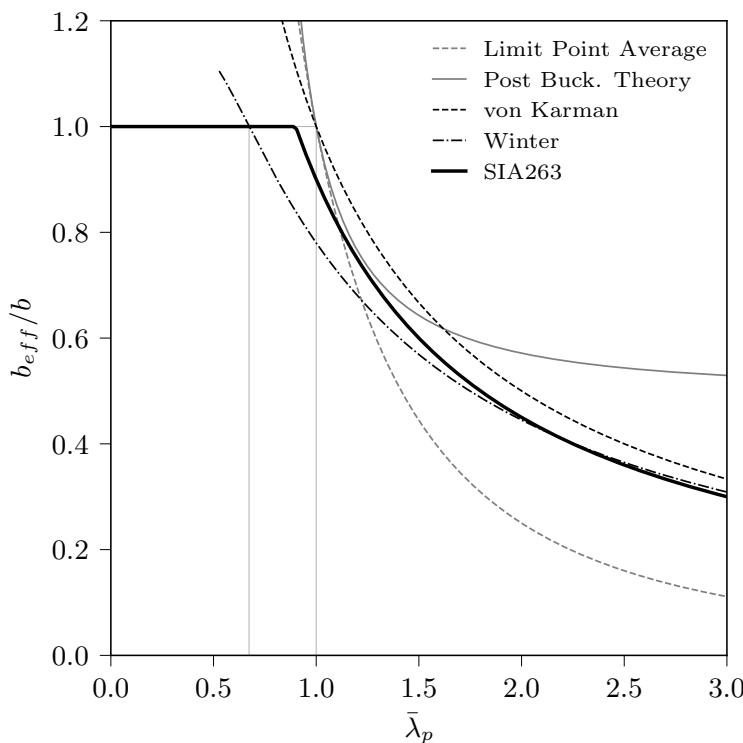
$$\frac{b_{eff}}{b} = \frac{1}{2 - \frac{1}{\bar{\lambda}_p^2}} \quad (20)$$

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Effective width – in practice

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Empirically, a number of authors propose expressions for effective widths:

- von Karman et al. [1932] :

$$\frac{b_{eff}}{b} = \frac{1}{\bar{\lambda}_p} \quad (21)$$

- Winter [1947]:

$$\frac{b_{eff}}{b} = \frac{1}{\bar{\lambda}_p} \left(1 - \frac{0.22}{\bar{\lambda}_p} \right) \quad (22)$$

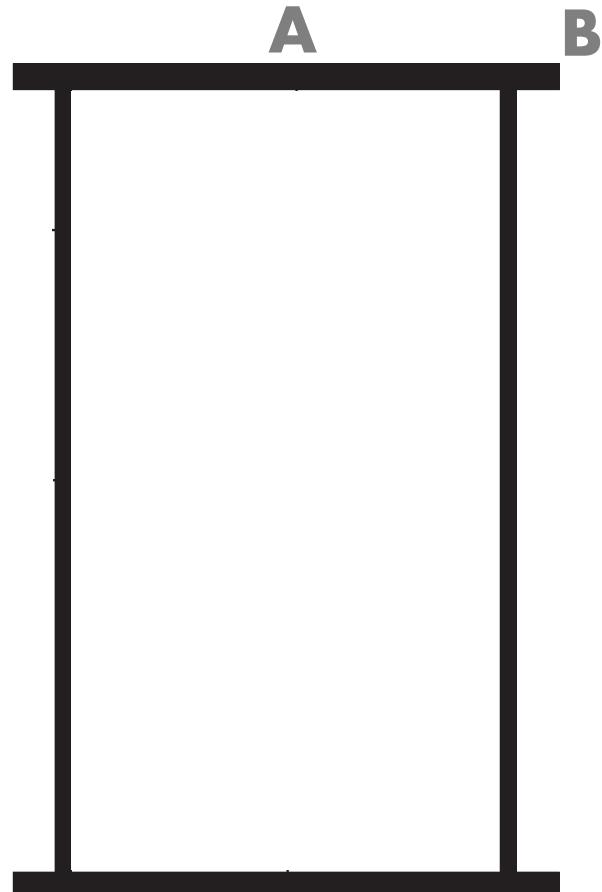
- SIA263-[SIA,2013] :

$$\frac{b_{eff}}{b} = \frac{0.9}{\bar{\lambda}_p} \quad (23)$$

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Effective width – in practice

- SIA263-[SIA,2013] – the box section exception (§5.6.4.3) :



For panels simply supported at both ends (A),

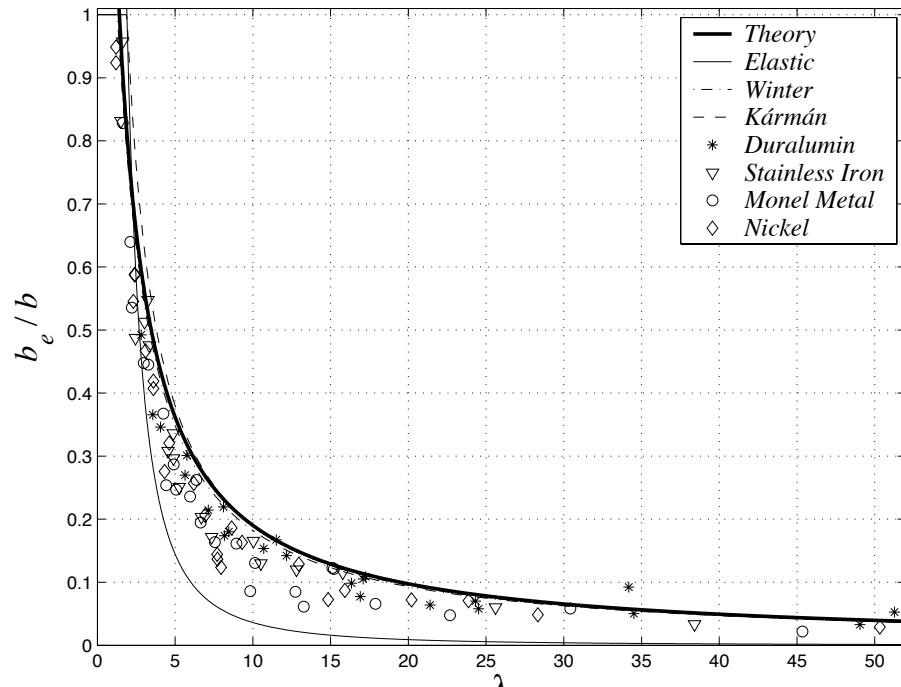
$$\frac{b_{eff}}{b} = \frac{\bar{\lambda}_p - 0.055(3 + \psi)}{\bar{\lambda}_p^2}$$

For panels simply supported at one ends (B),

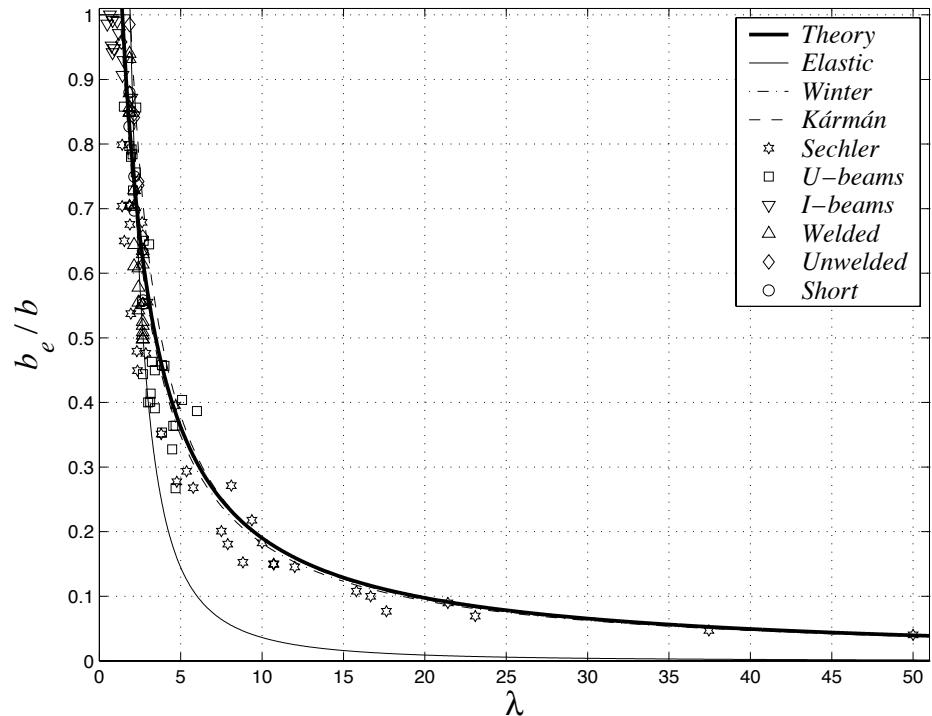
$$\frac{b_{eff}}{b} = \frac{\bar{\lambda}_p - 0.188}{\bar{\lambda}_p^2}$$

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Effective width – in practice



[Hansen., 2006]



[Hansen., 2006]

Section classification

Let's take our previous definitions,

$$\bar{\lambda}_p = \sqrt{\frac{f_y}{\sigma_{cr}}} \quad (18)$$

$$\sigma_{cr} = k \cdot \frac{\pi^2 E}{12(1 - \nu^2) \left(\frac{b}{t}\right)^2} \quad (12)$$

And let's put them as a function of b/t:

$$\frac{b}{t} = \sqrt{\frac{\bar{\lambda}_p^2}{f_y} \cdot k \cdot \frac{\pi^2 E}{12(1 - \nu^2)}}$$

Section classification are typically made with respect to a reference material (S235), and so the above expression can be re-written as,

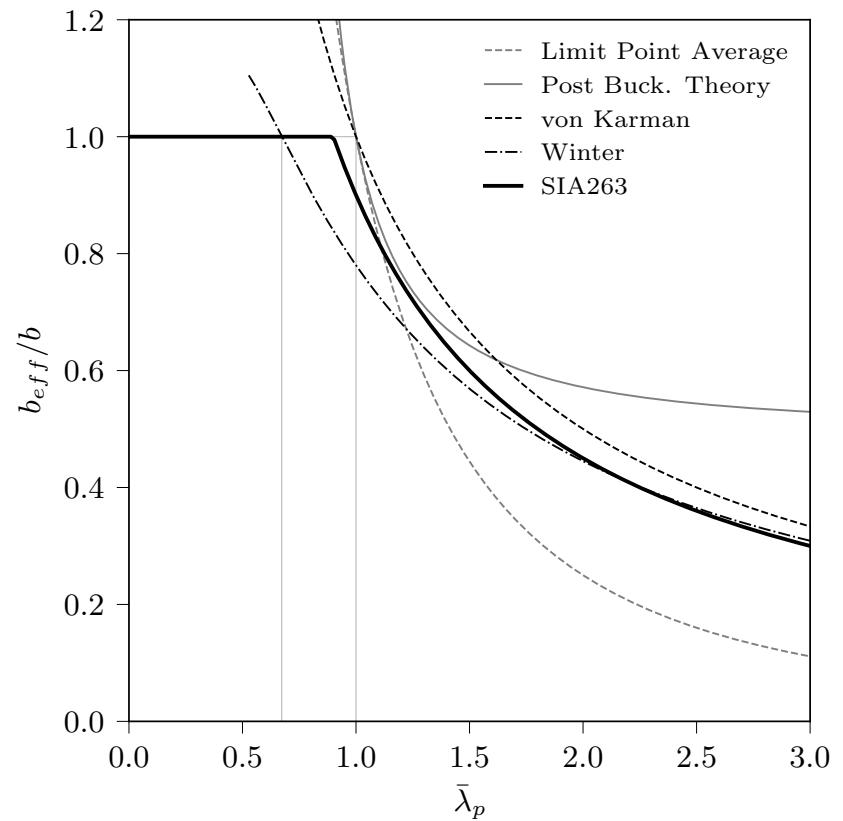
$$\begin{aligned} \frac{b}{t} &= \sqrt{\frac{\bar{\lambda}_p^2}{235} \frac{235}{f_y} \cdot k \cdot \frac{\pi^2 E}{12(1 - \nu^2)}} = \\ &= \sqrt{\frac{235}{f_y}} \sqrt{\frac{\bar{\lambda}_p^2}{235} \cdot k \cdot \frac{\pi^2 E}{12(1 - \nu^2)}} = \\ &= \varepsilon \sqrt{\frac{\bar{\lambda}_p^2}{235} \cdot k \cdot \frac{\pi^2 E}{12(1 - \nu^2)}} \quad (24) \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{with, } \varepsilon = \sqrt{\frac{235}{f_y}}$$

Section classification

Going from class 4 to class 3 cross-sections represents a threshold where you can consider the total plate area as being effective in carrying axial load.

$$\frac{b}{t} = \varepsilon \sqrt{\frac{\bar{\lambda}_p^2}{235} \cdot k \cdot \frac{\pi^2 E}{12(1 - \nu^2)}} \quad (24)$$

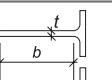
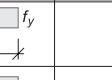
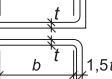
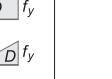
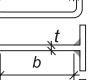
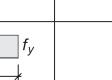
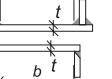
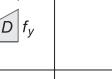
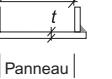


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Section classification

		Conditions de bord								
		ψ	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
$-\sigma$		1	4,00	6,97	5,41	5,41	1,28	1,28	0,426	0,426
$-\sigma$		0	7,81	13,54	11,73	9,54	5,91	1,608	1,702	0,567
$-\sigma$		-1	23,90	39,52	39,52	23,94		2,134		0,851
$-\sigma$										

$k_{min} \approx \frac{16}{\sqrt{(1+\psi)^2 + 0,112(1-\psi)^2 + (1+\psi)}}$
 valable pour  et $\psi \geq -1,2$

Géométrie	Mode de sollicitation	Elancement limite b/t maximal		
		Classe de section 1	Classe de section 2	Classe de section 3
	Compression		33ϵ	38ϵ
	Flexion simple		72ϵ	83ϵ
	Compression avec flexion $\psi > -1$ (Comp. +)		$\frac{396\epsilon}{13\alpha-1}$	$\frac{456\epsilon}{13\alpha-1}$
	Traction avec flexion $\psi \leq -1$ (Comp. +)		$\frac{36\epsilon}{\alpha}$	$\frac{41,5\epsilon}{\alpha}$
Panneau				
	Cas particulier Tubes	Flexion et/ou compression	$\frac{D}{t} \leq 50\epsilon^2$	$\frac{D}{t} \leq 70\epsilon^2$
				$\frac{D}{t} \leq 90\epsilon^2$

From Eq. 24,

$$f_y = 235 \text{ MPa}$$

$$E = 210 \text{ GPa}$$

$$\nu = 0.3$$

$$\bar{\lambda}_p = 0.75$$

$$k = 4.0$$

$$\frac{b}{t} = 42.63$$

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EPFL Applications

Section classification

		Conditions de bord								
		ψ	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
$-\sigma$		ψ	4,00	6,97	5,41	5,41	1,28	1,28	0,426	0,426
$-\sigma$		0	7,81	13,54	11,73	9,54	5,91	1,608	1,702	0,567
$-\sigma$		-1	23,90	39,52	39,52	23,94		2,134		0,851
$-\sigma$			$k_{min} \approx \frac{16}{\sqrt{(1+\psi)^2 + 0,112(1-\psi)^2 + (1+\psi)}}$ valable pour et $\psi \geq -1,2$							

Géométrie	Sollicitation	bord tenu	Elancement limite b/t maximal		
			bord libre	Classe de section 1	Classe de section 2
	Compres-sion			9ε	10ε
	Compres-sion avec flexion, bord libre comprimé			$\frac{9\varepsilon}{\alpha}$	$\frac{10\varepsilon}{\alpha}$
	Compres-sion avec flexion, bord libre tendu			$\frac{9\varepsilon}{\alpha^{1.5}}$	$\frac{10\varepsilon}{\alpha^{1.5}}$
Coefficients de voilement k_1 et k_2 : $k_1 = 0,57 - 0,21\psi + 0,07\psi^2$ pour $1 \geq \psi \geq -3$ $(\psi: \text{rapport des contraintes})$ $k_2 = 0,578/(0,34 + \psi)$ pour $1 \geq \psi \geq 0$ $k_2 = 1,7 - 5\psi + 17,1\psi^2$ pour $0 \geq \psi \geq -1$					
Facteur de réduction pour les aciers à plus haute limite d'élasticité: S 235: $\varepsilon = 1,0$ $\varepsilon = \sqrt{\frac{235}{f_y}}$ S 275: $\varepsilon = 0,924$ S 355: $\varepsilon = 0,814$ S 460: $\varepsilon = 0,715$					

From Eq. 24,

$$f_y = 235 \text{ MPa}$$

$$E = 210 \text{ GPa}$$

$$\nu = 0.3$$

$$\bar{\lambda}_p = 0.75$$

$$k = 0.426$$

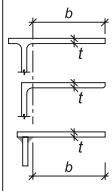
$$\frac{b}{t} = 13.9$$

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EPFL Applications

Section classification

		Conditions de bord								
		ψ	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
$-\sigma$		1	4,00	6,97	5,41	5,41	1,28	1,28	0,426	0,426
$-\sigma$		0	7,81	13,54	11,73	9,54	5,91	1,608	1,702	0,567
$-\sigma$		-1	23,90	39,52	39,52	23,94		2,134		0,851
$-\sigma$		$-\psi \cdot \sigma$								
		$k_{min} \approx \frac{16}{\sqrt{(1+\psi)^2 + 0,112(1-\psi)^2 + (1+\psi)}}$ valable pour  et $\psi \geq -1,2$								

Géométrie	Sollicitation	bord tenu 	bord libre 	Elancement limite b/t maximal		
				Classe de section 1	Classe de section 2	Classe de section 3
	Compres-sion			9ϵ	10ϵ	14ϵ
	Compres-sion avec flexion, bord libre comprimé			$\frac{9\epsilon}{\alpha}$	$\frac{10\epsilon}{\alpha}$	$21\epsilon\sqrt{k_1}$
	Compres-sion avec flexion, bord libre tendu			$\frac{9\epsilon}{\alpha^{1.5}}$	$\frac{10\epsilon}{\alpha^{1.5}}$	$21\epsilon\sqrt{k_2}$
Coefficients de voilement k_1 et k_2 : $k_1 = 0,57 - 0,21\psi + 0,07\psi^2$ pour $1 \geq \psi \geq -3$ (ψ : rapport des contraintes) $k_1 = 0,578/(0,34 + \psi)$ pour $1 \geq \psi \geq 0$ $k_2 = 1,7 - 5\psi + 17,1\psi^2$ pour $0 \geq \psi \geq -1$				(compression positive)		
Facteur de réduction pour les aciers à plus haute limite d'élasticité: S 235: $\epsilon = 1,0$ S 275: $\epsilon = 0,924$ S 355: $\epsilon = 0,814$ S 460: $\epsilon = 0,715$				$\epsilon = \sqrt{\frac{235}{f_y}}$		

From Eq. 24,

$$f_y = 235 \text{ MPa}$$

$$E = 210 \text{ GPa}$$

$$\nu = 0.3$$

$$\bar{\lambda}_p = 0.75$$

$$k = 0.851$$

$$\frac{b}{t} = 19.66$$

$$21 * (0.57 - 0.21 * -1 + 0.07)^{0.5} = 19.36$$

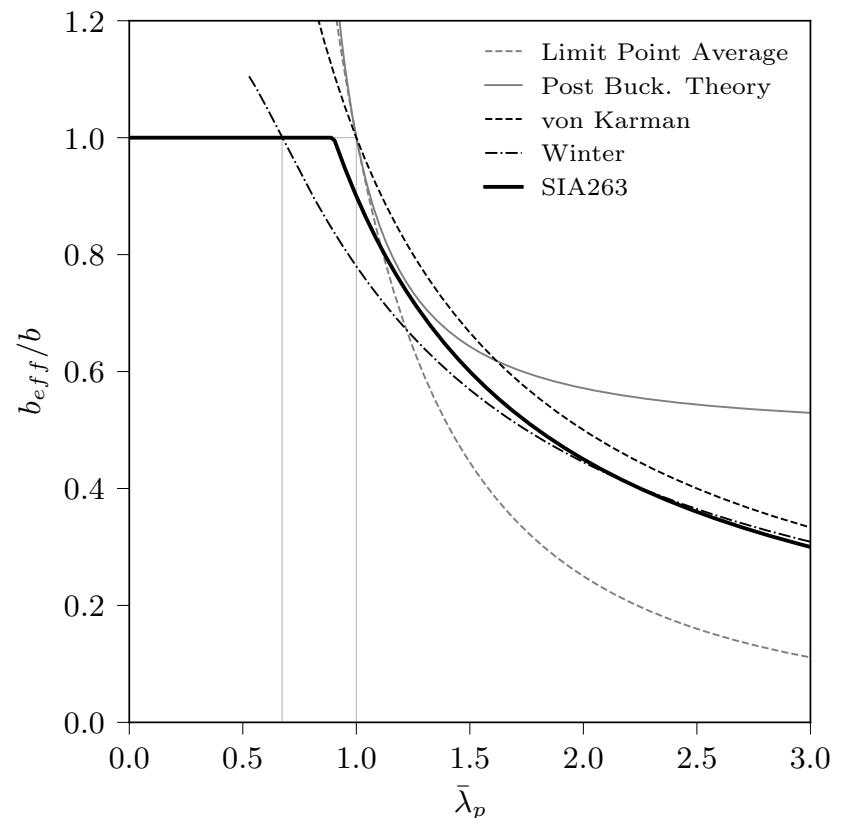
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Section classification

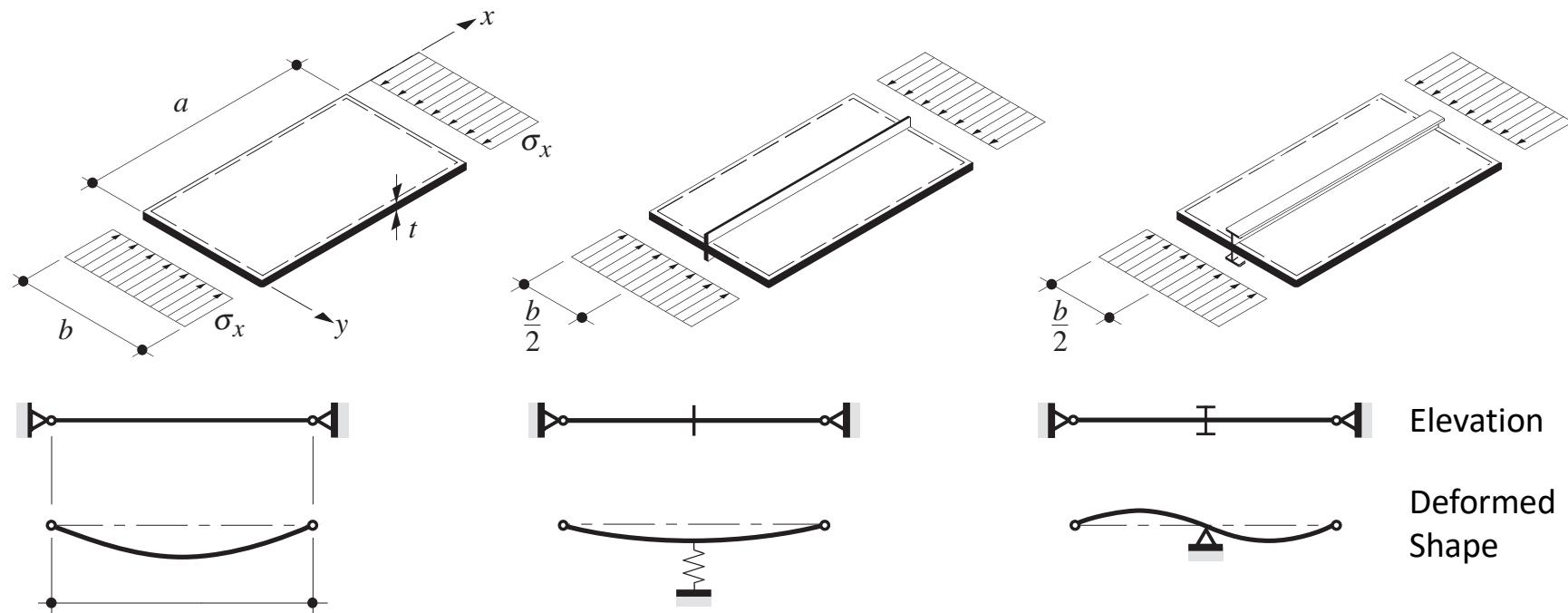
Going from **class 4** to **class 3** cross-sections represents a threshold where you can consider the total plate area as being effective in carrying axial load.

$$\frac{b}{t} = \varepsilon \sqrt{\frac{\bar{\lambda}_p^2}{235} \cdot k \cdot \frac{\pi^2 E}{12(1 - \nu^2)}} \quad (24)$$

However, plate buckling is **not the only** criterion influencing section classification. Rotation capacity of members also play a role and so the $\bar{\lambda}_p = 0.75$ is to be taken more as an indicative value rather than a hard limit for class 3 sections.

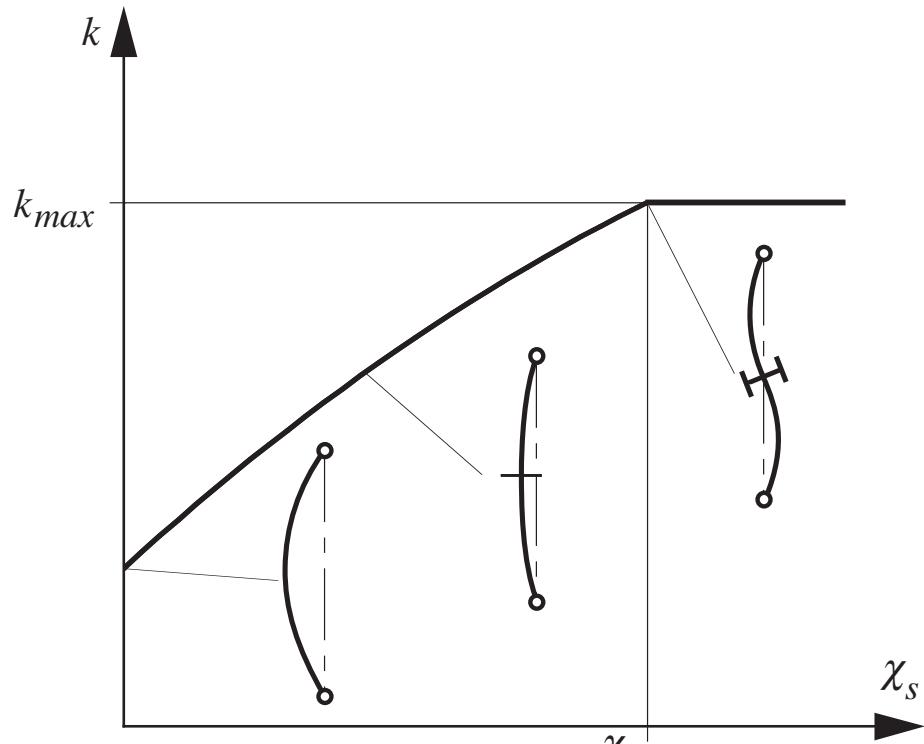


Stiffened plates – relative stiffness and optimal positions



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Stiffened plates – relative stiffness and optimal positions



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Let's define the ratio between the stiffener and the plate bending stiffnesses as χ_s ,

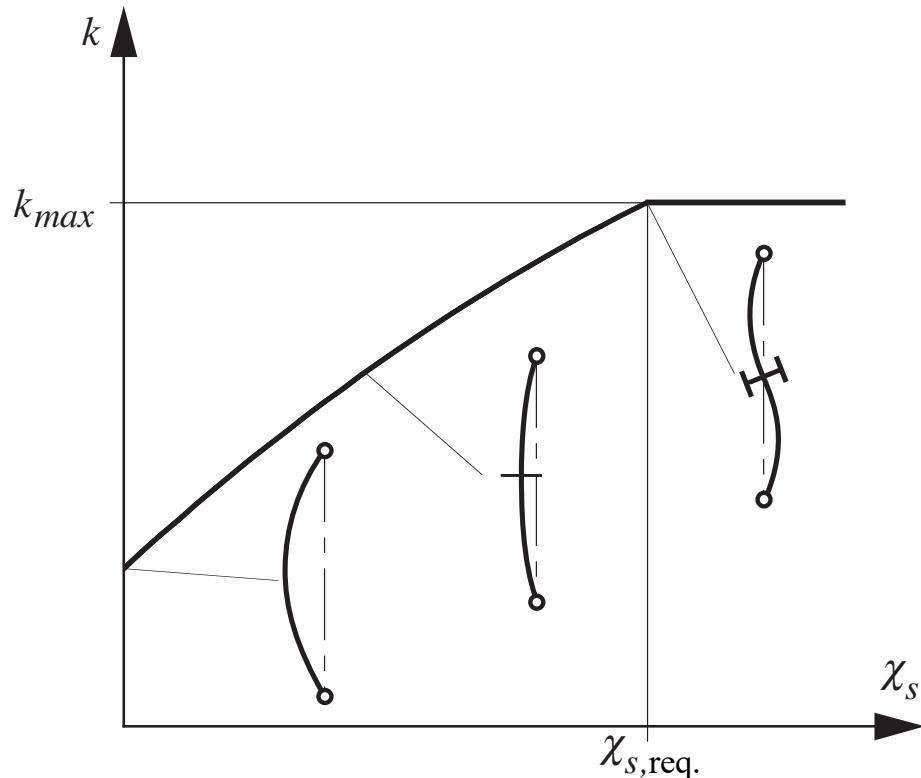
$$\chi_s = \frac{EI_s}{Db} \quad (25)$$

with,

I_s - the stiffener moment of inertia as **measured from the plate's middle plane**

D – the plate's bending stiffness as defined in slide 20

Stiffened plates – relative stiffness and optimal positions



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Fixity is reached when χ_s is greater than a required threshold we call $\chi_{s,req}$

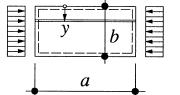
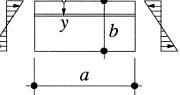
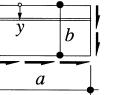
$$\chi_s \geq \chi_{s,req} \quad (26)$$

Determining the required stiffness ratio depends on a number of variables, namely:

1. The plate length and width ratio a/b
2. The relative area of the stiffener and the plate - δ_s

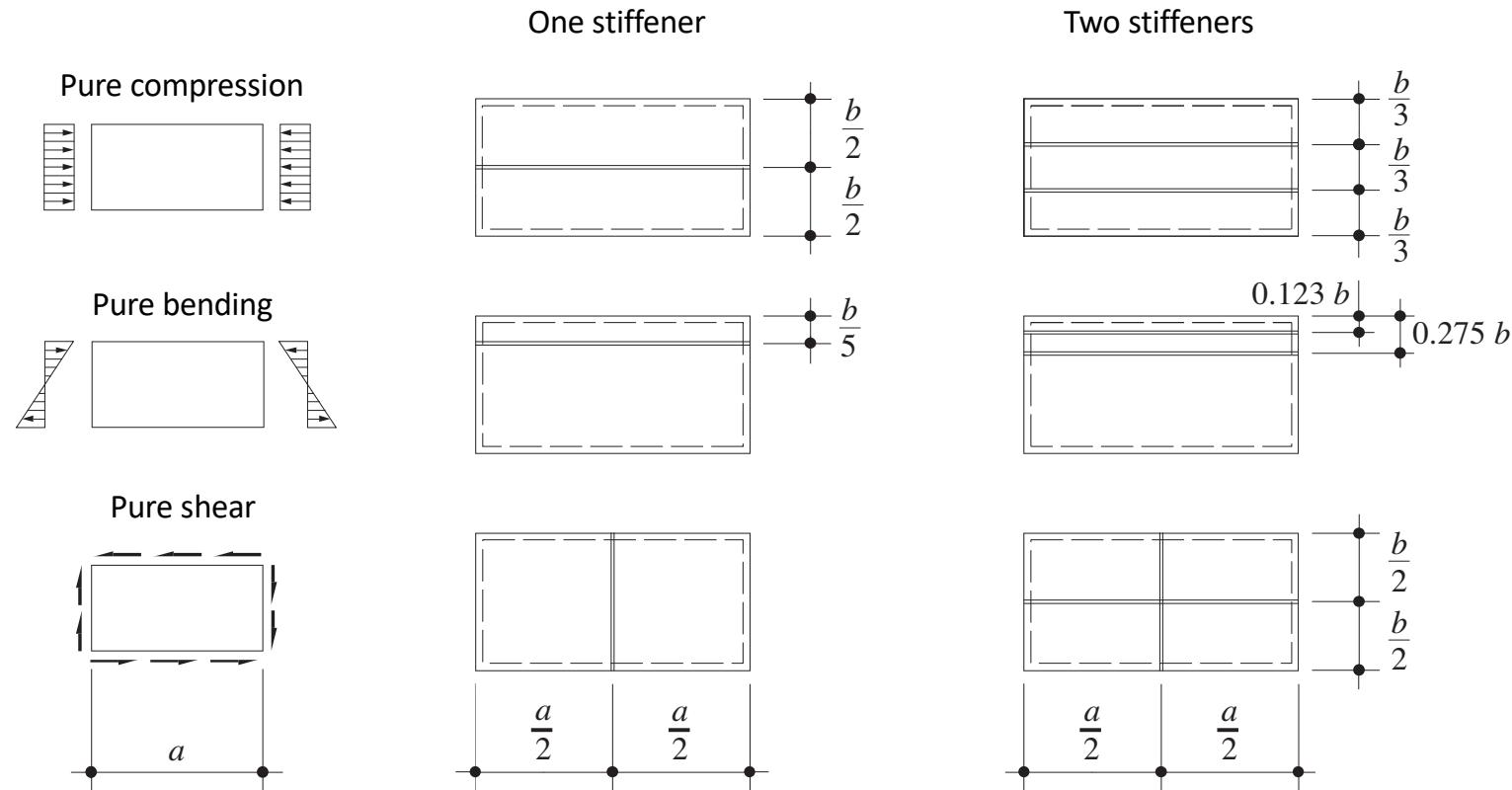
$$\delta_s = \frac{A_s}{bt} \quad (27)$$

Stiffened plates – relative stiffness and optimal positions

	y	$\alpha = \frac{a}{b}$	Rigidité relative nécessaire $\chi_{s,néc}$	
Compression pure ($\tau = 0$) 	$\frac{b}{2}$	$\alpha \leq \sqrt{8(1+2\delta_s)-1}$	$-\frac{1}{2}\alpha^4 + [8(1+2\delta_s)-1]\alpha^2 + \delta_s + \frac{1}{2}$	
		$\alpha \geq \sqrt{8(1+2\delta_s)-1}$	$\frac{1}{2}[8(1+2\delta_s)-1]^2 + \delta_s + \frac{1}{2}$	
	$\frac{b}{3}$ et $\frac{2b}{3}$	$\alpha \leq \sqrt{18(1+3\delta_s)-1}$	$-\frac{1}{3}\alpha^4 + \frac{2}{3}[18(1+3\delta_s)-1]\alpha^2 + \delta_s + \frac{1}{3}$	
		$\alpha \geq \sqrt{18(1+3\delta_s)-1}$	$\frac{1}{3}[18(1+3\delta_s)-1]^2 + \delta_s + \frac{1}{3}$	
Flexion pure ($\tau = 0$) 	$\frac{b}{2}$	$\alpha \geq 0.5$	1.5	
	$\frac{b}{3}$	$0.5 \leq \alpha \leq \sqrt{1.6+8\delta_s}$	$-1.1\alpha^4 + (3.5+17.6\delta_s)\alpha^2 + 0.7$	
		$\alpha \geq \sqrt{1.6+8\delta_s}$	$3.4 + 27.7\delta_s + 70.4\delta_s^2$	
	$\frac{b}{4}$	$0.5 \leq \alpha \leq \sqrt{3.06+17.4\delta_s}$	$-1.21\alpha^4 + (7.41+42\delta_s)\alpha^2 + 1$	
		$\alpha \geq \sqrt{3.06+17.4\delta_s}$	$12.3 + 130\delta_s + 370\delta_s^2$	
	$\frac{b}{5}$	$0.5 \leq \alpha \leq \sqrt{5.14+25.2\delta_s}$	$-1.54\alpha^4 + (15.82+77.6\delta_s)\alpha^2 + 3.55$	
		$\alpha \geq \sqrt{5.14+25.2\delta_s}$	$43.4 + 381\delta_s + 1080\delta_s^2$	
	$\frac{b}{3}$ et $\frac{2b}{3}$	$\alpha \geq 0.7$	$(3.33+16.67\delta_s)(\alpha-0.1)$ mais $\chi_{s,néc} \leq 26\delta_s + 3$	
	$\frac{b}{4}$ et $\frac{b}{2}$	$\alpha \geq 0.5$	$(7+50\delta_s+27\delta_s^2)\alpha - (1.6+14.5\delta_s+13.5\delta_s^2)$ mais $\chi_{s,néc} \leq 8+70\delta_s+200\delta_s^2$	
	Cisaillement pur ($\sigma=0$) 	$\frac{b}{2}$	$0.7 \leq \alpha \leq 1.1$	$210(\alpha-0.4)^4 + 7,5$
		$1.1 \leq \alpha \leq 3.5$	$18(4.1-\alpha)(\alpha-2.1)^3 + 108(\alpha-2.1) + 220$	
		$\frac{b}{3}$	$0.7 \leq \alpha \leq 1.6$	$(10-2.38\alpha)\alpha^4$
			$1.6 \leq \alpha \leq 3.0$	$90.6 - [35/(\alpha-0.9)]$
		$\frac{b}{4}$	$0.5 \leq \alpha \leq 1.5$	$4.16\alpha^4 + 5(\alpha-1)(\alpha-0.7)$
			$1.5 \leq \alpha \leq 4.0$	$40 - [5.1/(\alpha-1.2)]$
		$\frac{b}{5}$	$0.5 \leq \alpha \leq 1.3$	$19.5(\alpha-0.5)^3 + 0.5$
			$1.3 \leq \alpha \leq 2.5$	$35 - 17(2.5 - \alpha)^2$
		$\frac{b}{3}$ et $\frac{2b}{3}$	$0.5 \leq \alpha \leq 1.0$	$50\alpha^3 + 10\alpha$
			$1.0 \leq \alpha \leq 2.2$	$\frac{1}{3}(550\alpha - 370)$
			$2.2 \leq \alpha \leq 3.5$	$370 - 41(3.5 - \alpha)^3$
	$\frac{b}{4}$ et $\frac{b}{2}$	$0.7 \leq \alpha \leq 2.5$	$34.4\alpha - 19$	
		$2.5 \leq \alpha \leq 4.0$	$66\alpha - 98$	

TGC 10 - [Hirt et al., 2011],
From Klöppel and Scheer[1960]
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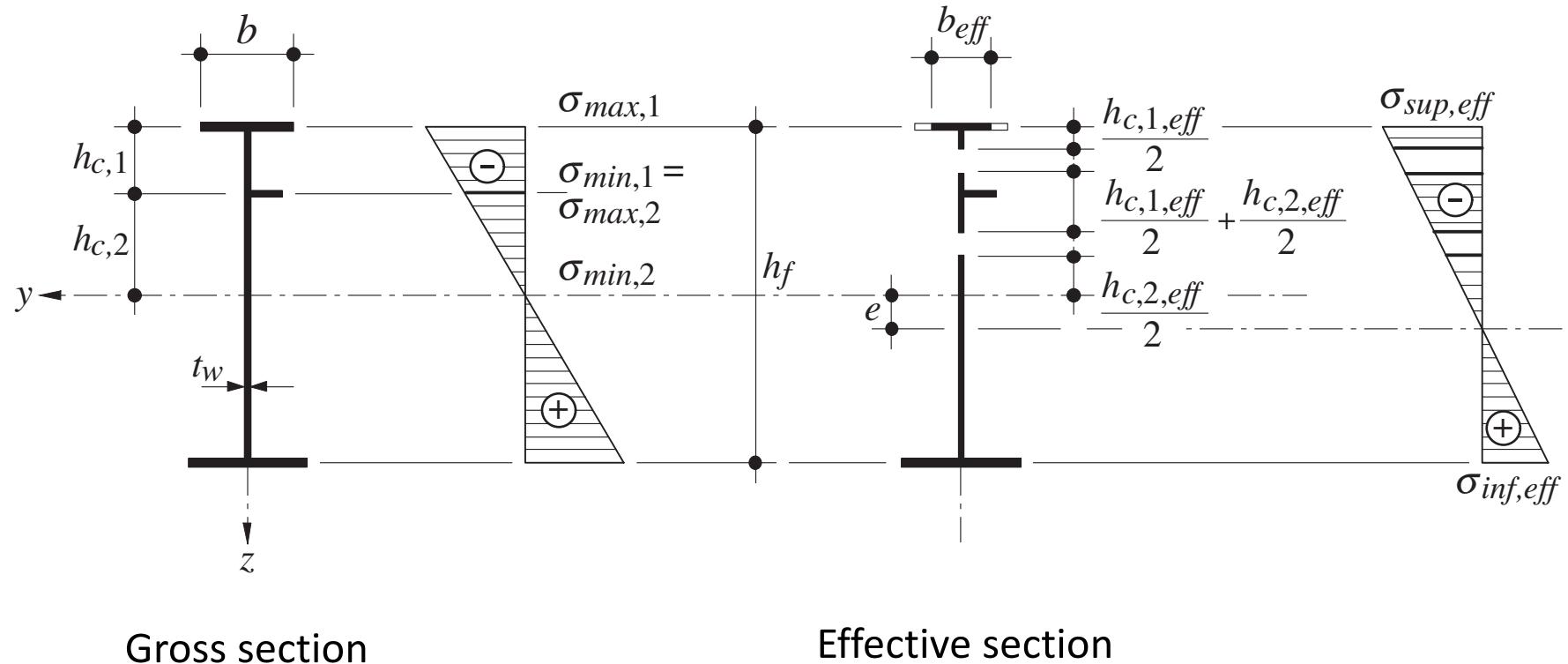
Optimal stiffener positions



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Class 4 cross-sections



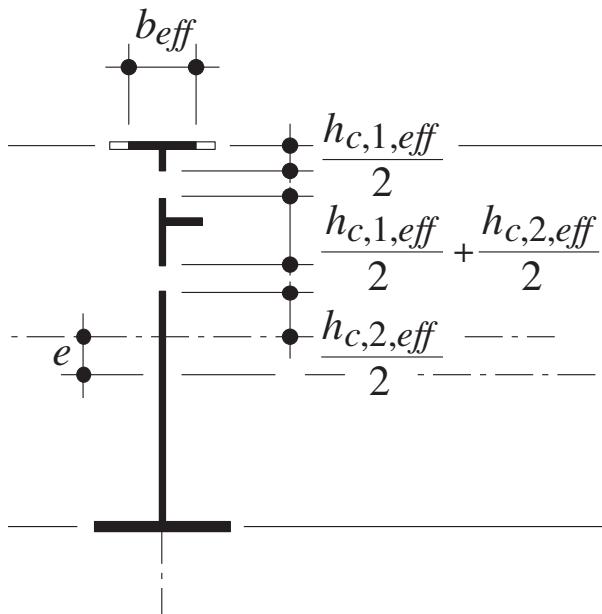
Gross section

Effective section

TGC 12 - [Lebet and Hirt, 2009]

Steps in calculating moment resistance of longitudinally stiffened class 4 cross-sections:

1. Ensure that the stiffener is sufficient rigid so as to consider it a laterally restrained boundary;
2. Determine effective widths for each element in the cross section (slenderness checks);
3. Calculate effective geometric properties for the cross section as a whole;
4. Check if you need to re-compute external loading with respect to new neutral axis (i.e. eccentricity + axial load induces an additional moment in the cross-section);
5. Perform code verifications;



TGC 12 - [Lebet and Hirt, 2009]

The TGC 12 discusses two criteria to design longitudinal stiffeners,

1. Imposing a minimum required relative stiffness - χ_s
2. Design the stiffener as an equivalent column whose resistance is greater than that required by the moment action - M_{Ed}

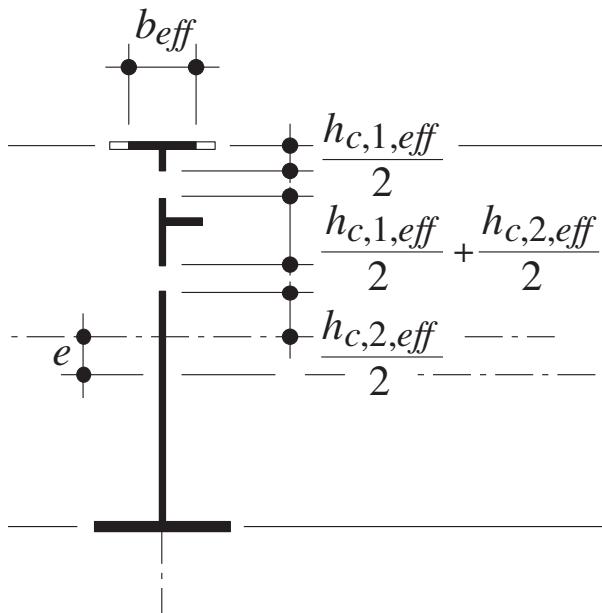
In approach 1. for bridge sections it is recommended that,

$$\chi_s \geq m \chi_{s,req} \quad (28)$$

With,

$m = 5$ for open-section stiffeners (no torsional stiffness)

$m = 3$ for closed-section stiffeners (torsional stiffness)



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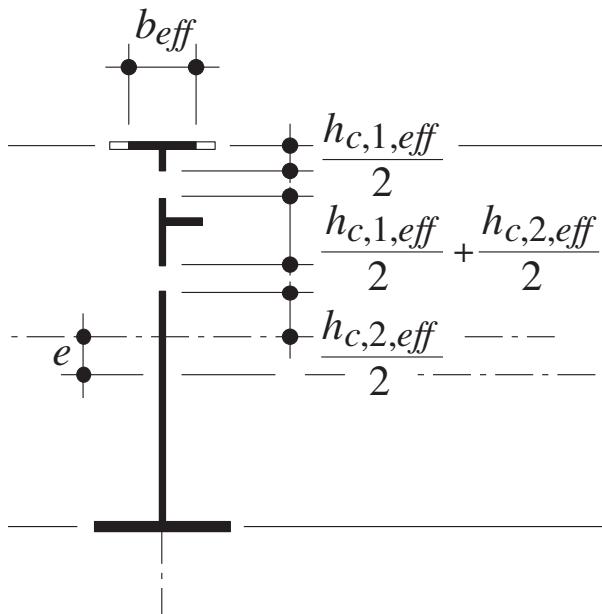
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In approach 2.

$$N_{Ed} = \sigma_{s,Ed} A_{s,eff} \leq N_{K,Rd} = \frac{\chi_K f_y A_{s,eff}}{\gamma_a} \quad (29)$$

$$A_{s,eff} = A_s + \frac{h_{c,1,eff}}{2} t_w + \frac{h_{c,2,eff}}{2} t_w$$

Class 4 cross-sections – longitudinal stiffener design



TGC 12 - [Lebet and Hirt, 2009]

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$$A_{s,eff} = A_s + \frac{h_{c,1,eff}}{2} t_w + \frac{h_{c,2,eff}}{2} t_w$$

With,

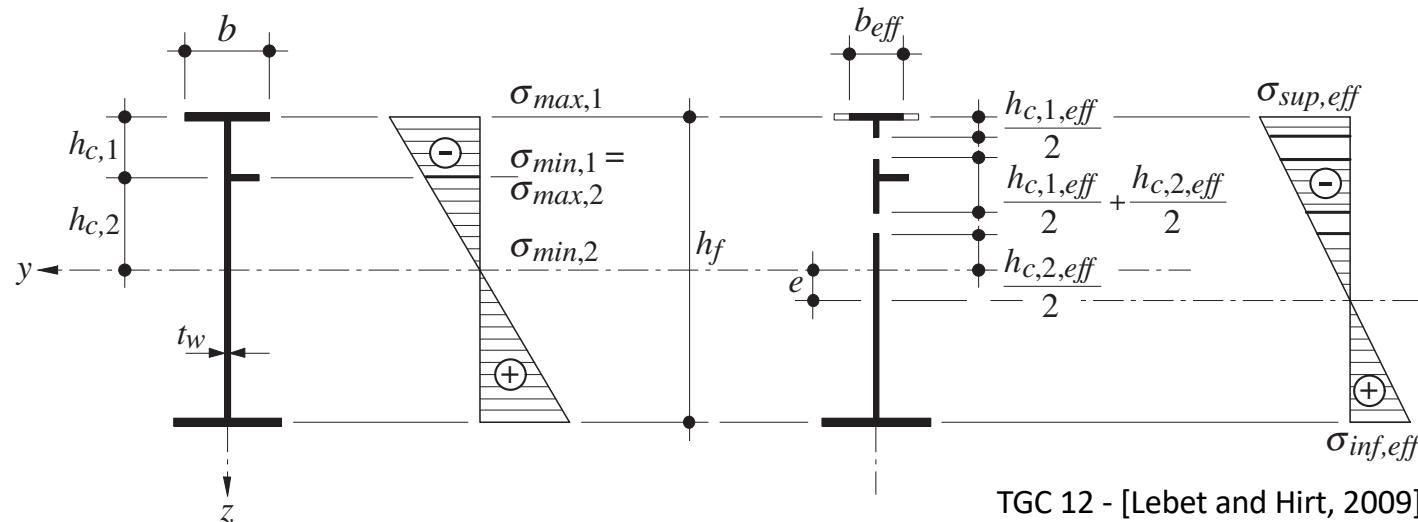
A_s - Stiffener area

$\sigma_{s,Ed}$ - Stiffener stress

$A_{s,eff}$ - Equivalent column area

χ_K - Equivalent column buckling reduction factor (seen in previous lectures) with imperfection factors $\alpha_K = 0.49$ for closed-section stiffeners and $\alpha_K = 0.64$ for open-section stiffeners. Column length l_K taken between **rigid** vertical stiffeners

Class 4 cross-sections – effective widths



Before calculating the effective widths for longitudinally stiffened plates, it is important to mention when these situations arise. Such cases usually happen when the web thickness is small (webs are too slender). This is usually assessed by two criteria:

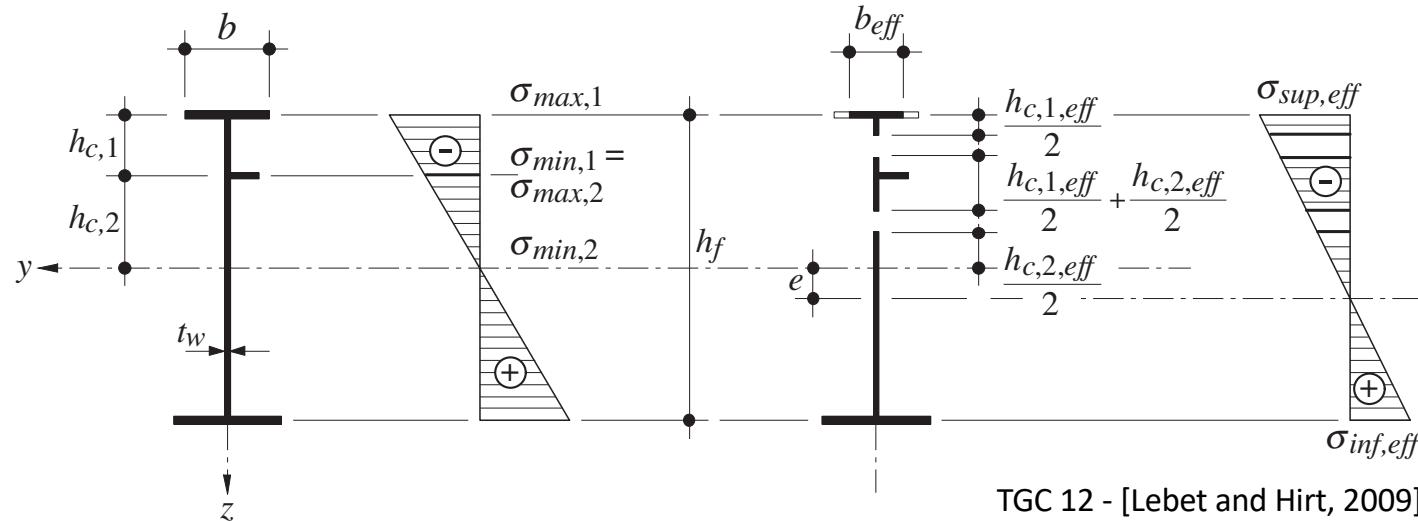
1 - Web Euler buckling:

$$\frac{h_f}{t_w} \leq 0.40 \frac{E}{f_y} \quad (30)$$

If Eq. 30 is not satisfied then add a stiffener such that,

$$\frac{\frac{h_f}{2} + h_{c,2}}{t_w} \leq 0.40 \frac{E}{f_y}$$

Class 4 cross-sections – effective widths



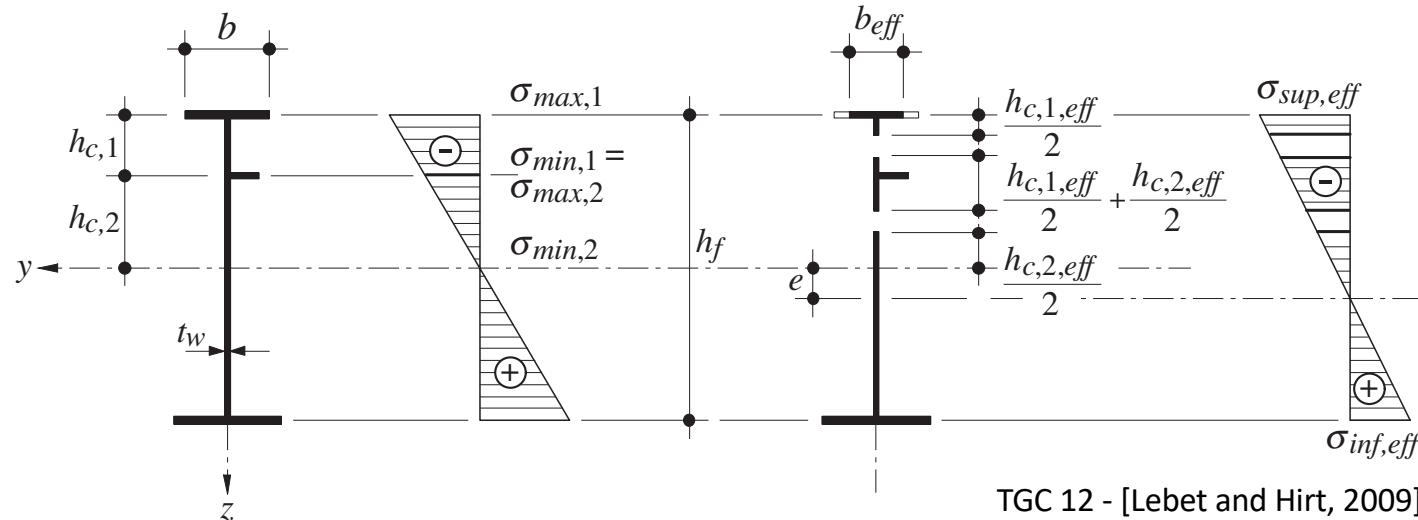
Before calculating the effective widths for longitudinally stiffened plates, it is important to mention when these situations arise. Such cases usually happen when the web thickness is small (webs are too slender). This is usually assessed by two criteria:

2 - Web breathing (fatigue): If Eq. 31 is not satisfied then add a stiffener such that,

$$\frac{h_{c,1} + h_{c,2}}{t_w} = \frac{h_c}{t_w} \leq 100 \quad (31)$$

$$\frac{h_{c,1}}{t_w} \leq 100$$

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Let's use for the effective width the SIA263 criterion:

$$\frac{b_{eff}}{b} = \frac{0.9}{\bar{\lambda}_p} \quad (23)$$

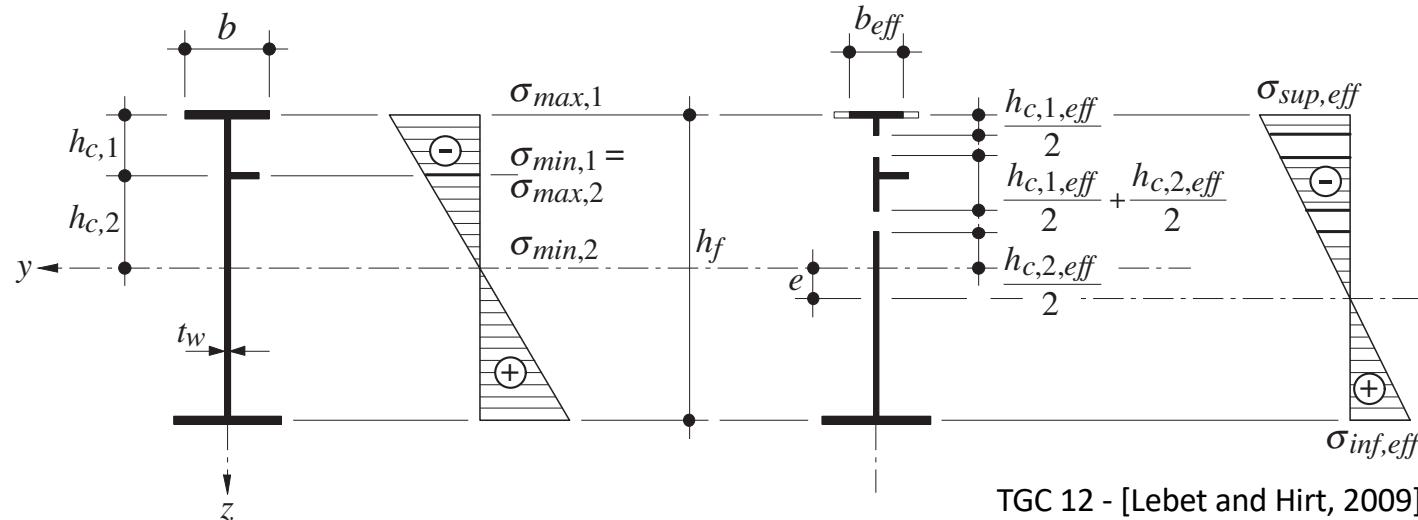
From Eq. (24),

$$\frac{b}{t} = \sqrt{\frac{\bar{\lambda}_p^2}{f_y} \cdot k \cdot \frac{\pi^2 E}{12(1 - \nu^2)}} \quad (24)$$

Combining both Equations,

$$b_{eff} = 0.9 \cdot \sqrt{\frac{1}{f_y} \cdot k \cdot \frac{\pi^2 E}{12(1 - \nu^2)} \cdot t} \quad (32)$$

Class 4 cross-sections – effective widths



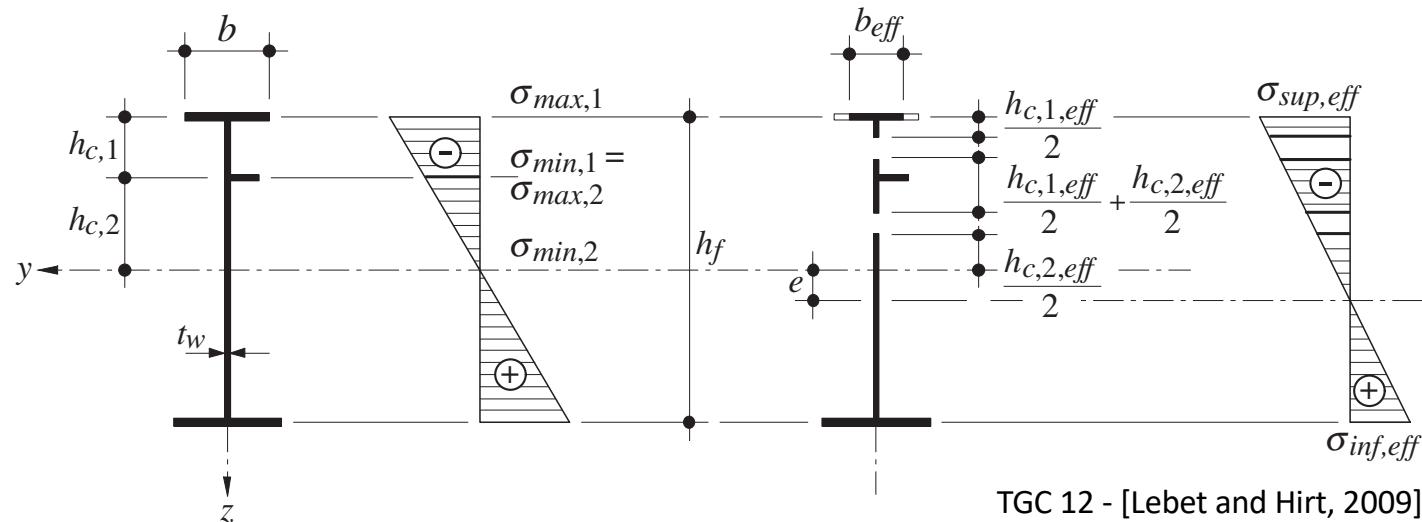
Now let's try to apply Eq. 32 to our web panel. Let's at the top patch (1),

$$b_{eff} = 0.9 \cdot \sqrt{\frac{1}{f_y} \cdot k \cdot \frac{\pi^2 E}{12(1-\nu^2)}} \cdot t \quad (32) \Rightarrow h_{c,1,eff} = 0.86 \sqrt{k \cdot \frac{E}{f_y} \cdot t_w}$$

With k from SIA263's table in slide 29,

$$k = \frac{16}{\sqrt{(1 + \psi)^2 + 0.112(1 - \psi)^2} + 1 + \psi} \quad \text{and} \quad \psi = \frac{\sigma_{min,1}}{\sigma_{max,1}}$$

Class 4 cross-sections – effective widths

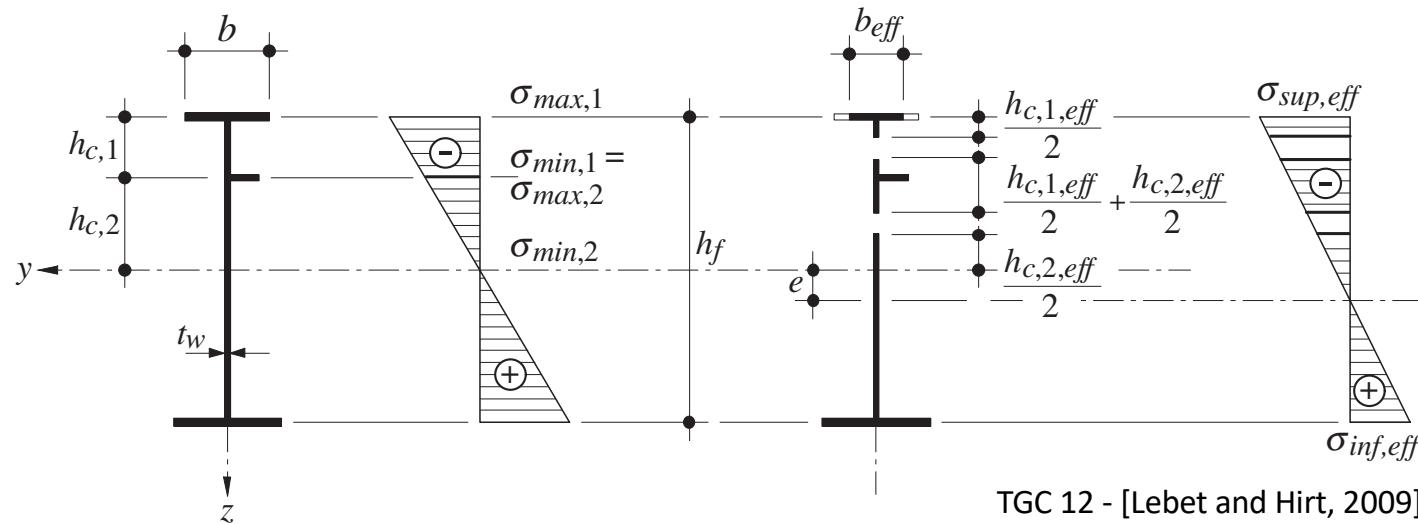


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The effective width for patch 1 is then assigned to **equally to each edge** of the patch, that is, $\frac{h_{c,1,eff}}{2}$ next to the top flange and $\frac{h_{c,1,eff}}{2}$ on the upper side of the stiffener.

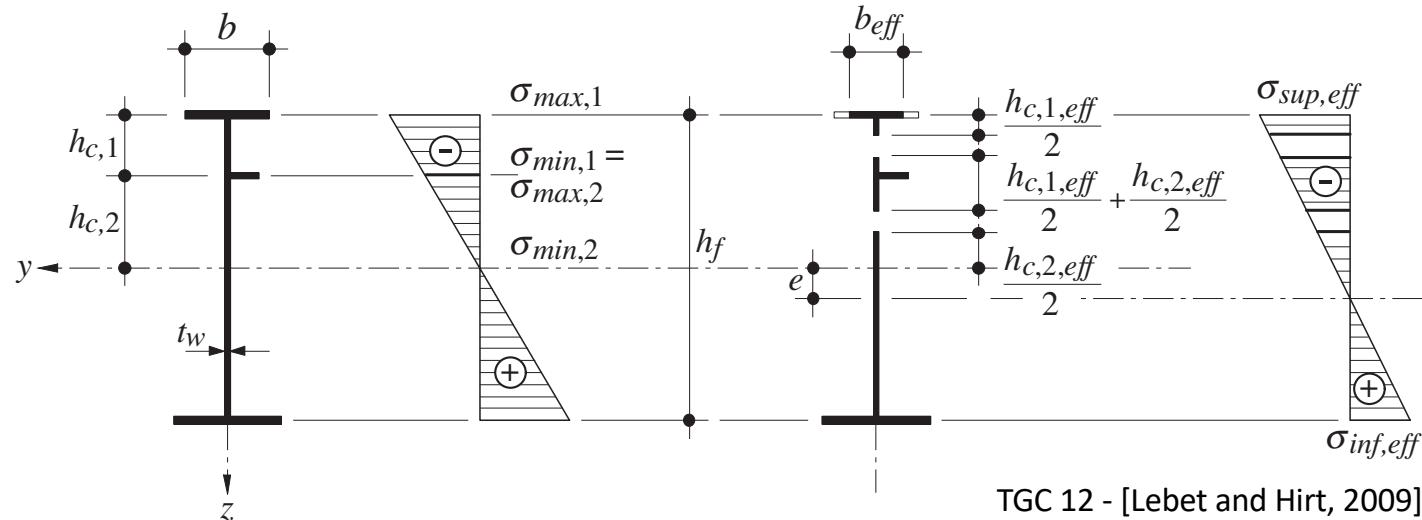
Class 4 cross-sections – effective widths



Let's look now at the lower compressed patch (2). This patch has the particularity that it is not compressed throughout height of the panel it belongs to. In such cases, there is an **important modification** to Eq. (32), in which the effective width is calculated proportionally to the compressed portion of the total width (b_c), that is,

$$b_{eff} = \frac{b_c}{b} \cdot 0.9 \cdot \sqrt{\frac{1}{f_y} \cdot k \cdot \frac{\pi^2 E}{12(1-\nu^2)}} \cdot t \quad (33) \Rightarrow h_{c,2,eff} = \frac{h_{c,2}}{h_{c,2} + h_f/2} 0.86 \sqrt{k \cdot \frac{E}{f_y}} \cdot t_w$$

Class 4 cross-sections – effective widths

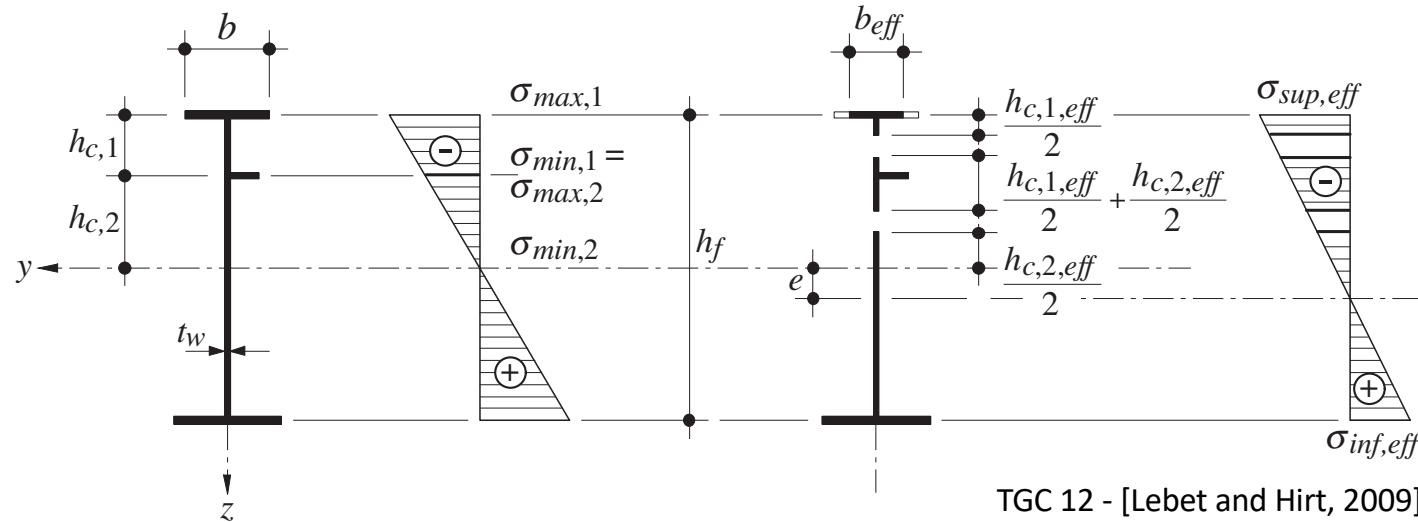


$$h_{c,2,eff} = \frac{h_{c,2}}{h_{c,2} + h_f/2} 0.86 \sqrt{k \cdot \frac{E}{f_y} \cdot t_w}$$

Again with k from SIA263's table in slide 29,

$$k = \frac{16}{\sqrt{(1 + \psi)^2 + 0.112(1 - \psi)^2} + 1 + \psi} \quad \text{and} \quad \psi = \frac{\sigma_{inf}}{\sigma_{max,2}} \geq -1.2$$

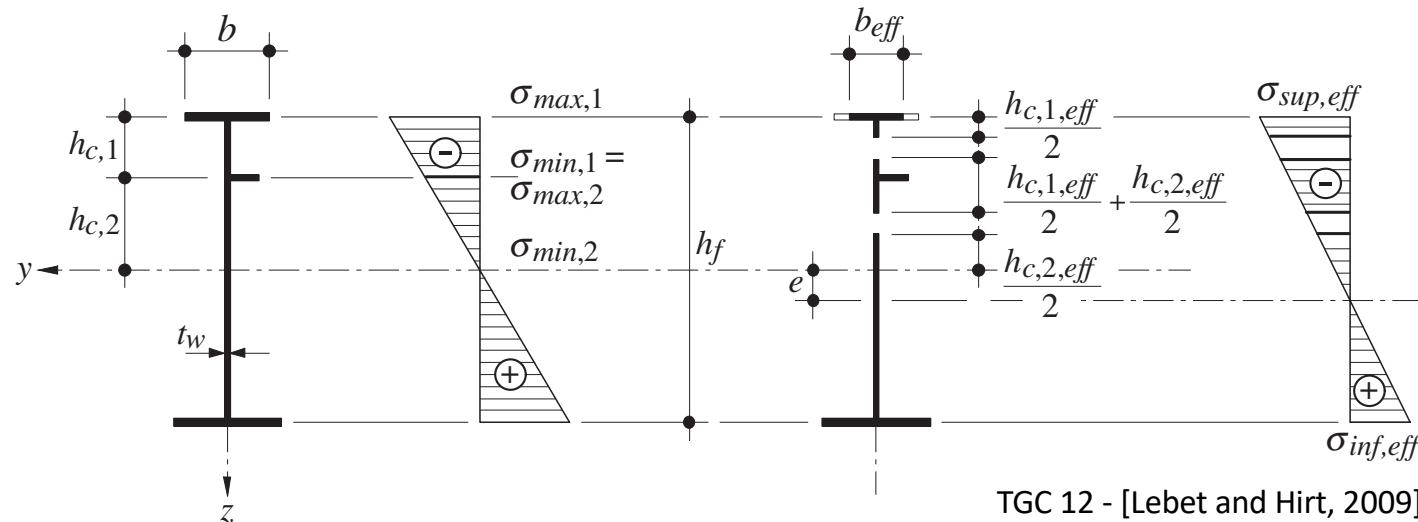
Class 4 cross-sections – effective widths



$$h_{c,2,eff} = \frac{h_{c,2}}{h_{c,2} + h_f/2} 0.86 \sqrt{k \cdot \frac{E}{f_y} \cdot t_w}$$

The effective width for patch 2 is then assigned to **equally** between the compressed edge of the panel and the point of zero uniaxial stress, that is, $\frac{h_{c,2,eff}}{2}$ next to stiffener and $\frac{h_{c,2,eff}}{2}$ on the upper side of the gross-section's neutral axis.

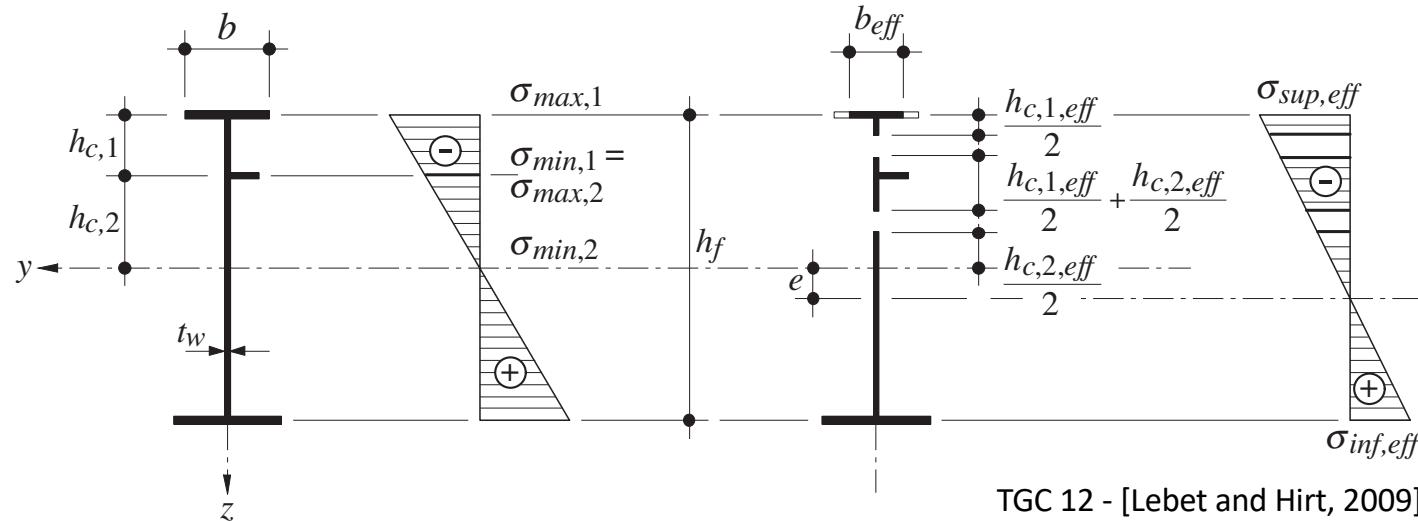
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The next effective width to calculate is that of the compressed top flange. This can be done similarly to what but (i) with a cantilever model from the web ($b_{eff}/2$) and (ii) corresponding plate buckling factor k .

$$b_{eff} = 0.9 \cdot \sqrt{\frac{1}{f_y} \cdot k \cdot \frac{\pi^2 E}{12(1-\nu^2)}} \cdot t \quad (32) \Rightarrow \frac{b_{eff}}{2} = 0.86 \sqrt{k \cdot \frac{E}{f_y} \cdot t_{f,top}}$$

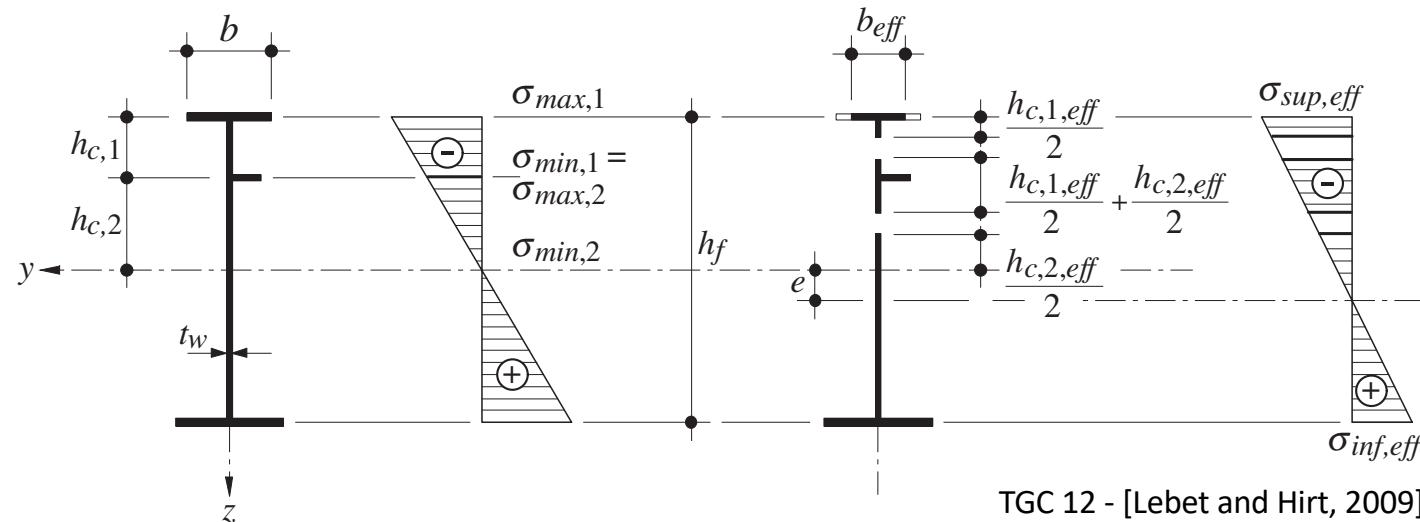
With k from SIA263's table in slide 29, $k = 0.426$



Having calculated all the relevant effective widths, the next step in cross-section verification involves in computing:

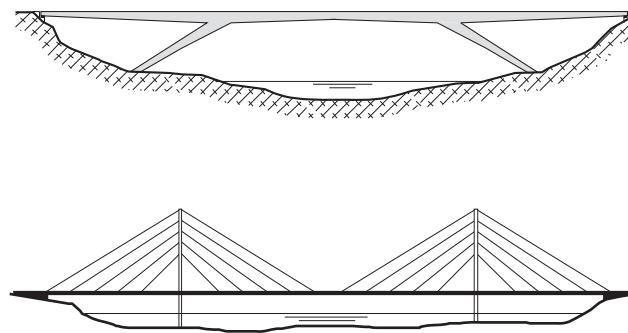
1. Effective area A_{eff} of the cross section (sum of all areas effective areas);
2. The position of effective neutral axis and obtaining eccentricity e (the difference in position between the gross and effective axes);
3. Effective moment of inertia I_{eff} (a systematic application of Steiner's theorem);
4. Section modulus to the farthest fiber, e.g. $W_{c,eff} = \frac{I_{eff}}{h_c + e}$

Class 4 cross-sections – eccentricity load update



If the load combination under analysis has axial load, then care must be taken to the fact the added eccentricity induces an extra moment in the cross,

$$\Delta M_y = N_{Ed} \cdot e_z$$



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Cross section resistance in SIA 263 (§5.3.5) follows,

$$\sigma_{Ed} = \frac{N_{Ed}}{A_{eff}} + \frac{M_{y,Ed} + N_{Ed}e_z}{W_{y,eff}} + \frac{M_{z,Ed} + N_{Ed}e_y}{W_{z,eff}} \leq \frac{f_y}{\gamma_{M1}} \quad (34)$$

And stability checks in SIA 263 (§5.3.9) follow,

$$\sigma_{Ed} = \frac{N_{Ed}}{A_{eff}} + \frac{1}{1 - \frac{N_{Ed}}{N_{cr,y}}} \frac{M_{y,Ed} + N_{Ed}(e_z + w_{0,z})}{W_{y,eff}} + \frac{M_{z,Ed} + N_{Ed}(e_y + w_{0y})}{W_{z,eff}} \leq \frac{f_y}{\gamma_{M1}} \quad (35)$$

$$\sigma_{Ed} = \frac{N_{Ed}}{A_{eff}} + \frac{M_{y,Ed} + N_{Ed}(e_z + w_{0,z})}{W_{y,eff}} + \frac{1}{1 - \frac{N_{Ed}}{N_{cr,z}}} \frac{M_{z,Ed} + N_{Ed}(e_y + w_{0y})}{W_{z,eff}} \leq \frac{f_y}{\gamma_{M1}} \quad (36)$$

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Class 4 cross-sections – code checks

For open-sections, if the compressed flange is unrestrained, SIA 263 (§5.6.2) also asks to check its stability. This equivalent to checking for lateral torsional buckling with SIA's method.

$$\sigma_{Ed} = \frac{M_{Ed}}{W_{c,eff}} \leq \frac{\sigma_D}{\gamma_{M1}} \quad (37)$$

The computation of critical stress σ_D was discussed in the lateral torsional buckling lecture and can also be found in Annex B of SIA263. For slender webs, the critical stress is more associated with the warping term and thus,

$$\sigma_D \approx \sigma_{Dw} = \frac{\pi^2 E}{\lambda_k^2} \quad \text{with, } \lambda_K = L_k/i \quad \text{and } i \text{ the radius of gyration with effective flange } t_f b_{eff}, \text{ and effective web } \min \left(t_w \frac{h_{c,eff}}{2}; t_w \frac{h_c}{3} \right)$$

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