

# CIVIL 449: Nonlinear Analysis of Structures

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Material nonlinearities – Concentrated plasticity models

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# EPFL Objectives of Today's Lecture

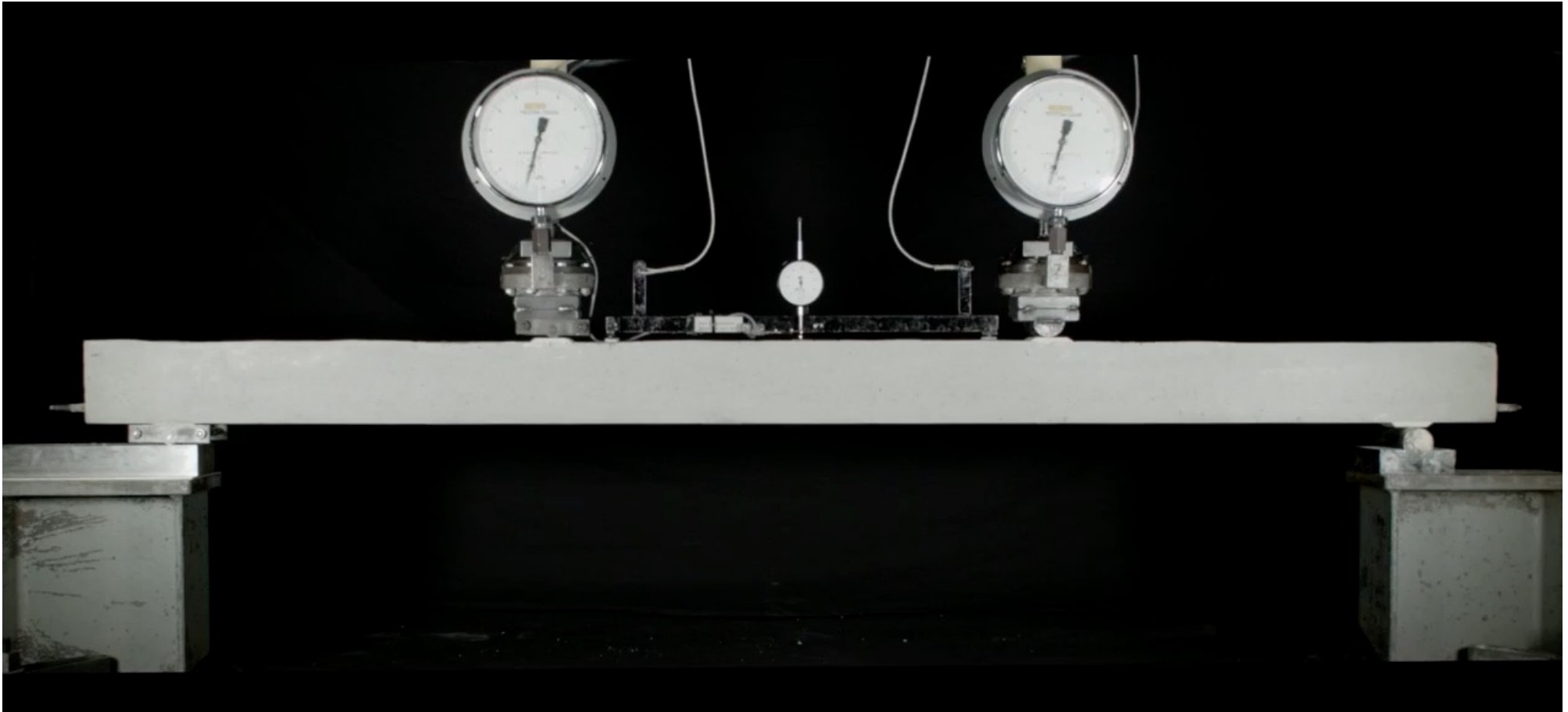
- To introduce:
  - Material nonlinearity
  - Concept of "plastic hinge"
  - Element formulations for tracing material nonlinearity
  - Constitutive formulations for concentrated plasticity models

# Damage sequence in structural members



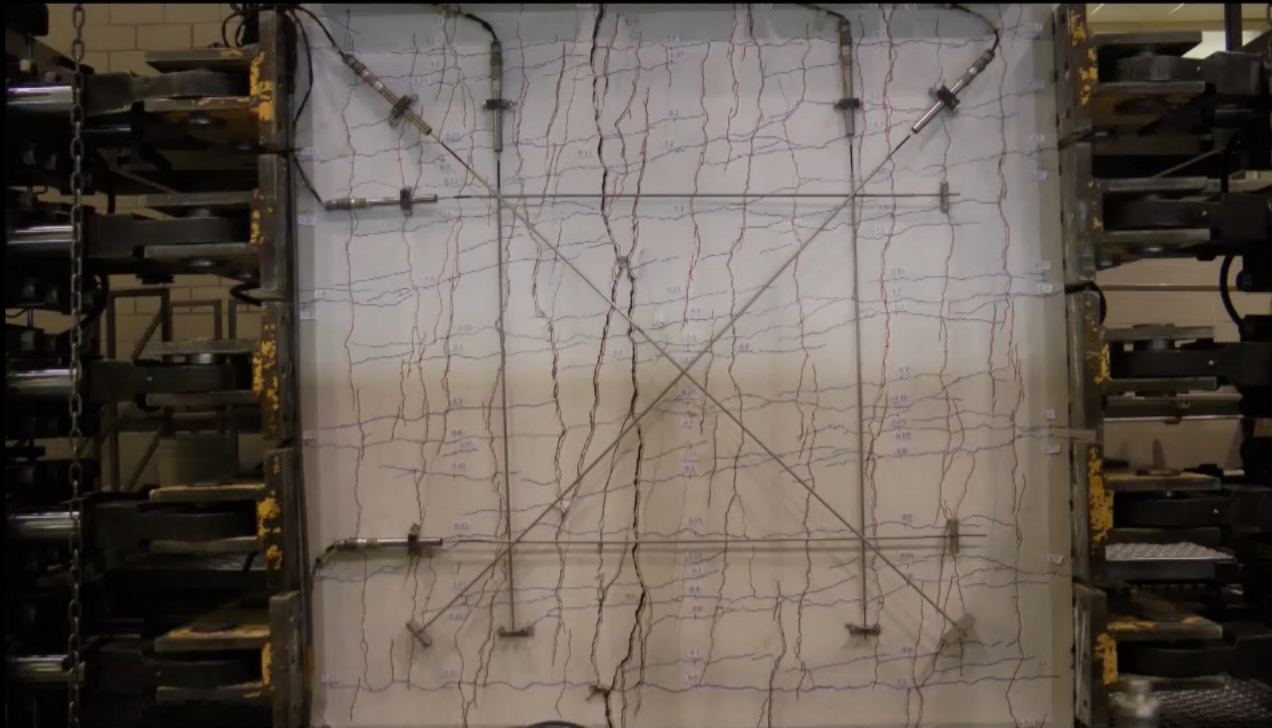
Source: El Jisr and Lignos (2021)

## Damage sequence in structural members (2)



Source: Prof. Tim Ibell

## Damage sequence in structural members (3)



Source: Prof. David Ruggiero

# EPFL Incorporating material nonlinearities into frame analysis

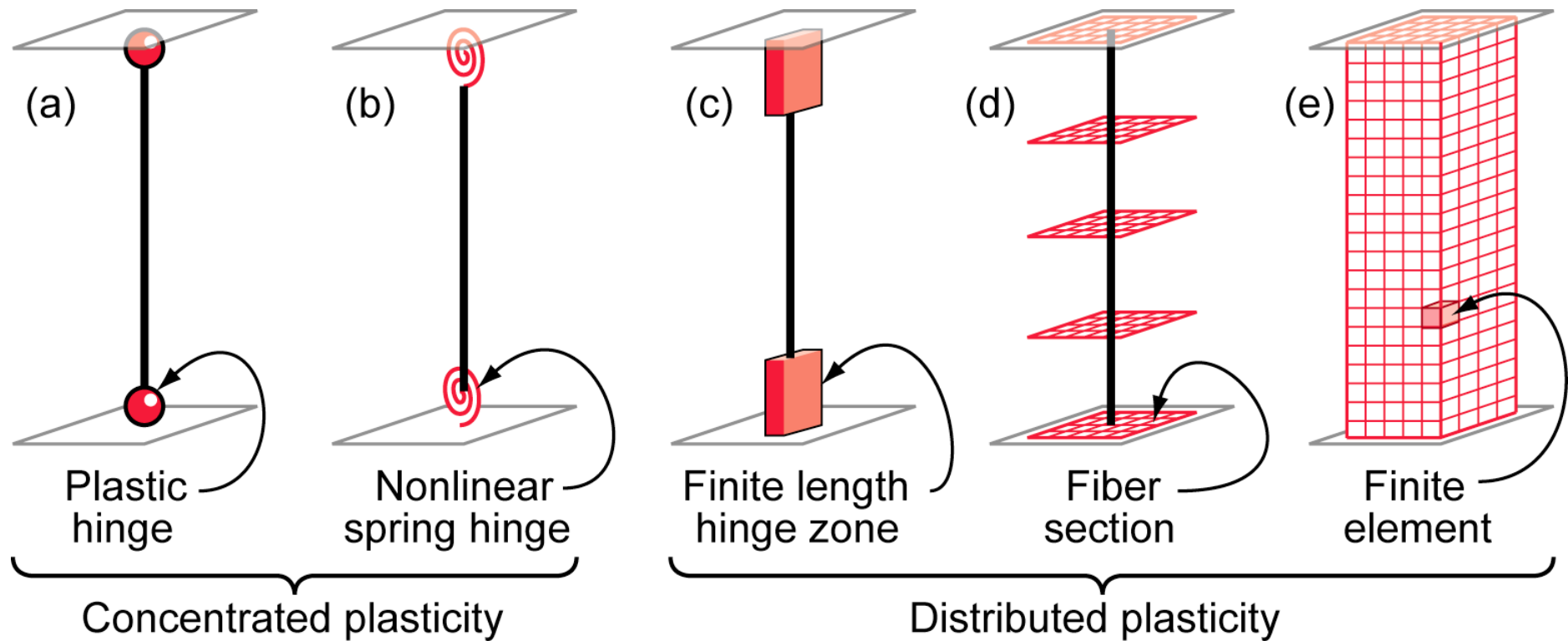
- From the previous lectures, the global stiffness matrix of a structure,  $\mathbf{K}_g$ , is given as follows,

$$\mathbf{K}_g = \mathbf{T}^T \left( \underbrace{\mathbf{L}^T \bar{\mathbf{k}} \mathbf{L}}_{\text{Material stiffness matrix}} + \underbrace{\bar{q}_1 \frac{\mathbf{z}\mathbf{z}^T}{L_n} + \frac{1}{L_n^2} (\mathbf{r}\mathbf{z}^T + \mathbf{z}\mathbf{r}^T)(\bar{q}_2 + \bar{q}_3)}_{\text{Geometric stiffness matrix}} \right) \mathbf{T}$$

$\underbrace{\hspace{15em}}_{\text{Tangent stiffness matrix in the local reference system}}$

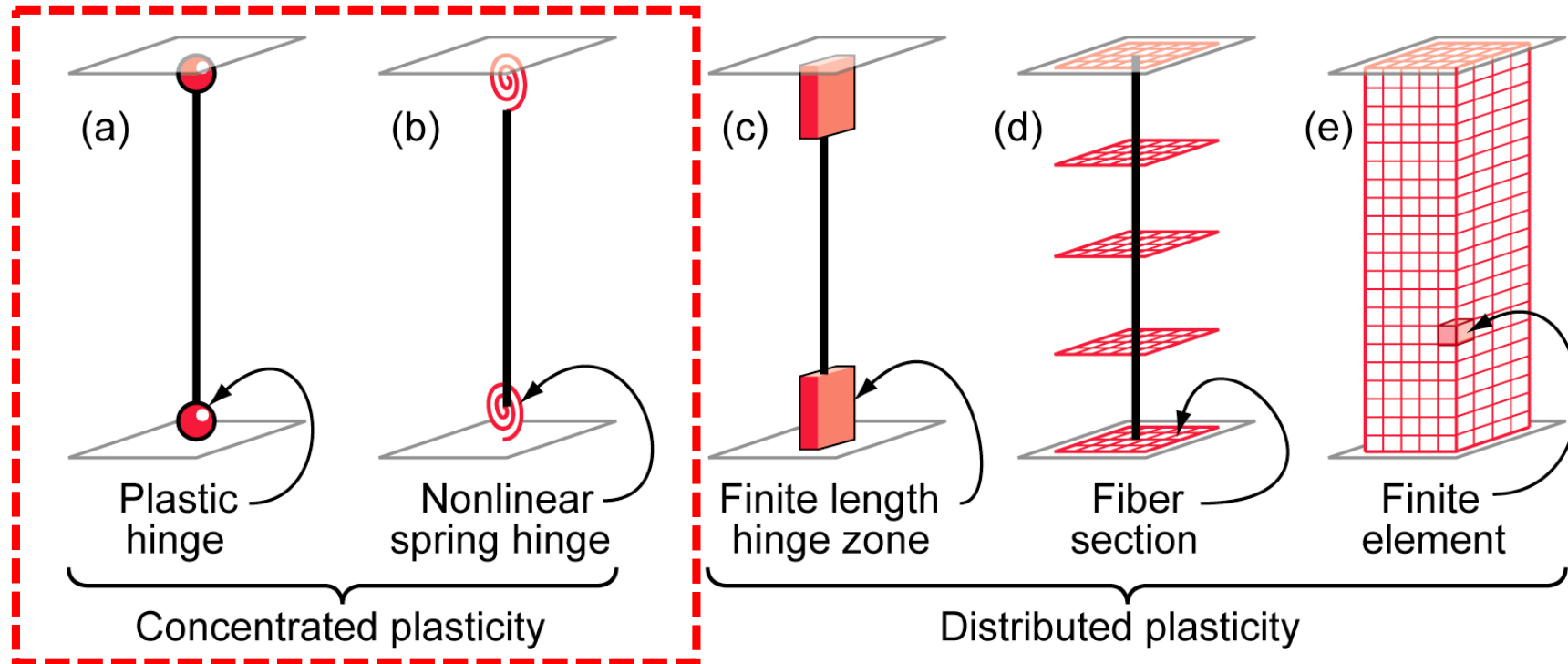
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# EPFL Element formulations for nonlinear material response



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# EPFL Concentrated plasticity models



## Advantages

- Fairly simple
- Effective for interface effects
- Computationally efficient

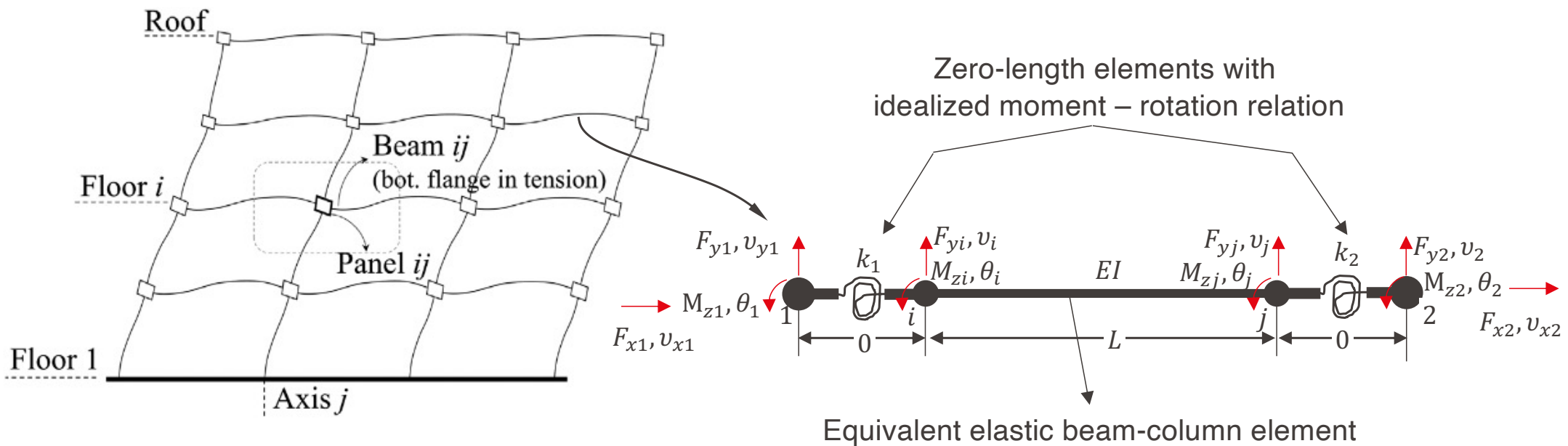
## Disadvantages

- Require the load-displacement relationship (as opposed to engineering stress-strain)
- They generally don't capture interactive effects
- Member instabilities (see later on)

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# Within a numerical model of a frame structure



## EPFL Elastic beam element with two rotational springs

Let's assume the following:  $k_1 = n \frac{6EI_e}{L}$   $k_2 = n \frac{6EI_e}{L}$

The equivalent element stiffness matrix becomes:

$$\begin{Bmatrix} F_{x1} \\ F_{y1} \\ M_{z1} \\ F_{x2} \\ F_{y2} \\ M_{z2} \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{AE}{L} & 0 & 0 & -\frac{AE}{L} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{(S_{ii}+S_{jj}+2S_{ij})EI_e}{L^3} & -\frac{(S_{ii}+S_{ji})EI_e}{L^2} & 0 & -\frac{(S_{ii}+S_{jj}+2S_{ij})EI_e}{L^3} & -\frac{(S_{jj}+S_{ij})EI_e}{L^2} \\ 0 & -\frac{(S_{ii}+S_{ji})EI_e}{L^2} & \frac{S_{ii}EI_e}{L} & 0 & \frac{(S_{ii}+S_{ij})EI_e}{L^2} & \frac{S_{ji}EI_e}{L} \\ -\frac{AE}{L} & 0 & 0 & \frac{AE}{L} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -\frac{(S_{ii}+S_{jj}+2S_{ij})EI_e}{L^3} & \frac{(S_{ii}+S_{ij})EI_e}{L^2} & 0 & \frac{(S_{ii}+S_{jj}+2S_{ij})EI_e}{L^3} & \frac{(S_{jj}+S_{ij})EI_e}{L^2} \\ 0 & -\frac{(S_{jj}+S_{ij})EI_e}{L^2} & \frac{S_{ji}EI_e}{L} & 0 & \frac{(S_{jj}+S_{ij})EI_e}{L^2} & \frac{S_{jj}EI_e}{L} \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} v_{x1} \\ v_{y1} \\ \theta_1 \\ v_{x2} \\ v_{y2} \\ \theta_2 \end{Bmatrix}$$

## EPFL Elastic beam element with two rotational springs (2)

‘Equivalent’ moment of inertia:

$$I_e = \frac{n + 1}{n} I$$

Stiffness coefficients:

$$S_{ij} = S_{ji} = \frac{6(1 + n)}{2 + 3n}$$

$$S_{ii} = S_{jj} = \frac{(1 + 2n)}{(1 + n)} S_{ij}$$

## EPFL Elastic beam element with two rotational springs (Option 2)

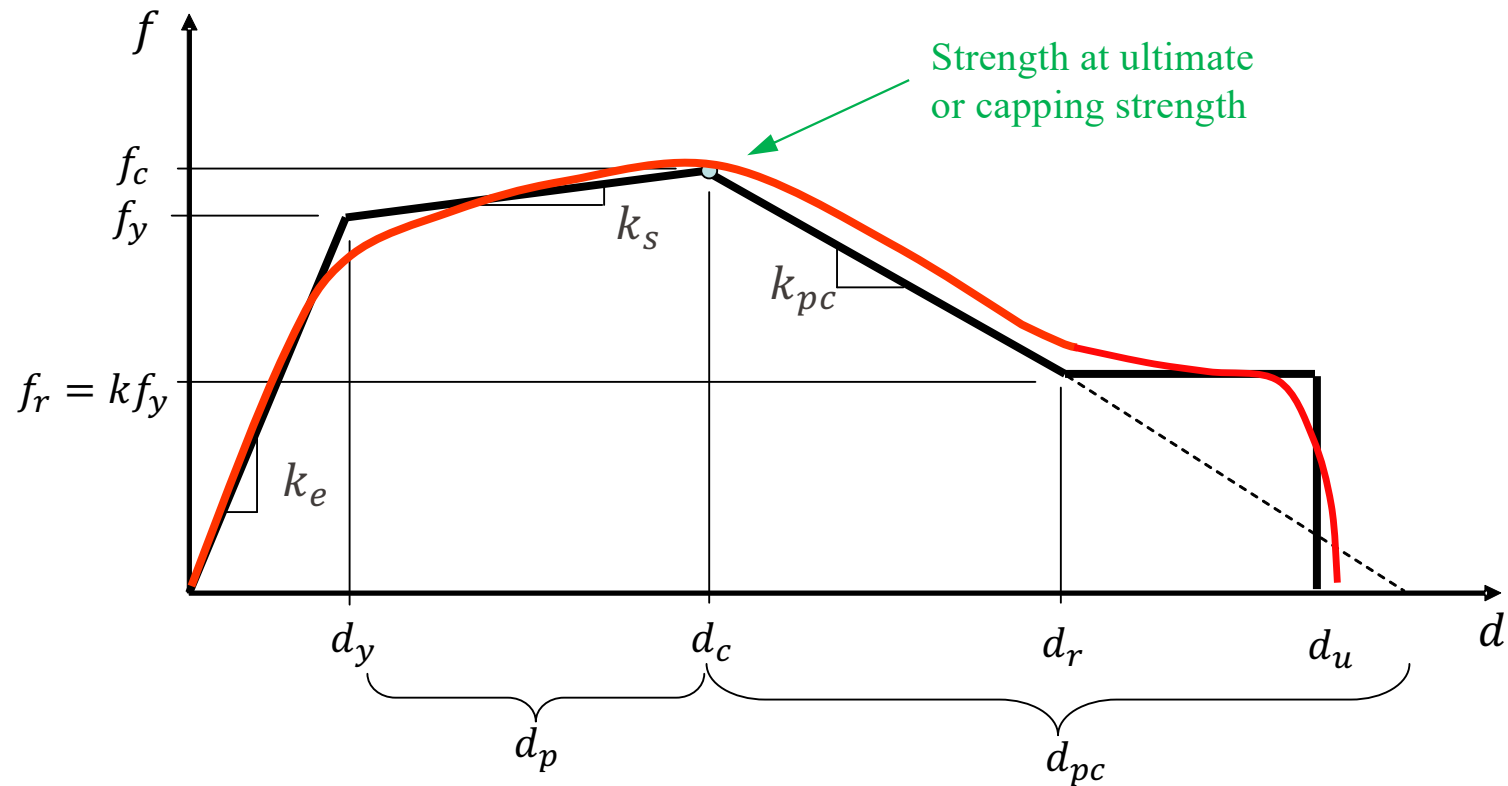
Let's assume the following:

$$k_1 = a_1 EI_e / L \quad k_2 = a_2 EI_e / L \quad a = \frac{a_1 a_2}{a_1 a_2 + 4a_1 + 4a_2 + 12}$$

The “spring and beam” element stiffness matrix becomes:

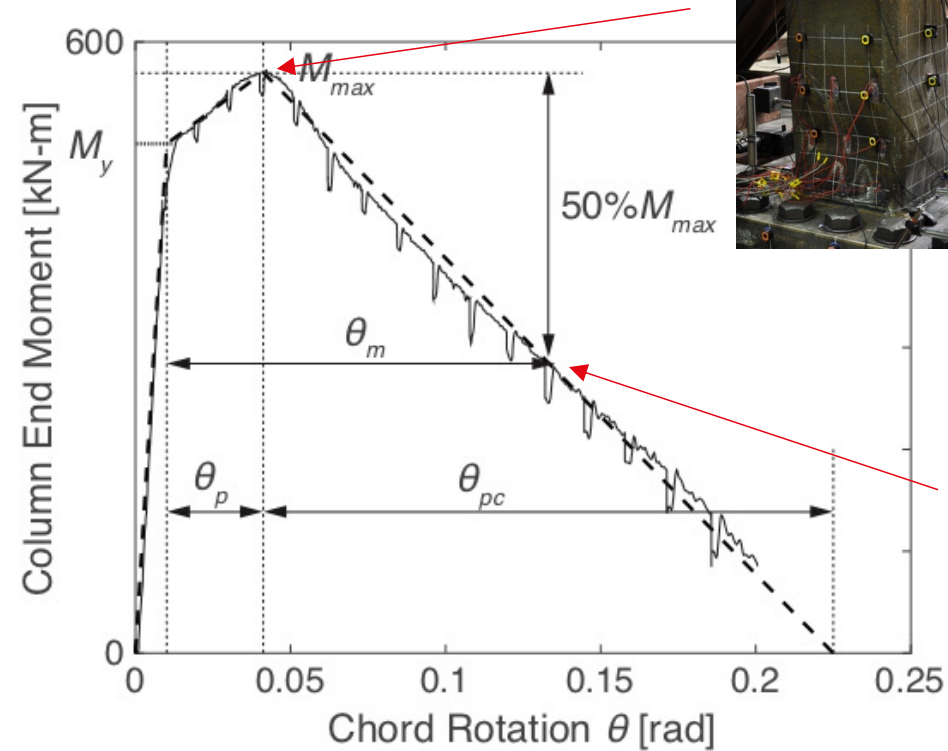
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## Typical component behavior under monotonic loading



# Typical component behavior

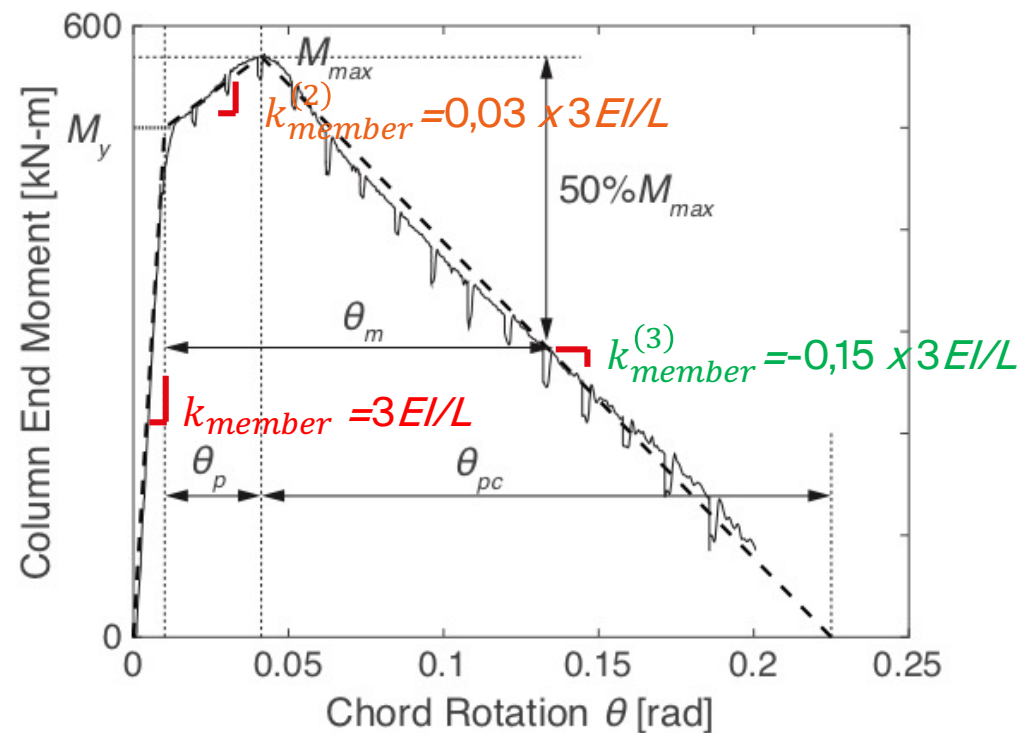
-Example: Cantilever steel column



Source: Suzuki and Lignos (2021)

## Typical component behavior (2)

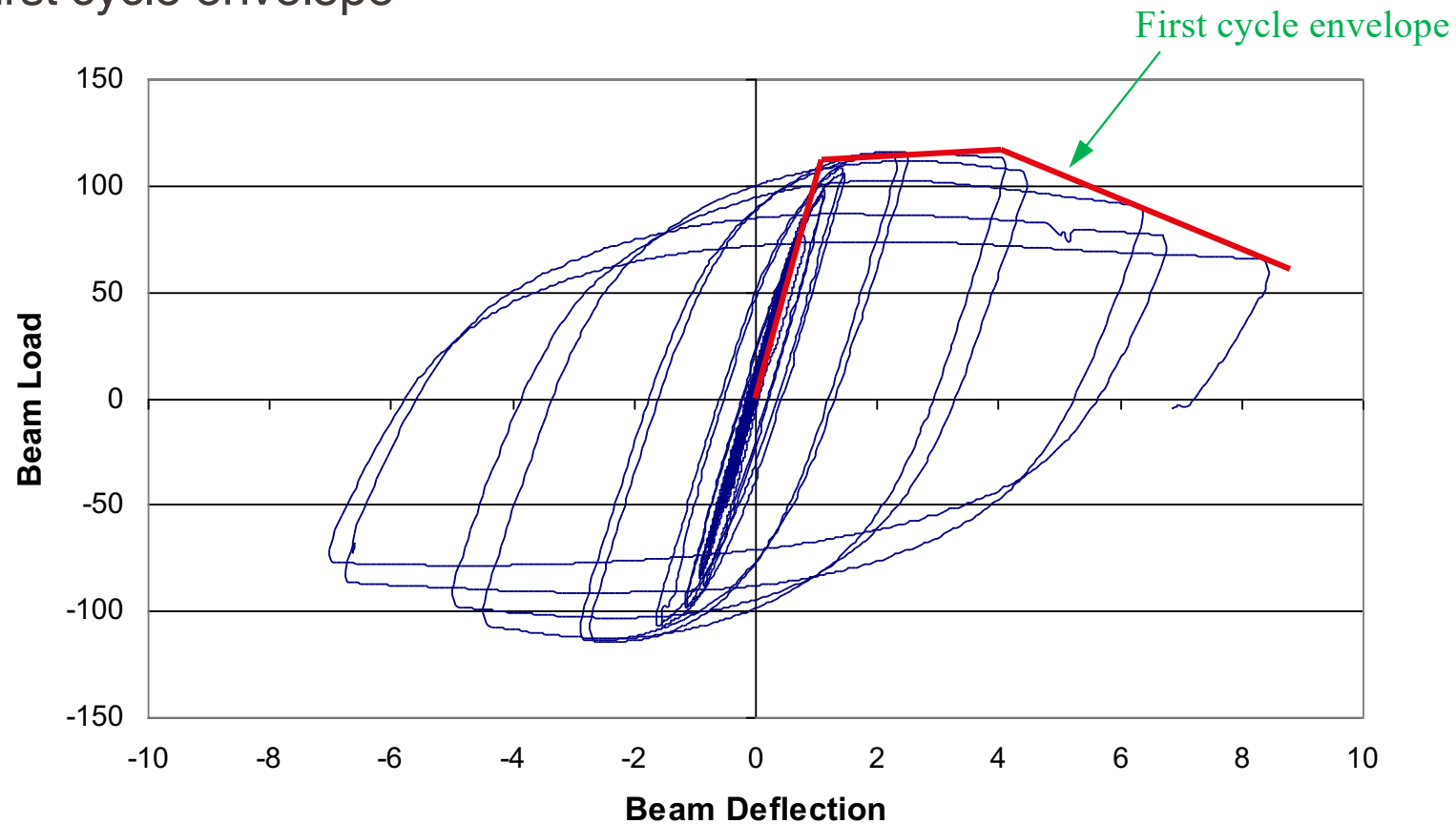
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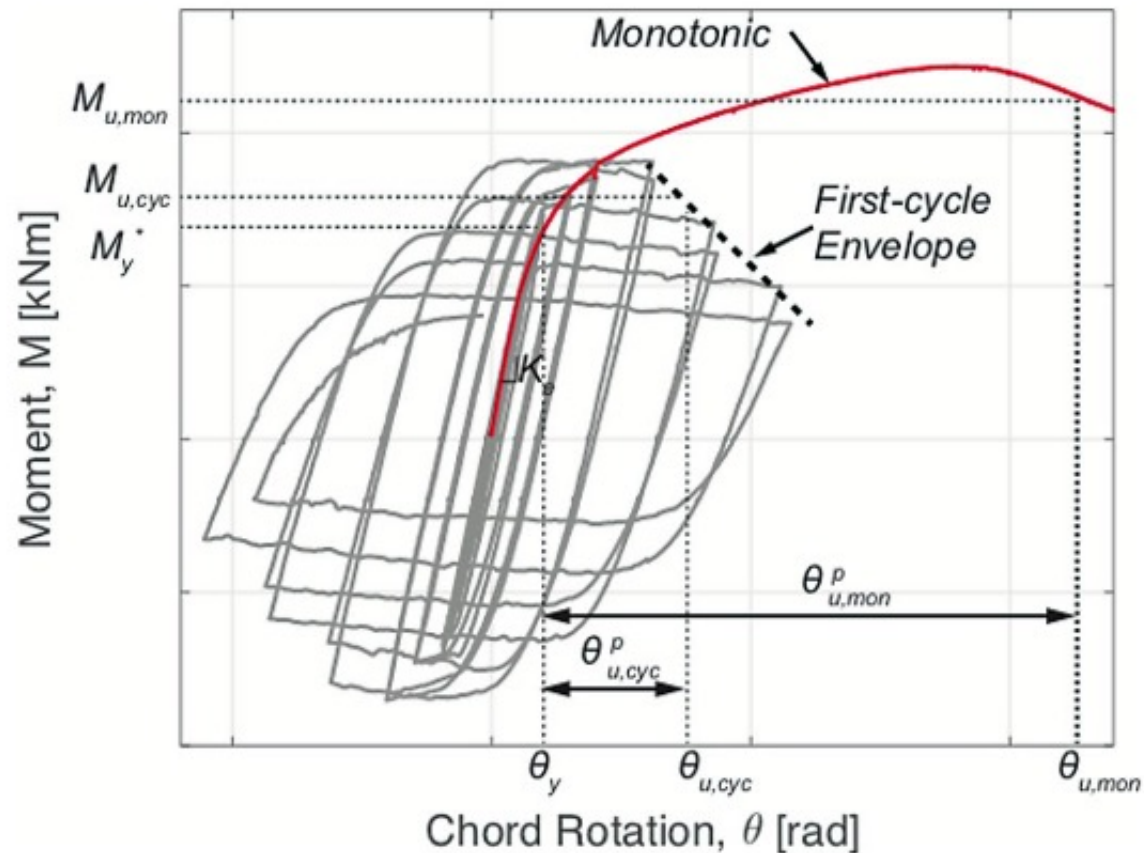
# Typical component behavior under cyclic loading

-First cycle envelope





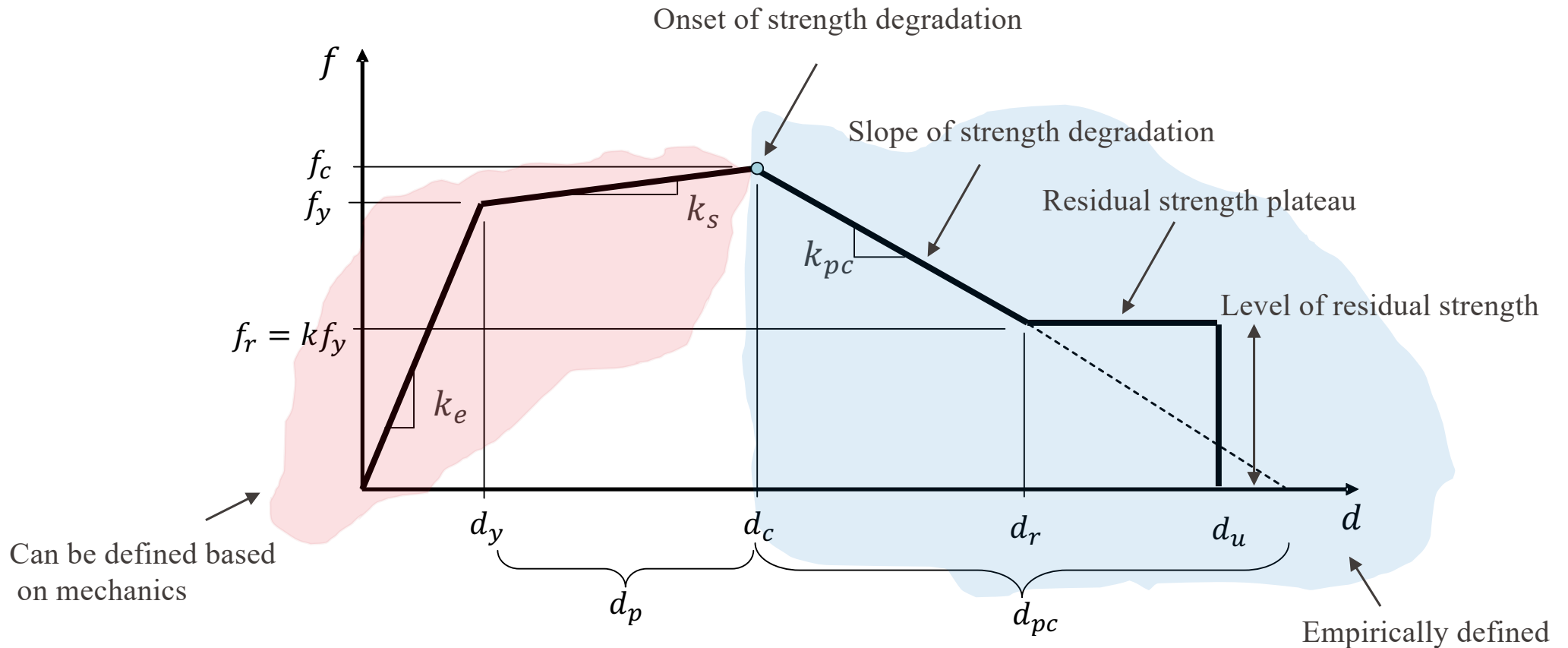
# Comparison of monotonic and first cycle envelopes



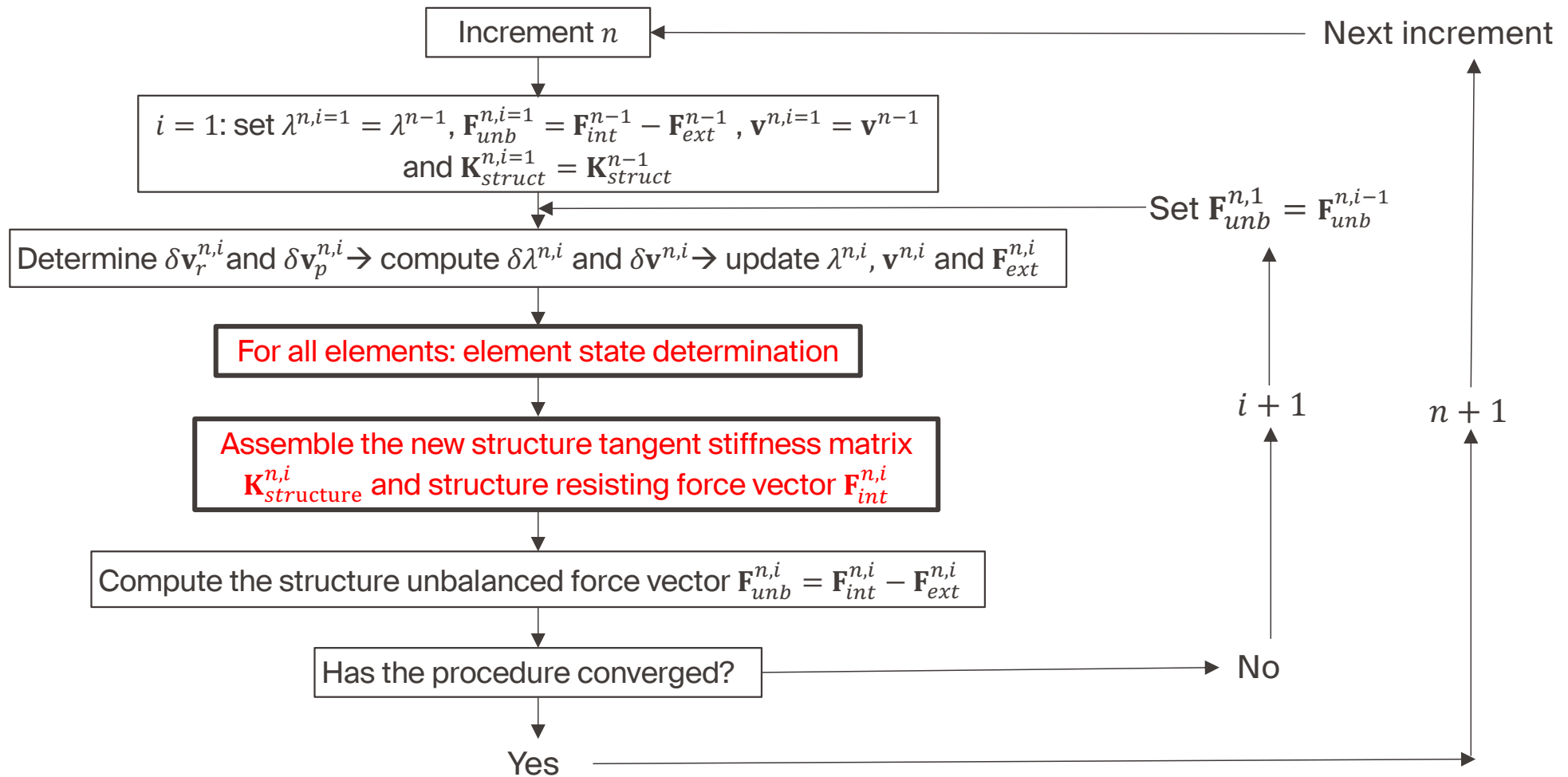
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# Component behavior

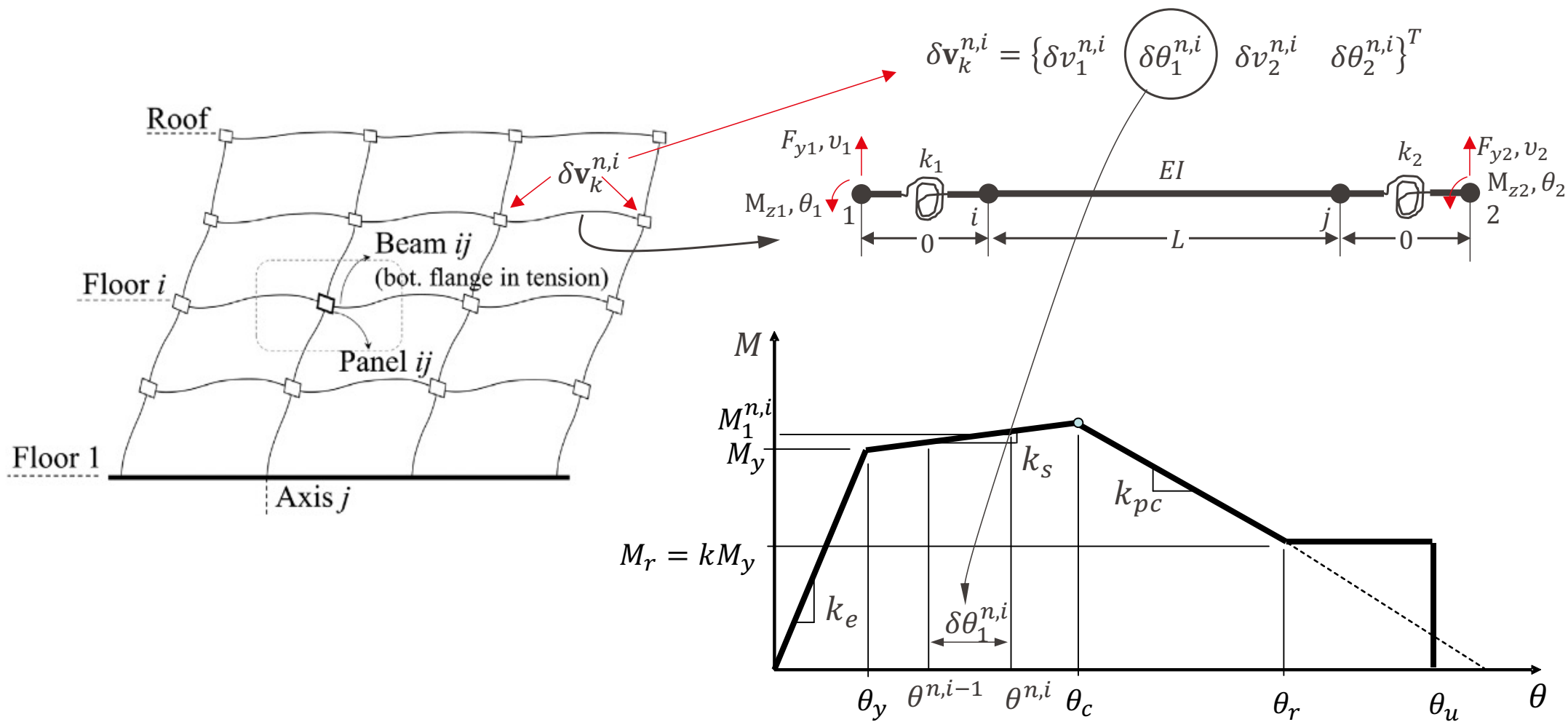
## -Some general remarks



# Basic workflow

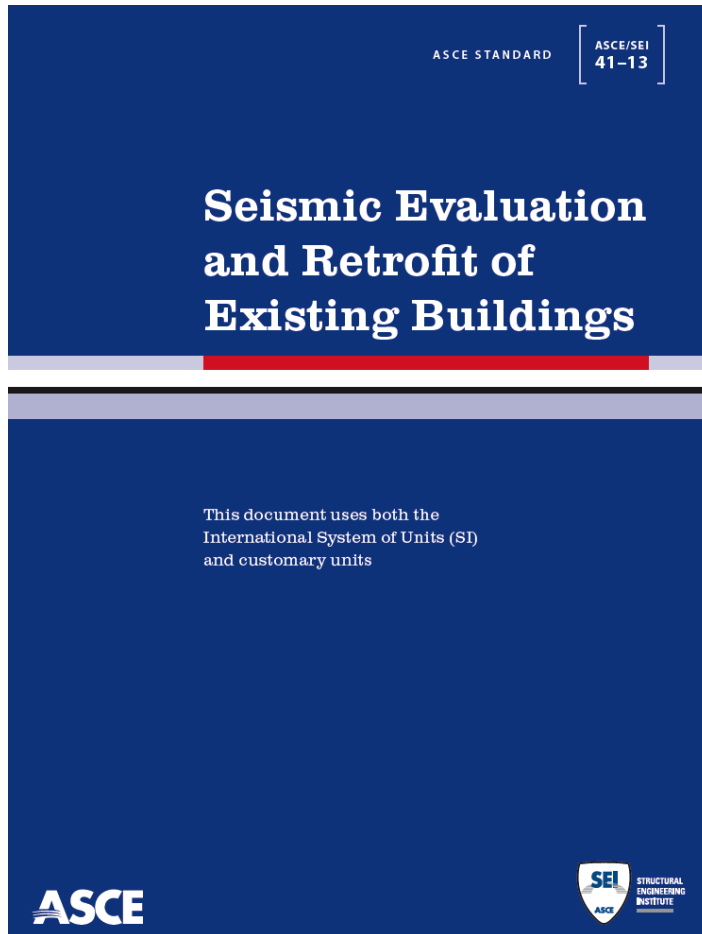


## Basic workflow (2)



# Assessment of existing structures

## -Readily available load-deformation curves



# EPFL Some challenges with concentrated plasticity models

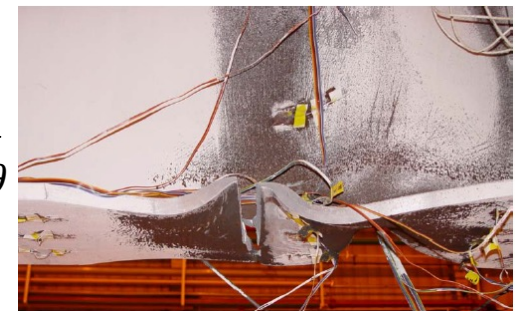
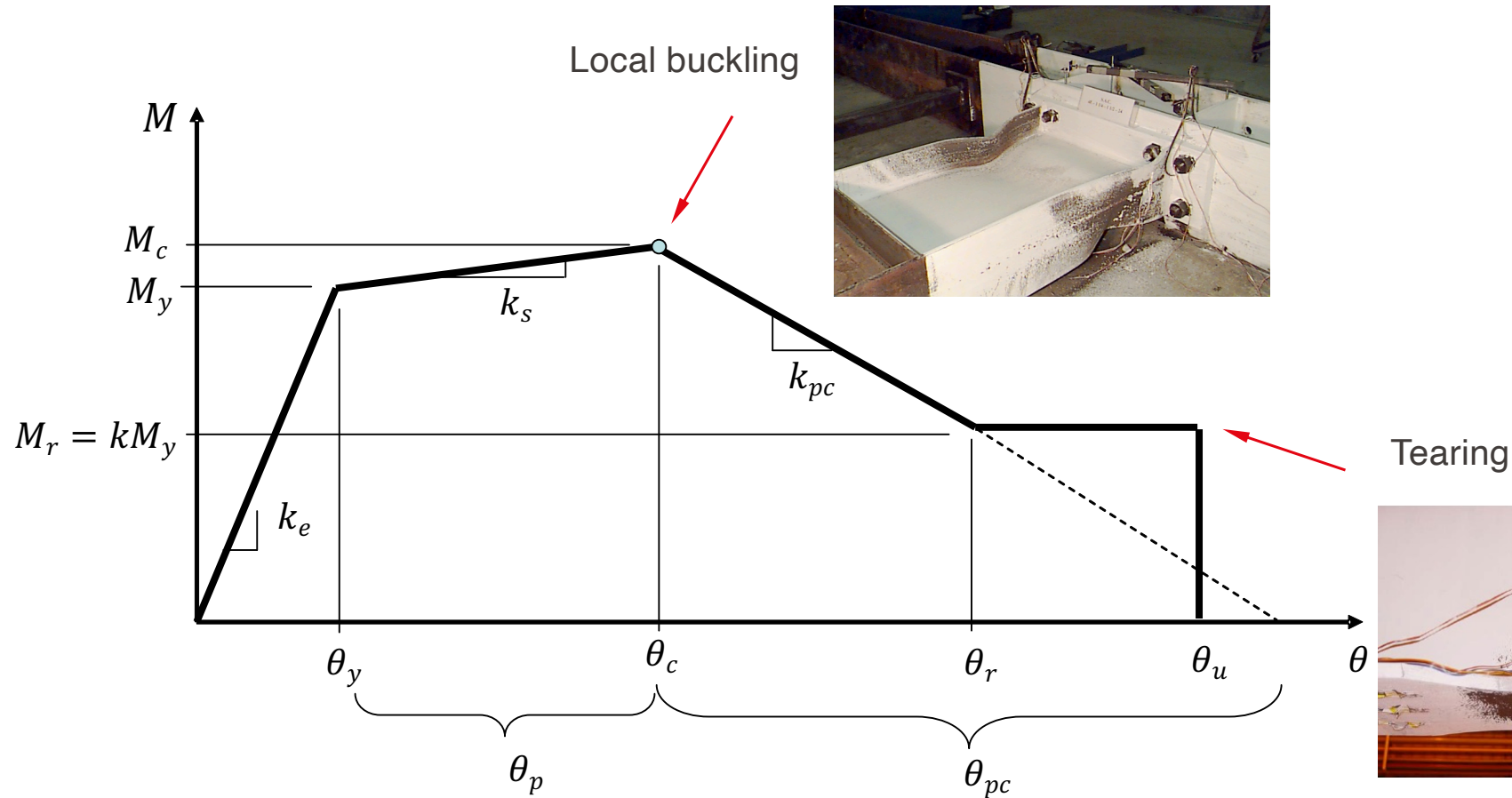


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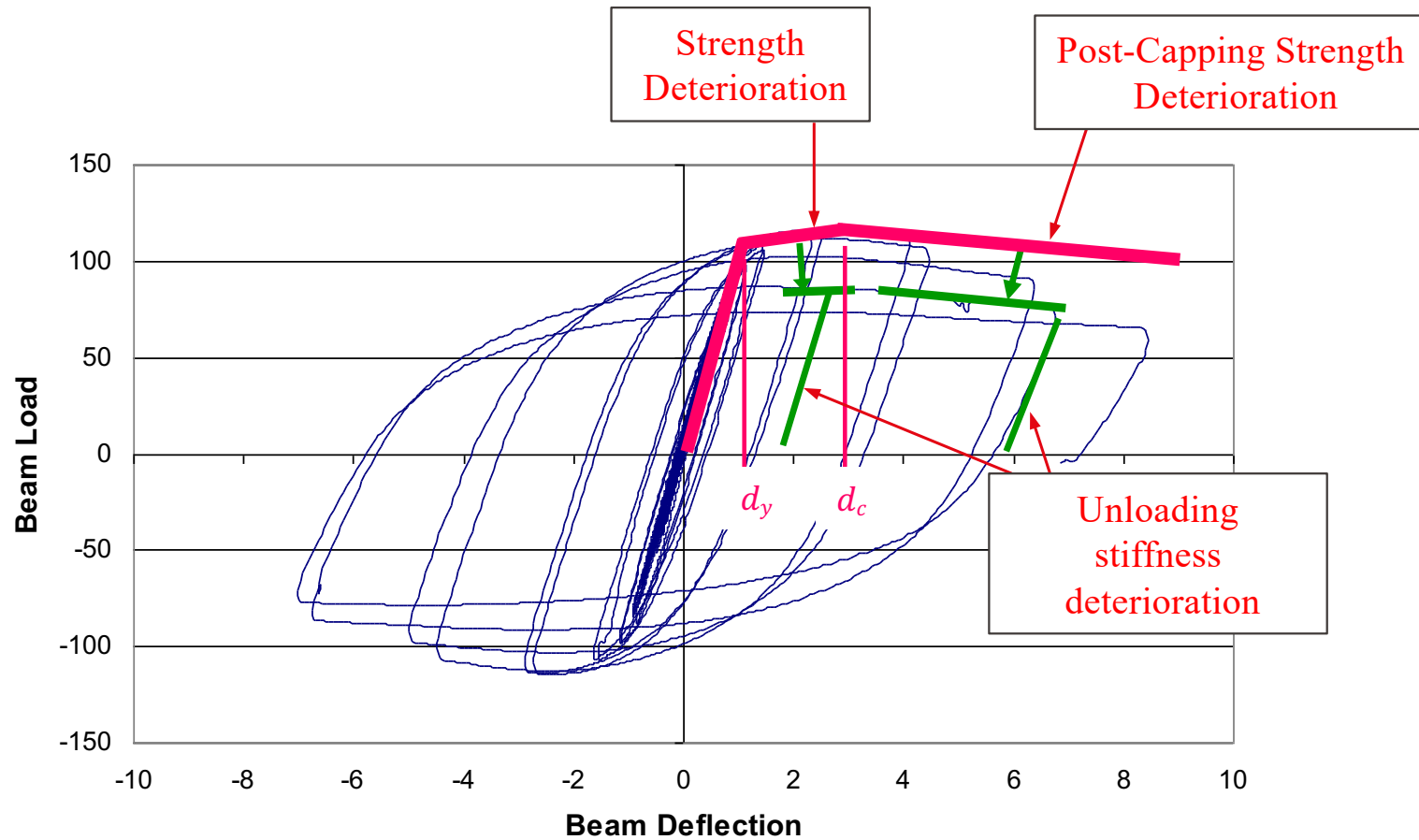


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# Illustration for steel beams



# Deterioration modes in steel members

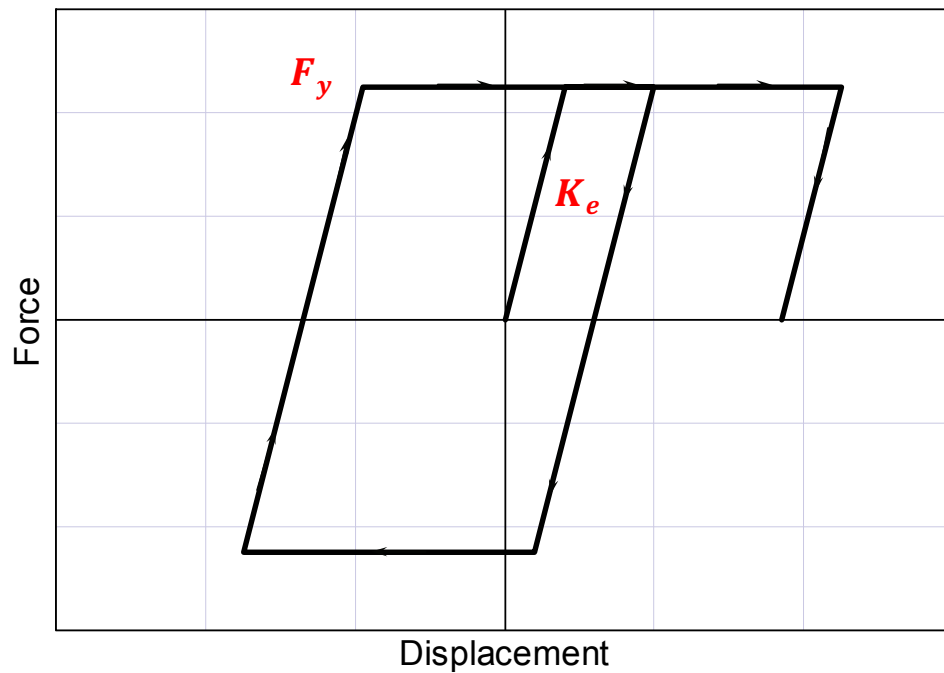


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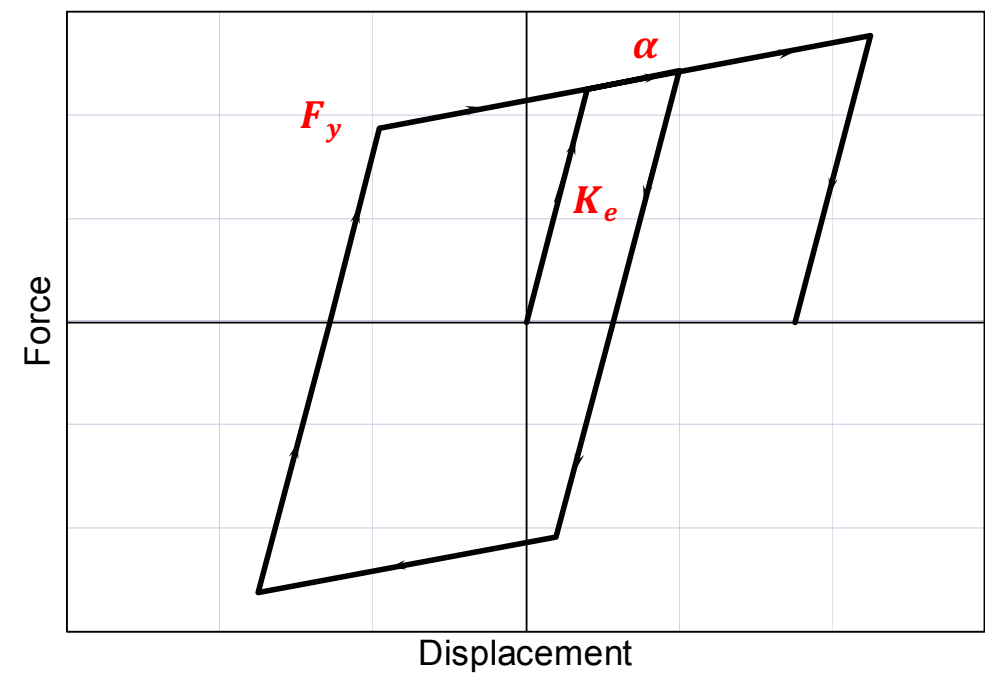


# Typical models to trace the hysteretic response

## Elastic Perfectly Plastic Model

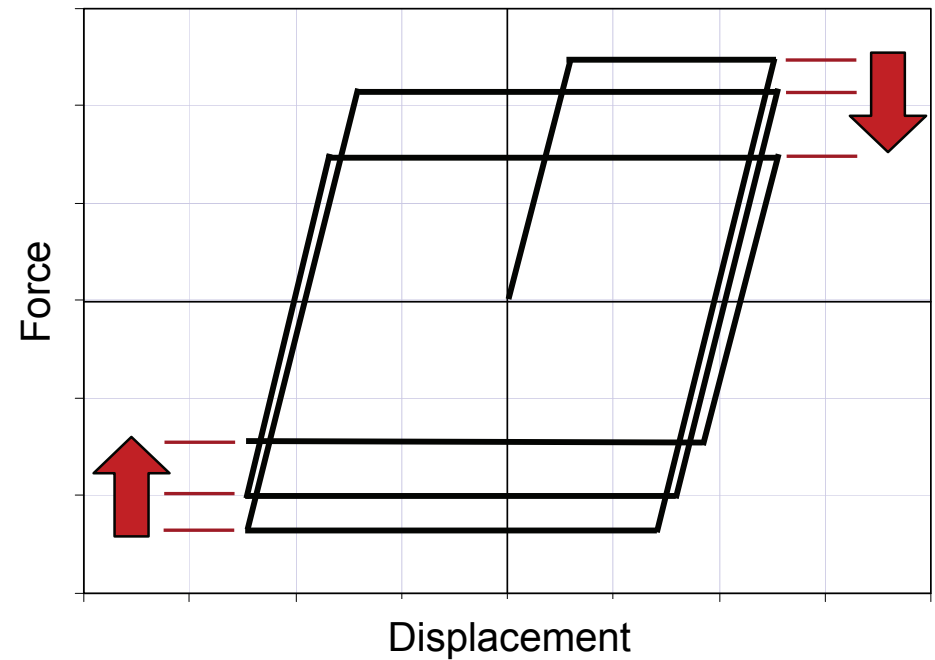
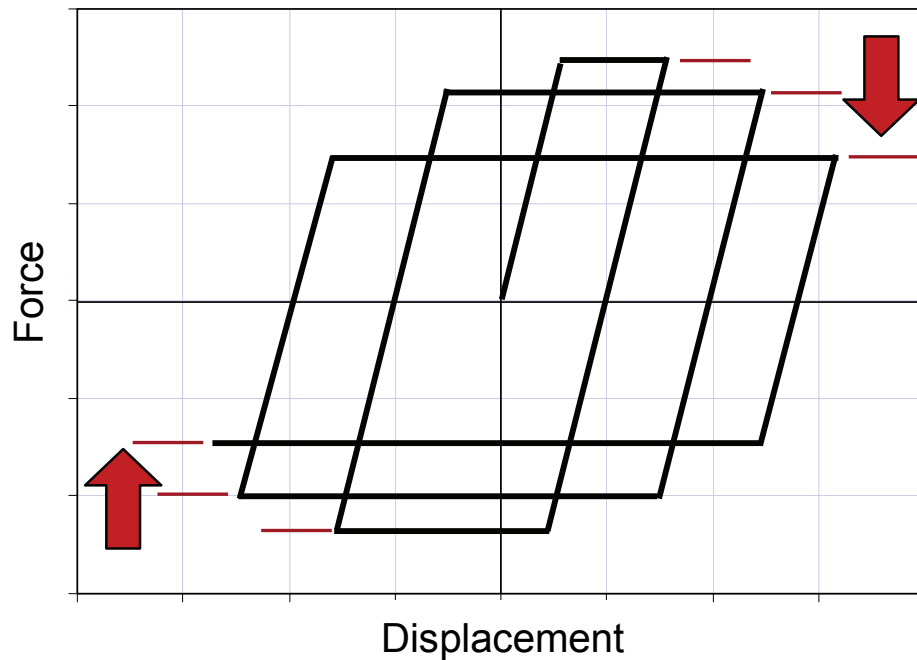


## Simple Bilinear Model



ADVANTAGE: You only need  $K_e$ ,  $F_y$  (or  $M_y$ ) and  $\alpha$

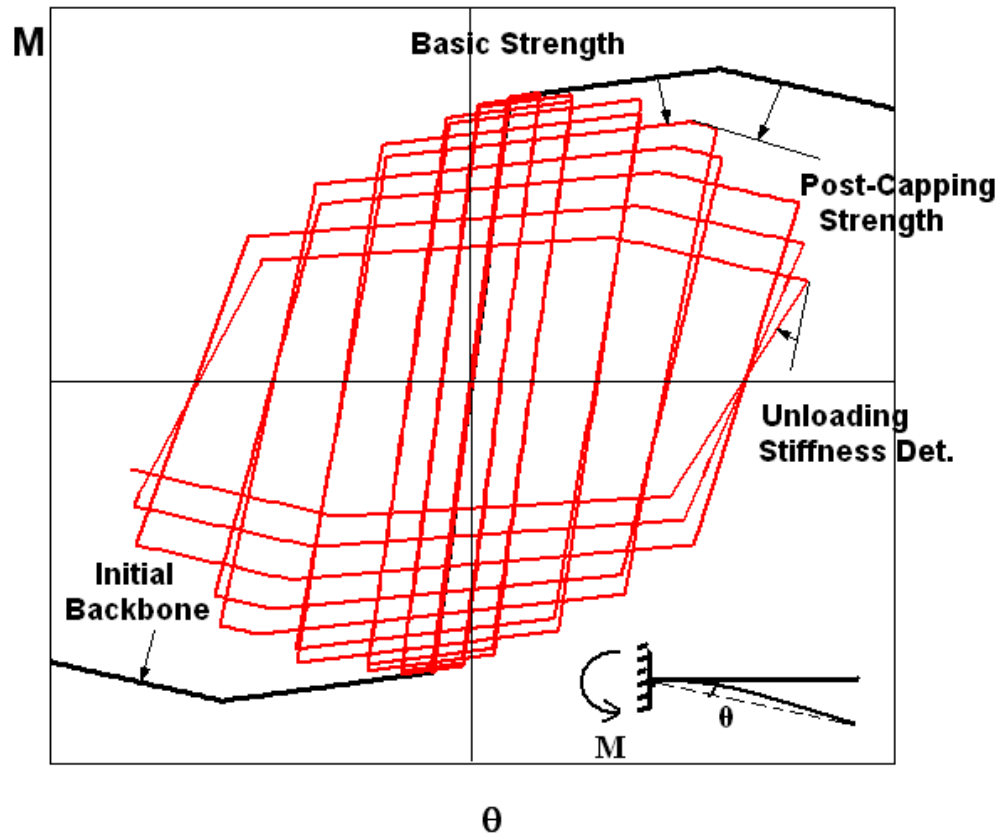
## EPFL Models that capture cyclic deterioration



Notice that they do not capture post-capping strength deterioration

# Models that capture cyclic deterioration

Cyclic Moment-Rotation Model



-Reference energy dissipation capacity

$$E_t = \lambda \cdot \theta_p \cdot M_y$$

-Rule for modeling deterioration

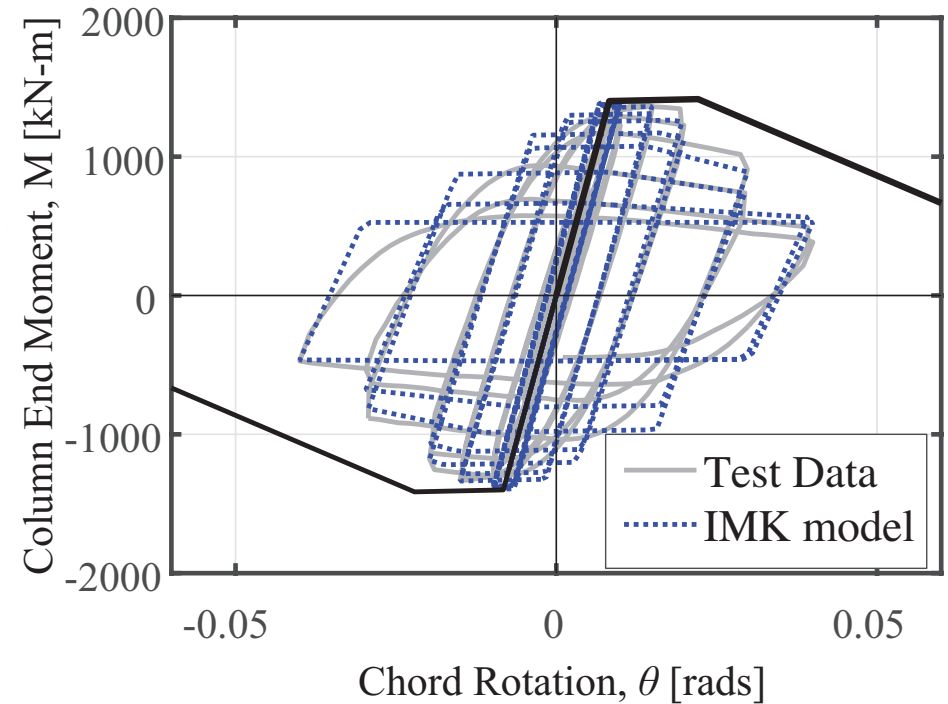
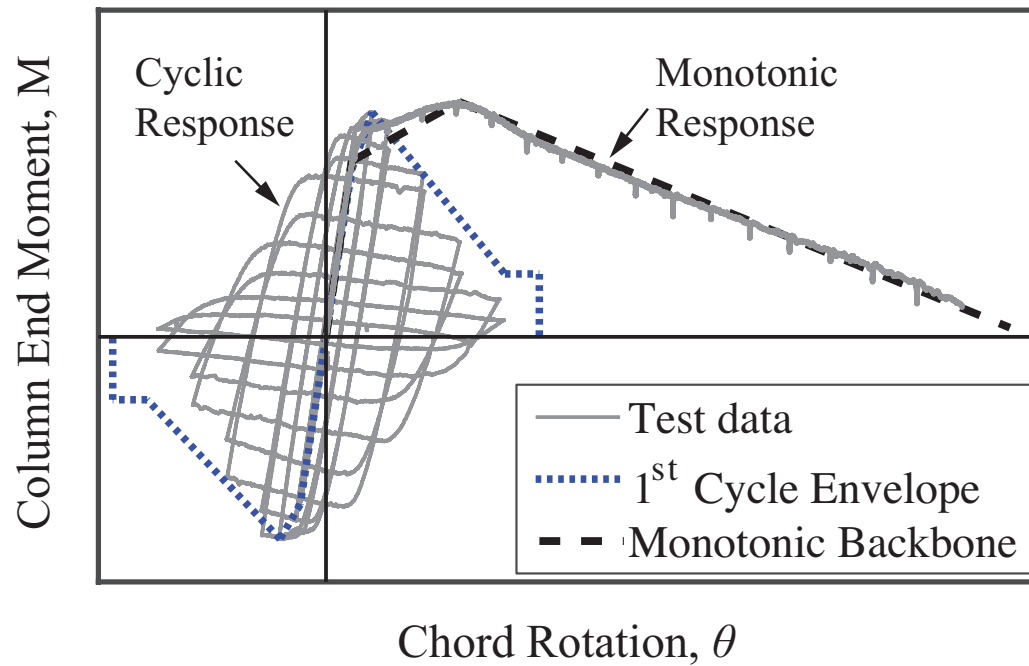
$$M_i = (1 - \beta_i) \cdot M_{i-1}$$

$$K_i = (1 - \beta_i) \cdot K_{i-1}$$

$$\beta_i = \left( \frac{E_i}{E_t - \sum_{j=1}^{i-1} E_j} \right)^c$$

(Source: Lignos and Krawinkler 2011)

# Calibration with available experimental data

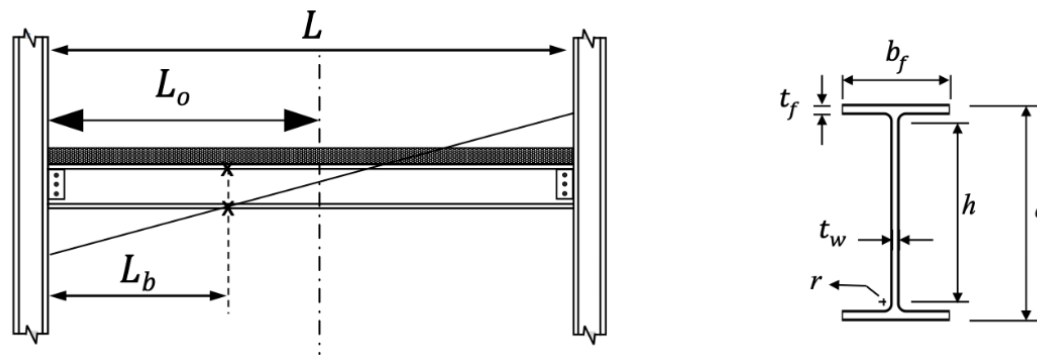


(Source: Lignos et al. 2019)

## Calibration with available experimental data (2)

- Trends between geometric & material parameters on input model parameters
  - Dimensionless slenderness parameters:
    - flange local buckling,  $\lambda_f = b_f / 2t_f$
    - web local buckling,  $\lambda_w = h / t_w$
    - lateral torsional buckling,  $\lambda_t = L_b / i_z \quad \left( i_z = \sqrt{\frac{I_z}{A}} \right)$
    - Shear span ratio,  $L_o / h$
    - Yield stress,  $f_y$

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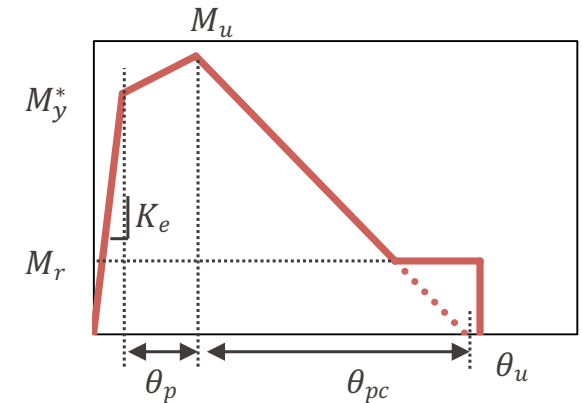
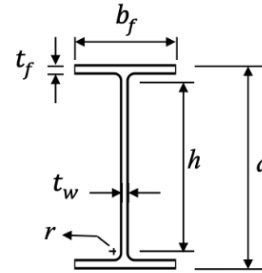
# EPFL Empirical relations for steel beams

## Non-composite steel beams (other than RBS)

$$M_y^* = 1.17M_{pl} = 1.17 \cdot \gamma_{rm} \cdot W_{pl,y} \cdot f_y \quad (\gamma_{rm} = 1.25 \text{ for S355})$$

$$M_u = 1.11M_y^* \quad (COV = 0.1)$$

$$M_r = 0.4M_y^*$$



## Plastic deformation parameters (for monotonic loading)

$$\theta_p = 0.0865 \left( \frac{h}{t_w} \right)^{-0.365} \left( \frac{b}{2t_f} \right)^{-0.140} \left( \frac{L_o}{d} \right)^{0.340} \left( \frac{d}{533} \right)^{-0.721} \left( \frac{f_y}{355} \right)^{-0.230} \quad (\sigma_{ln} = 0.32)$$

$$\theta_{pc} = 5.63 \left( \frac{h}{t_w} \right)^{-0.565} \left( \frac{b}{2t_f} \right)^{-0.800} \left( \frac{d}{533} \right)^{-0.280} \left( \frac{f_y}{355} \right)^{-0.430} \quad (\sigma_{ln} = 0.25)$$

$$\theta_u = 0.20 \text{ rad}$$

## Range of applicability

$$20 \leq h/t_w \leq 55$$

$$4 \leq b_f/2t_f \leq 8$$

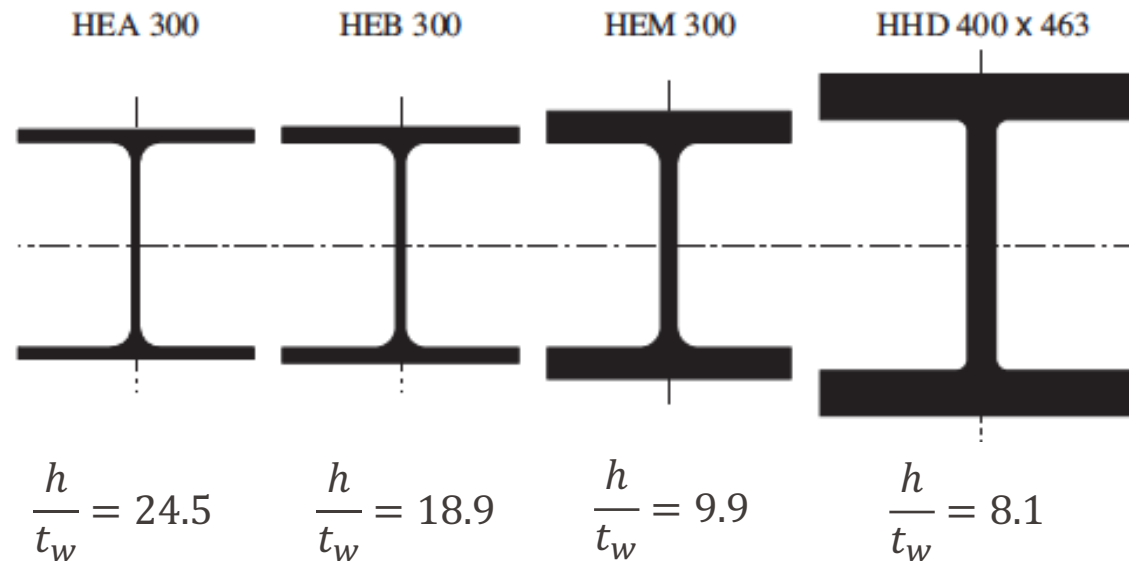
$$2.5 \leq L_o/d \leq 7$$

$$102 \text{ mm} \leq d \leq 914 \text{ mm}$$

$$240 \text{ MPa} \leq f_y \leq 450 \text{ MPa}$$

Source: Lignos and Krawinkler (2011)

# Some remarks on multivariate-regression models



$$\theta_p = 0.0885 \left( \frac{h}{t_w} \right)^{-0.365} \left( \frac{b}{2t_f} \right)^{-0.14} \left( \frac{L_o}{d} \right)^{0.34} \left( \frac{d}{533} \right)^{-0.721} \left( \frac{f_y}{355} \right)^{-0.23}$$

# Databases and model availability

-Publicly available from: [resslabtools.epfl.ch](http://resslabtools.epfl.ch)

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# Empirical equations for steel columns

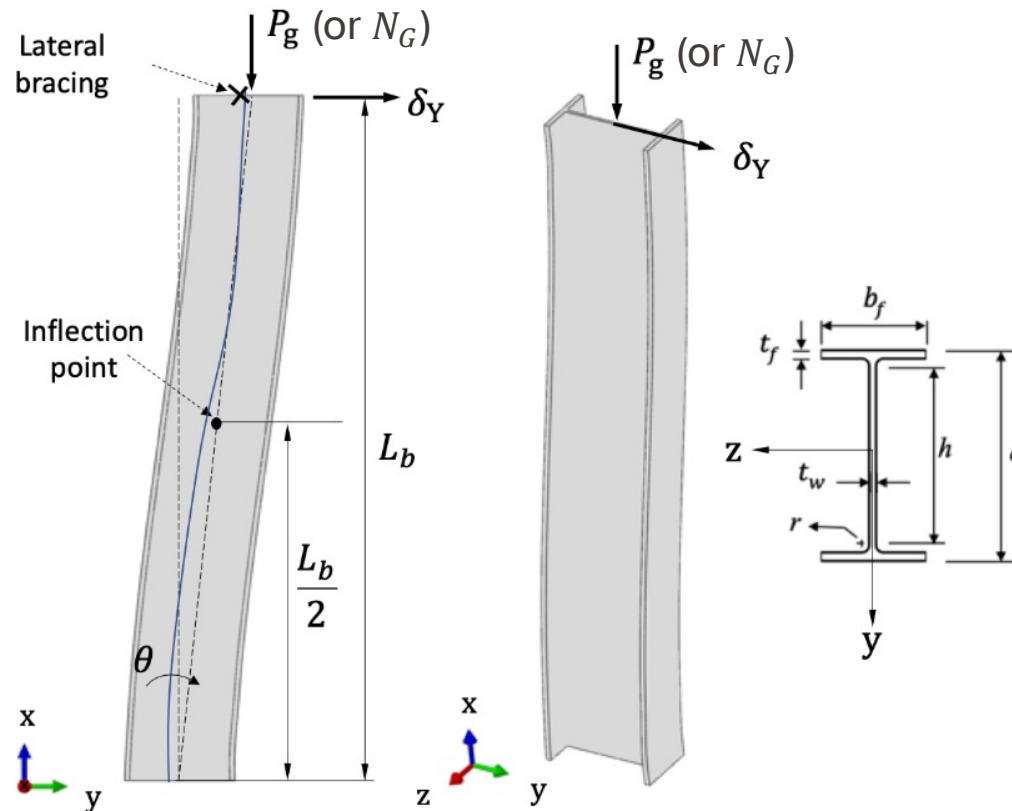
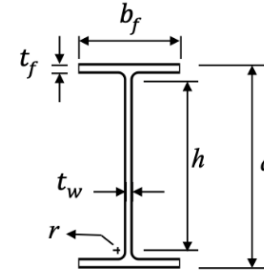


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(Source: Lignos et al. 2019)

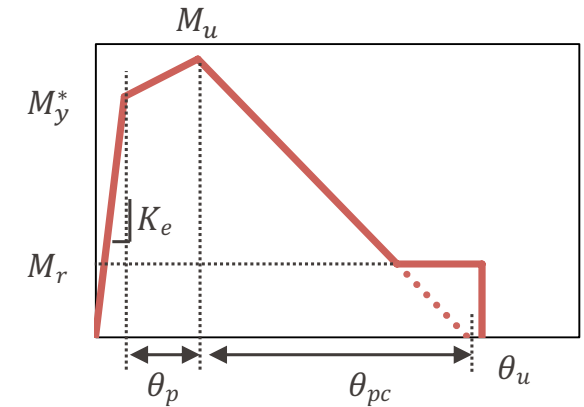
# Empirical equations for steel columns (2)

$$M_y^* = \begin{cases} 1.15W_{pl,y}\gamma_{rm}f_y(1 - N_G/2N_{pl,e}), & \text{if } N_G/N_{pl,e} \leq 0.20 \\ 1.15W_{pl,y}\gamma_{rm}f_y \left[ \frac{9}{8} \left( 1 - N_G/N_{pl,e} \right) \right], & \text{if } N_G/N_{pl,e} > 0.20 \end{cases}$$



$$M_u = \alpha M_y^* \quad \alpha = 12.5 \left( \frac{h}{t_w} \right)^{-0.2} \left( \frac{L_b}{i_z} \right)^{-0.4} \left( 1 - \frac{N_G}{N_{pl,e}} \right)^{0.4}, \quad 1.0 \leq \alpha \leq 1.3 \quad (COV = 0.10)$$

$$M_r = \left( 0.5 - 0.4 \frac{N_G}{N_{pl,e}} \right) M_y^* \geq 0 \quad (COV = 0.27)$$



## Plastic deformation parameters (for monotonic loading)

$$\theta_p = 294 \left( \frac{h}{t_w} \right)^{-1.7} \left( \frac{L_b}{i_z} \right)^{-0.7} \left( 1 - \frac{N_G}{N_{pl,e}} \right)^{1.6} \leq 0.20 \quad (COV = 0.39)$$

$$\theta_{pc} = 90 \left( \frac{h}{t_w} \right)^{-0.8} \left( \frac{L_b}{i_z} \right)^{-0.8} \left( 1 - \frac{N_G}{N_{pl,e}} \right)^{2.5} \leq 0.30 \quad (COV = 0.26)$$

$$\theta_u = 0.15 \quad (COV = 0.46)$$

Source: Lignos et al. (2019)

## Range of applicability

$$3.71 \leq h/t_w \leq 57.5$$

$$38.4 \leq L_b/i_z \leq 120$$

$$0 \leq N_G/N_{pl,e} \leq 0.75$$

# The RESSLab-Hub (<https://resslab-hub.epfl.ch/>)

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## RESSLab Hub: Open-access databases and models for design and assessment of steel structures

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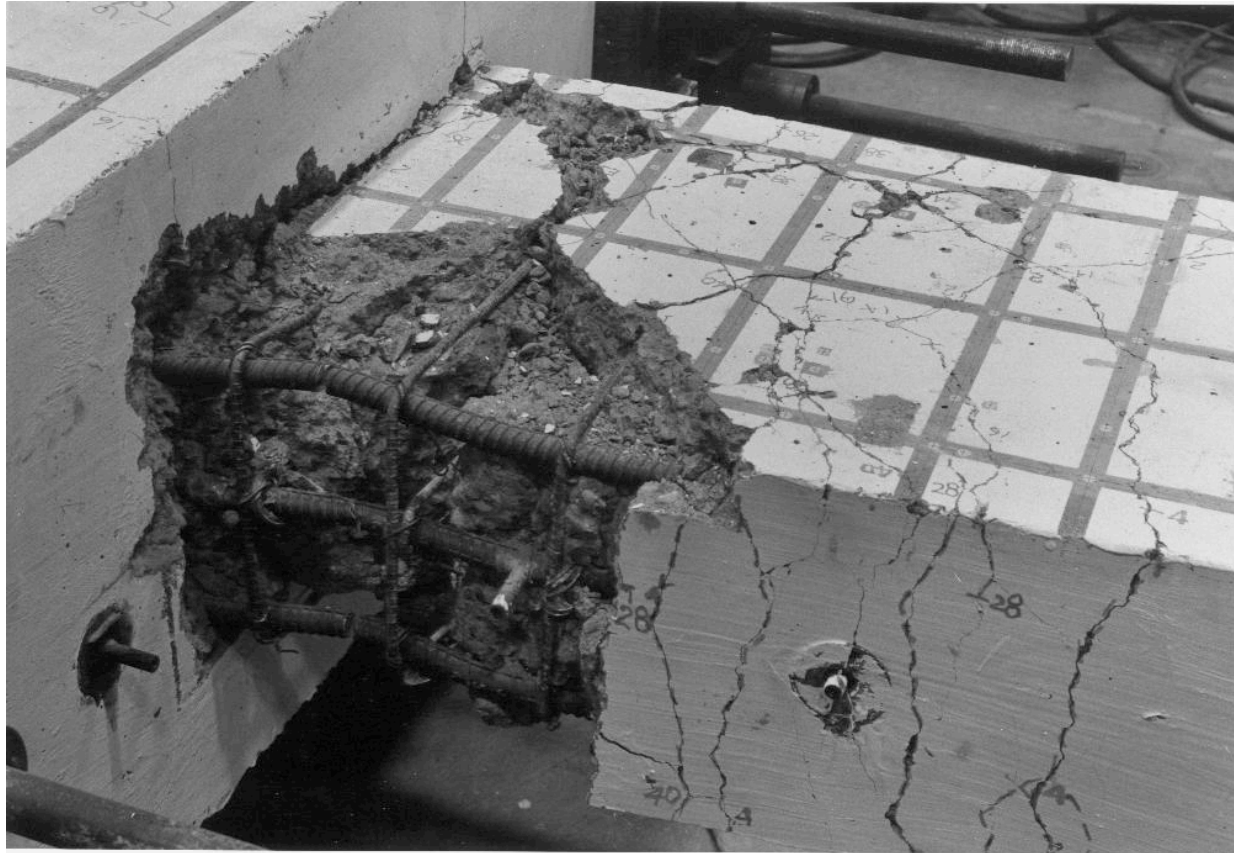
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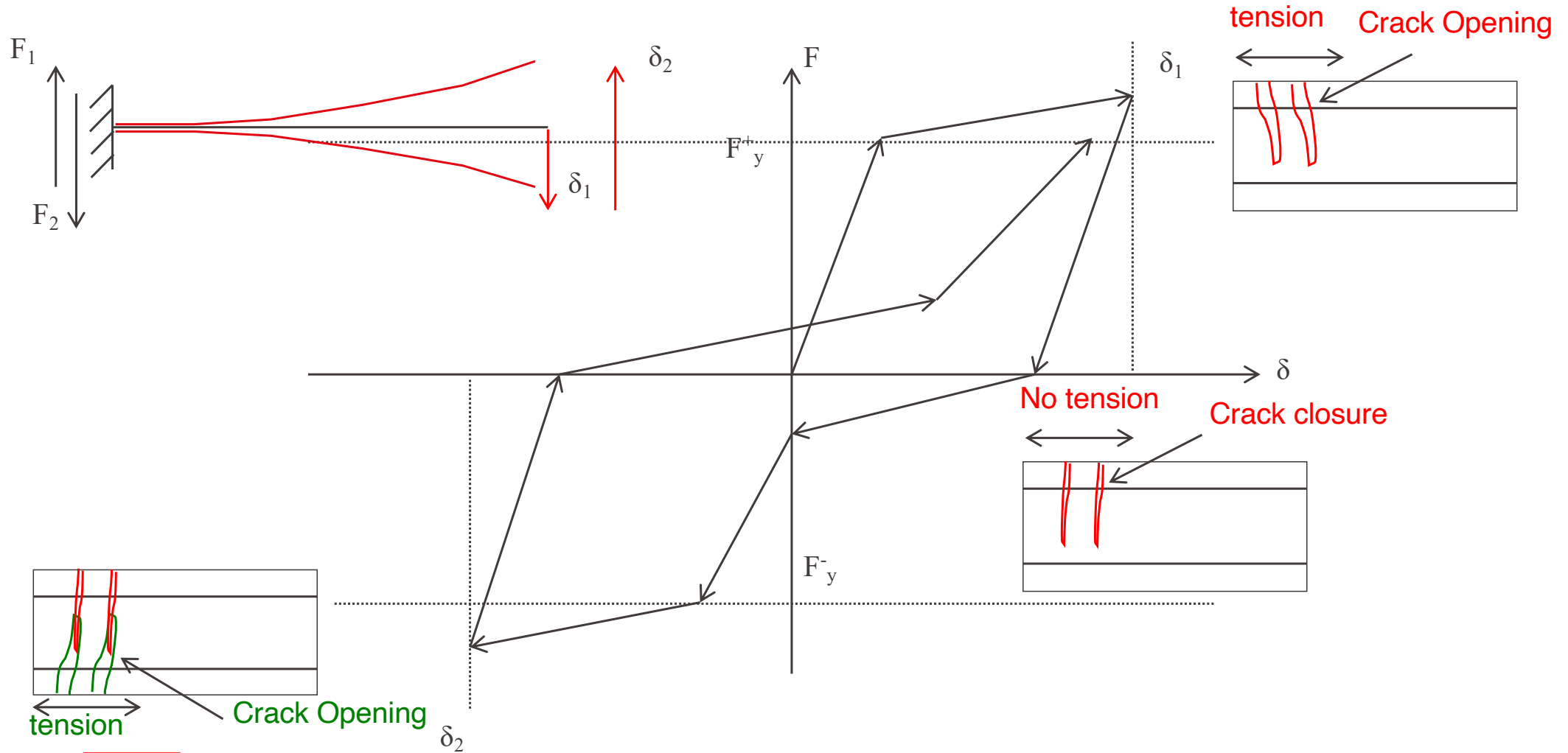


# EPFL Nonlinear behavior of reinforced concrete members



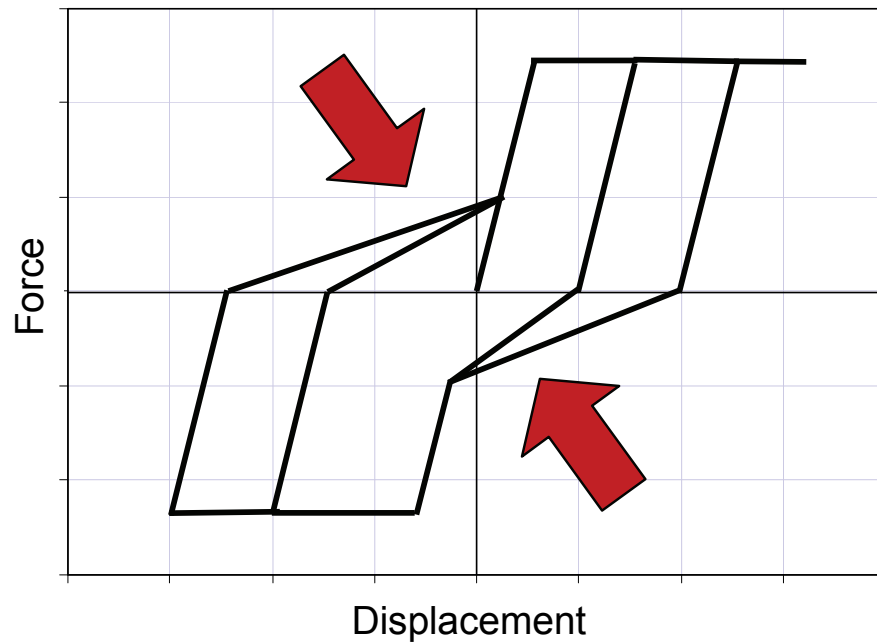
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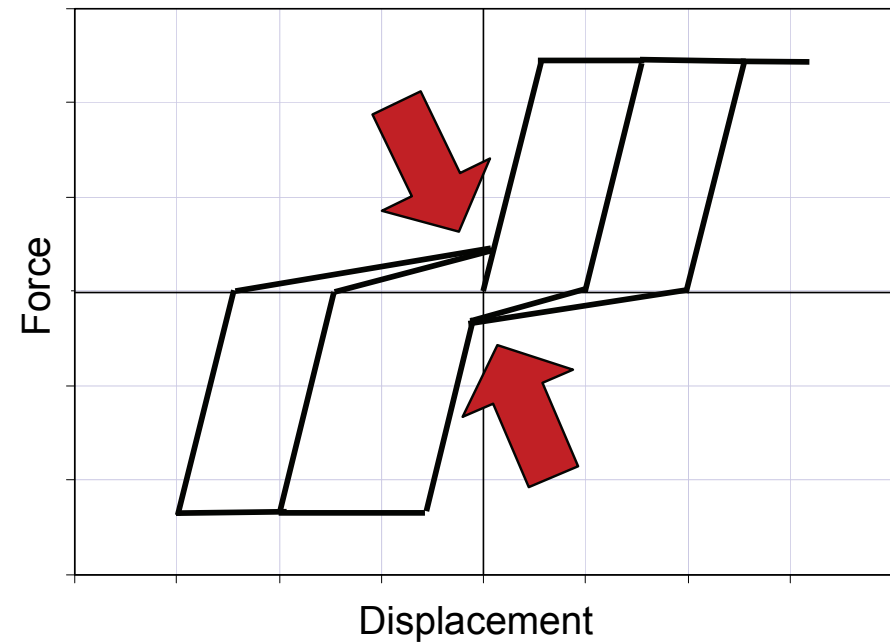


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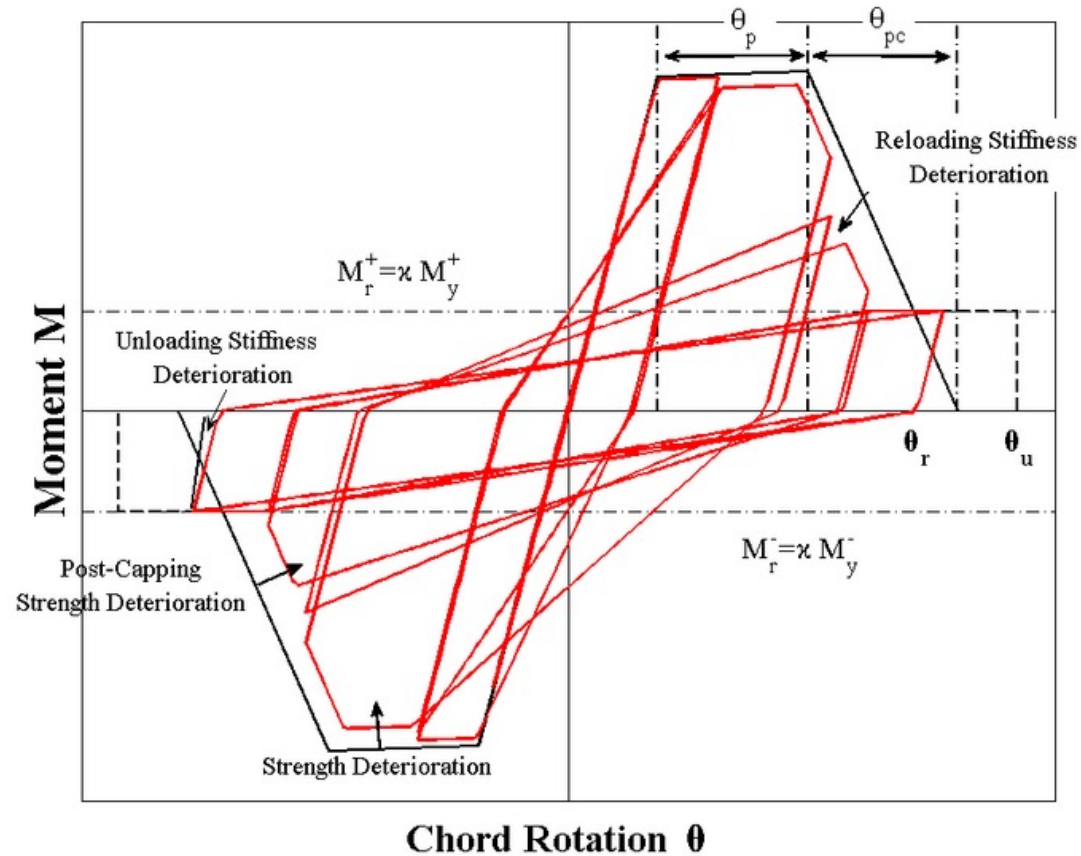
Less pinching (flexure-dominant)



More pinching (shear-dominant)



# EPFL Nonlinear behavior of reinforced concrete members (4)



Source: Lignos and Krawinkler (2012)

# EPFL Nonlinear behavior of reinforced concrete members (5)

## Key Parameters:

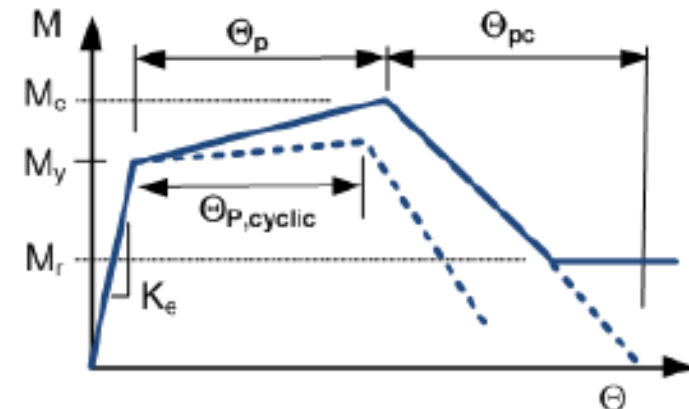
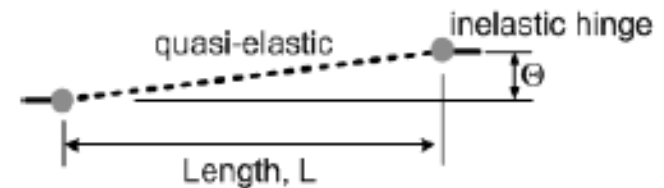
- Strength
- Initial stiffness
- Post-yield stiffness
- Plastic rotation capacity
- Post-capping slope
- Cyclic deterioration

## Calibration process:

- 250+ columns
- Flexure & flexure-shear dominant
- Calibrated to expected values

## Key assumption:

- Bond slip is incorporated in the beam-column model parameters





# EPFL Nonlinear behavior of reinforced concrete members (6)

## Pre-cracked stiffness (initial stiffness):

$$K_{stf,40}: \frac{E_c I_{stf,40}}{E_c I_g} = -0.02 + 0.98 \left( \frac{N}{A_g f'_c} \right) + 0.09 \left( \frac{L_s}{h} \right), 0.35 \leq \frac{E_c I_y}{E_c I_g} \leq 0.8$$

( $\sigma_{ln} = 0.42$ )

## Post-cracked stiffness (secant stiffness to yield):

$$K_y: \frac{E_c I_y}{E_c I_g} = -0.07 + 0.59 \left( \frac{N}{A_g f'_c} \right) + 0.07 \left( \frac{L_s}{h} \right), 0.2 \leq \frac{E_c I_y}{E_c I_g} \leq 0.6$$

( $\sigma_{ln} = 0.37$ )

$E_c I_g$ : Flexural stiffness of the gross cross section

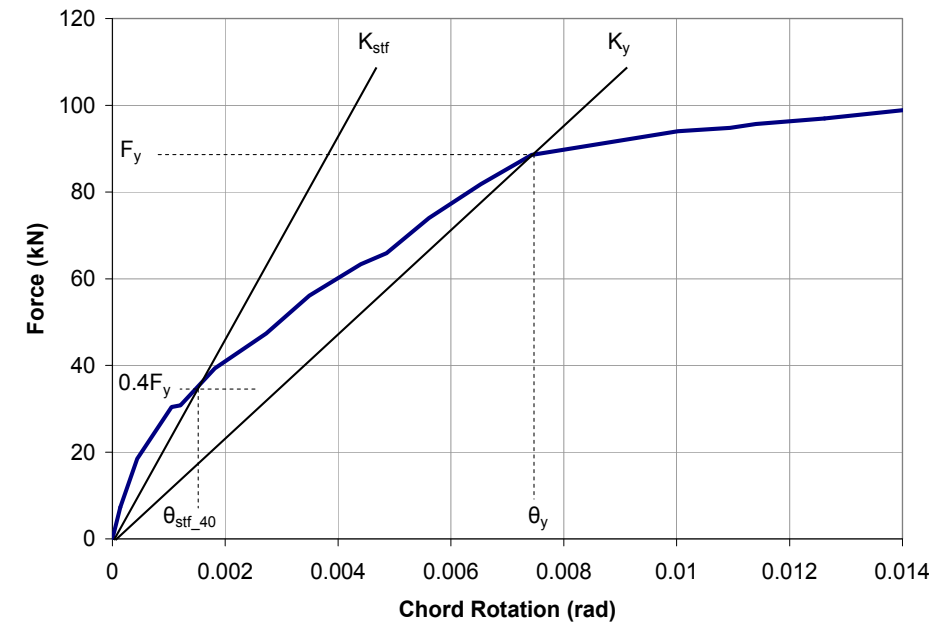
$E_c$ : Elastic concrete modulus

$A_g$ : Gross cross-sectional area

$f'_c$ : Concrete compressive strength

$L_s$ : Shear span from point of maximum moment to the inflection point

$h$ : Depth of the cross section



Source: Haselton et al. (2008)

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$M_y^*$  Calculated based on standard moment curvature analysis (Panagiotakos and Fardis 2001) or SIA 262 for concrete cross sections ( $M_{Rd}$ )

$$M_u = 1.25(0.89)^v(0.91)^{0.01f'_c} M_y^* \sim 1.13M_y^* \quad (\sigma_{ln} = 0.12)$$

**Plastic rotation for symmetric cross-sections (& symmetric reinforcement)**

$$\theta_p = 0.13(1 + 0.55a_{sl})(0.13)^v(0.02 + 40\rho_{sh})^{0.65}(0.57)^{0.01f'_c} \quad (\sigma_{ln} = 0.69)$$

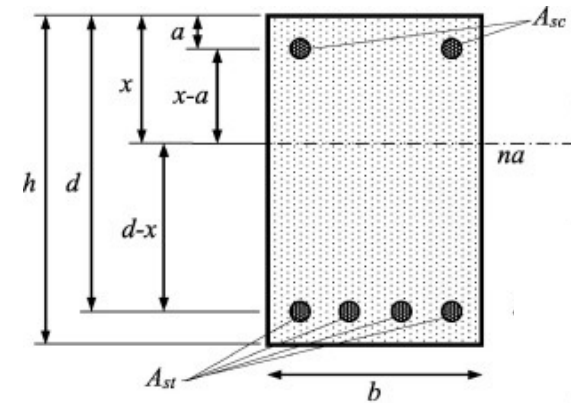
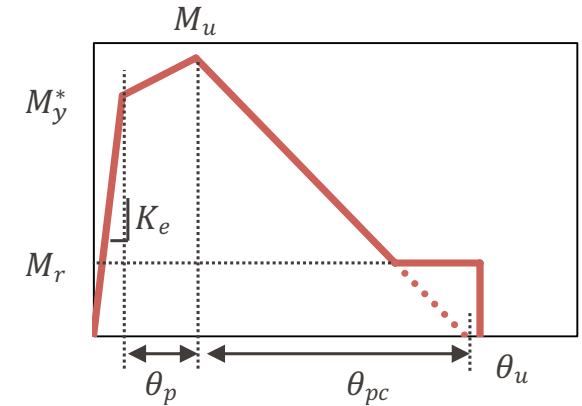
**Plastic rotation for symmetric cross-sections ( asymmetric reinforcement)**

$$\theta_{p(not-symmetric)} = \frac{\max\left(0.01, \frac{\rho' f_y}{f'_c}\right)}{\max\left(0.01, \frac{\rho f_y}{f'_c}\right)} \theta_p \quad \left(\rho' = \frac{A_{sc}}{bd}\right)$$

$$\left(\rho = \frac{A_{st}}{bd}\right)$$

**Post-capping plastic rotation**

$$\theta_{pc} = 0.76(0.031)^v(0.02 + 40\rho_{sl})^{1.02} \leq 0.10 \quad (\sigma_{ln} = 0.86)$$



Source: Haselton et al. (2008)

# EPFL Nonlinear behavior of reinforced concrete members (8)

## -Definitions

$a_{sl}$  Bond-slip indicator between steel and concrete (accounts for  $\sim 1/3$  of plastic rotation)

$a_{sl} = 1$  If bond-slip is possible

$a_{sl} = 0$  If bond-slip is prevented

$v = \frac{N}{f'_c A_g}$  Axial load ratio

$\rho_{sh} = \frac{A_{sh}}{sb}$  Area ratio of transverse reinforcement (with area  $A_{sh}$ ) in the plastic hinge region that transverse reinforcement is spaced at distance  $s$

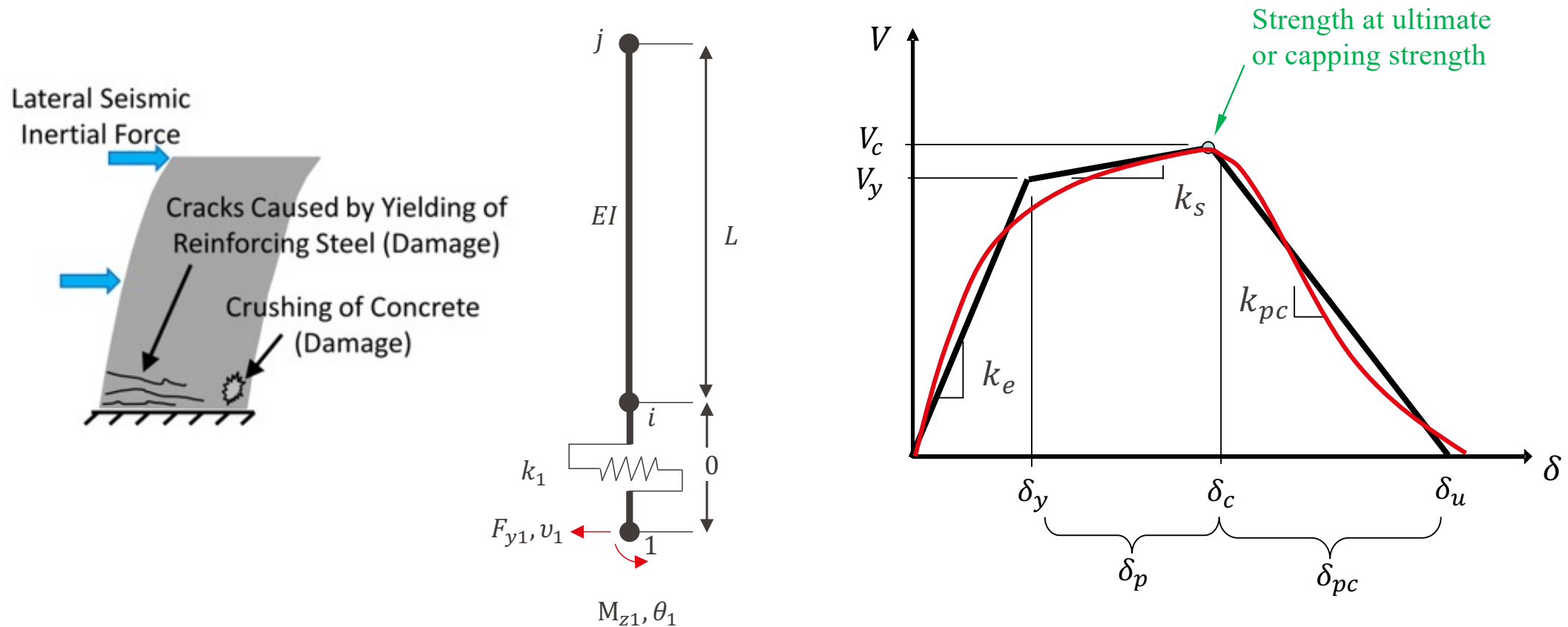
# EPFL Nonlinear behavior of reinforced concrete members (9)

**Table 3-3 Empirical Plastic Rotation Values,  $\theta_p$  and  $\theta_{pc}$ , for a Representative Column Section (Haselton et al., 2008)**

$v = N/f'_c A_g$	$\rho_{sh}$	$\theta_p$	$\theta_{pc}$
0.1	0.002	0.031	0.052
	0.006	0.047	0.100
	0.020	0.077	0.100
0.6	0.002	0.012	0.009
	0.006	0.019	0.024
	0.020	0.031	0.077

Source: Haselton et al. (2008)

# EPFL Zero length elements for shear-dominant elements



# EPFL Interactive effects (e.g., axial load-bending interaction)

