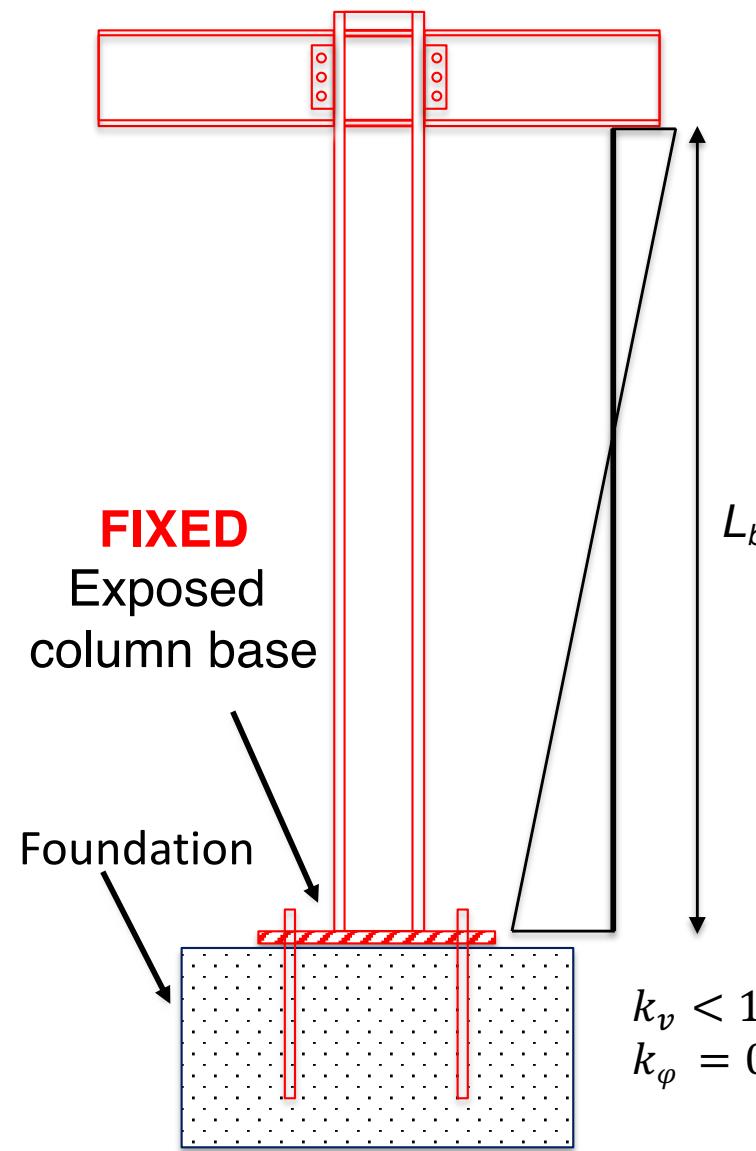


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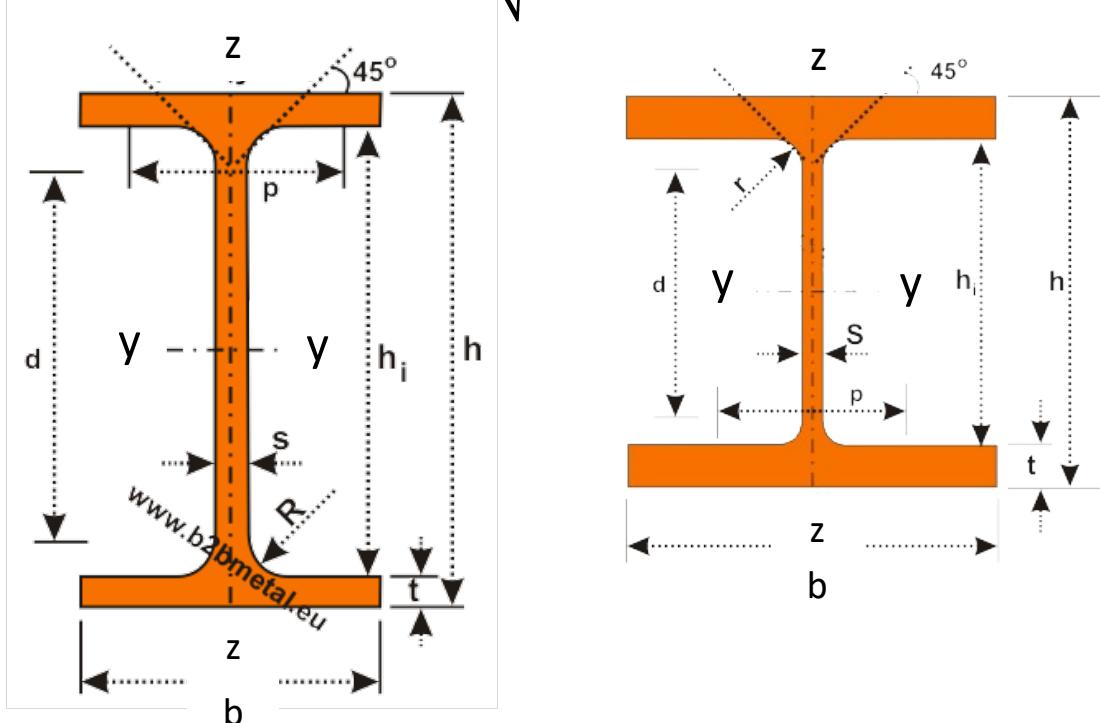
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$I_z$  - is the second moment of area about the minor axis z-z

$I_\omega$  - is the warping constant of the cross-section

$K$  - is the torsional constant of the cross-section

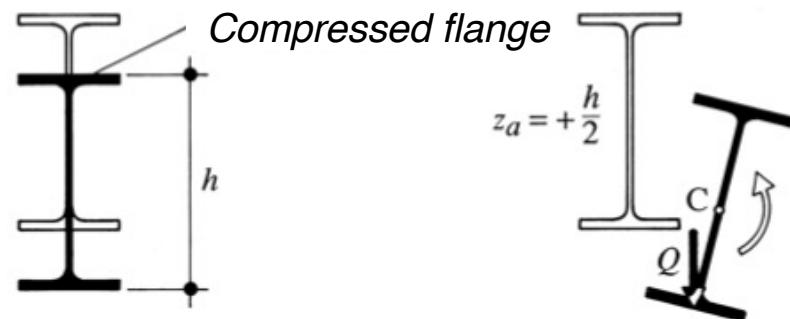
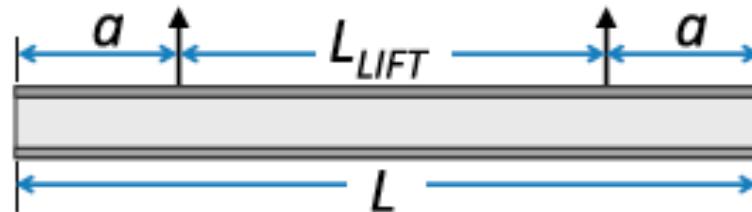
$L_b$  - Normally this is the column height)

# EPFL Bridge Girder Lifting Operations

## -Design during Construction Phase (Lifting)



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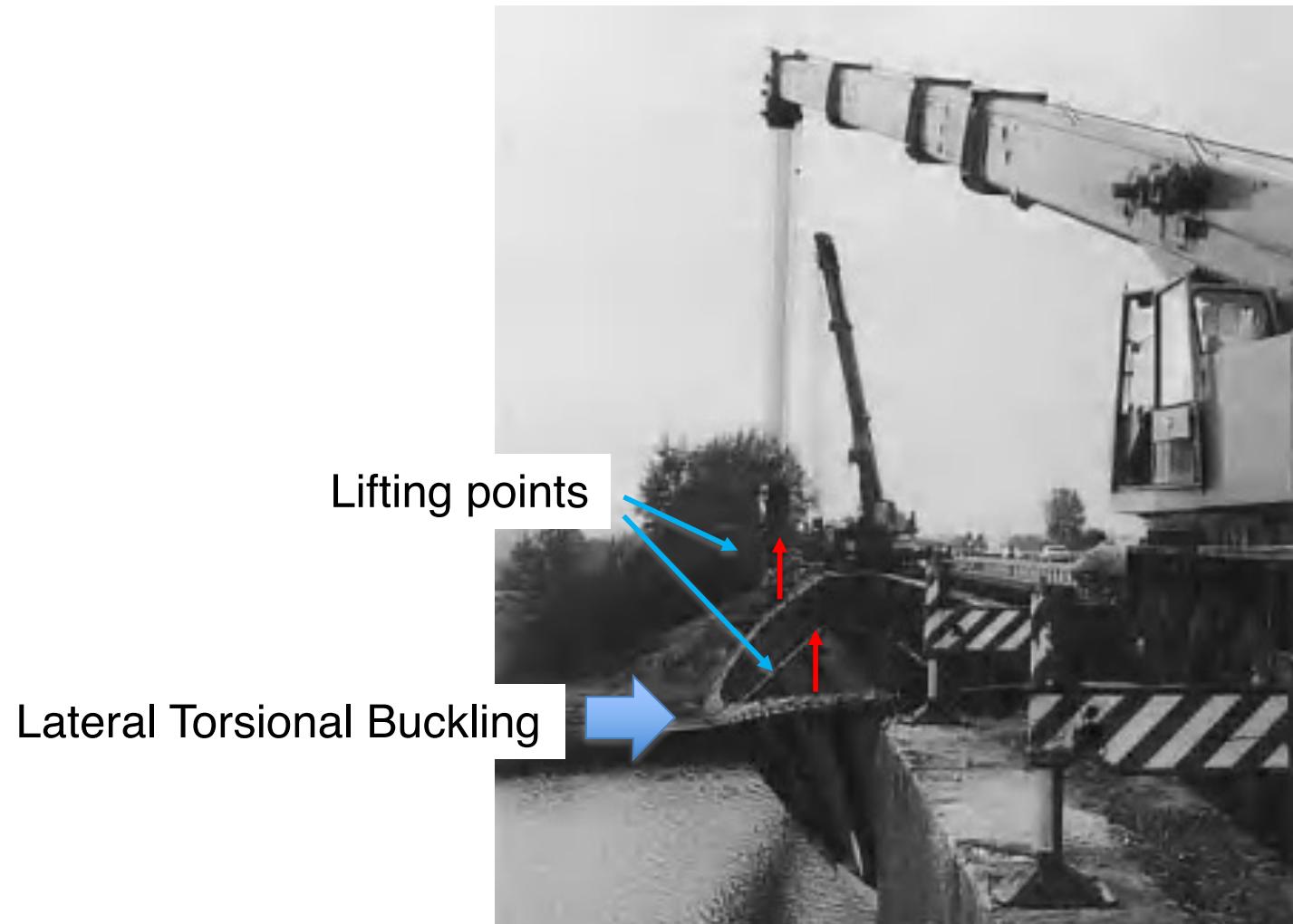


Secondary moment  
(helps stabilization)

$$M_{cr} = \frac{C_1 \pi^2 E I_z}{k_v k_\varphi L_b^2} \left[ \sqrt{(C_2 z_a + C_3 \beta)^2 + \frac{I_\omega}{I_z} \left( \frac{G K k_\varphi^2 L_b^2}{\pi^2 E I_\omega} + 1 \right)} + (C_2 z_a + C_3 \beta) \right]$$

# EPFL Bridge Girder Lifting Operations

-Collapse during Construction Phase (due to lifting)



Mittelland Canal Bridge, Dedensen, Buckled main girder, 1982

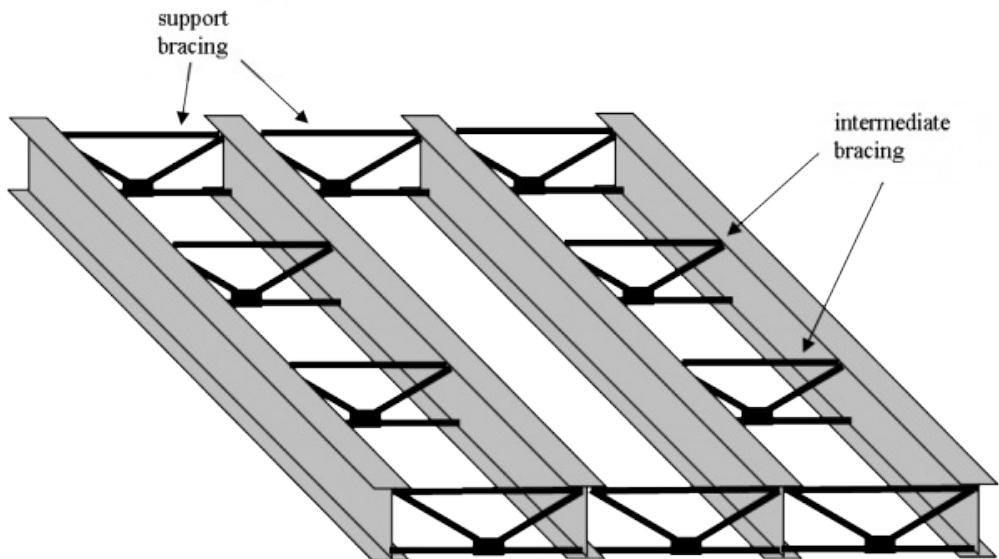
# EPFL Bridge Girder Collapses



Tacoma Narrows Bridge shortly before collapse 1940

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# EPFL Frame Cross and Plan Bracing



## Main Functions:

- To resist and transfer the horizontal forces due to wind
- Restraining the main beams/girders against lateral torsional buckling

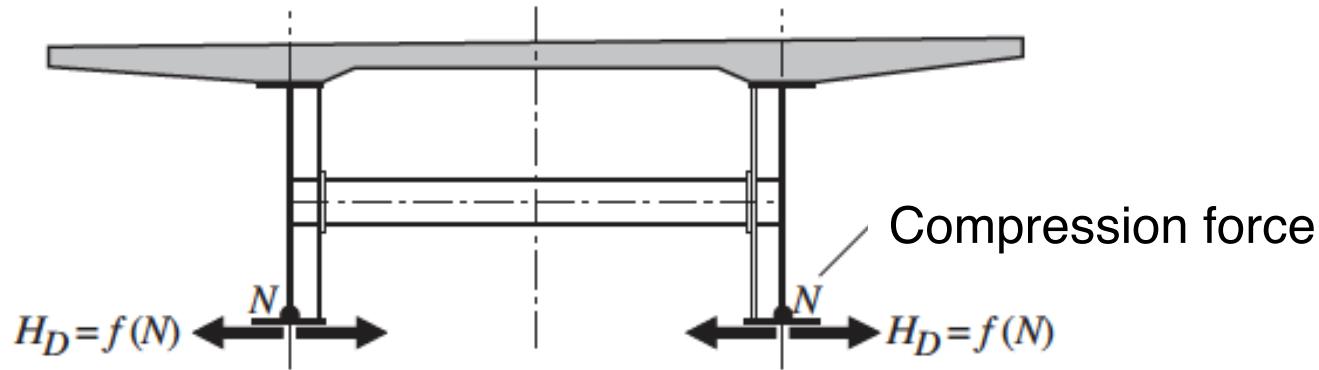
## Additional Functions:

- Maintain the shape of the transverse cross-section of a bridge
- Introduce torsion into the beam
- During temporary construction, act as supports for slab formwork, depending on the method of construction of the slab

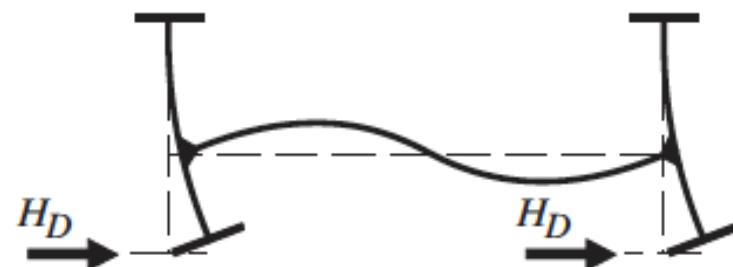
# EPFL Plan Bracing



# EPFL Lateral Torsional Buckling Restraint



(a) Symmetric lateral torsional buckling



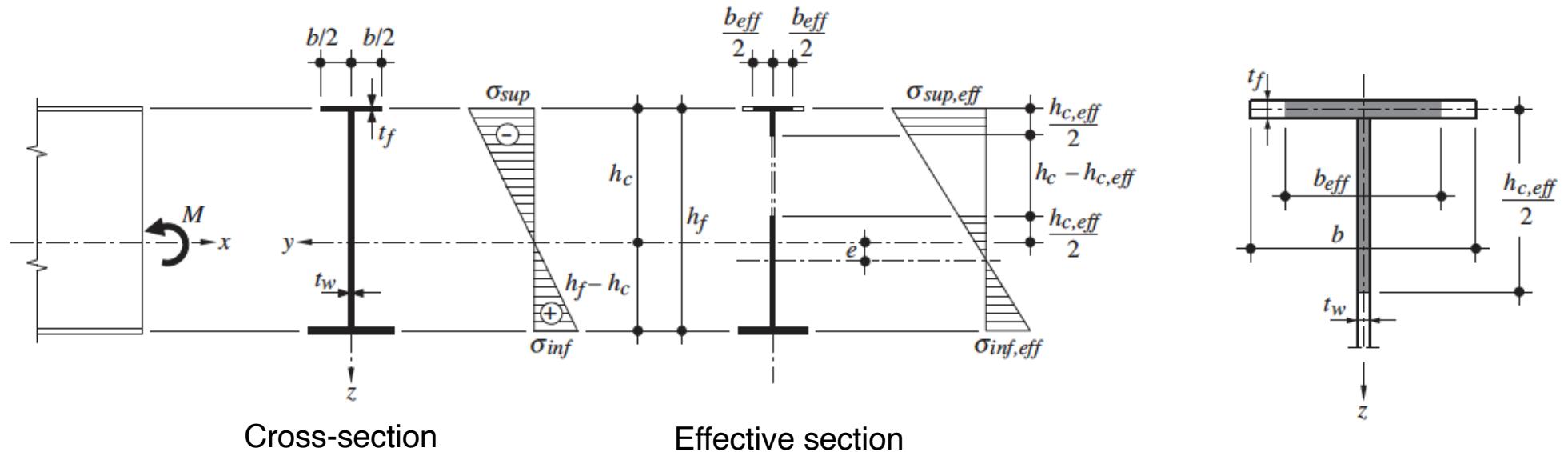
(b) Antisymmetric lateral torsional buckling

# EPFL Lateral Torsional Buckling Restraint

- When the compression flange is not restrained by the plan bracing, the buckling length is given by the spacing between adjacent cross bracings.
- The horizontal force  $H_D$  to restrain the compression flange against lateral torsional buckling is taken as 1% of the normal force  $N$  in the compression member.
- The area of the compression member,  $A_D$ : the area of the flange plus part of the web, namely half the effective web area but not more than one third of the area of web in compression.

$$A_D = b_{eff} \cdot t_f + \frac{h_{c,eff}}{2} \cdot t_w$$

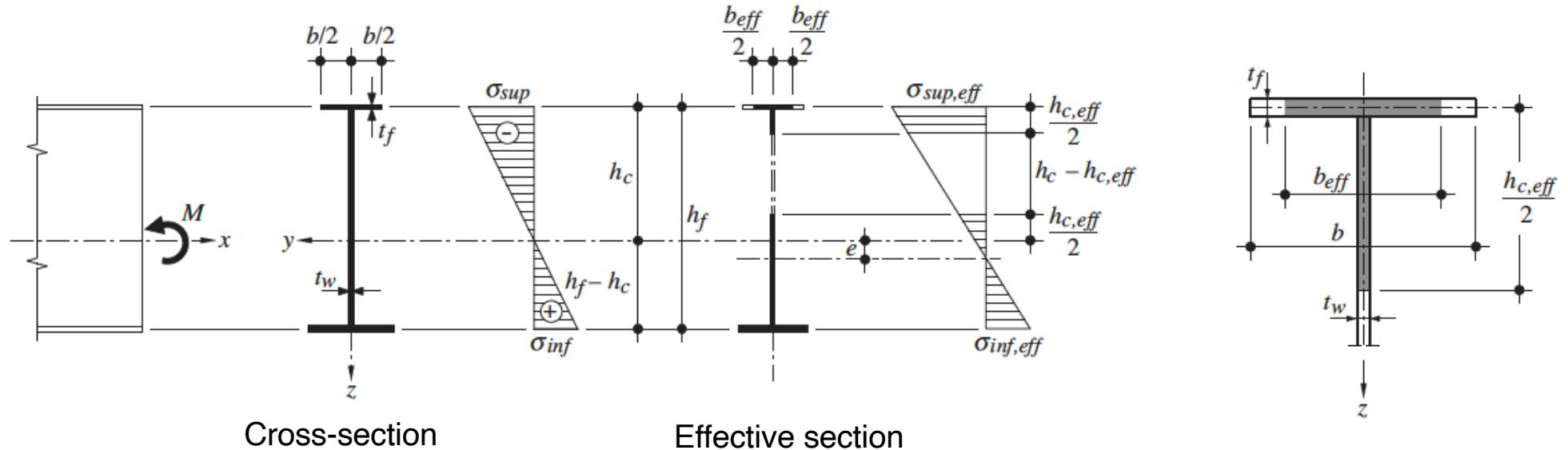
# EPFL Lateral Torsional Buckling Restraint



$b_{eff}$ : effective width of the compression flange, of thickness  $t_f$ :

$$\frac{b_{eff}}{2} = 0.56 \sqrt{\frac{E}{f_y}} \cdot t_f \leq \frac{b}{2}$$

# EPFL Lateral Torsional Buckling Restraint



$h_{c,eff}$ : effective width of the of the web in compression, with thickness  $t_w$ :

Doubly symmetric section profiles

$$h_{c,eff} = 2.1 \sqrt{\frac{E}{f_y}} \cdot t_w \leq h_c$$

Single symmetric section profiles

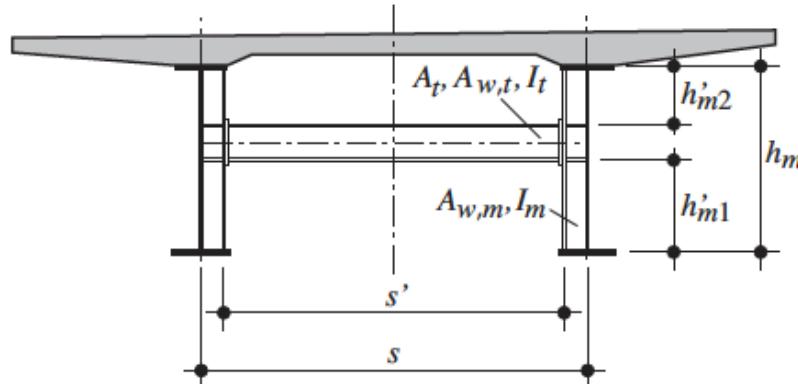
$$h_{c,eff} = 0.86 \cdot \sqrt{k} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{E}{f_y}} \cdot \frac{h_c}{h_f} \cdot t_w \leq h_c$$

The buckling coefficient,  $k = \frac{16}{1 + \psi + \sqrt{(1 + \psi)^2 + 0.112 \cdot (1 - \psi)^2}}$

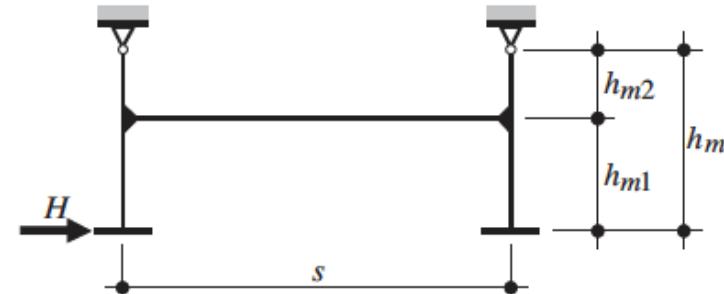
$\psi$ : ratio (including its sign) between the min. and max. stresses,  $\psi = \sigma_{inf}/\sigma_{sup}$

# EPFL Moments and Forces on the Cross Bracing

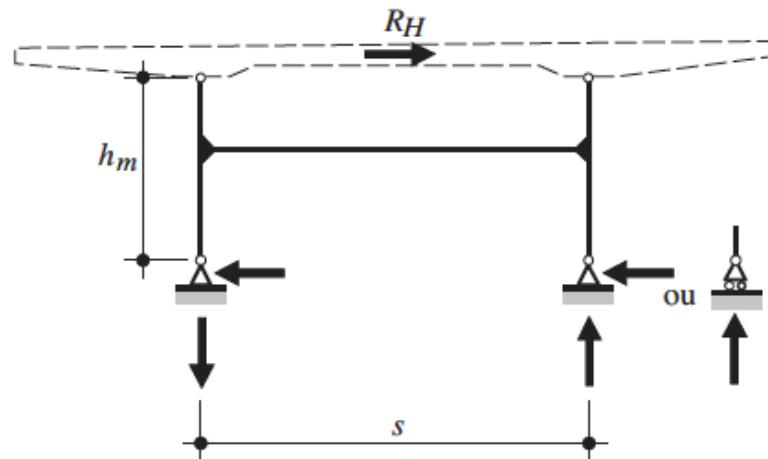
Cross bracing is subjected to moments and forces that transfer the torque, which results from maintaining the cross-section shape.



(a) Frame cross bracing (span)



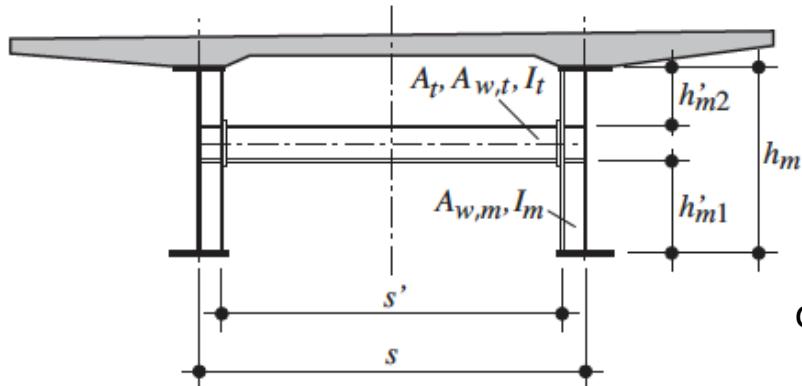
(b) Structural form (span)



(c) Structural form (support)

# EPFL Moments and Forces on the Cross Bracing

The spring constants  $K$ , relative to bending and normal force, as well as the constant  $K_v$  to take into account shear when calculating deformations,



Lower part of the upright

Upper part of the upright

Cross girder

$$K_{m1} = \frac{h_{m1}^3}{3EI_m}, \quad K_{V, m1} = \frac{h_{m1}}{GA_{w,m}}$$

$$K_{m2} = \frac{h_{m2}^3}{3EI_m}, \quad K_{V, m2} = \frac{h_{m2}}{GA_{w,m}}$$

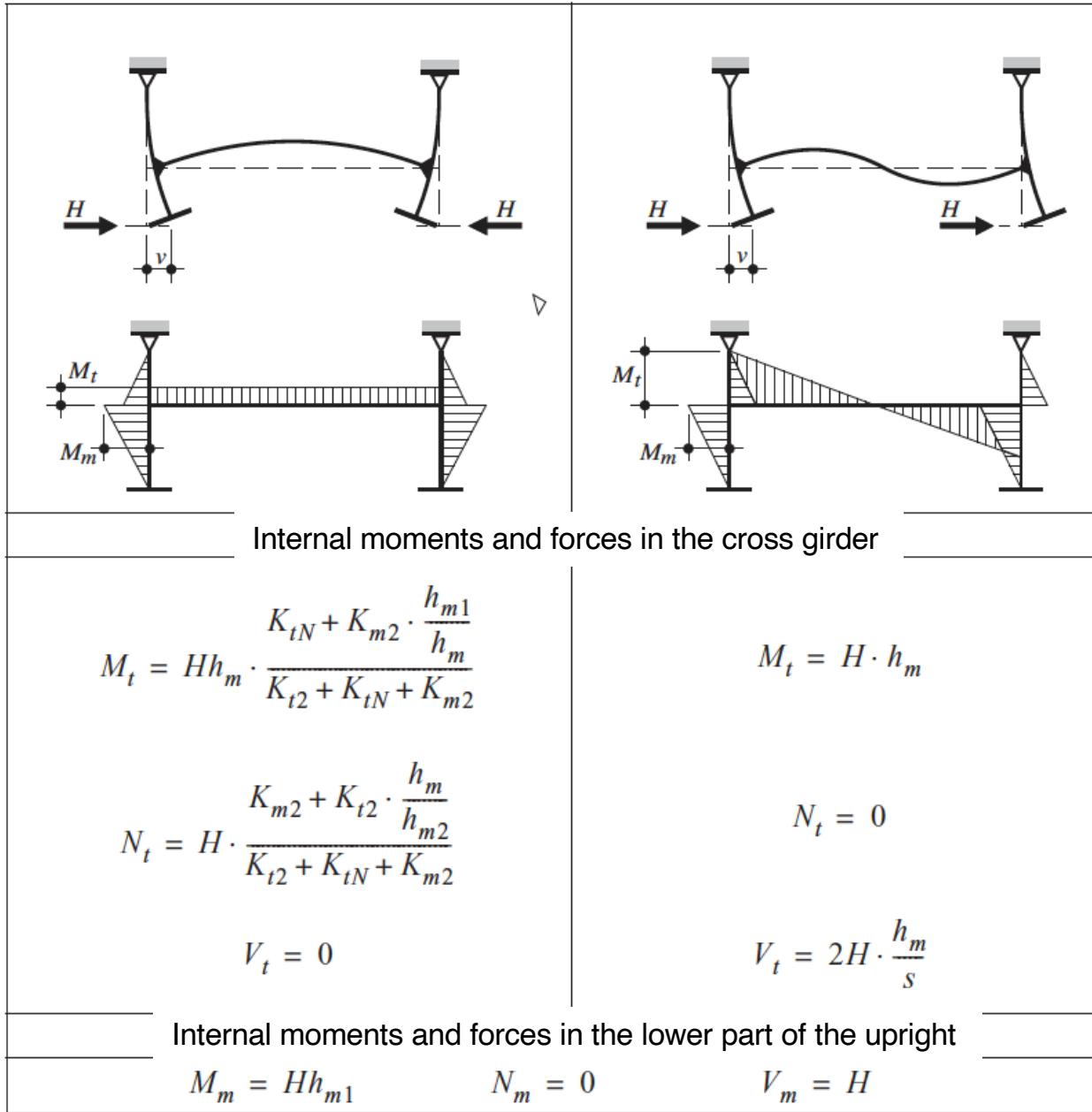
$$K_{t1} = \frac{s' \cdot h_{m1}^2}{2EI_t}, \quad K_{V, t} = \frac{2s'}{GA_{w,t}}$$

$$K_t = \frac{s' \cdot h_m^2}{2EI_t}$$

$$K_{t2} = \frac{s' \cdot h_{m2}^2}{2EI_t}$$

$$K_{tN} = \frac{s'}{2EA_t}$$

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