

# Seismic stability of steel moment resisting frames: recent findings and implementation in design standards



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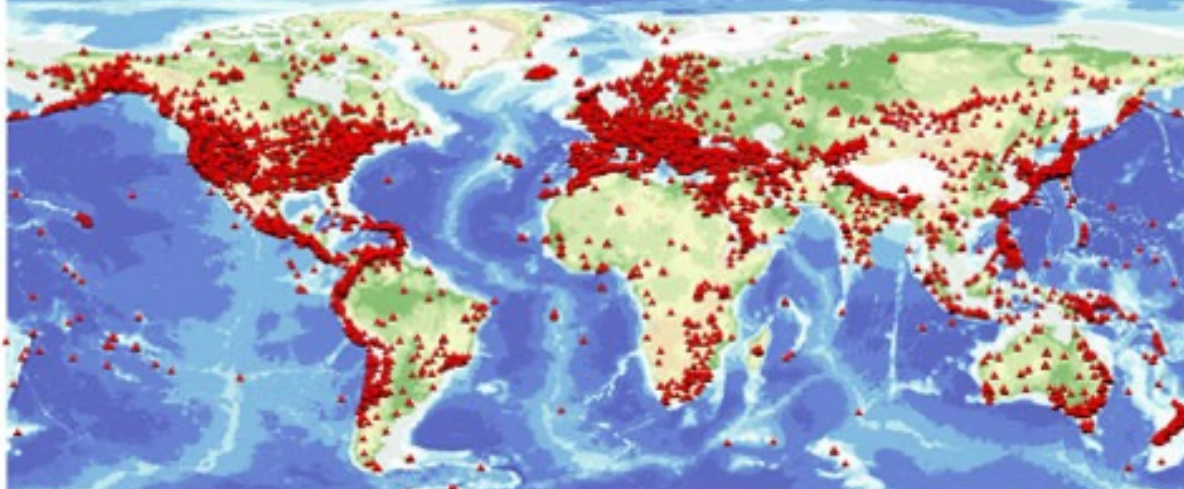


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# EPFL Earthquakes worldwide



@BGS earthquake seismology



@the Guardian (Central Italy)

## Key statistics

worldwide

Human Casualties: 28'000 / year

Displaced Population: 317'500 / year

Source: UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction

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# EPFL Underlying physics



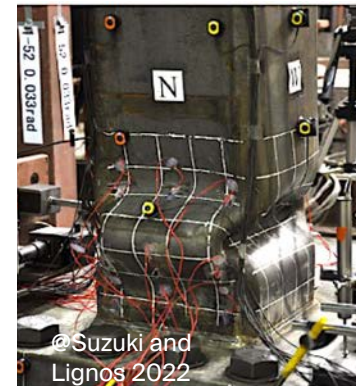
External force	Inertia forces	Damping forces	Restoring forces
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$$-\mathbf{m}\ddot{\mathbf{u}}_g(t) = \mathbf{m}\ddot{\mathbf{u}}(t) + \mathbf{f}_D(\mathbf{u}, \dot{\mathbf{u}}) + \mathbf{f}_S(\mathbf{u}, \dot{\mathbf{u}})$$

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Highly  
nonlinear

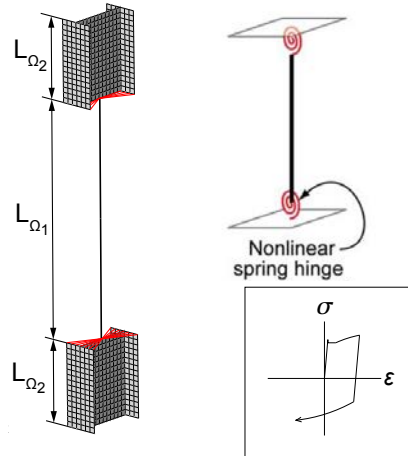
## Primary challenges in simulating collapse:

- Material nonlinearity
- Nonlinear geometric instabilities (→ softening)
- Scarcity of available data at large deformations

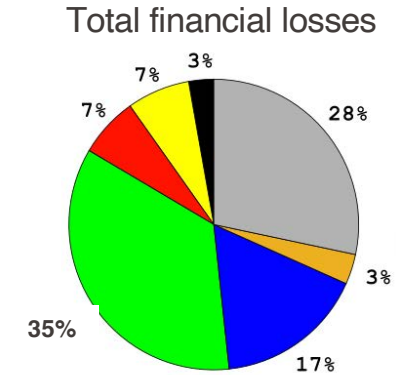


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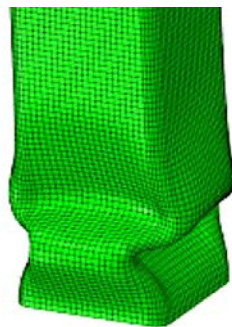
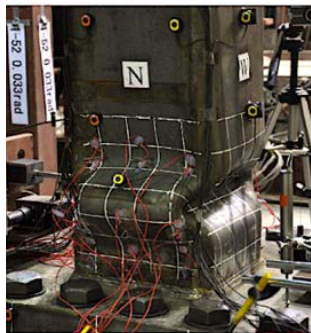
## Nonlinear simulation models



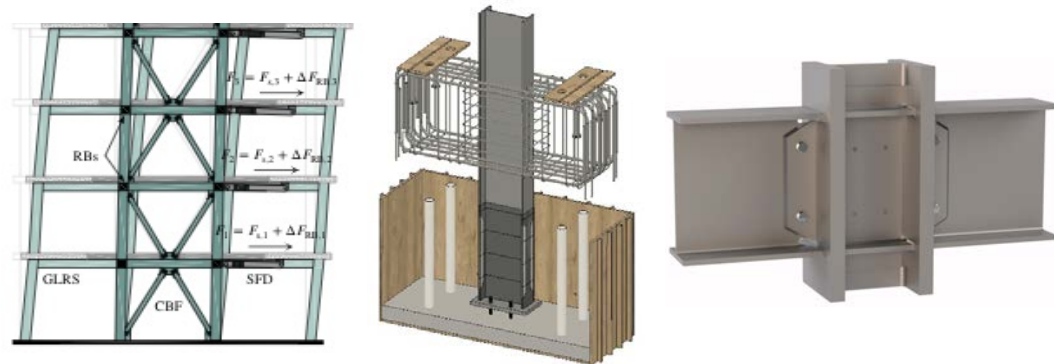
## Methods for simulation-assisted infrastructure assessment



## Multi-scale experimentation



## New concepts for minimal structural damage



# EPFL Contributions to international standards

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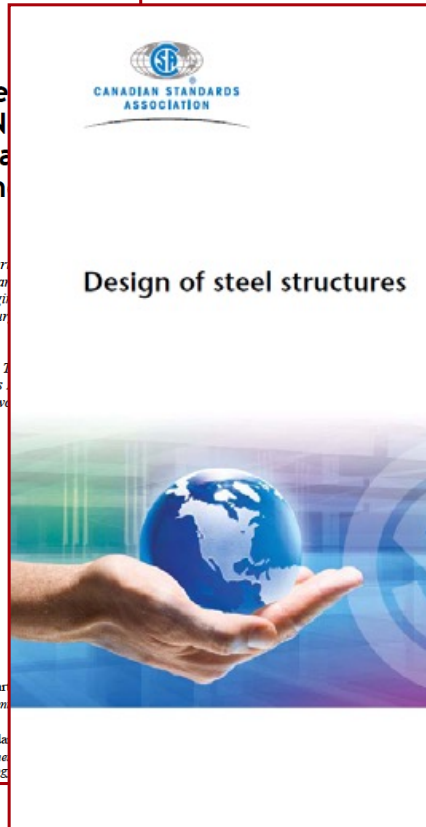
Canadian standard

Recommended Modeling Parameters  
Acceptance Criteria for Nonlinear  
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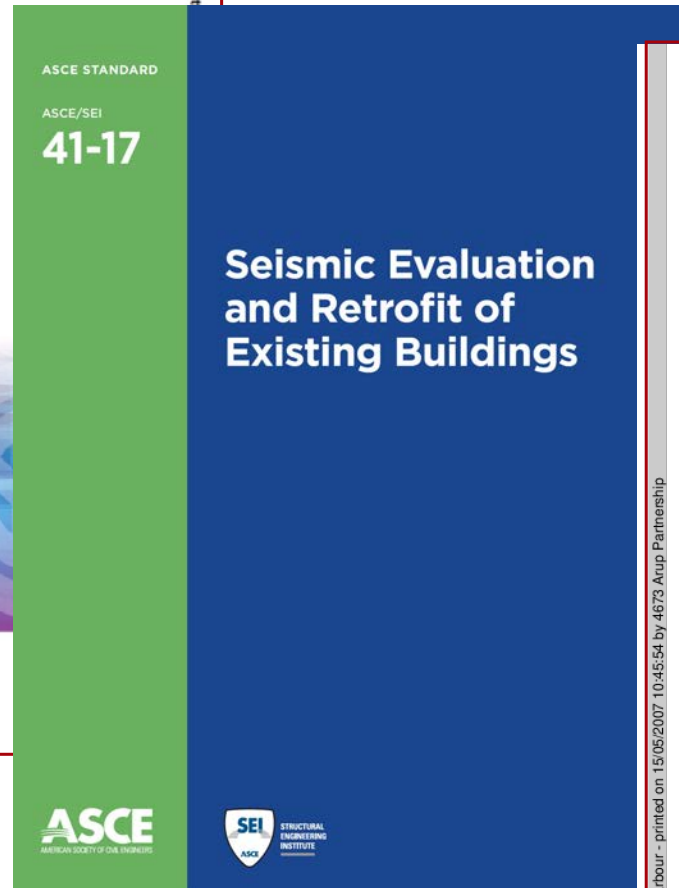
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S16-09

US standard



European standard

**Eurocode 8: Design of  
structures for  
earthquake  
resistance —**

**Part 1: General rules, seismic actions  
and rules for buildings**

The European Standard EN 1998-1:2004 has the status of a  
British Standard

ICS 91.120.23



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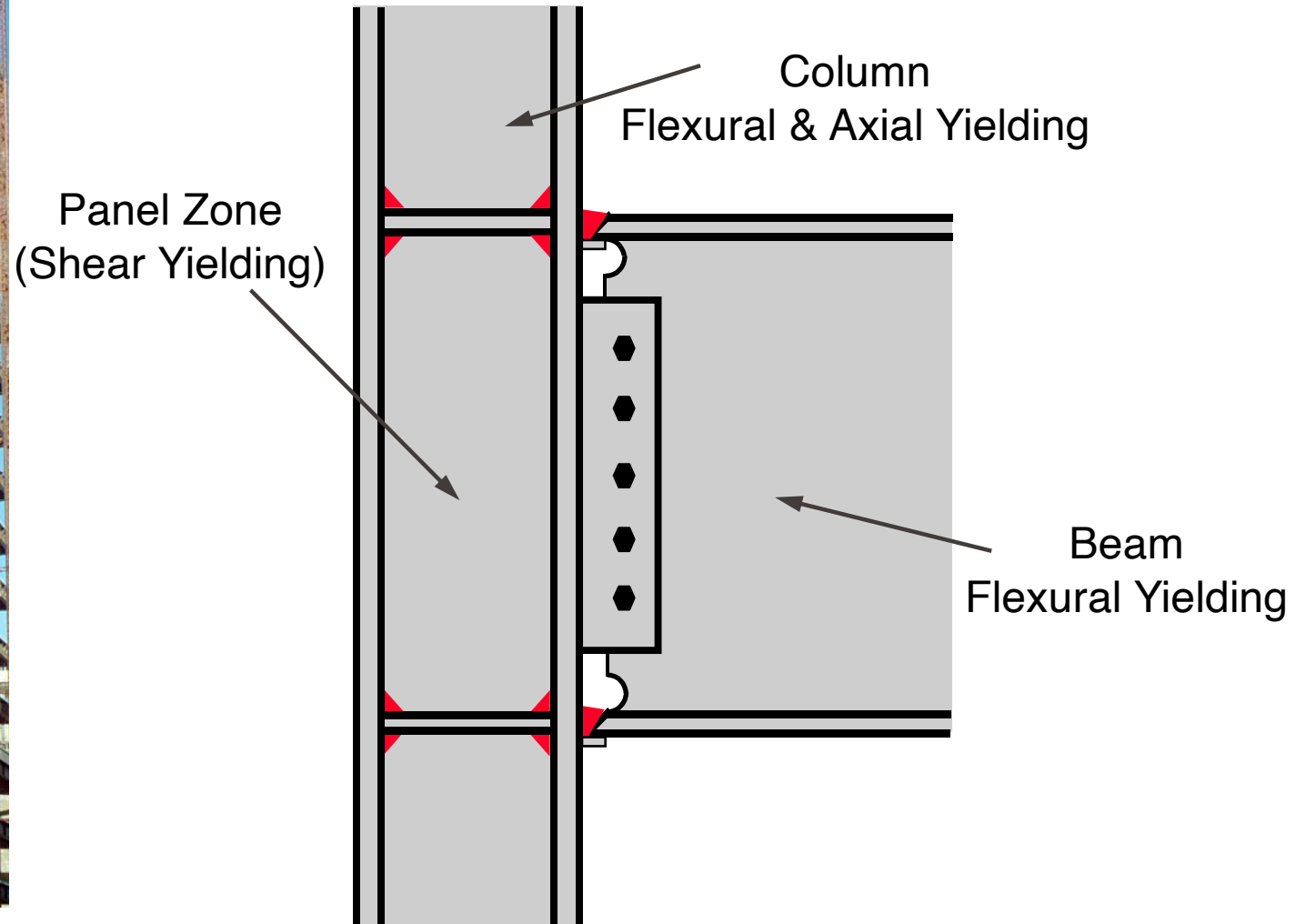
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# Our focus for today: Steel moment frames



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# Steel moment frames

-Primary structural elements (our focus for today)

Steel columns



Panel zones



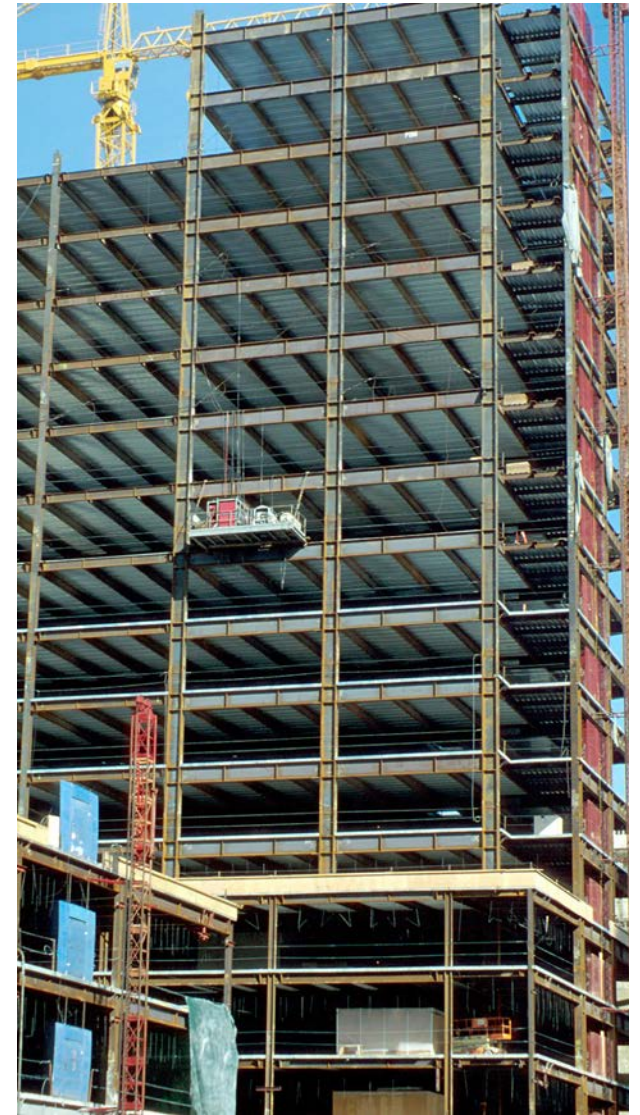
Composite effects



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## EPFL Motivation: Steel moment frames

- Design considerations: primarily based on cyclic tests from pre-qualified moment connections (after Northridge 1994).
- Emphasis was mostly on connection performance up to a lateral drift ratio of 4% rad.
- Stiffness typically controls column design to achieve the target design drifts.
- Often deep ( $d > 400mm$ ) and slender members are commonly used (weight consideration).



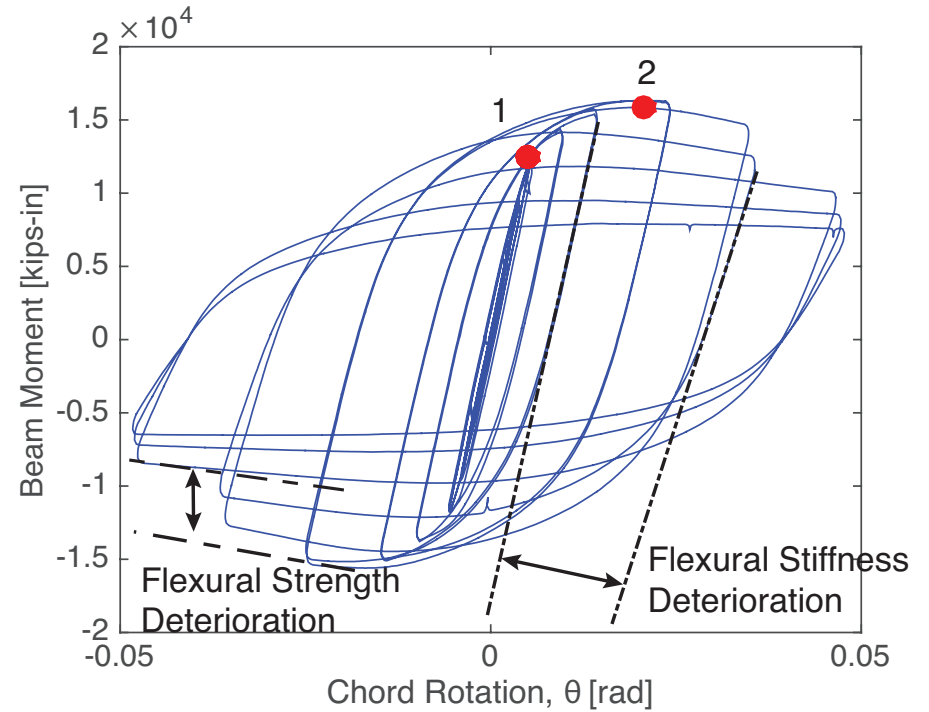
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# EPFL Beam-to-column connections

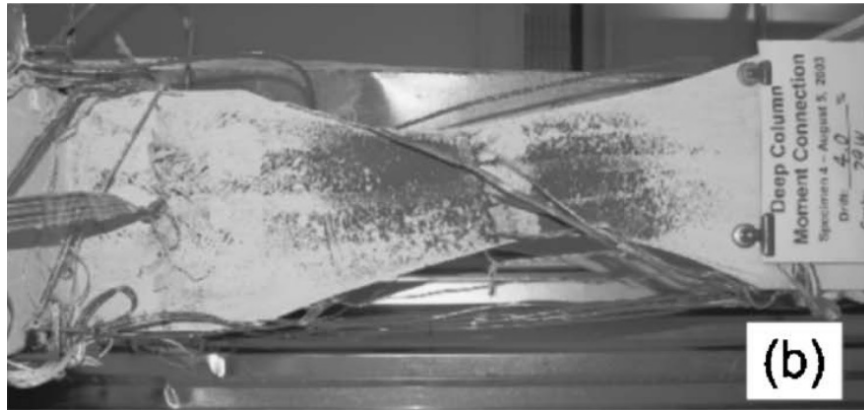
-Key performance aspects



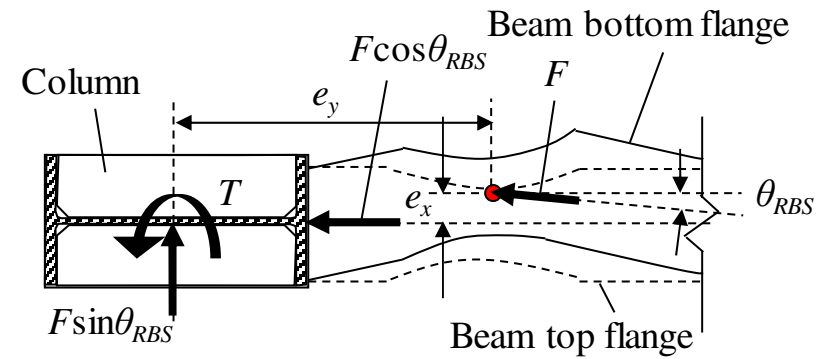
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# EPFL Key aspects on steel column demands

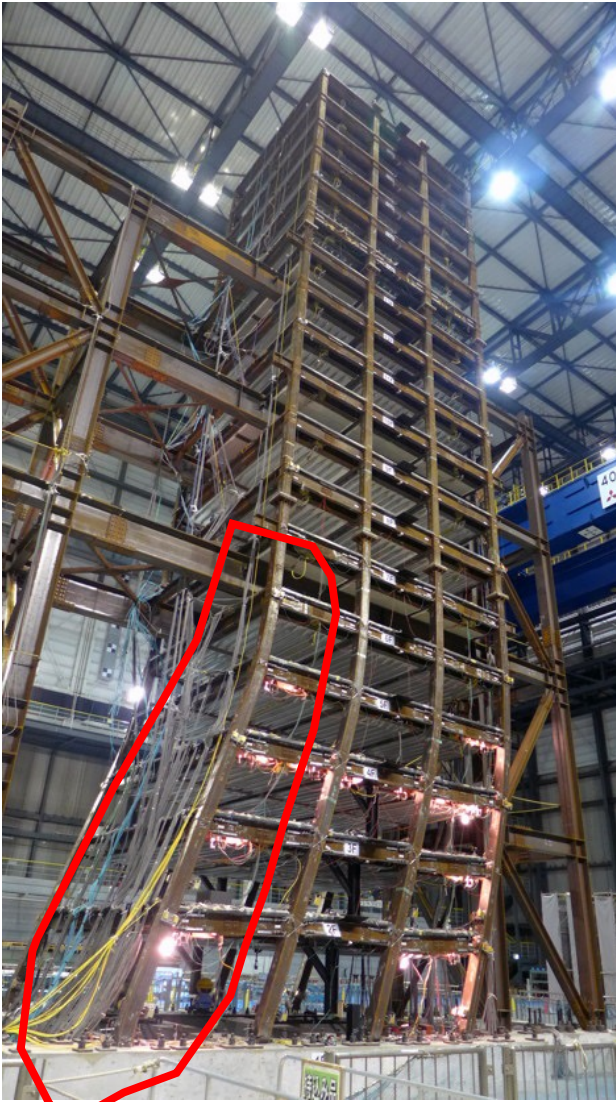


Zhang and Ricles (2006)

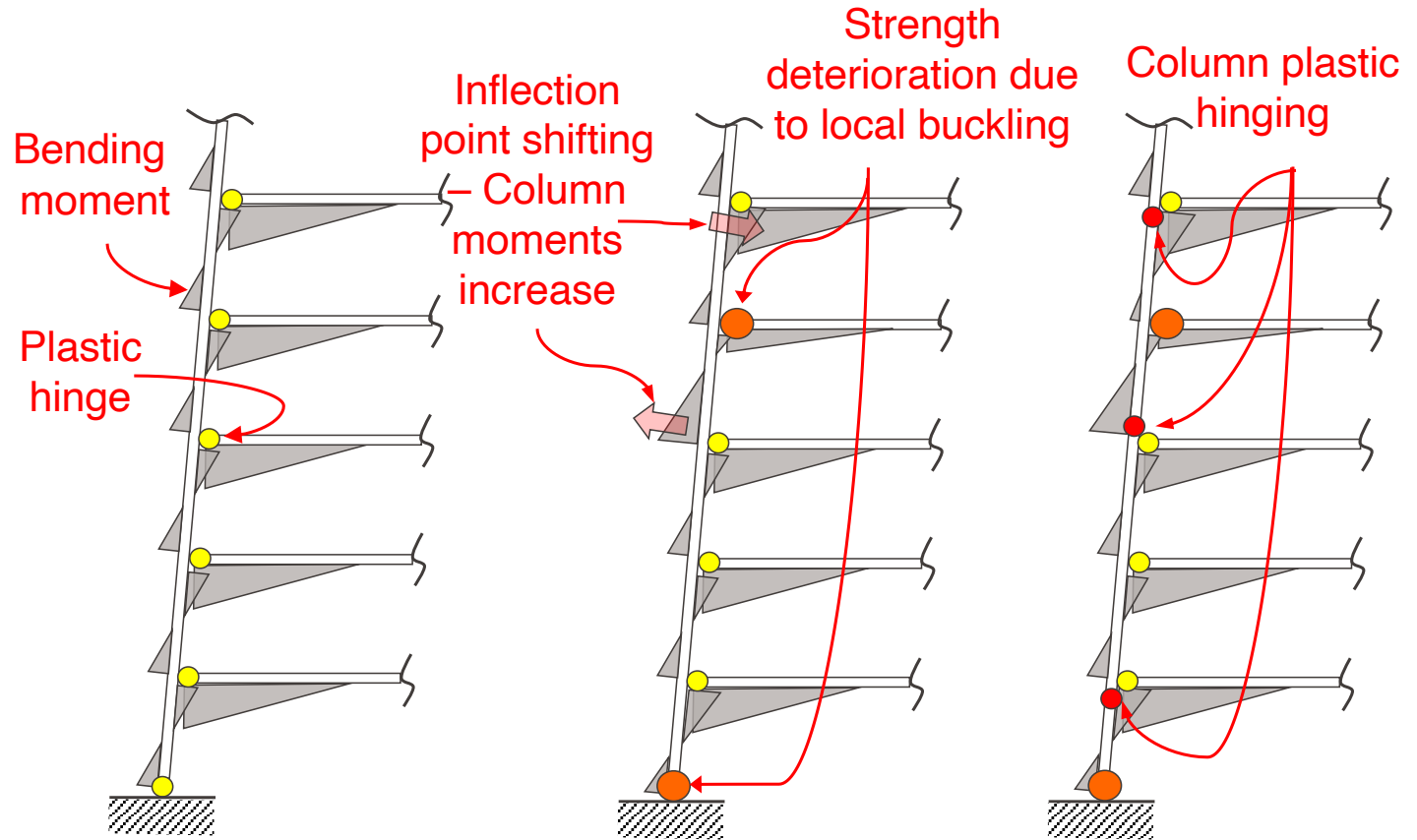


Inamasu, Kanvinde and Lignos (2019)

# EPFL System behavior to earthquake-induced collapse



Source: E-Defense 2013



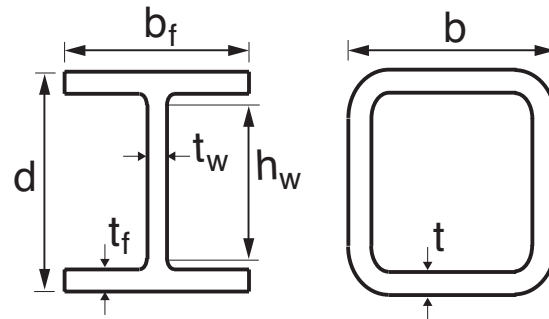
Seismic Load Intensity & Damage Progression

## EPFL Available experiments on steel columns (till 2010)

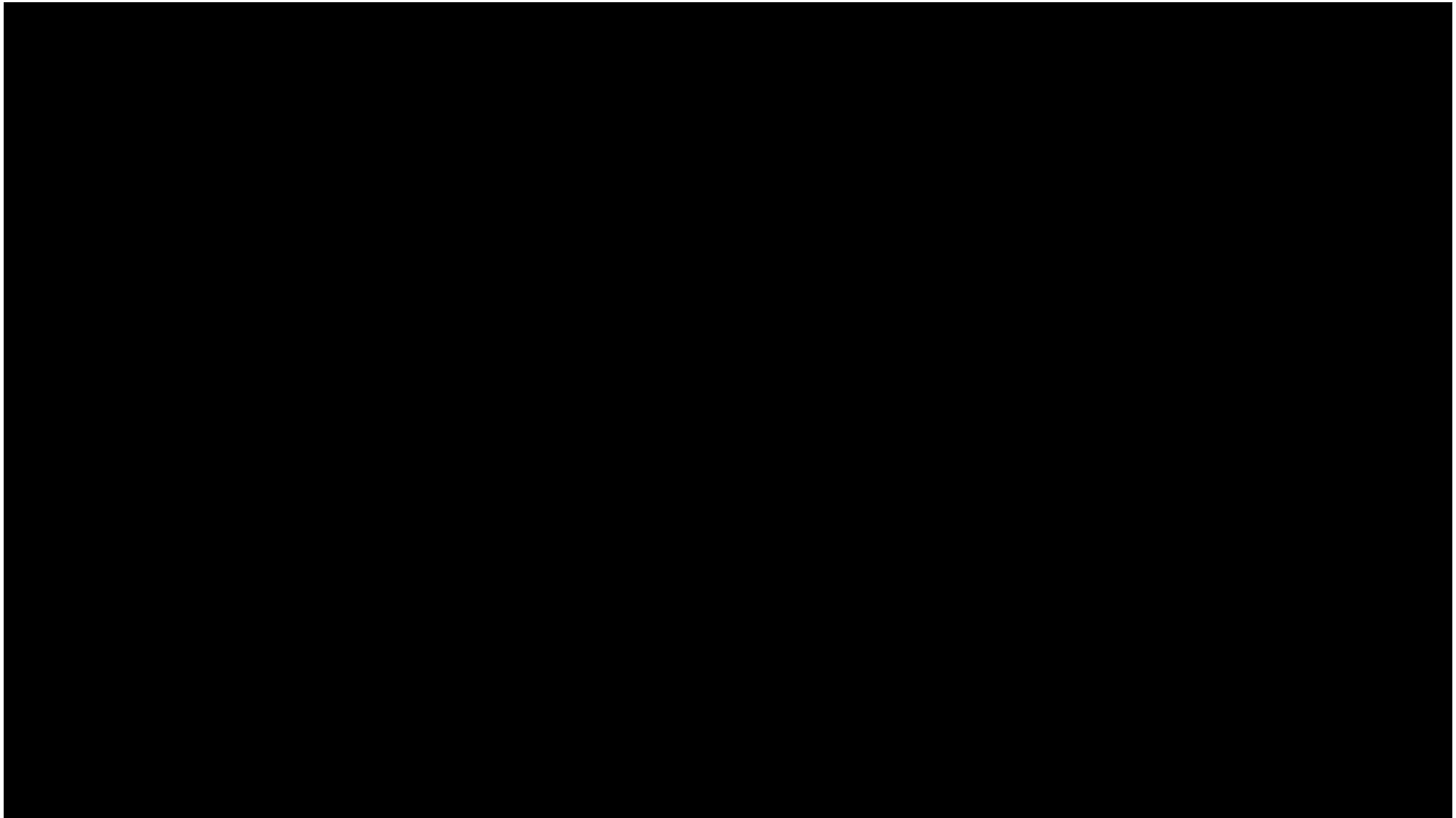
RESEARCHER	SECTION SIZE	$P/P_y$	LATERAL LOAD
Popov et al. (1975)	W8x24 W8x48	0.3 ~ 0.80	Cyclic
MacRae et al. (1990)	250 UC 73 (W10x49)	0.0 ~ 0.80	Cyclic
Nakashima et al. (1991)	W4x13 W5x19 W6x9	0.0 ~ 0.60	Monotonic
Newell and Uang (2006)	W14x132 W14x176 W14x233	0.0 ~ 0.75	Cyclic

# EPFL Testing matrix for full-scale column testing

Section Size	Steel Type	$b_f/2t_f$	$h_w/t_w$	Loading Scheme	Number of Specimens
W14x53	A992 Gr. 50 (Equiv. S355)	6.1	34.1	Cyclic/Unidirectional	6
W14x61		7.7	33.7	Cyclic/Unidirectional	6
W14x82		5.9	24.6	Cyclic/Unidirectional	6
W16x89		5.92	27	Cyclic/Unidirectional	6
W24x84		5.9	45.9	Cyclic/Unidirectional/Bidirectional	4
W24x146		5.9	38.0	Cyclic/Unidirectional/Bidirectional	6
HSS-250x9.5	ASTM A500	26.7		Cyclic/Uniaxial	6
HSS-300x16	$F_y=400\text{MPa}$	19.0		Cyclic/Uniaxial	6

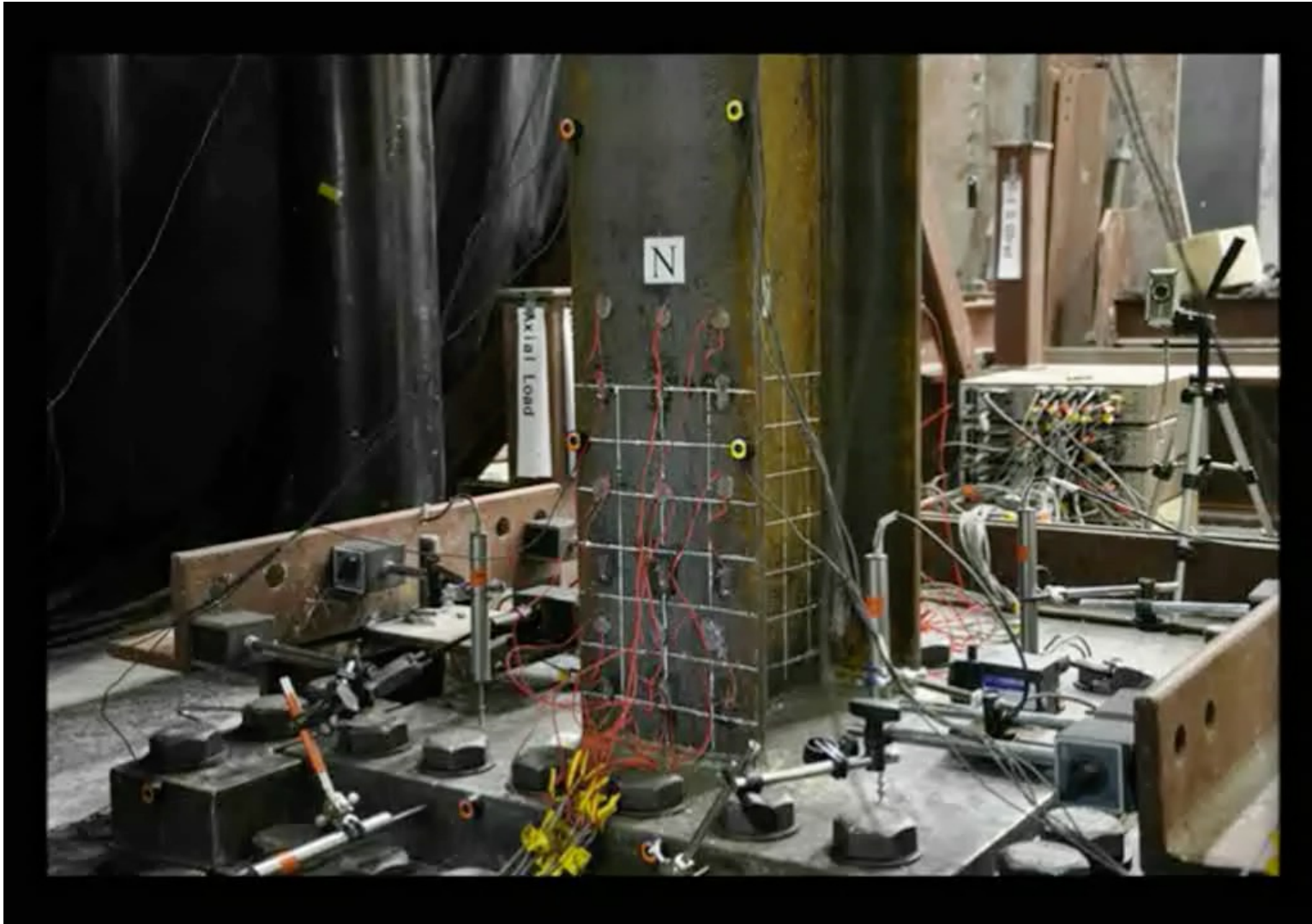


# Full-scale steel column experiment



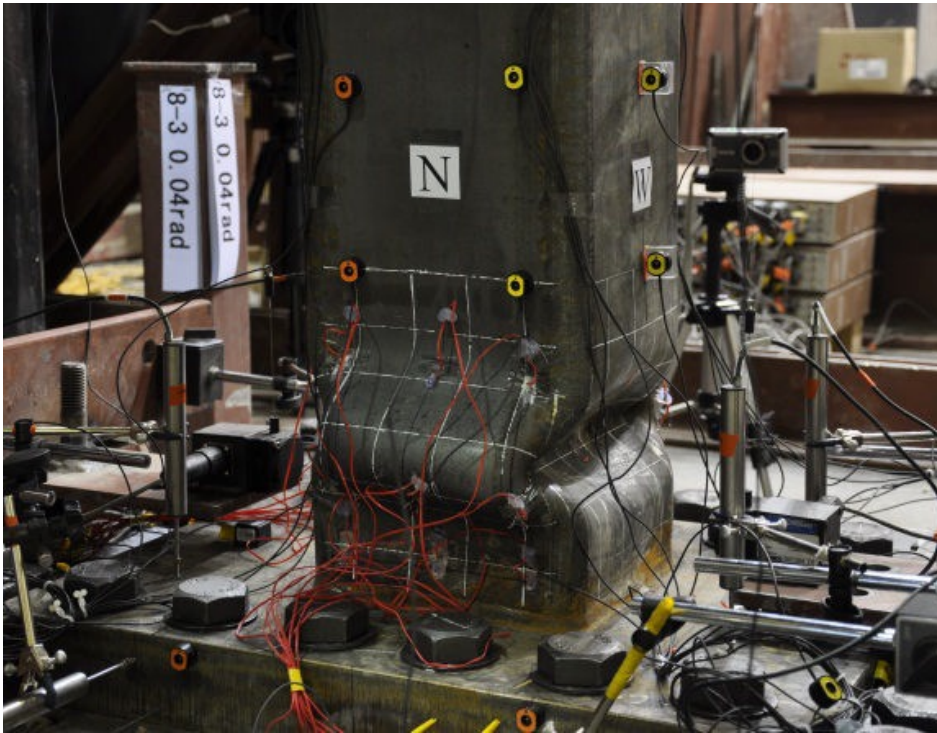


# EPFL A closer view of column axial shortening



# EPFL Effect of cross-sectional shape

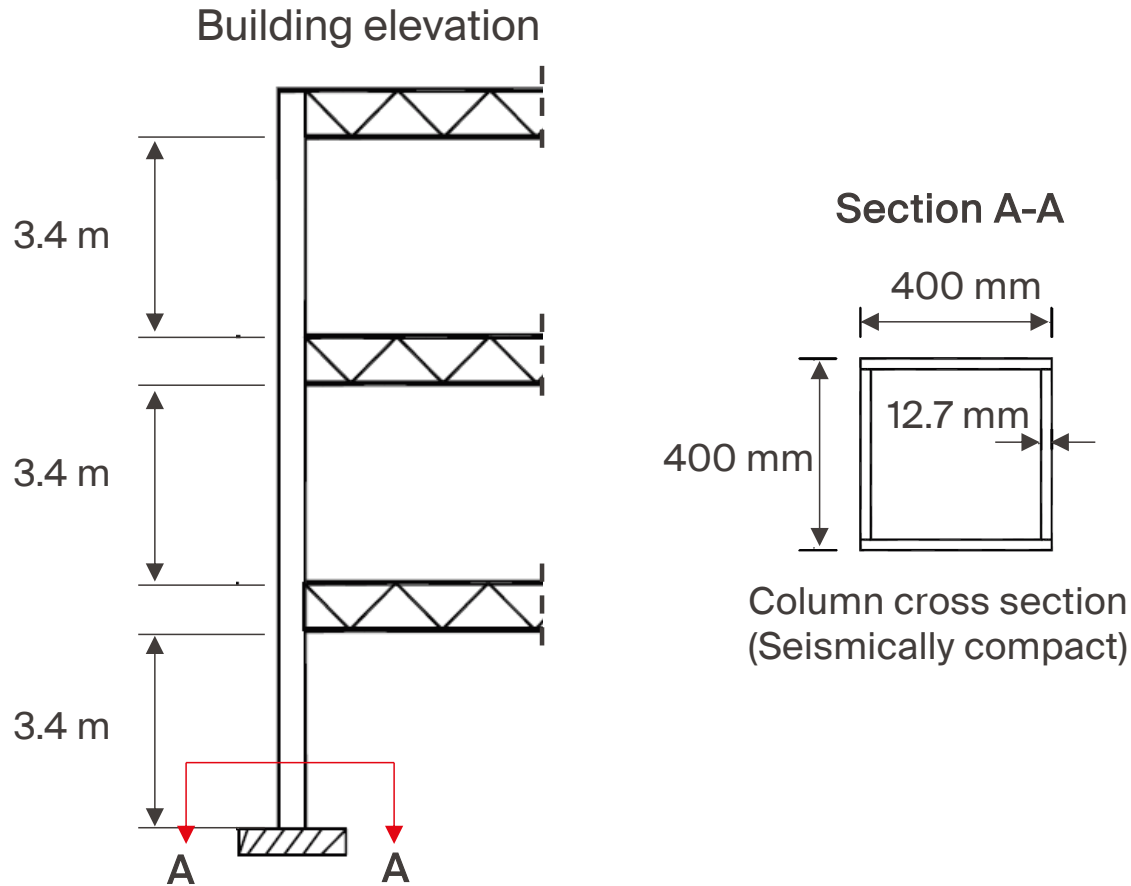
-The issue of column axial shortening



Suzuki and Lignos (2015)

# Observations from field reconnaissance

-2017 Puebla-Morelos earthquake, Mexico City



Fixed-end column base



4 days after the earthquake

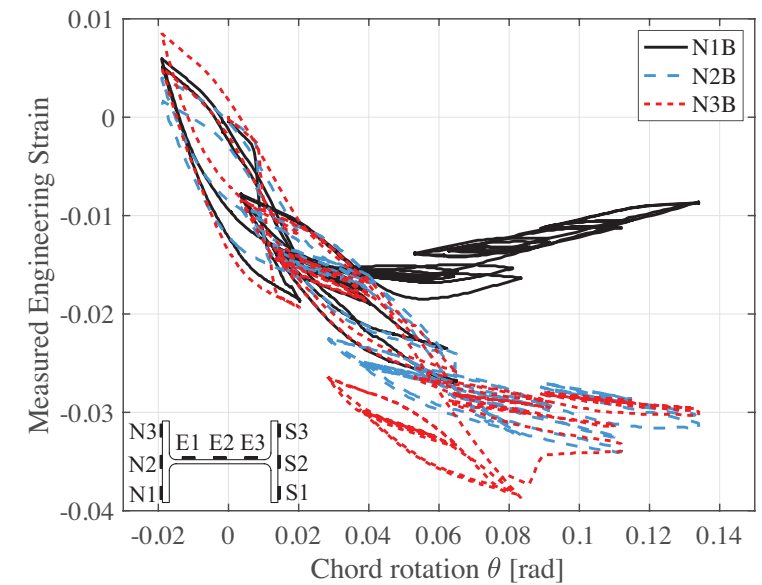
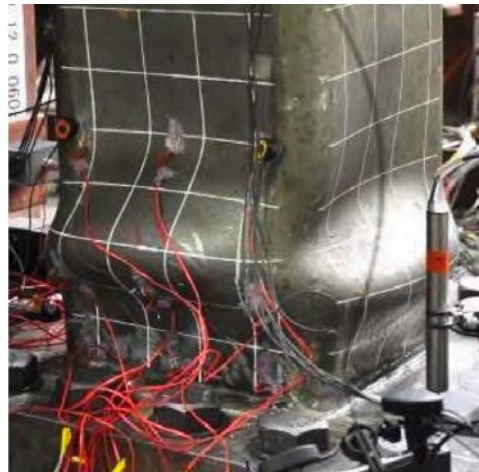
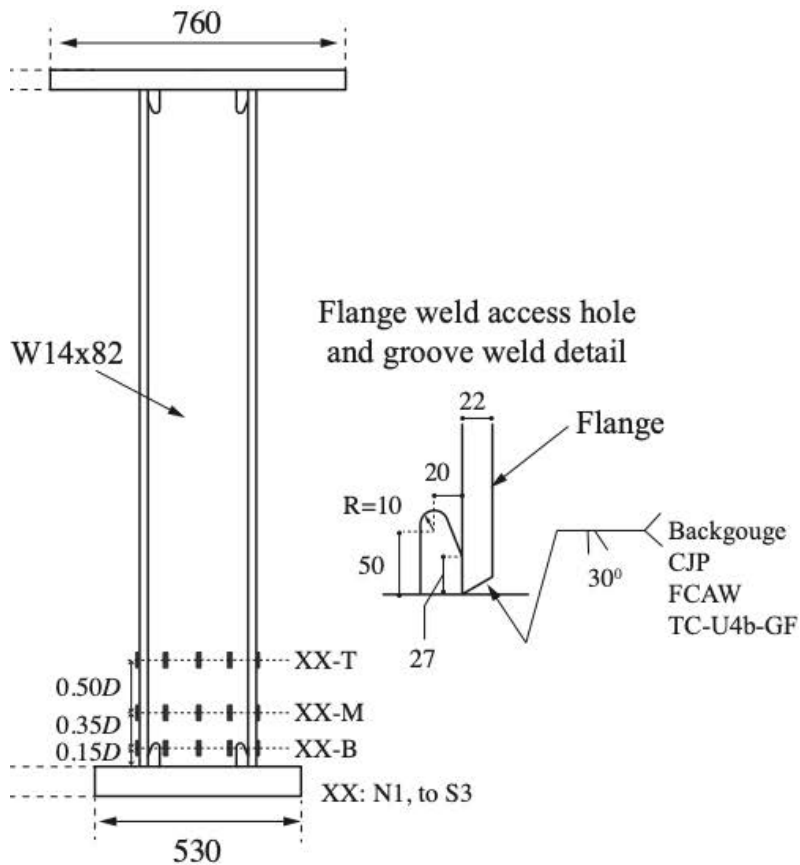


Complete Squashing

51 days after the earthquake

**Residual story drift was nearly zero!**

# EPFL Implications on weld demands & weld details

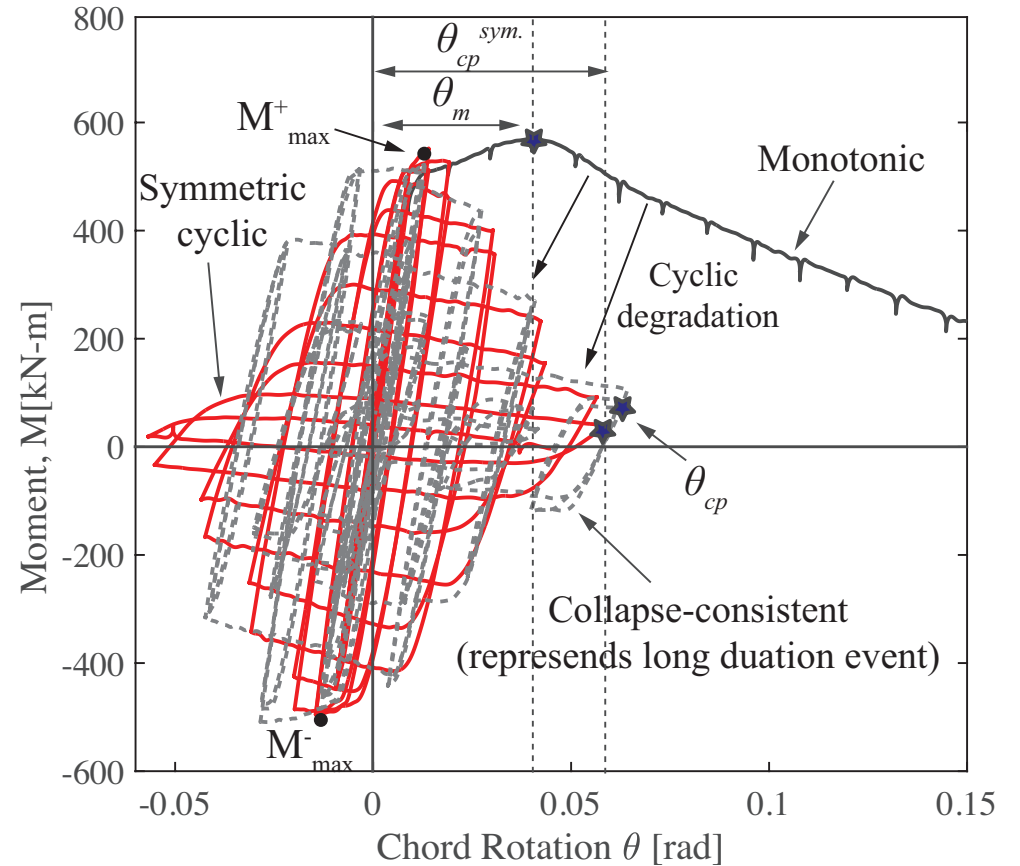
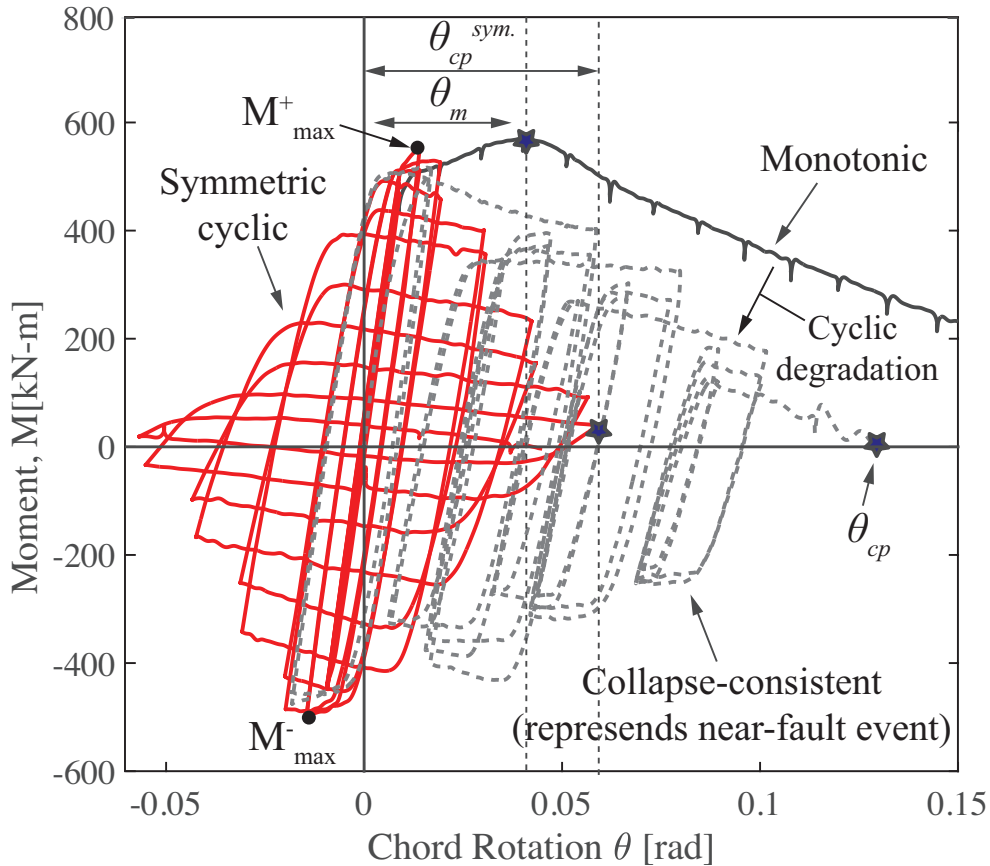


(Suzuki and Lignos, 2021)

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# EPFL Selected experimental findings

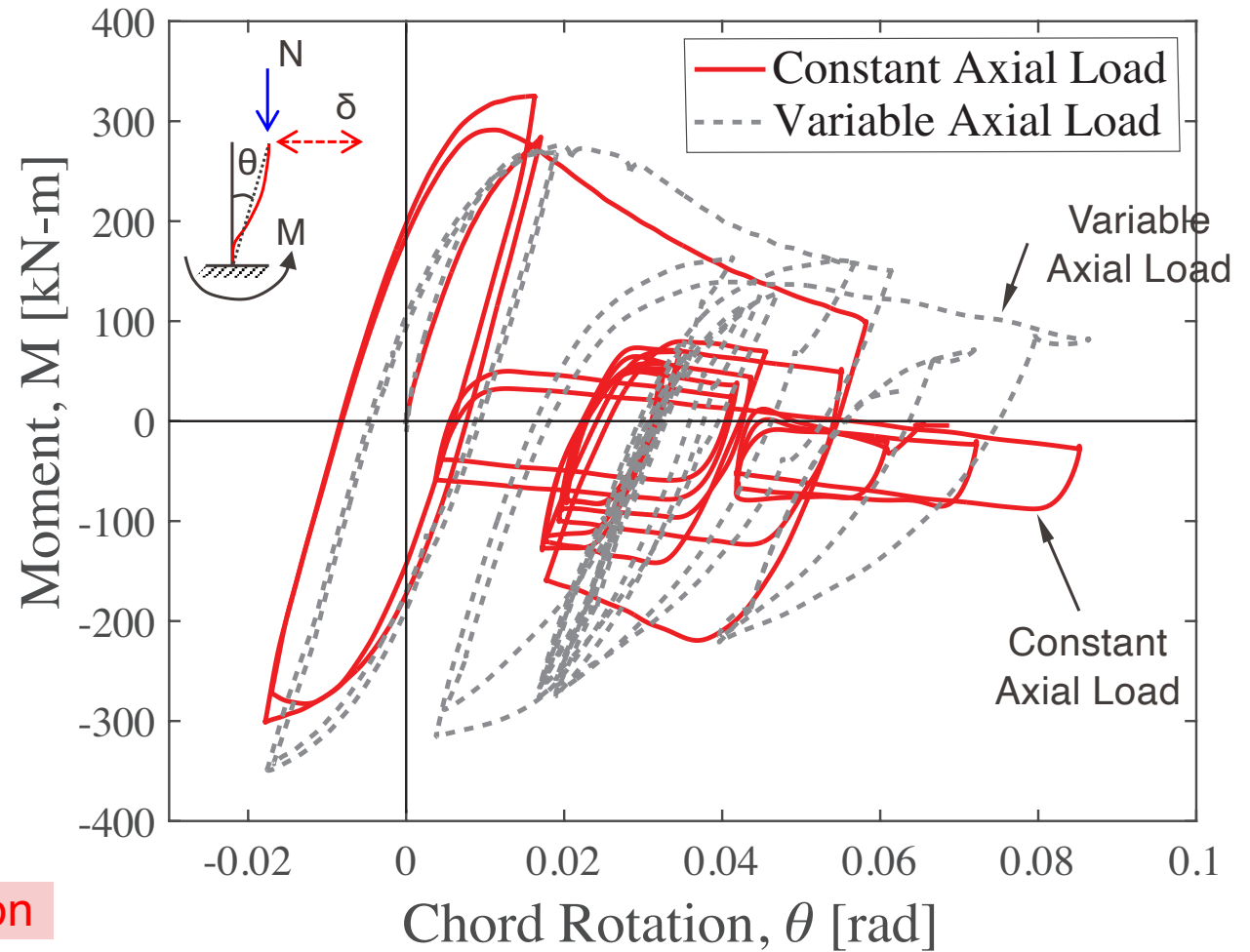
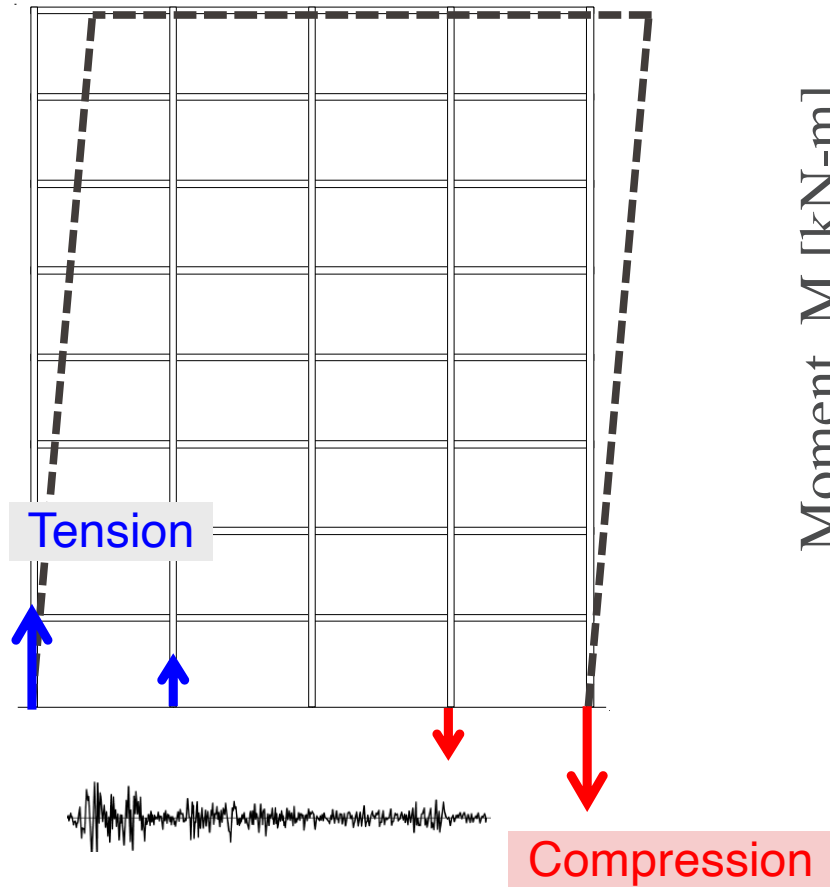
## -Influence of loading history



Source: Suzuki and Lignos (2021)

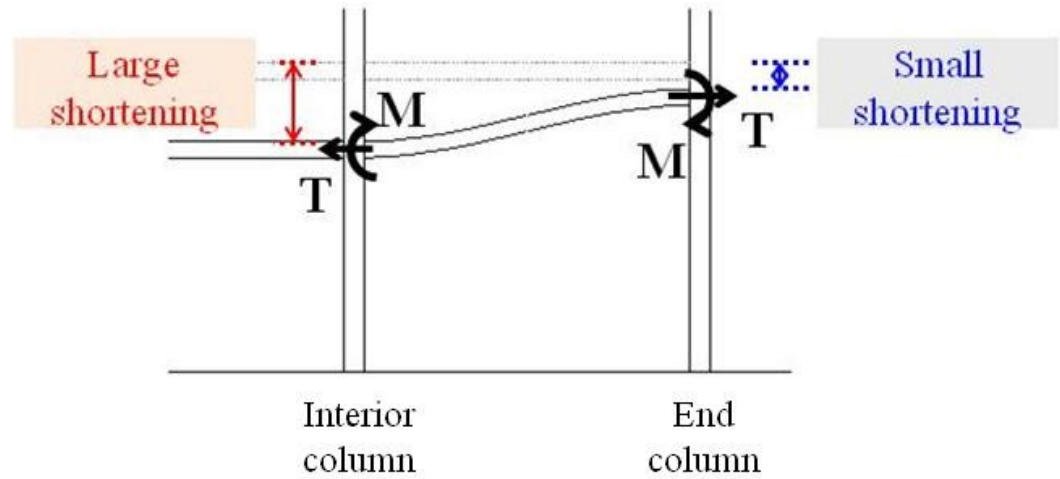
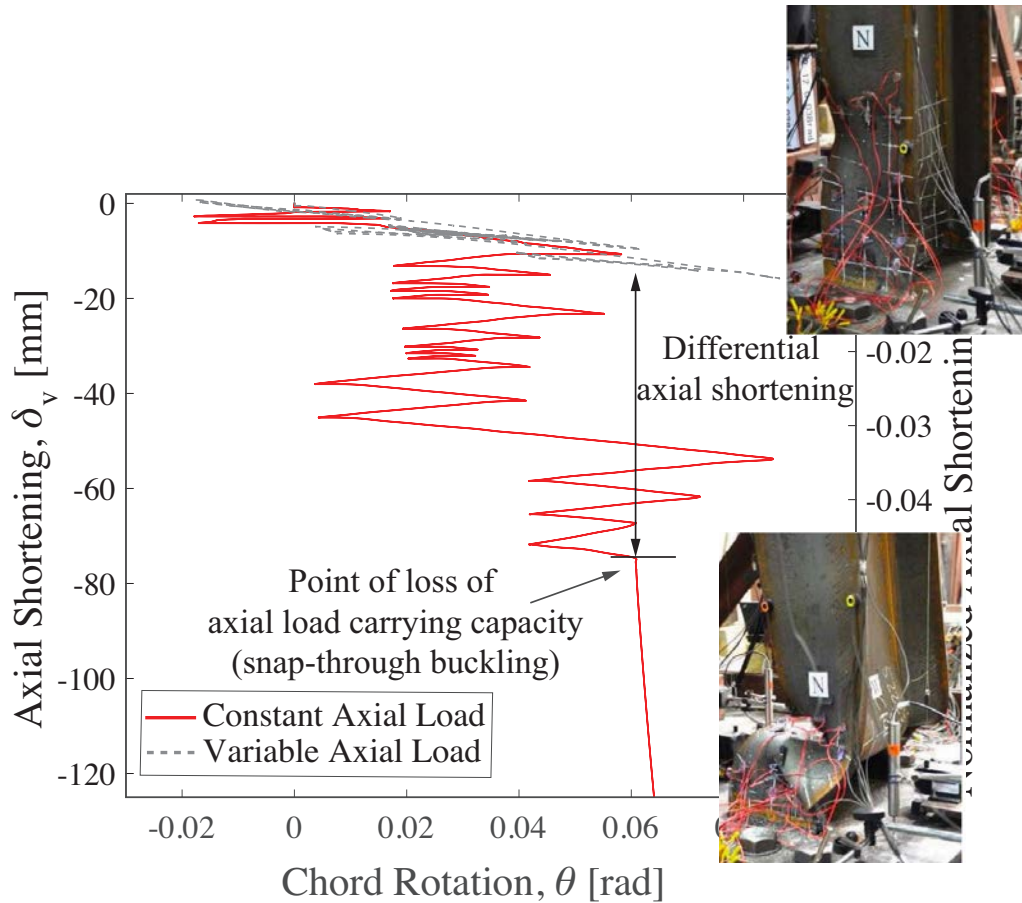
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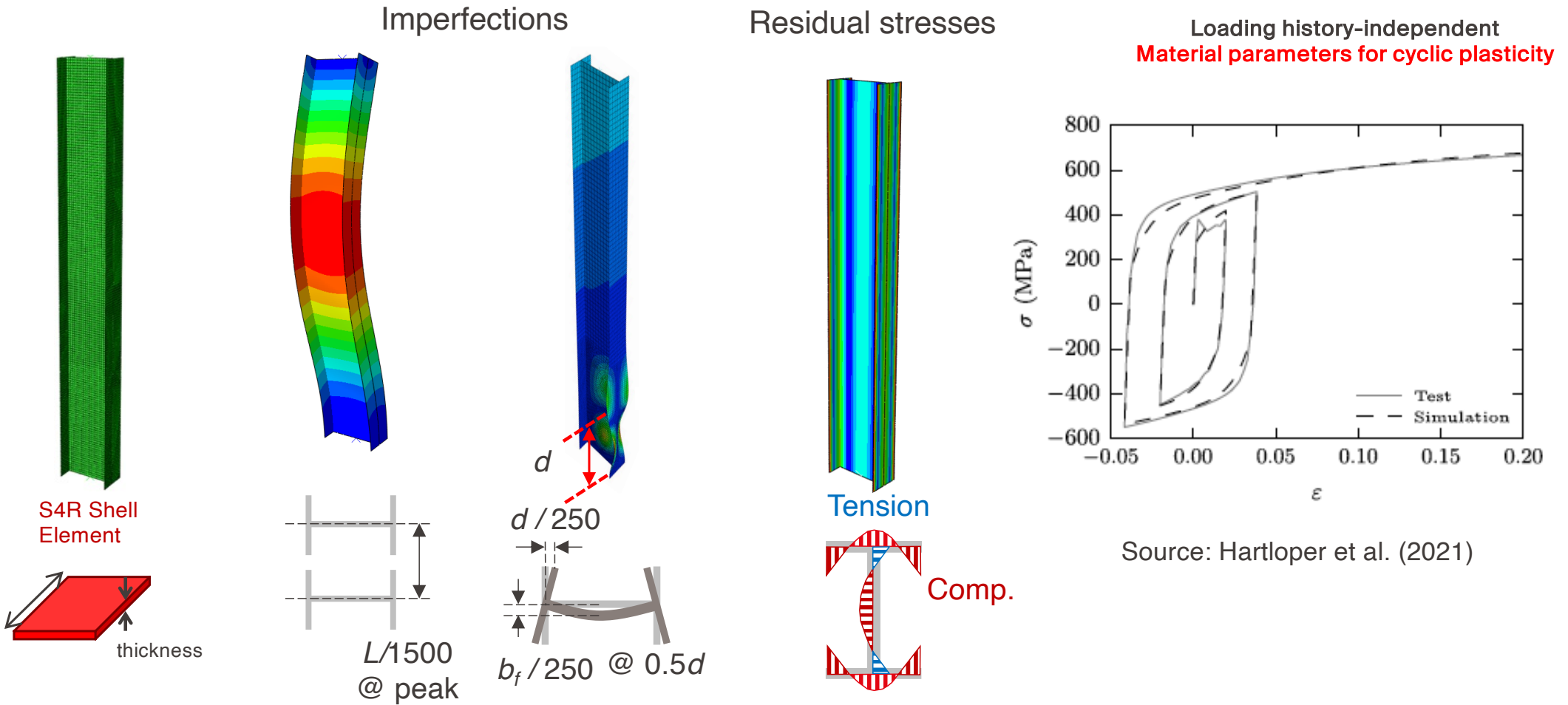
# EPFL Validated continuum finite element models



Source: Elkady and Lignos (2018)



# EPFL Continuum finite element model specifics



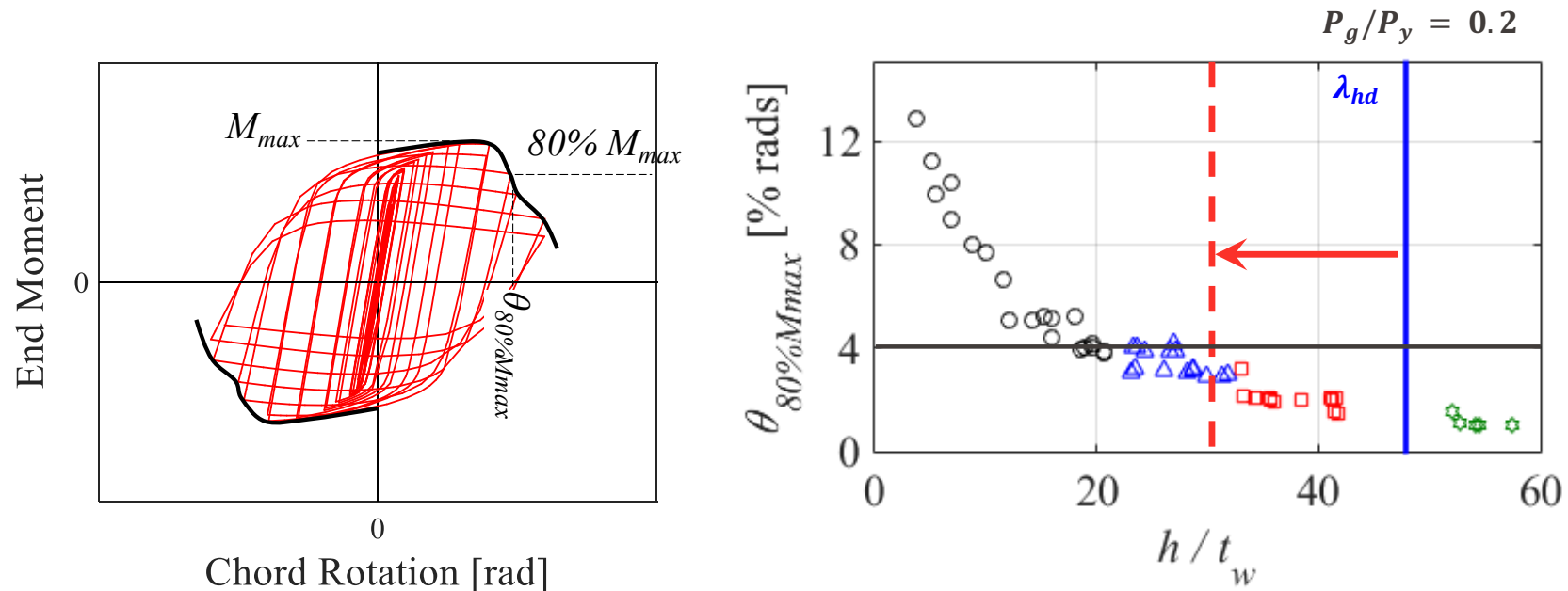
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# EPFL Continuum finite element parametric simulations

-Proposed design recommendations



Source: Elkady and Lignos (2018)

- Proposed reduction to 2/3 of the current web compactness limit as per AISC-341-16 for first story steel columns
- Impose an upper limit of 30% on gravity induced axial load ratio for first story steel columns in type D MRFs (adopted in CSA S16)

# EPFL Proposed design recommendations for steel columns

-Adopted in new Eurocode 8 EN1998:2023-1-2

Wide flange or HSS

$$\frac{P_G}{P_y} \leq 0.30$$



Suzuki and Lignos (2015)

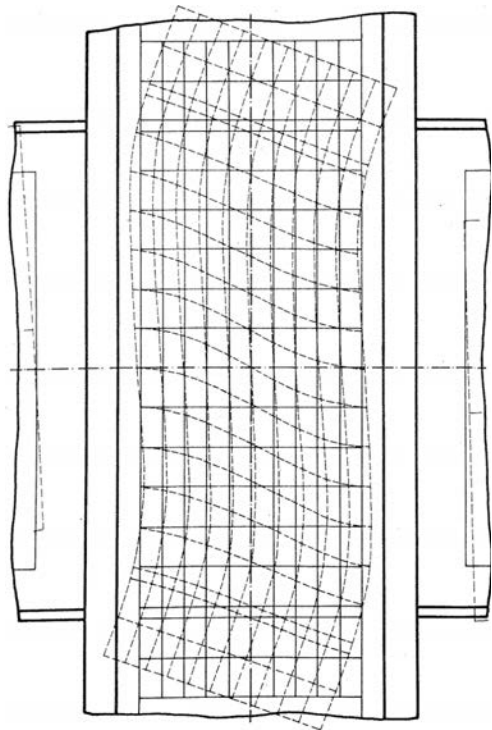
Encased, partially encased or filled composite

$$\frac{P_G}{P_y} \leq 0.75$$

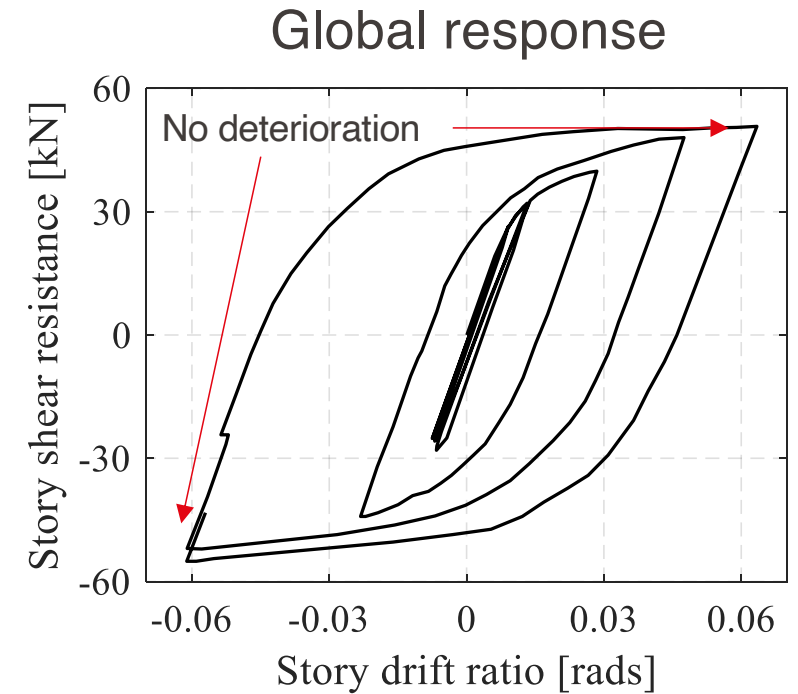
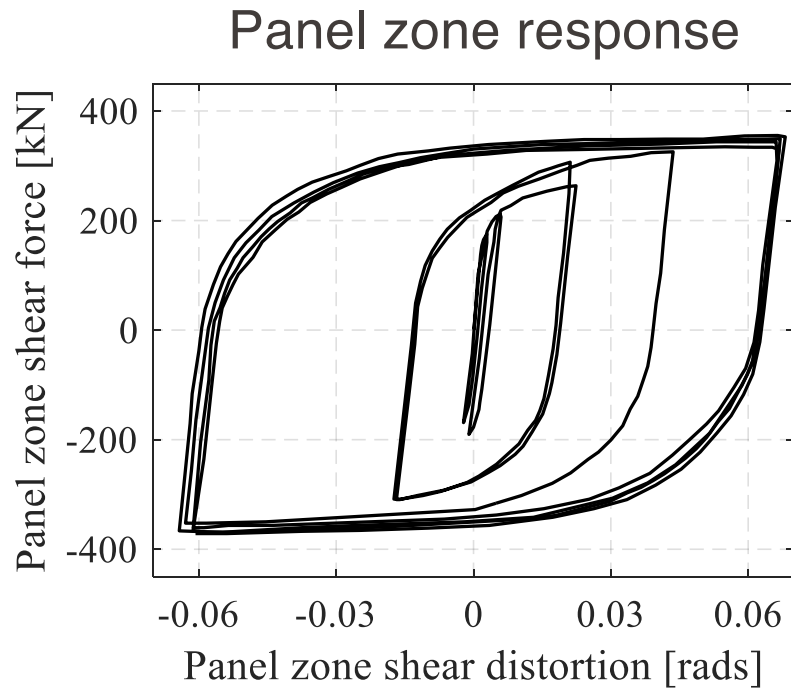


Farahi et al. (2022)

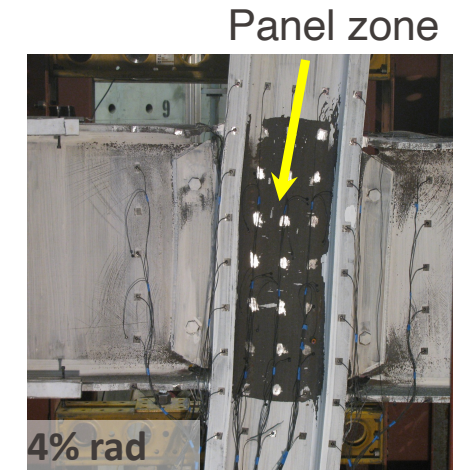
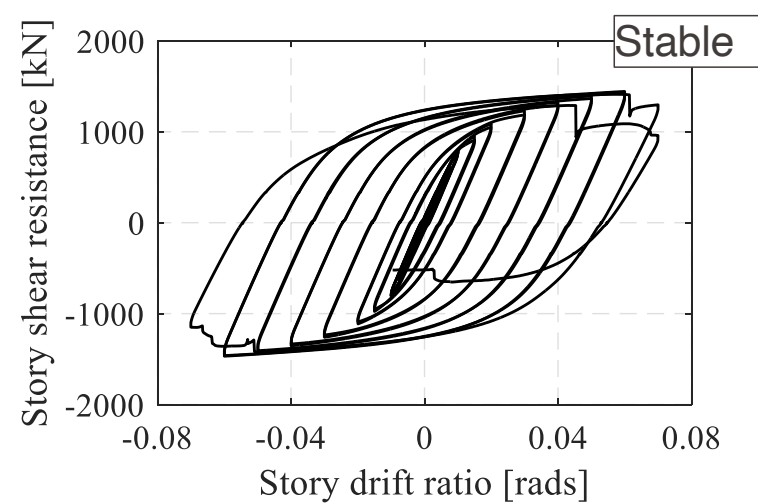
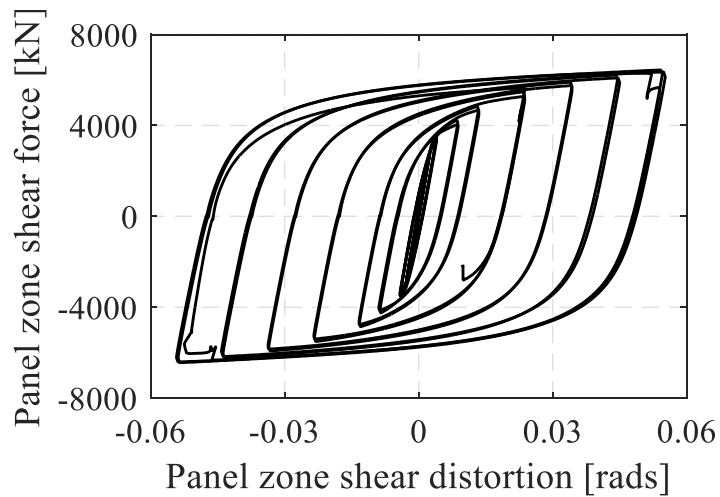
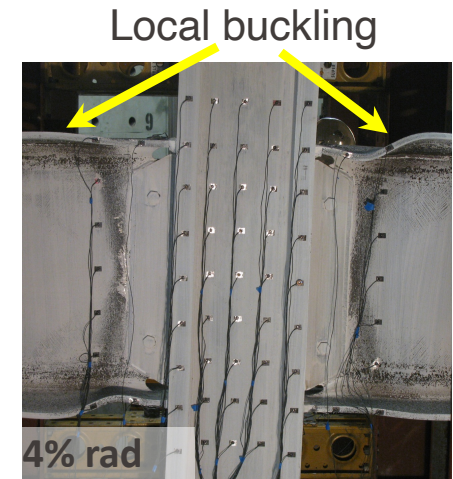
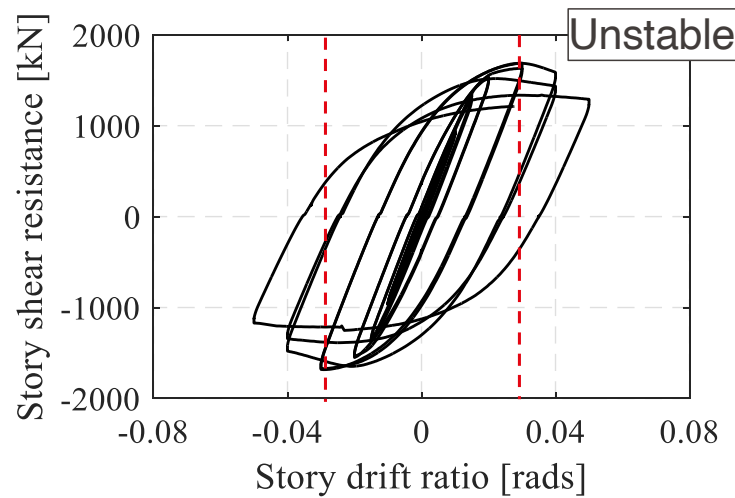
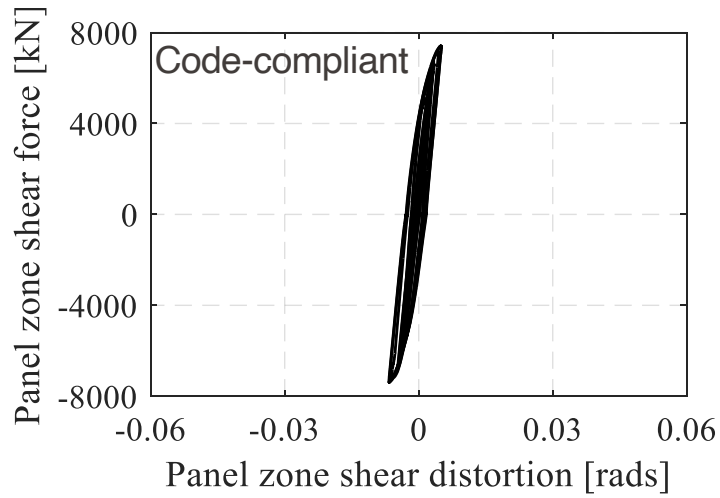
# EPFL Panel zone joint: Behavior & design models



Krawinkler et al. (1971)



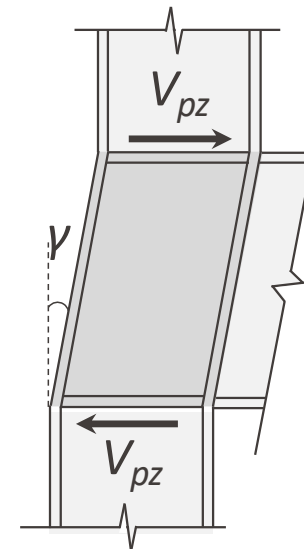
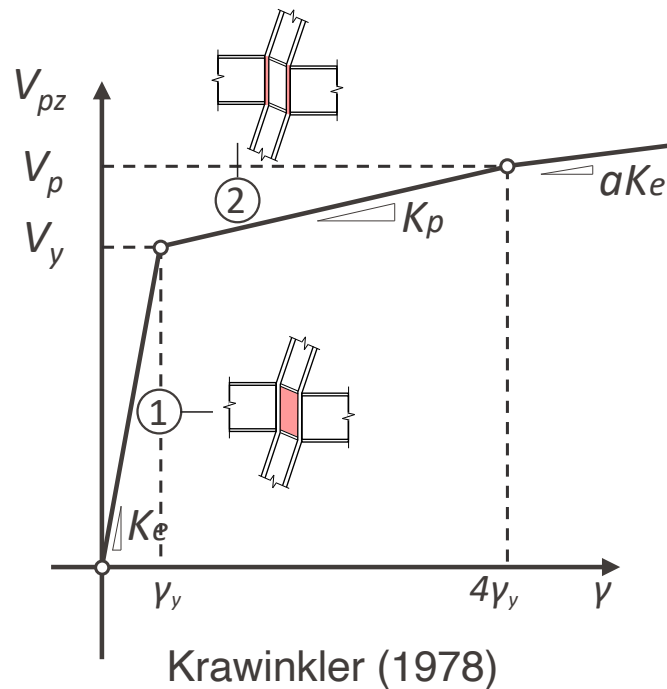
# Elastic versus inelastic panel zone design



@ Shin and Engelhardt (2013), NSF funded project at University of Minnesota

# EPFL Missing aspects to leverage shear yielding

-Limitations of current design models



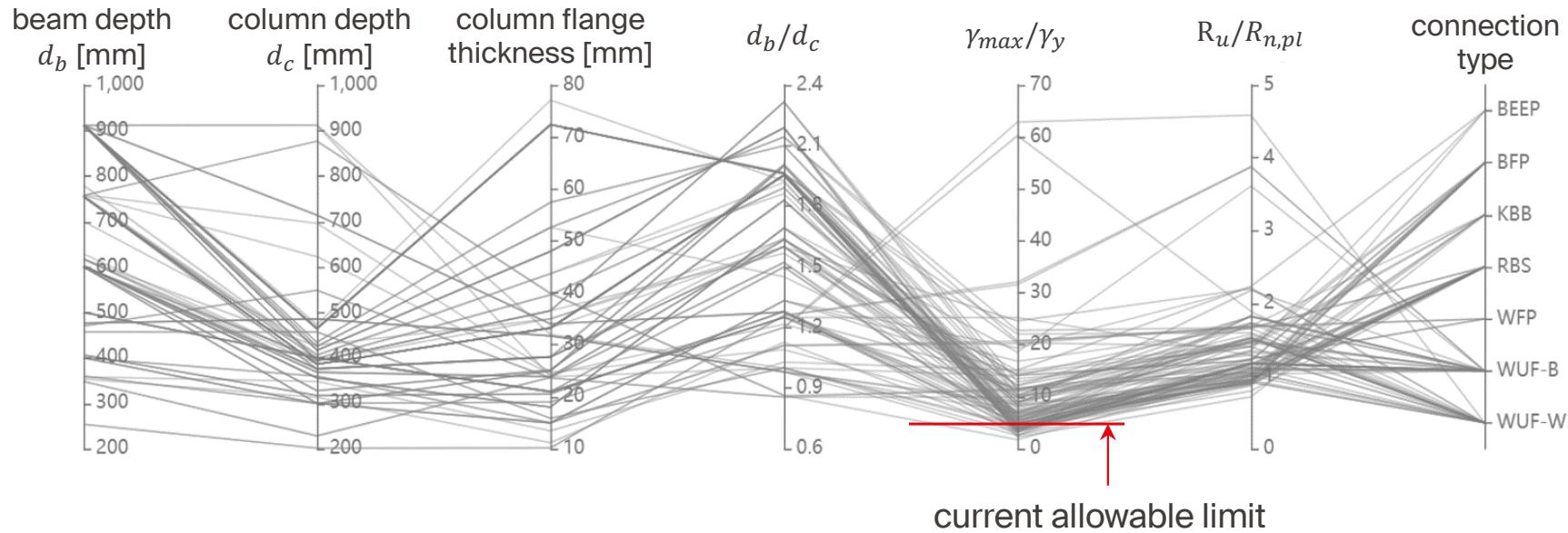
## Main assumptions:

- $K_e$ : Only shear deformations are considered
- $V_y$ : Uniform panel zone yielding
- $V_p$ : Valid until  $4\gamma_y$  for flange thicknesses less than 40 mm

# EPFL Review of test data on Post-Northridge connections

$\gamma_y$ : panel zone shear distortions at yield

$\gamma_{max}$ : maximum experimental panel zone shear distortions



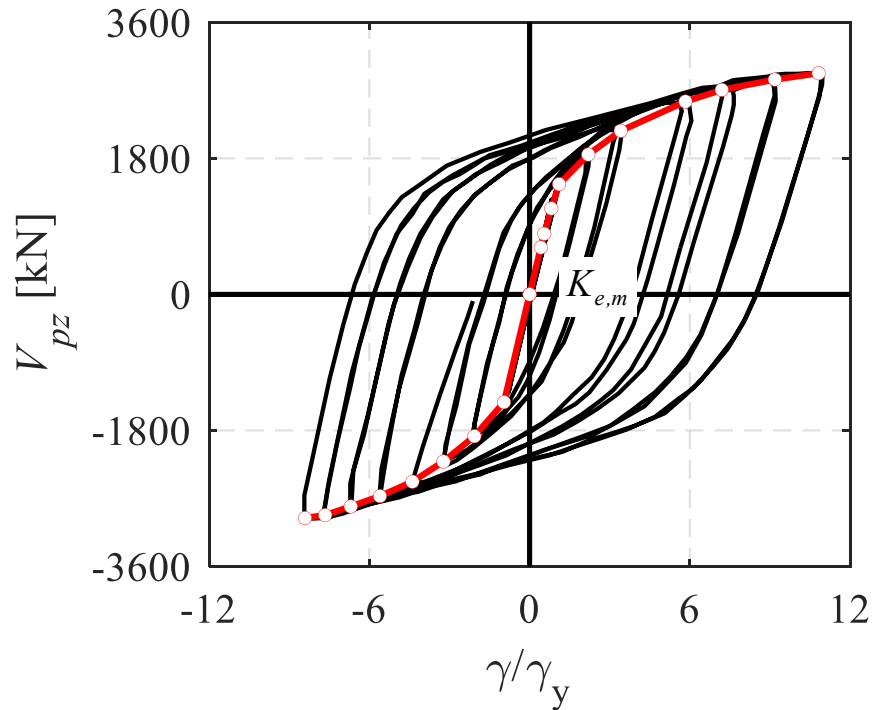
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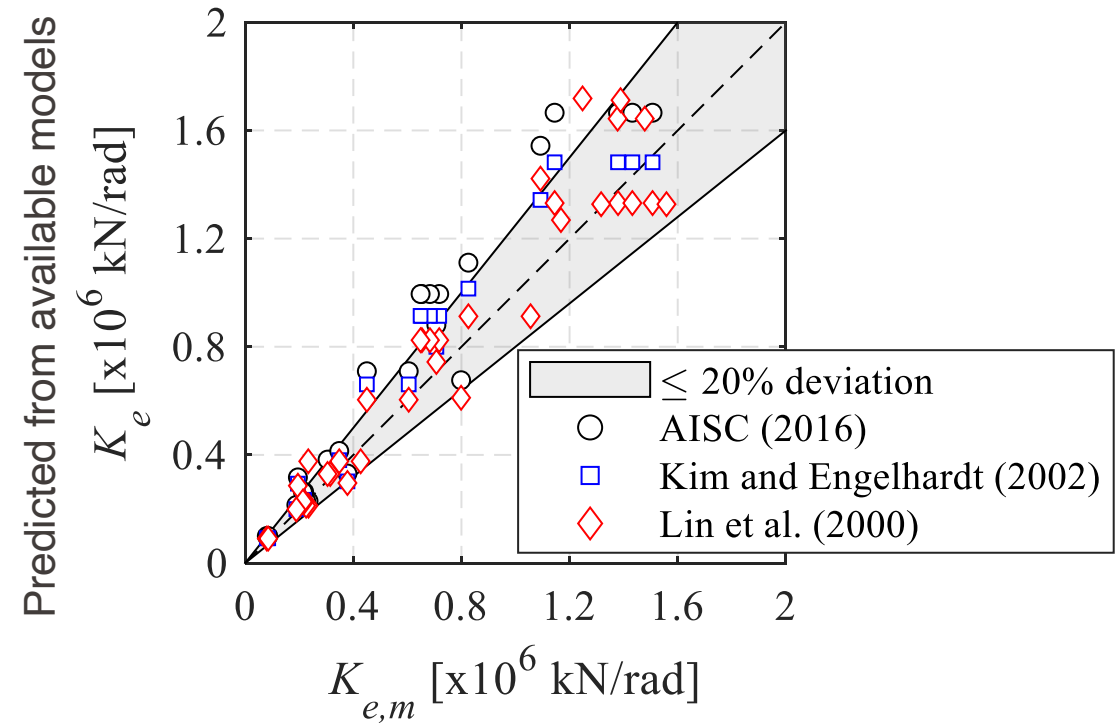
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# Assessment of available panel zone models

-Panel zone stiffness



(Data source: Kim et al. 2015)



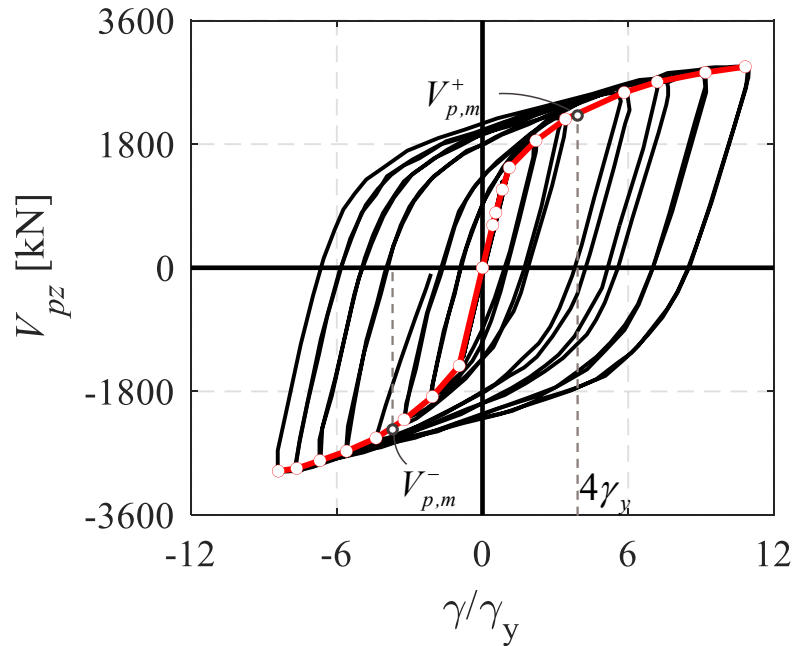
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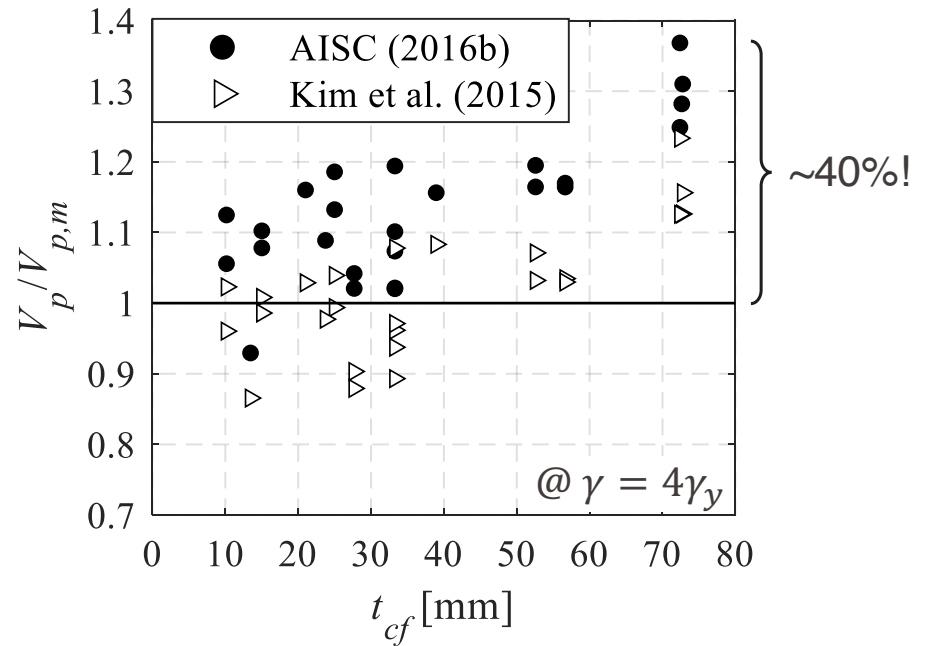


# Assessment of available panel zone models

-Panel zone shear resistance



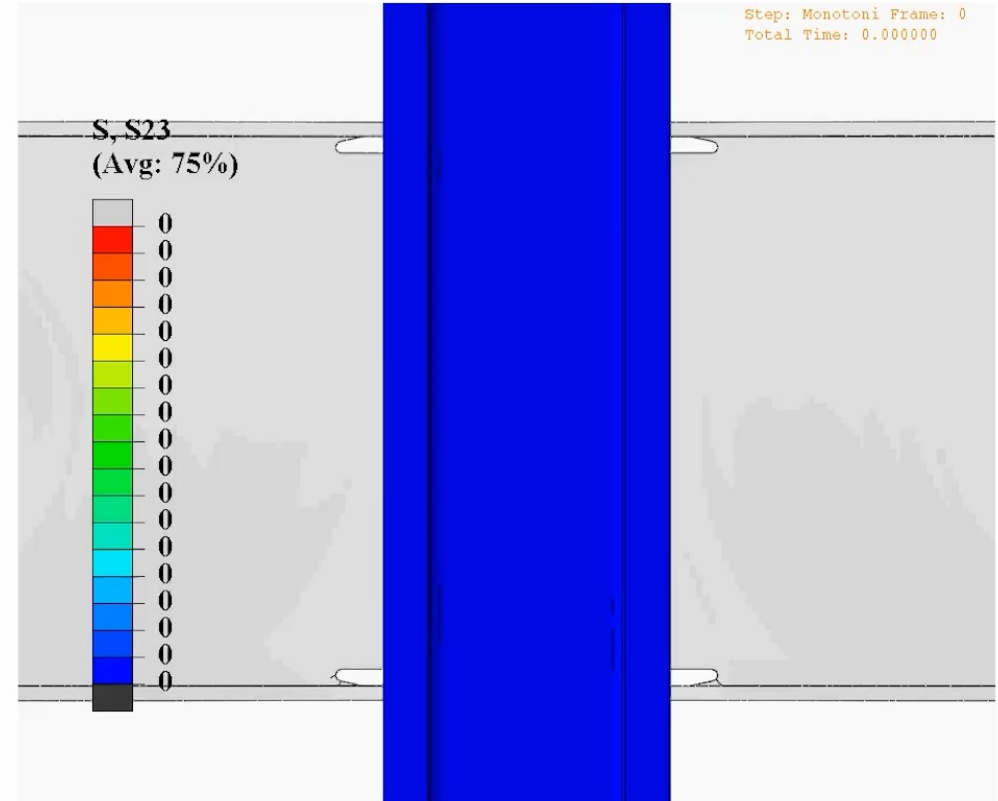
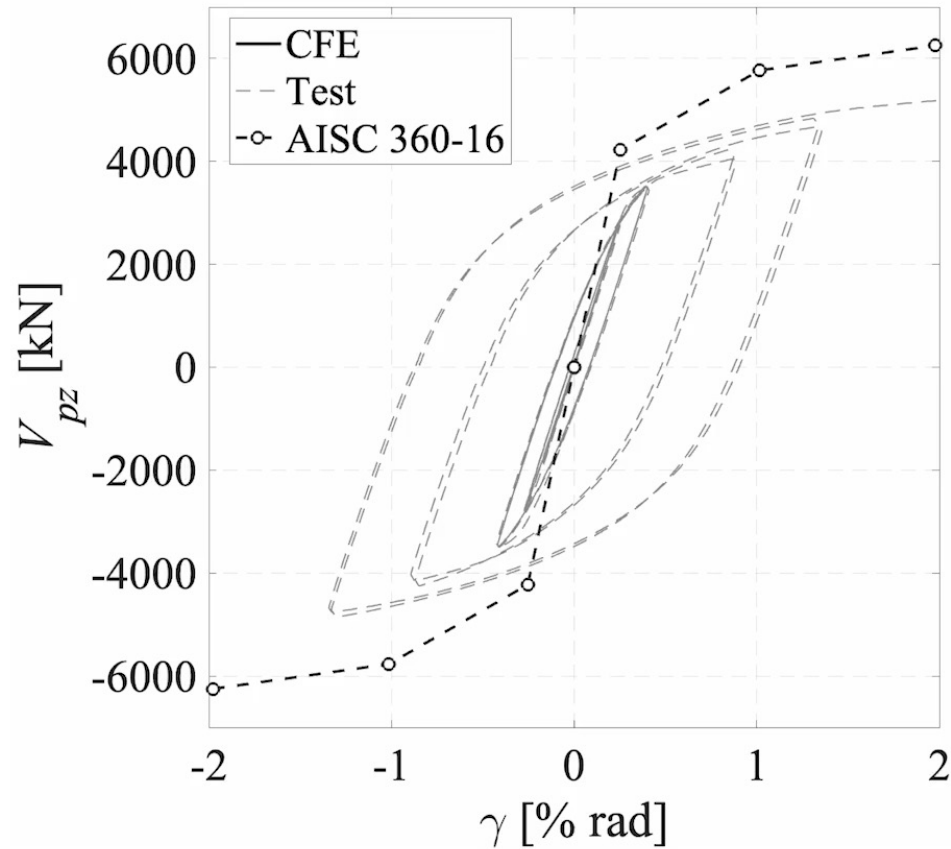
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$V_{p,m}$ : Measured from available tests

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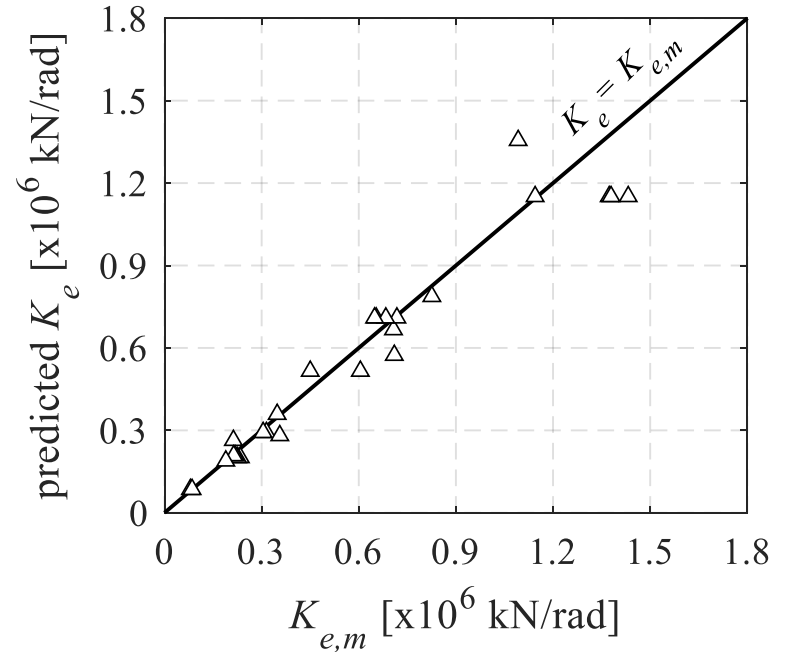
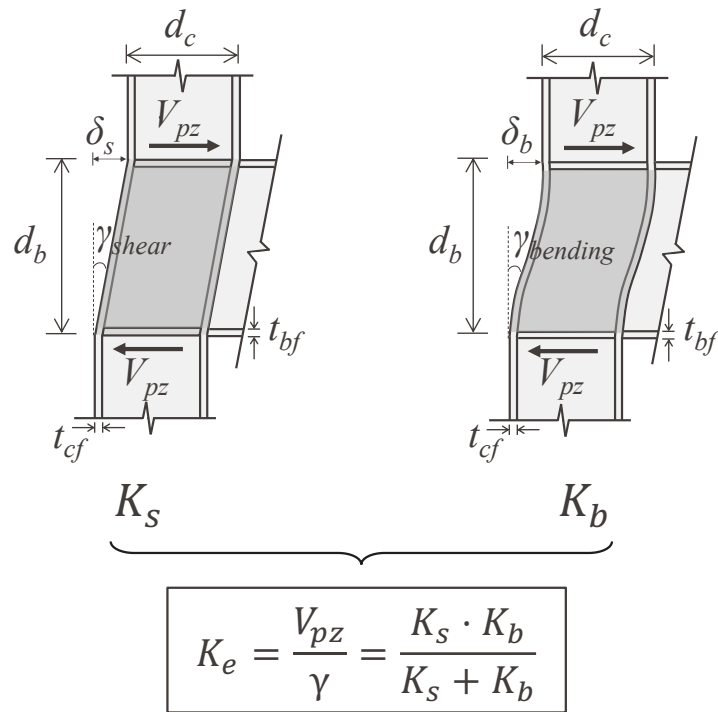
# EPFL A fresh look into the problem



Skiadopoulos and Lignos (2021)  
(Data source: Shin and Engelhardt 2013)

# Proposed panel zone model

-Proposed expression for panel zone stiffness

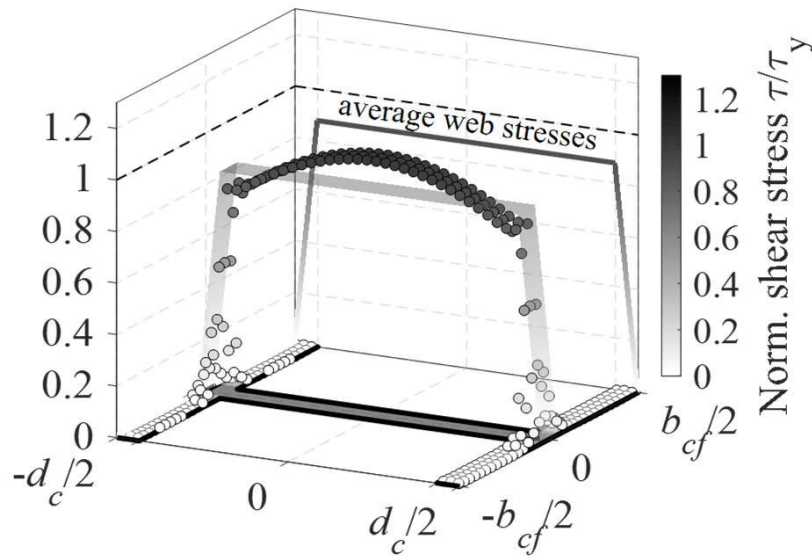


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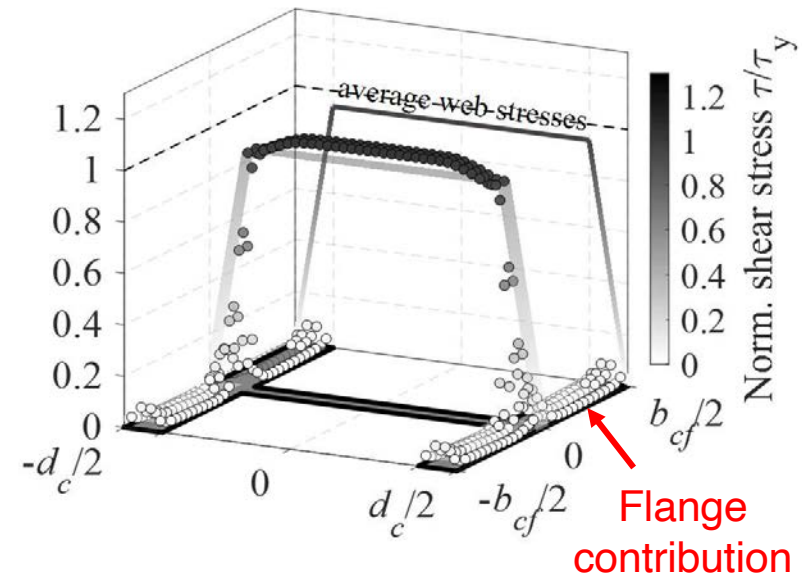
# Proposed panel zone model

-Panel zone strength

Beam: W30x108, Column: W24x131



Beam: W36x150, Column: W14x398



$$V_{pz} = \frac{f_y}{\sqrt{3}} \cdot \left[ a_{w,eff} \cdot (d_c - t_{cf}) \cdot t_{cw} + a_{f,eff} \cdot (b_{cf} - t_{cw}) \cdot 2t_{cf} \right]$$

web contribution

flange contribution

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# EPFL Proposed model (adopted in CSA-S19 & EC8 Part 1)

## -Proposed expression for panel zone shear strength

$$V_r = 0.61 a_c \phi f_{yc} \left\{ \underbrace{(d_c - t_{cf}) t_{pz}}_{\text{web contribution}} + \underbrace{\left[ 1.69 \left( \frac{K_f}{K_e} \right) + 0.027 \right] (b_{cf} - t_{pz}) t_{cf}}_{\text{flange contribution}} \right\}$$

$$\text{For } \frac{P}{P_y} \leq 0.4 \quad a_c = 1.0$$

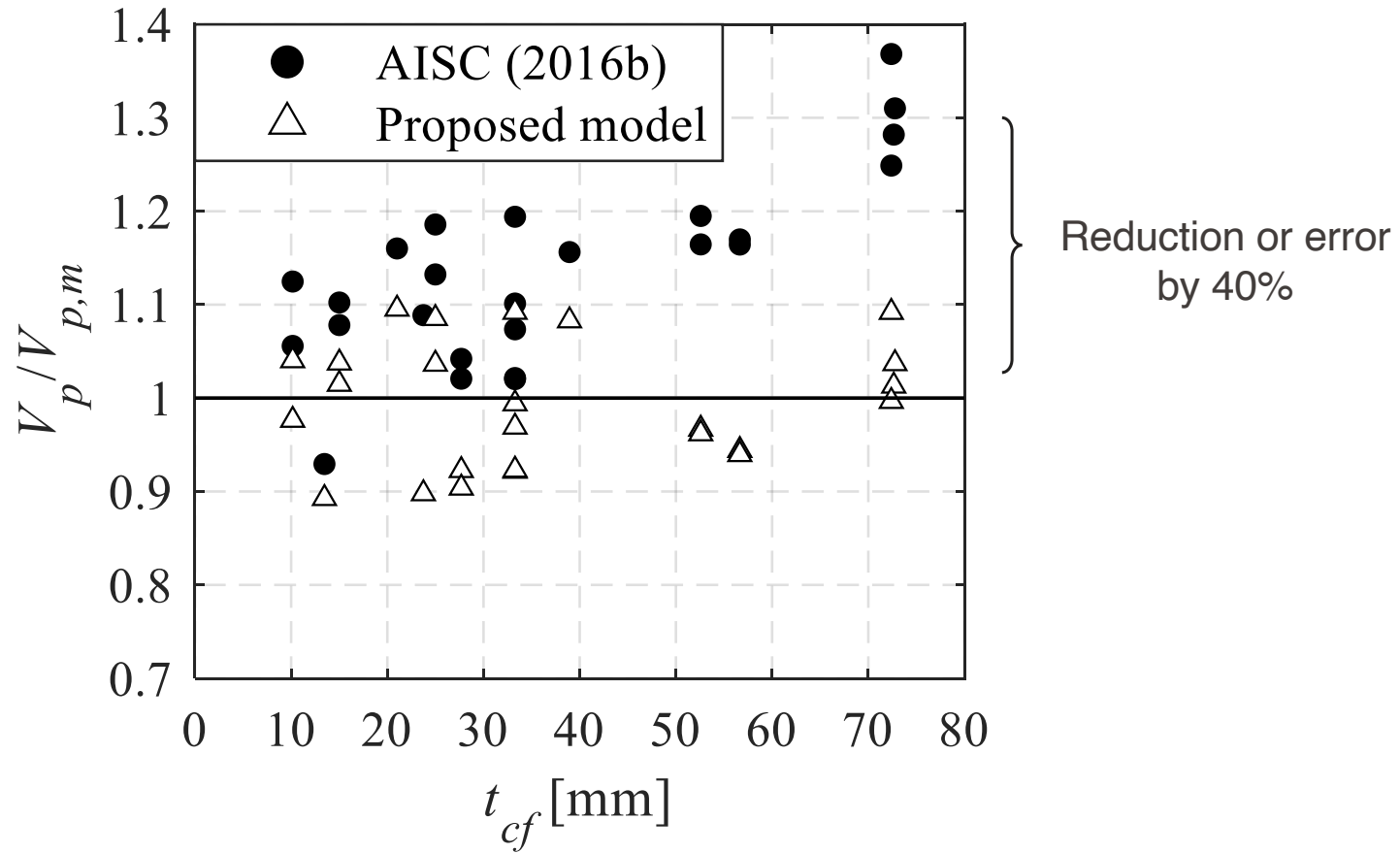
$$\text{For } \frac{P}{P_y} > 0.4 \quad a_c = \sqrt{1 - \left( \frac{P}{P_y} \right)^2}$$

$K_f/K_e$  = column flange-to-panel zone stiffness ratio and shall be computed as follows:

$$K_f = \frac{2Eb_{cf}t_{cf}^3}{d_b^2 + 2(1 + \nu)t_{cf}^2}, \quad K_e = \frac{12Et_{pz}(d_c - t_{cf})I_c}{t_{pz}(d_c - t_{cf})d_b^2 + 24(1 + \nu)I_c}$$

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# EPFL Comparisons with current model and available data



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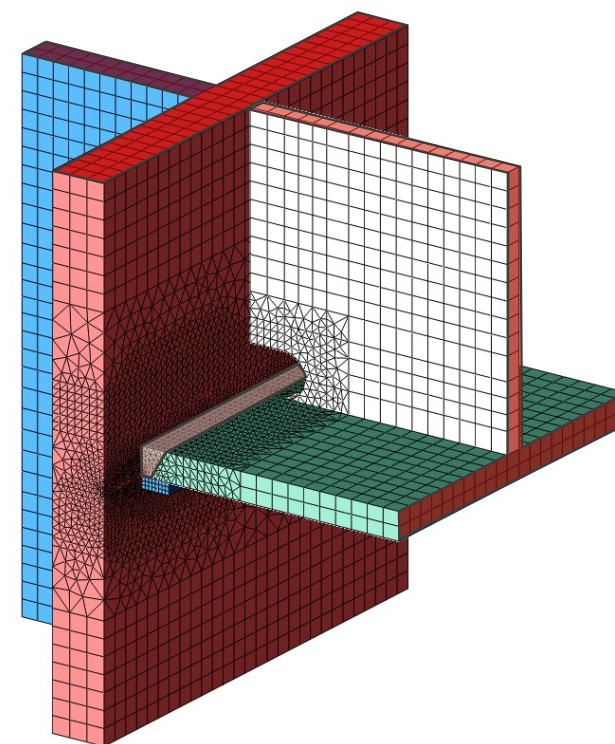
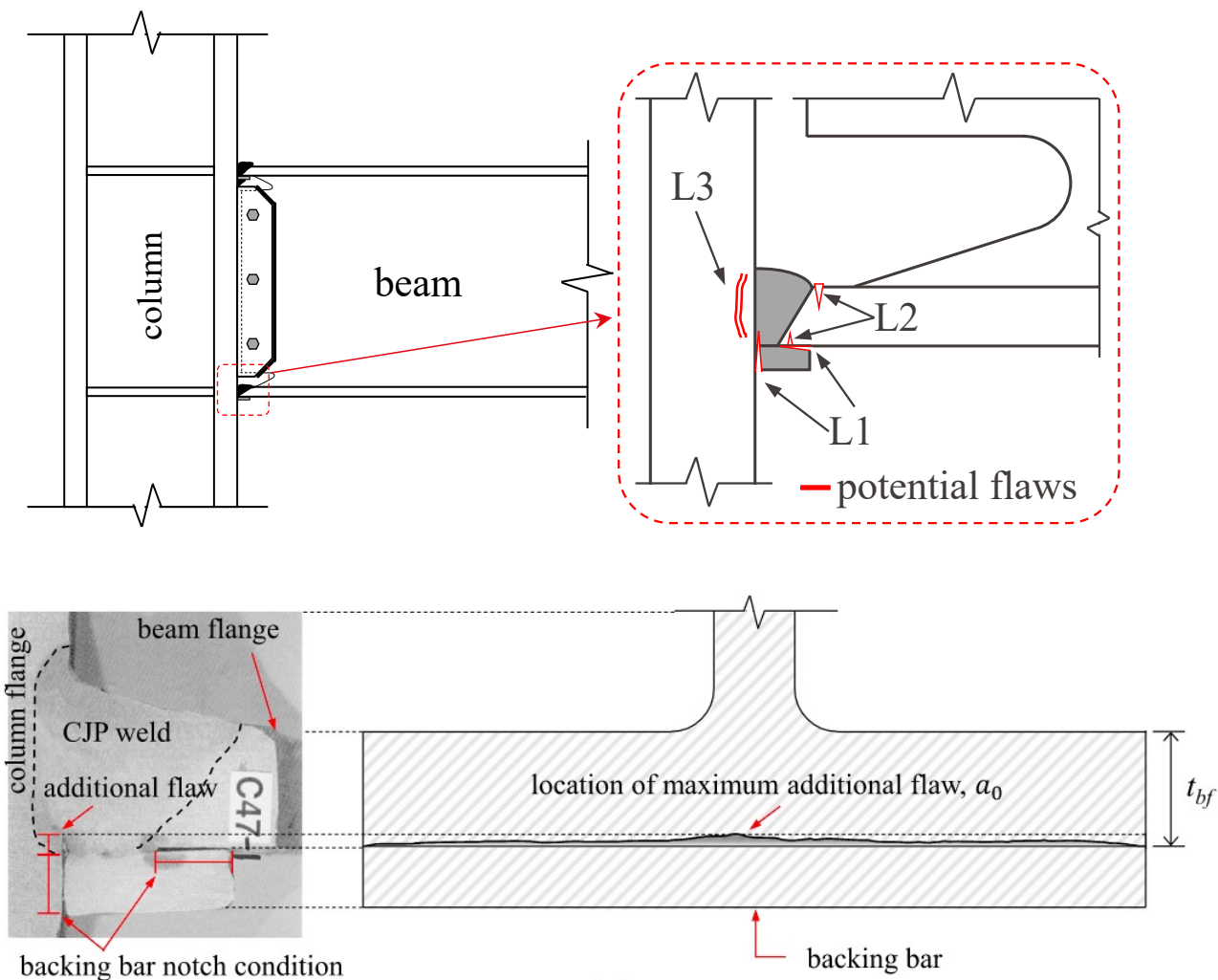
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# EPFL Development of simplified weld details

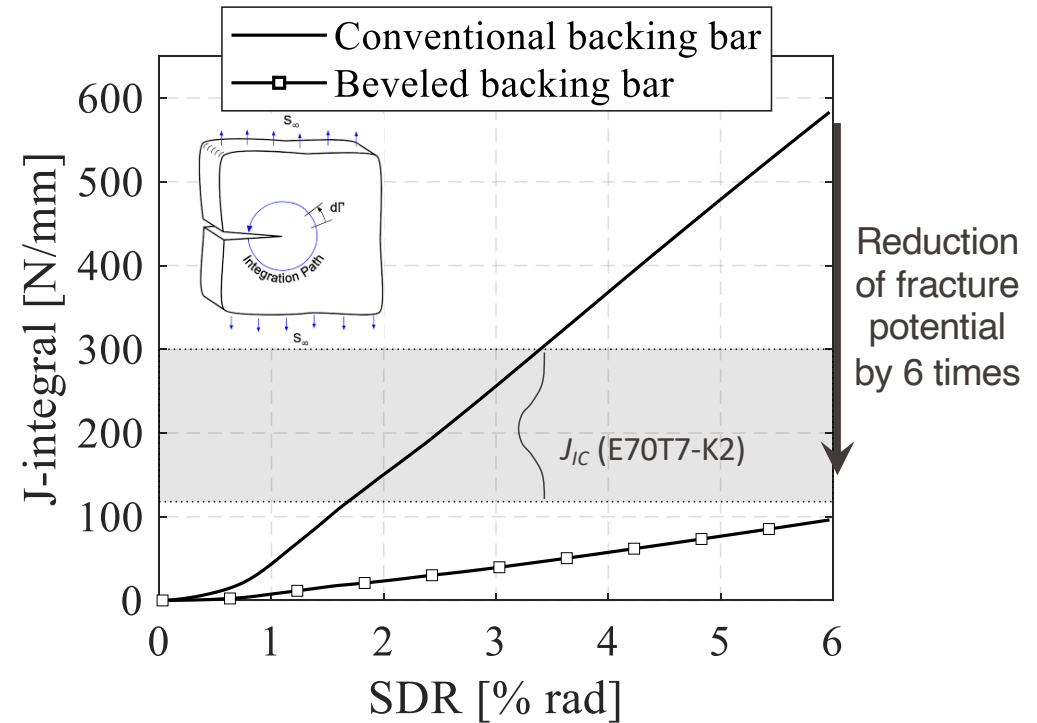
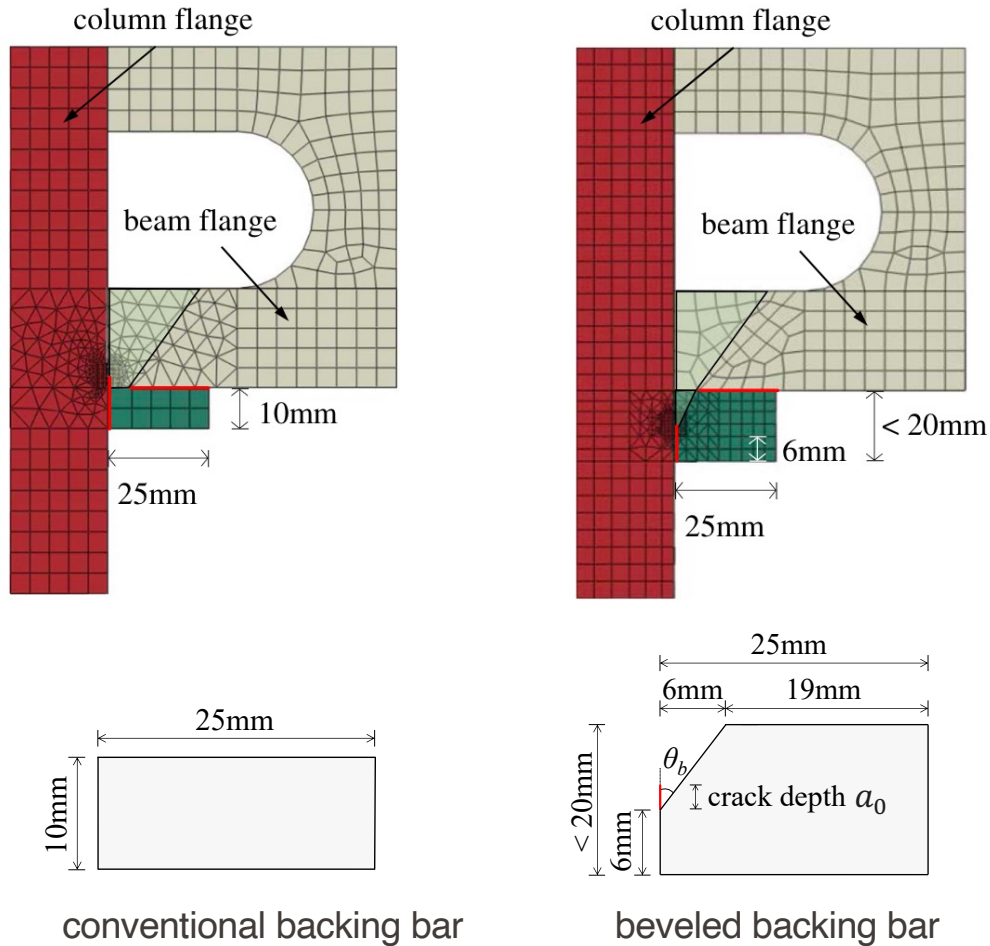
-Welded connections with highly inelastic panel zones



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# EPFL Development of simplified weld details

-Fracture mechanics-based simulations

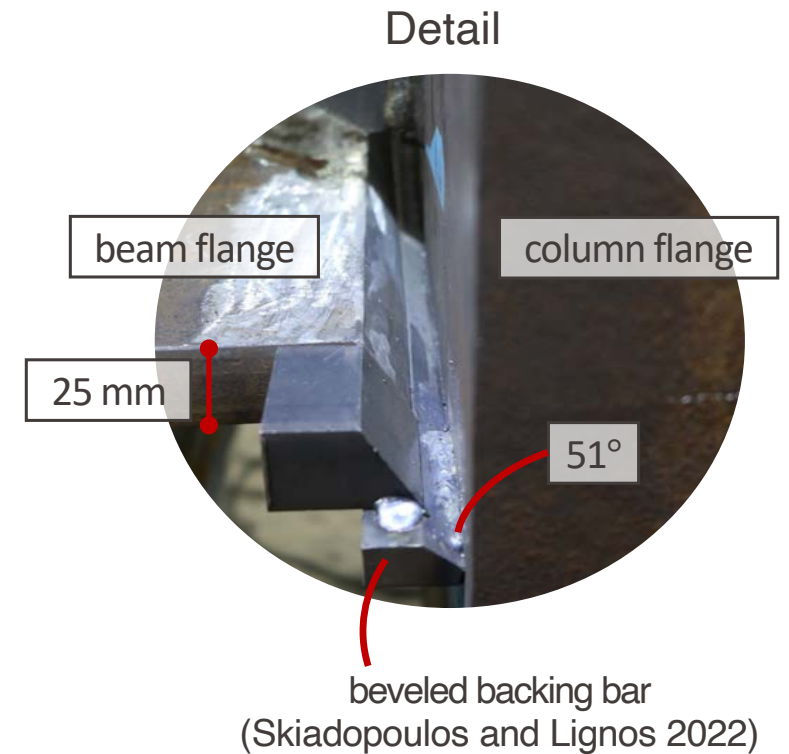
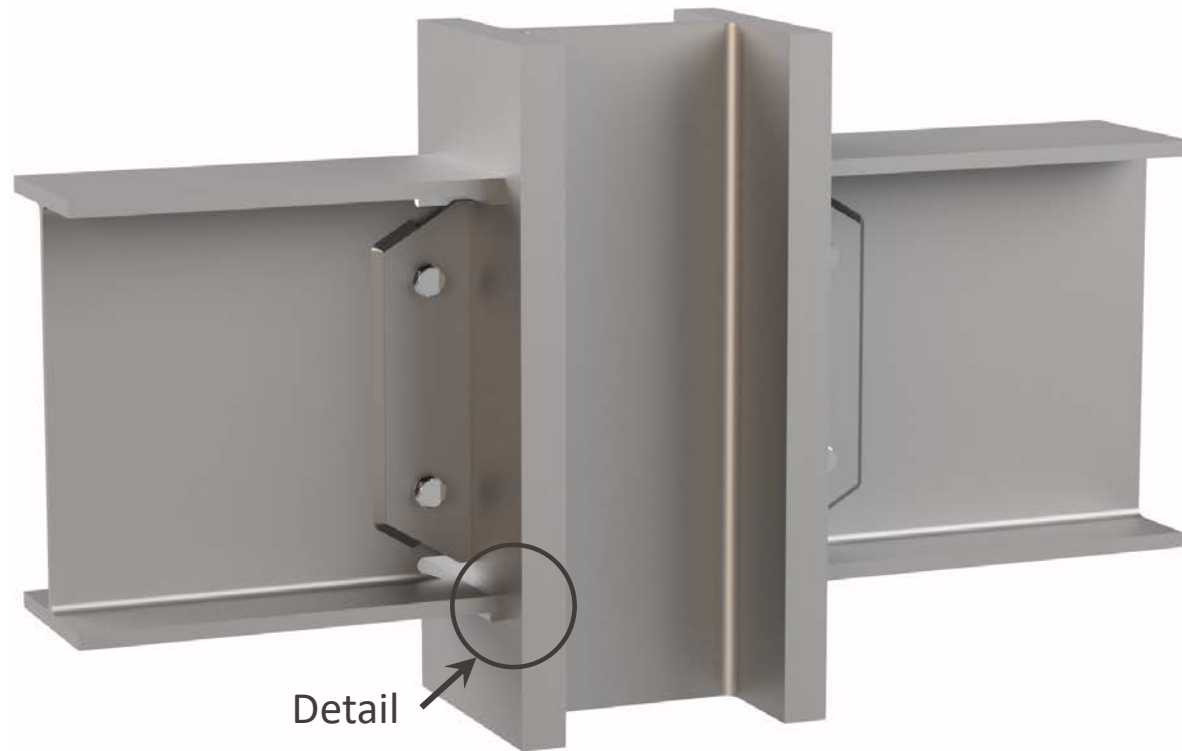


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# EPFL Full-scale cyclic tests

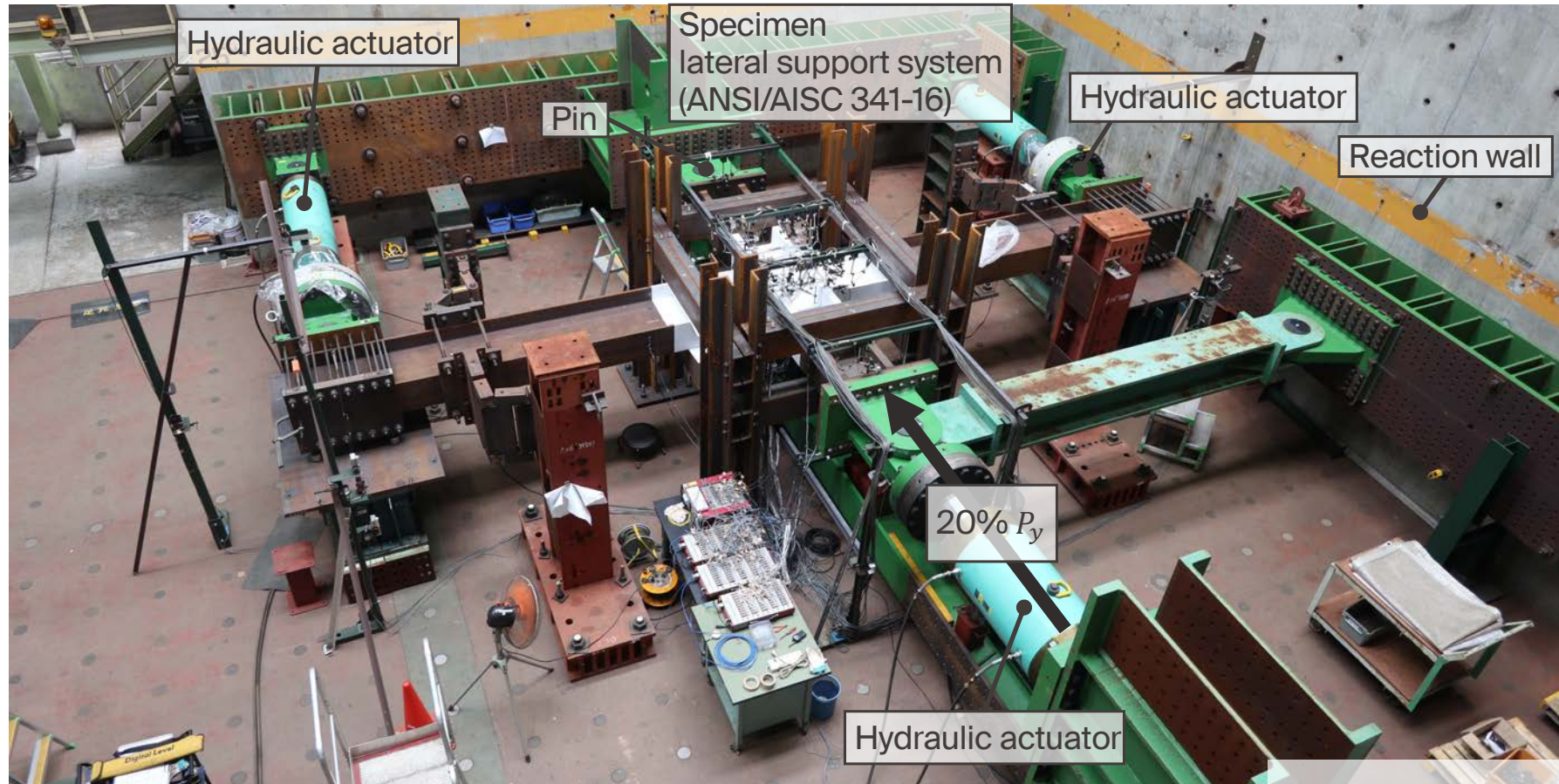
-Welded connections with highly dissipative panel zones & simplified weld details



- Stable hysteretic response through panel zone yielding -  $\gamma_{max} = 15\gamma_y$  at 4% rad
- Prevent beam local buckling prior to lateral drift demands of 5% rad
- Beveled backing bars left intentionally in place

# EPFL Full-scale cyclic tests

## -Test setup



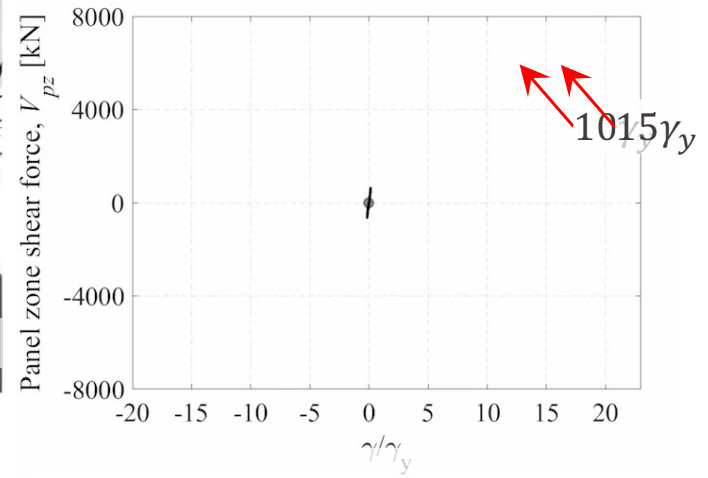
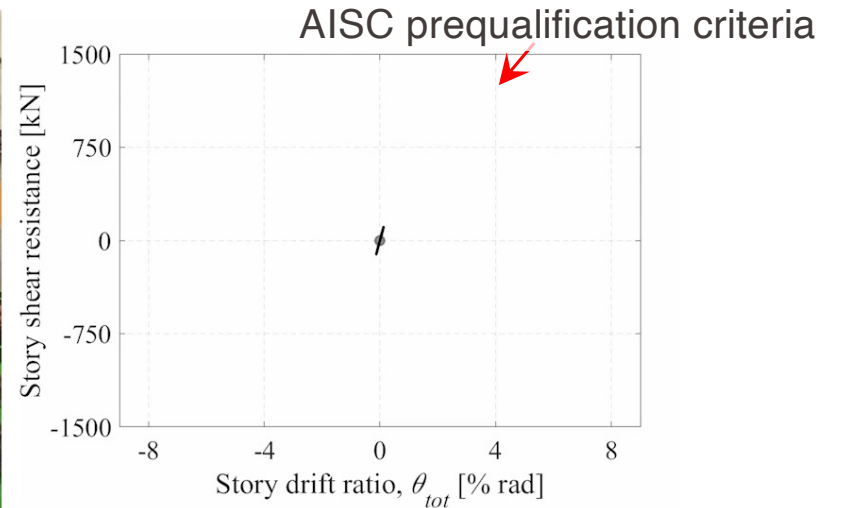
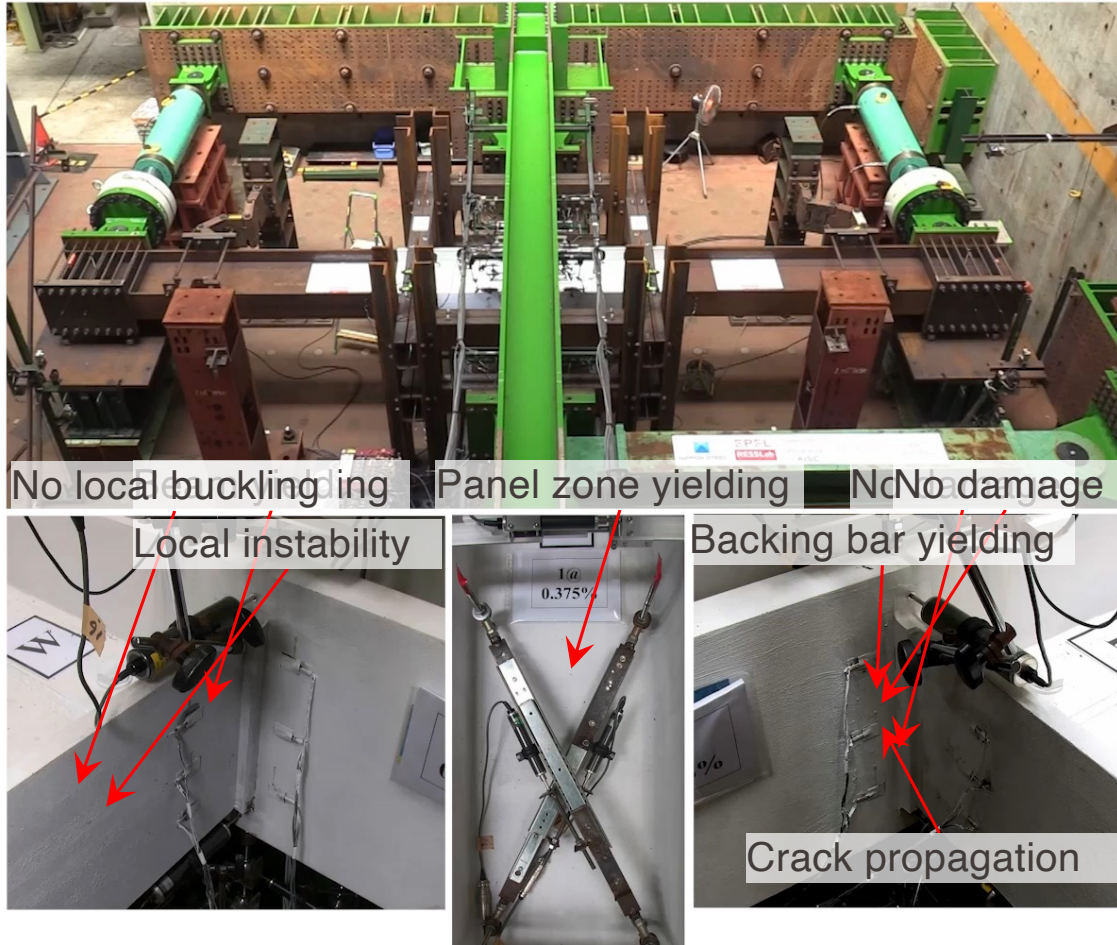
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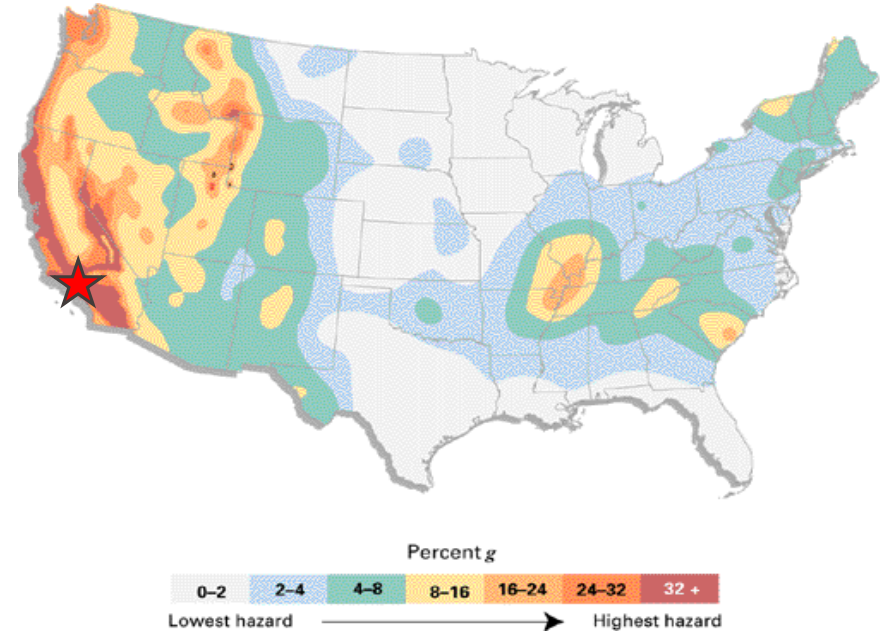
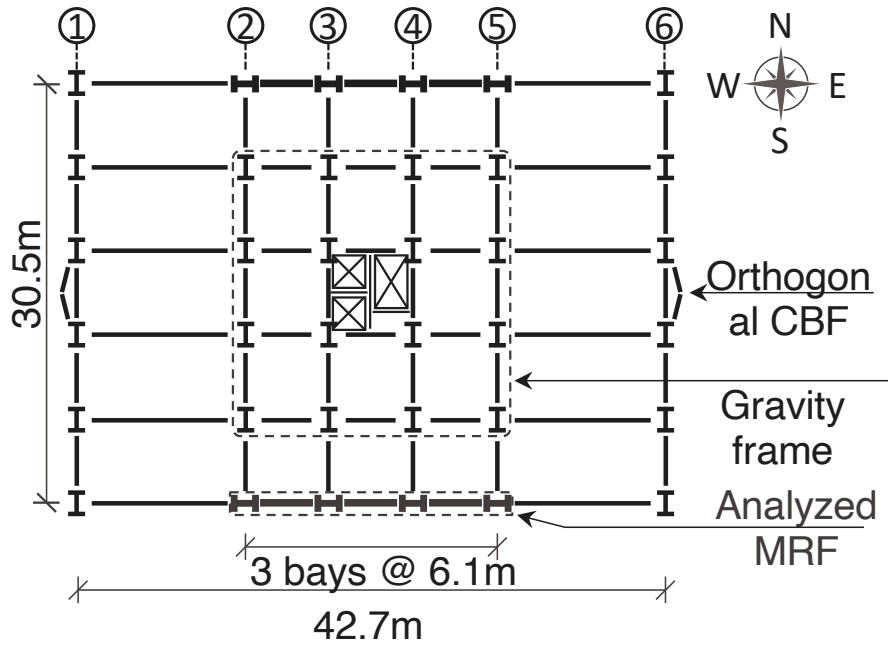
-Indicative test results



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# EPFL Archetype steel moment frames



@USGS

- 32 steel buildings designed and analyzed
- Design location: Urban California
- 4-, 8-, 12-, and 20-story buildings
- Three-, and five-bays considered
- Variable panel zone targeted distortions:  $\gamma_d = [1, 4, 10, 15]\gamma_y$

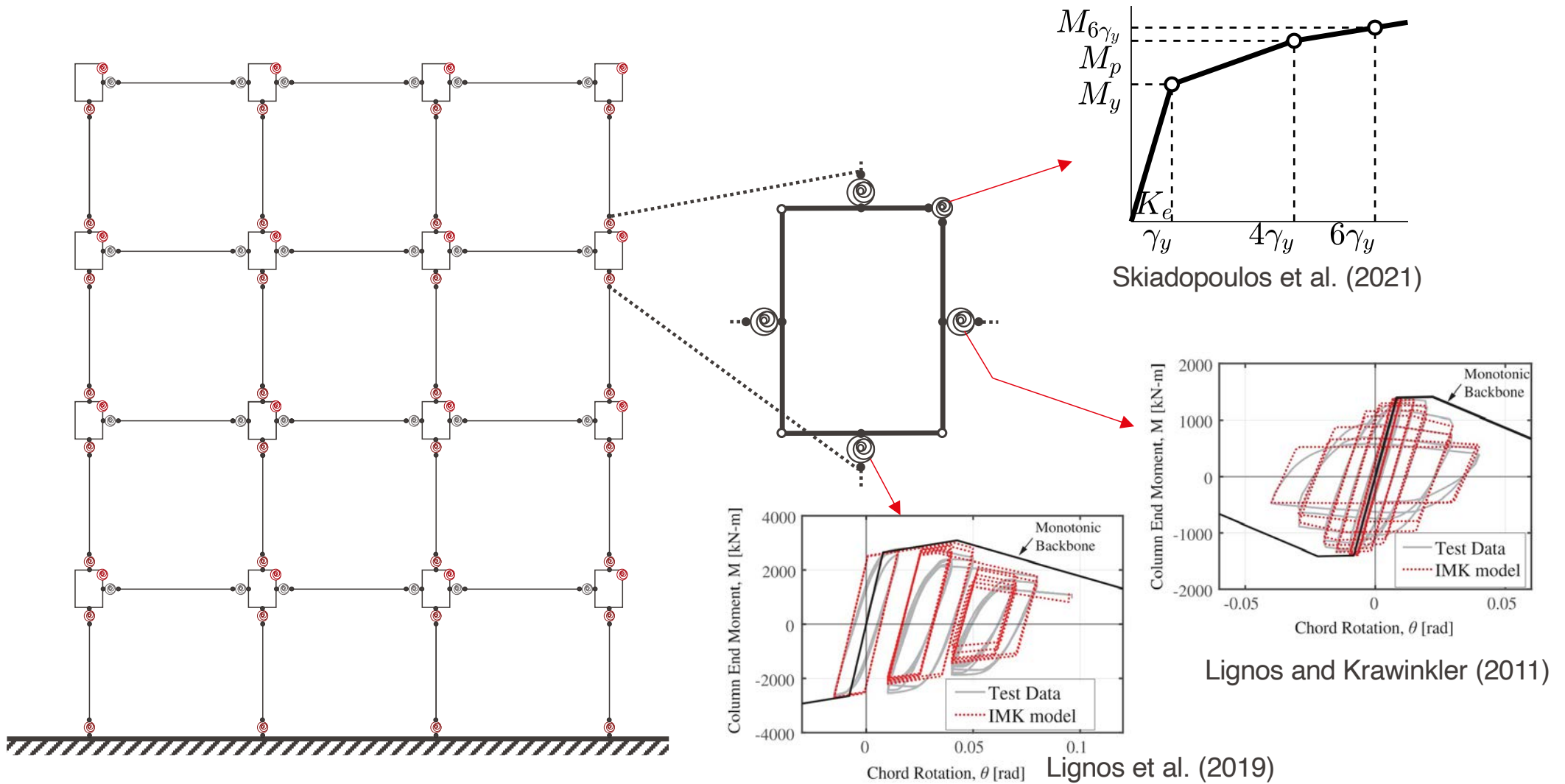
Elastic design



32 design summaries available at:



# EPFL Modeling approach for steel moment frames

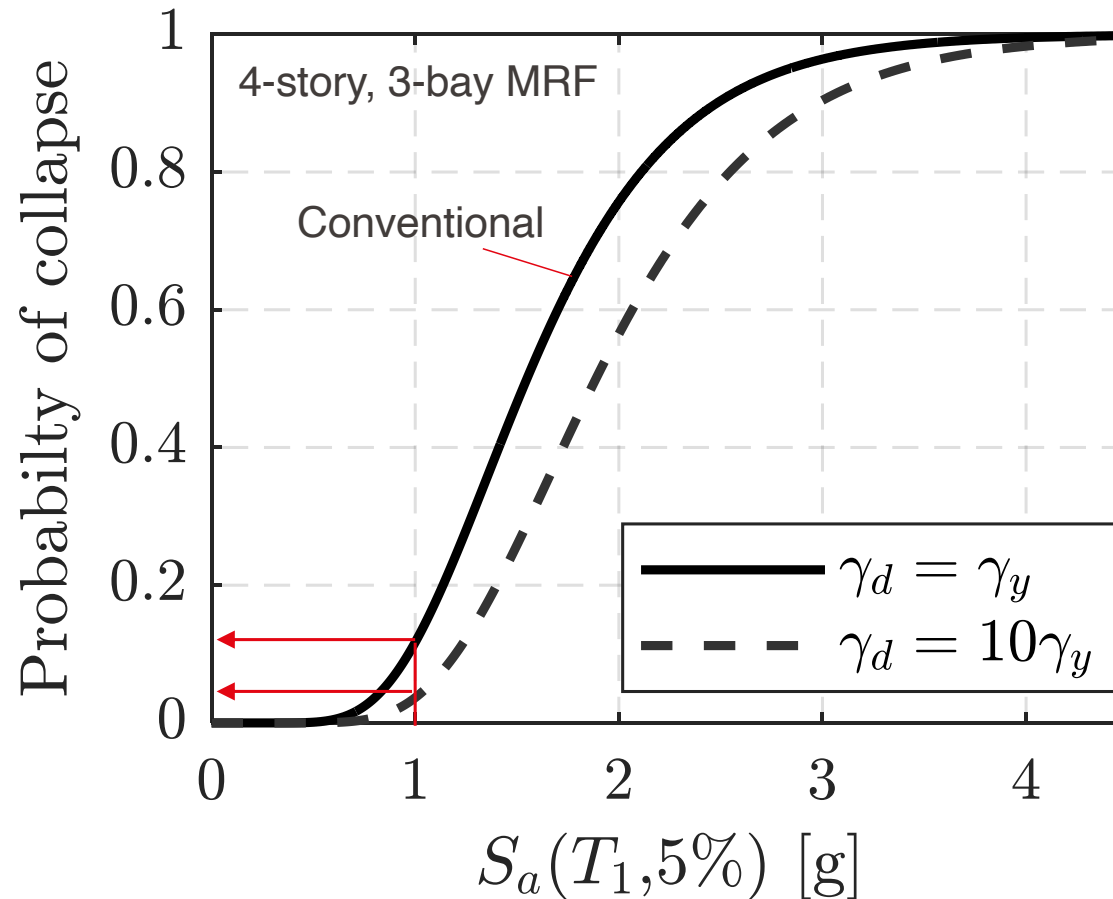


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# Nonlinear dynamic analyses results

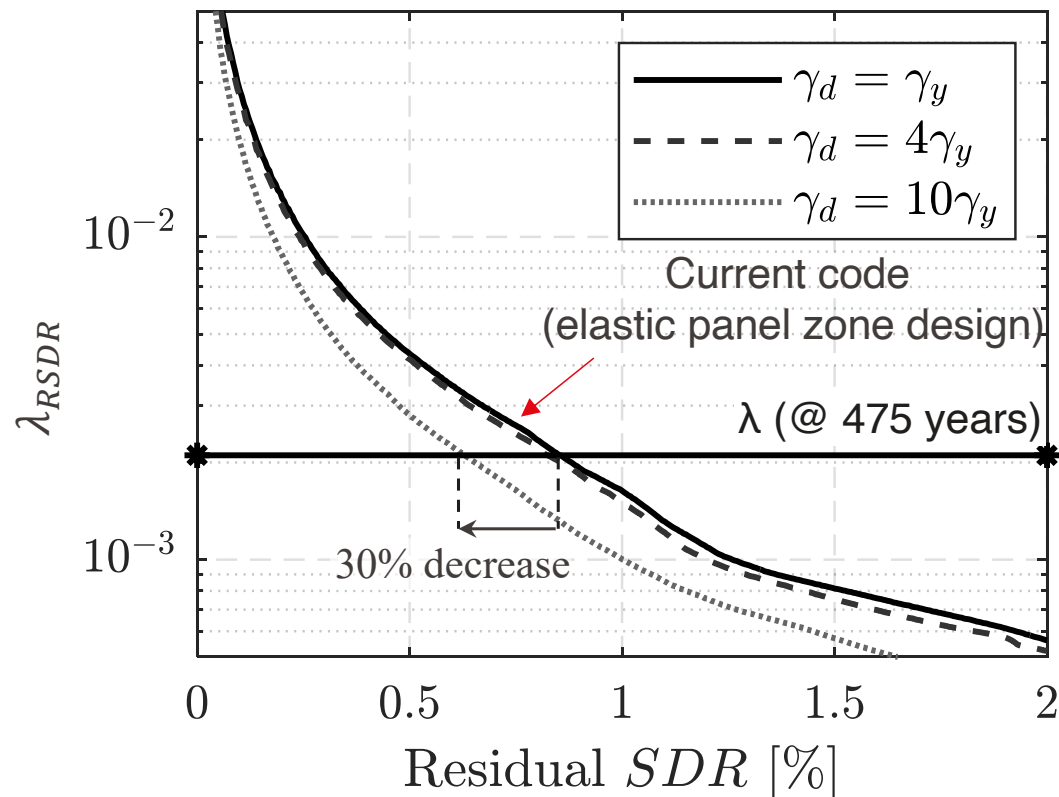
-Collapse risk evaluation: set of 44 far-field ground motions of FEMA P695



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# EPFL Influence of panel zone design on residual story drift

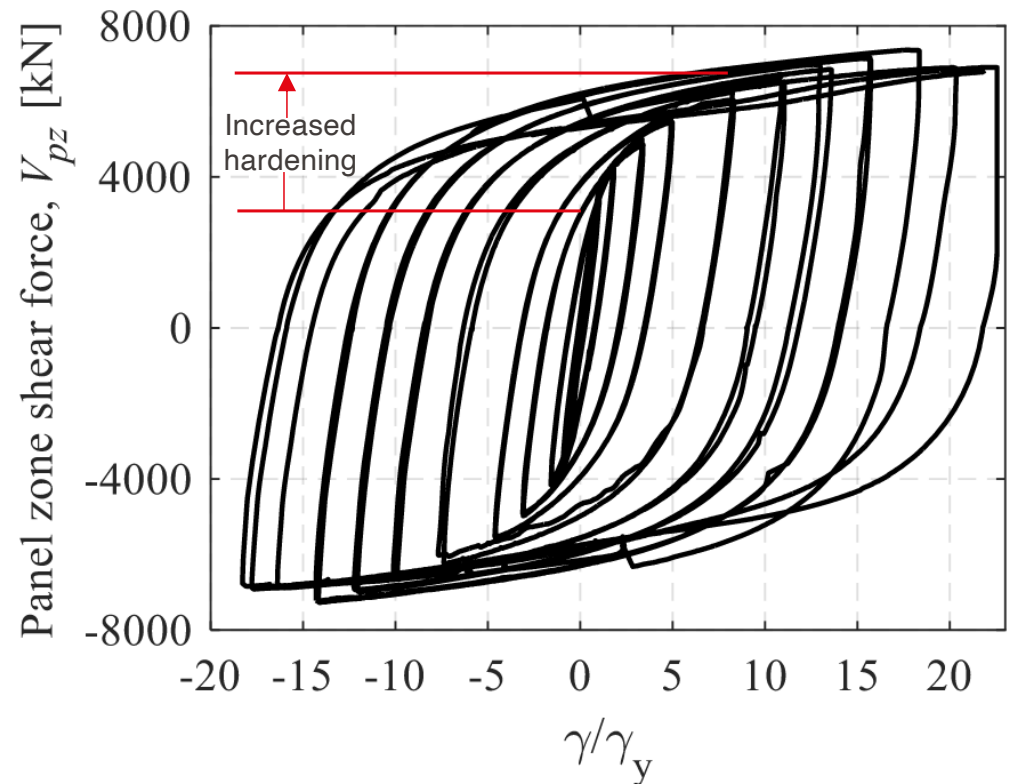
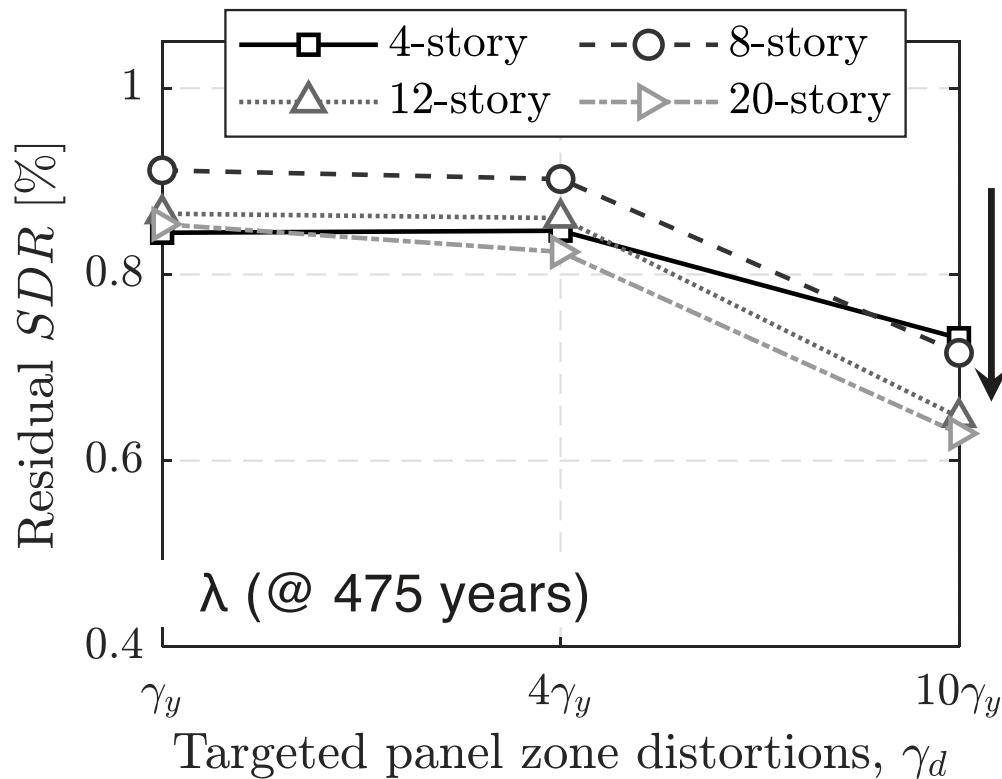
-Residual story drift hazard curves



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-Design basis earthquake (10% / 50 years)



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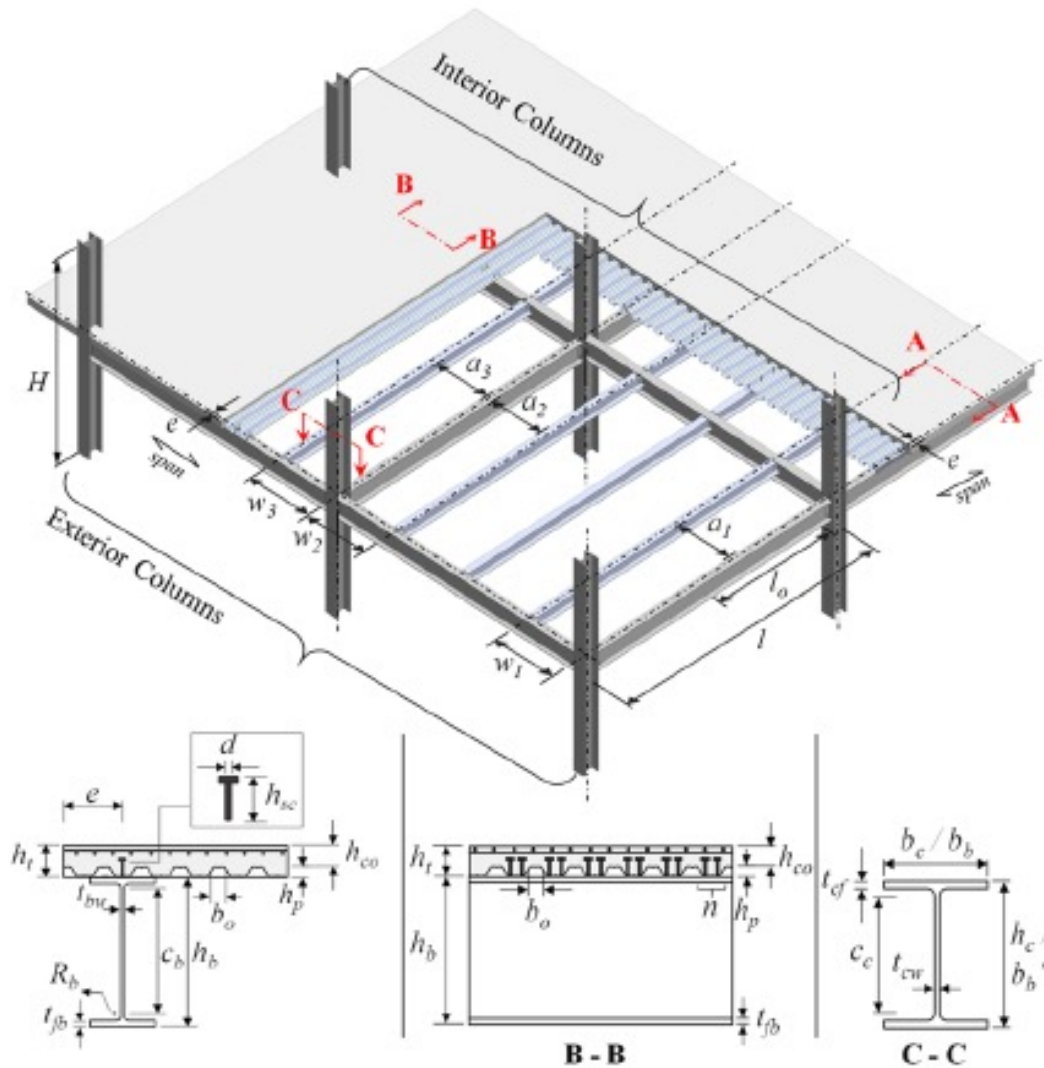
# EPFL Composite-steel moment resisting frames



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- Enhanced lateral stiffness and strength due to composite action
- Potentially lighter steel designs for higher degrees of composite action

# EPFL What is the 'right' effective width?



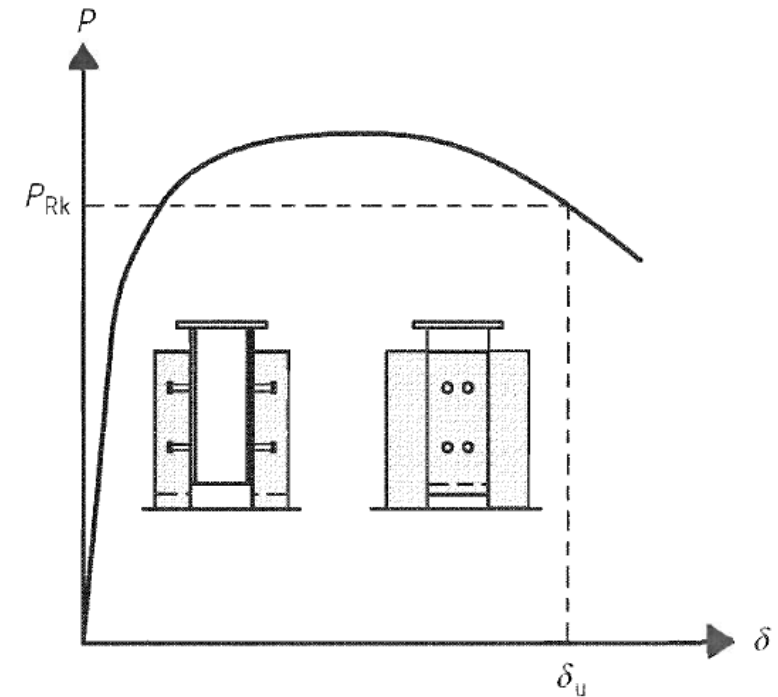
Code	Effective width*	
	Interior column	Exterior column
CEN (2004a)	$\min \begin{cases} 0.075l \\ e \end{cases}$	$^{(1)} \min \begin{cases} 0.075l \\ e \end{cases}$
		$^{(2)} \min \begin{cases} 0.5(b_b + 0.7h_c) \\ e \end{cases}$
		$^{(3)} \min \begin{cases} 0.5(b_b + 0.7h_c) \\ 0.05l \\ e \end{cases}$
AISC (2016a)	$\min \begin{cases} 0.0125l \\ w \\ e \end{cases}$	
AJ (2010a)		$b_b$

(El Jisr and Lignos, 2019)

# EPFL Strength of shear connectors



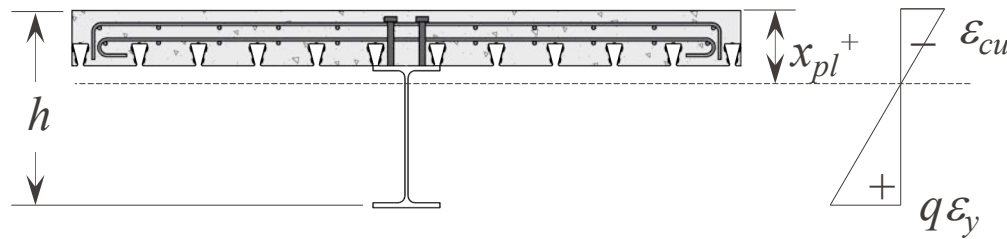
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@EN 1994-1-1 Annex D (2004)

- In seismic applications: additional 25% reduction regardless of the beam depth
- Headed shear connectors to be ductile ( $h_D \geq 4d$ )
- Deformability  $\delta_{uk} \geq 6mm$

# EPFL Ductility requirements for controlling concrete crushing within a dissipative zone



$$\frac{x_{pl}^+}{h} \leq \frac{\epsilon_{cu}}{\epsilon_{cu} + q \cdot \epsilon_y}$$

Not allowed

Current EN1998-1-1 (Chapter 11)

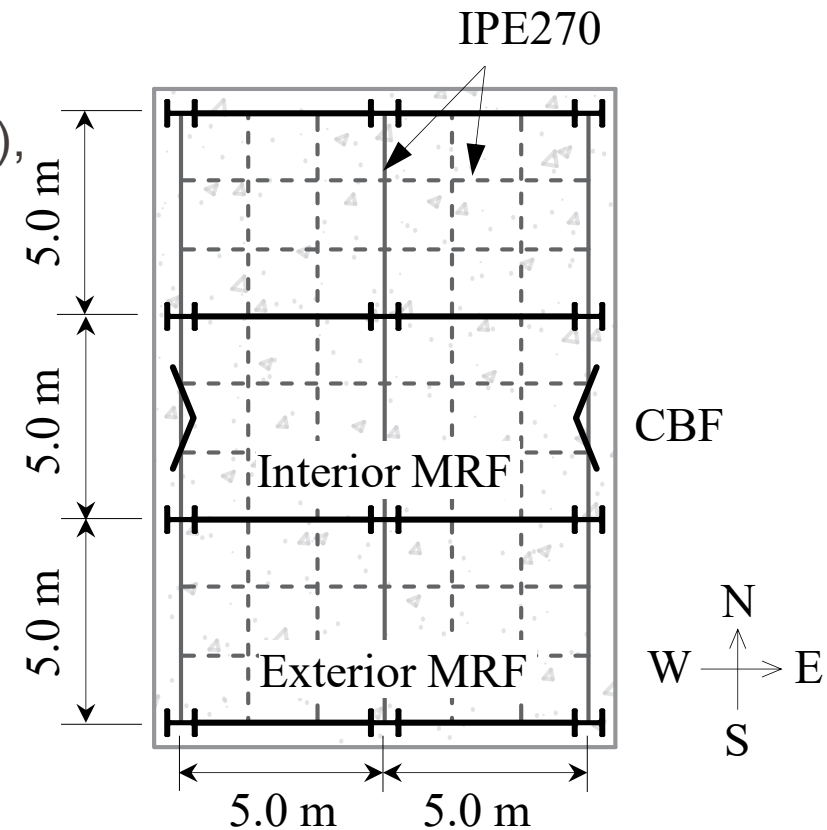
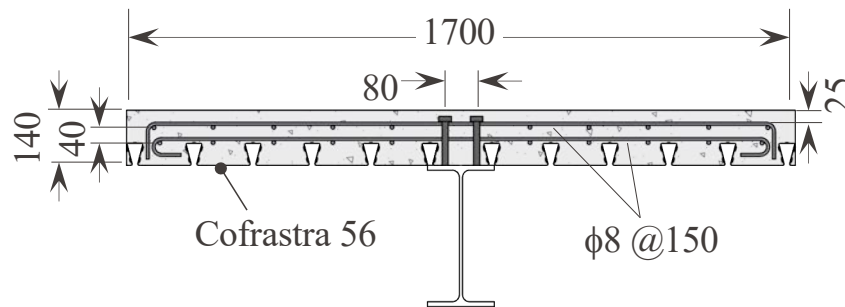
		Fully Composite Beam								
q	L [mm]	z/d								Limit
		IPE270	IPE300	IPE330	IPE360	IPE400	IPE450	IPE500	IPE550	
1.5	5000	0.336	0.317	0.315	0.345	0.387	0.414	0.439	0.457	0.50
	6000	0.332	0.313	0.297	0.284	0.332	0.368	0.400	0.424	0.50
	7000	0.327	0.309	0.294	0.281	0.277	0.323	0.361	0.391	0.50
	8000	0.322	0.305	0.290	0.278	0.262	0.277	0.322	0.358	0.50
	9000	0.318	0.301	0.287	0.275	0.259	0.242	0.284	0.325	0.50
2	5000	0.336	0.317	0.315	0.345	0.387	0.414	0.439	0.457	0.43
	6000	0.332	0.313	0.297	0.284	0.332	0.368	0.400	0.424	0.43
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- In current provisions, assumed  $\epsilon_{cu} = 0,0025$

- Very restrictive for seismic designs of composite steel MRFs with  $q > 2$

# EPFL Overview of prototype building

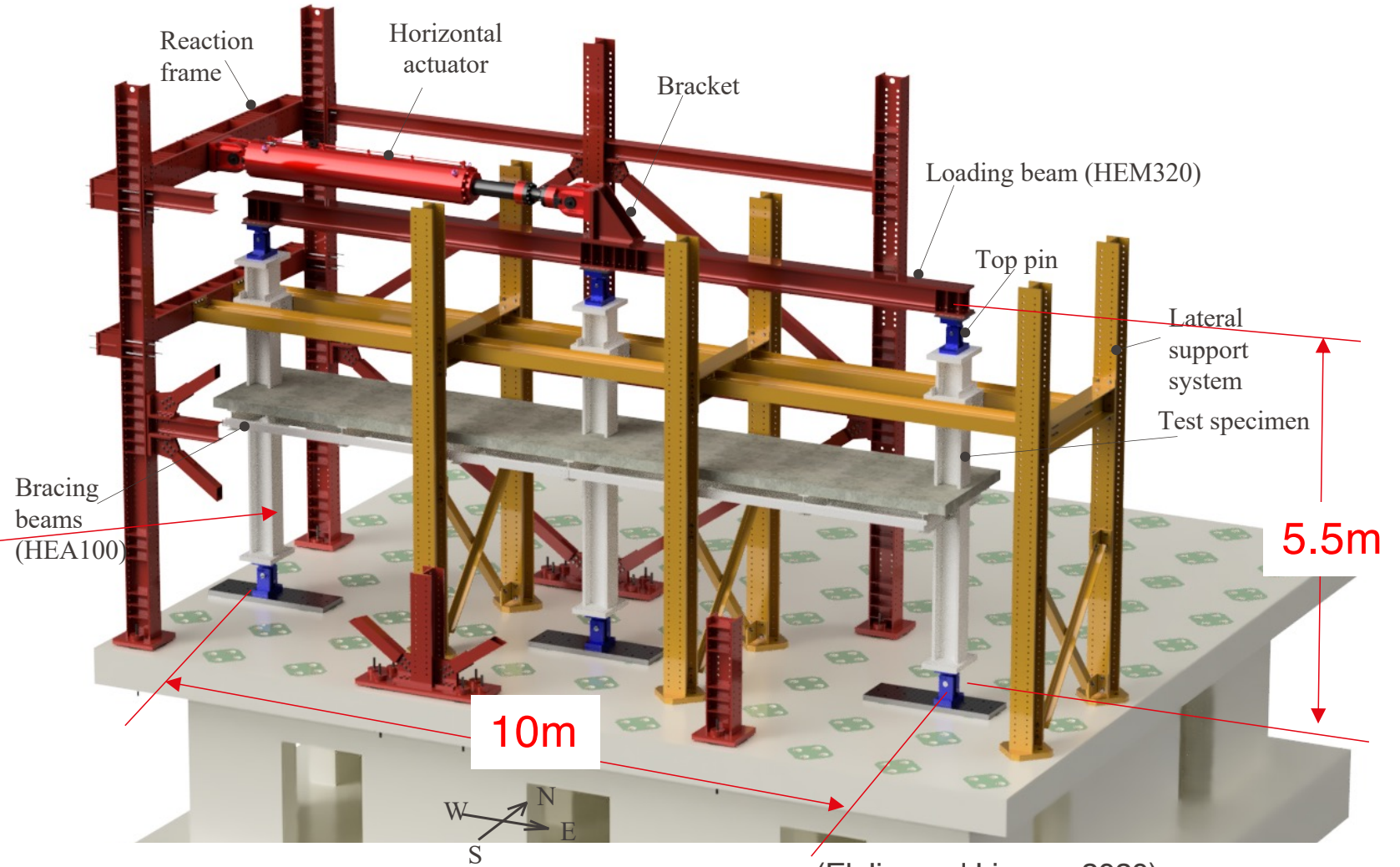
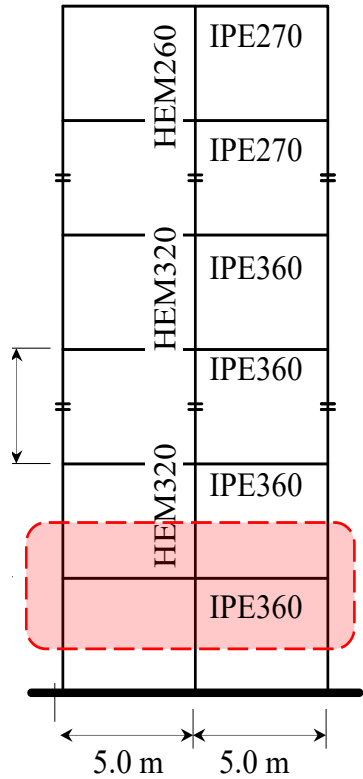
- 2-bay composite-steel MRFs (S355J2 steel, C25)
- Site Class D,  $a_g=0.22g$
- Design location: Sion (CH), Katerini (GR), Braila (RO), Rimini (IT)
- Degree of composite action,  $n = 80\%$
- Assumed, strength reduction factor,  $q = 3$
- 25% reduction in shear stud resistance is waived
- Stiffened end-plate beam-to-column connections
- Fabrication: EXC2 according to EN1090-2



(El Jisr and Lignos, 2020)

# EPFL Test structure @ EPFL

2500kN / 2400mm stroke



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# EPFL Test structure after setup completion



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## EPFL Test structure after setup completion (2)



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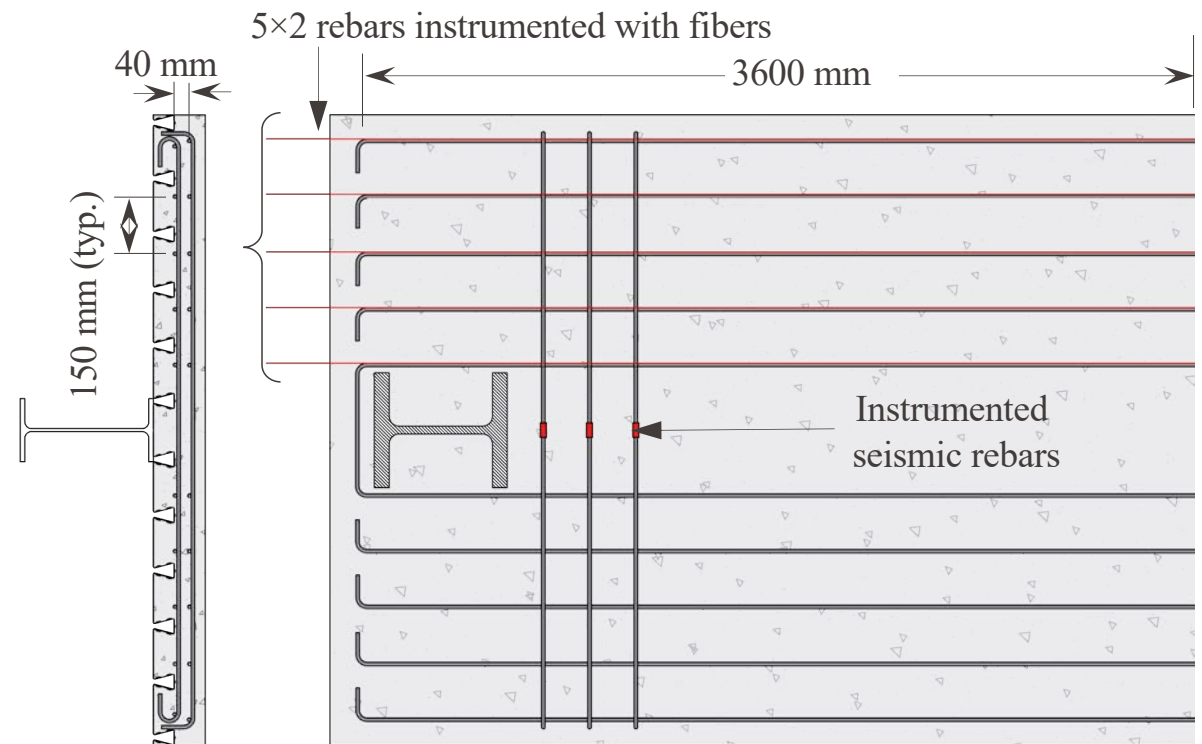
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# EPFL Instrumentation

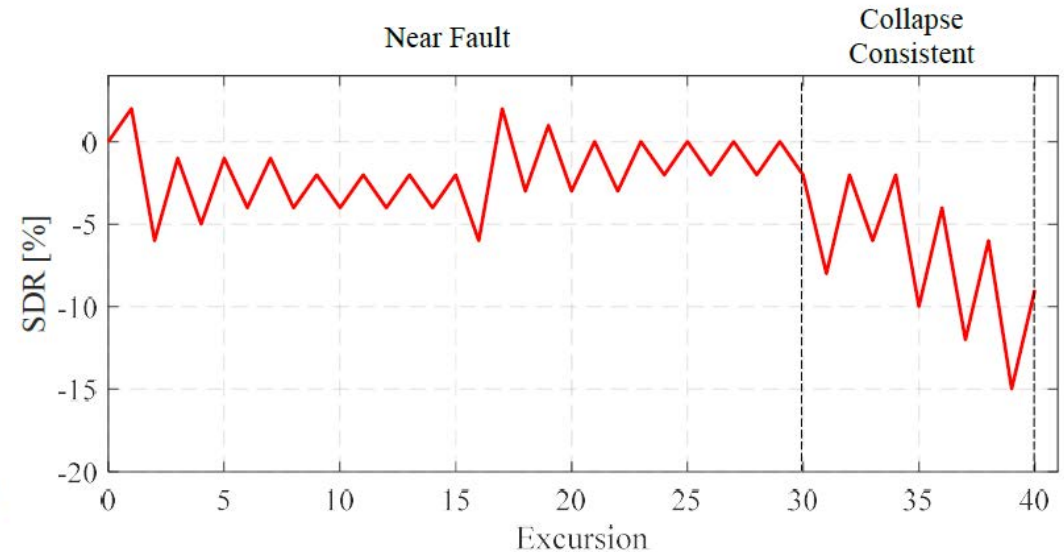
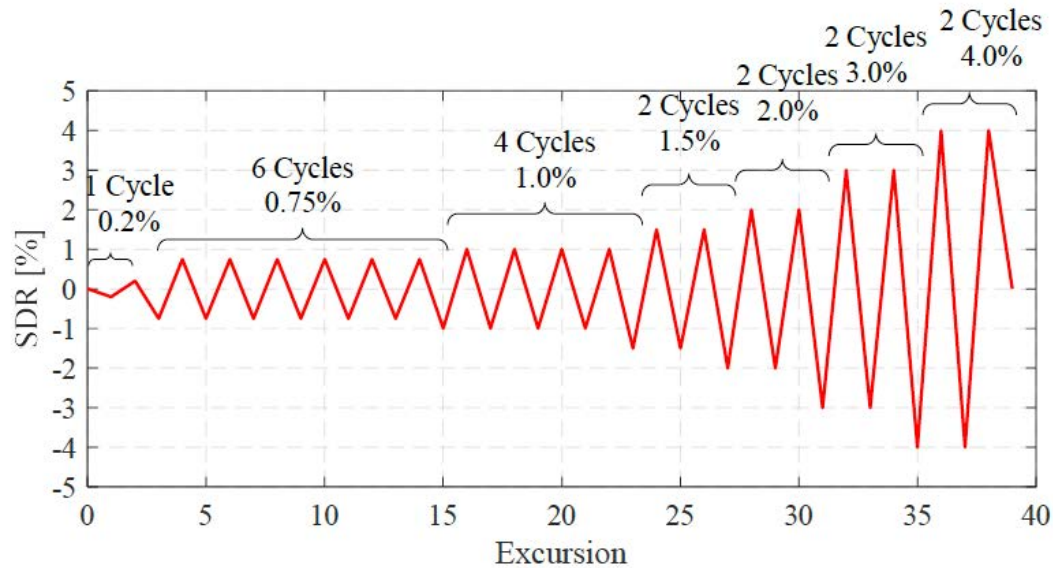
- Digital image correlation system (8 cameras) to track strains on the slab surface
- LUNA: fiber optic cables for continuous strain measurements on steel reinforcement
- LED Wireless tracking system for displacement tracking
- Conventional instrumentation: About 360 other sensors

## Digital image correlation system



(El Jisr and Lignos, 2020)

# EPFL Employed loading protocols

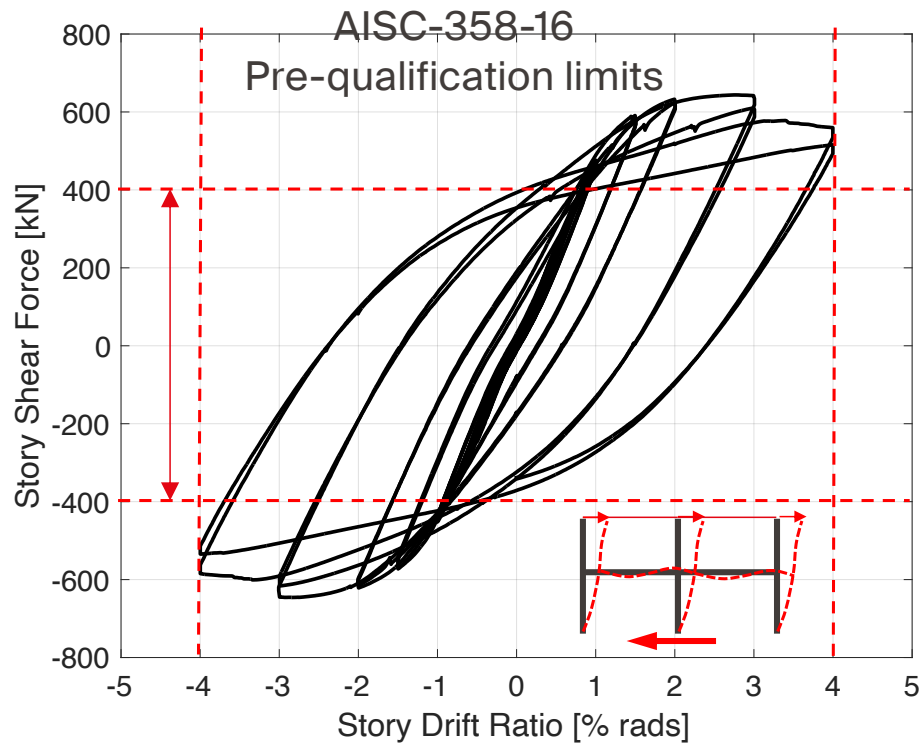


- AISC symmetric cyclic protocol (to evaluate pre-qualification)
- SAC near fault protocol (prototype design location near fault)
- Collapse-consistent protocol to mimic “ratcheting” prior to structural collapse

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# EPFL Selected experimental findings

## -AISC loading protocol

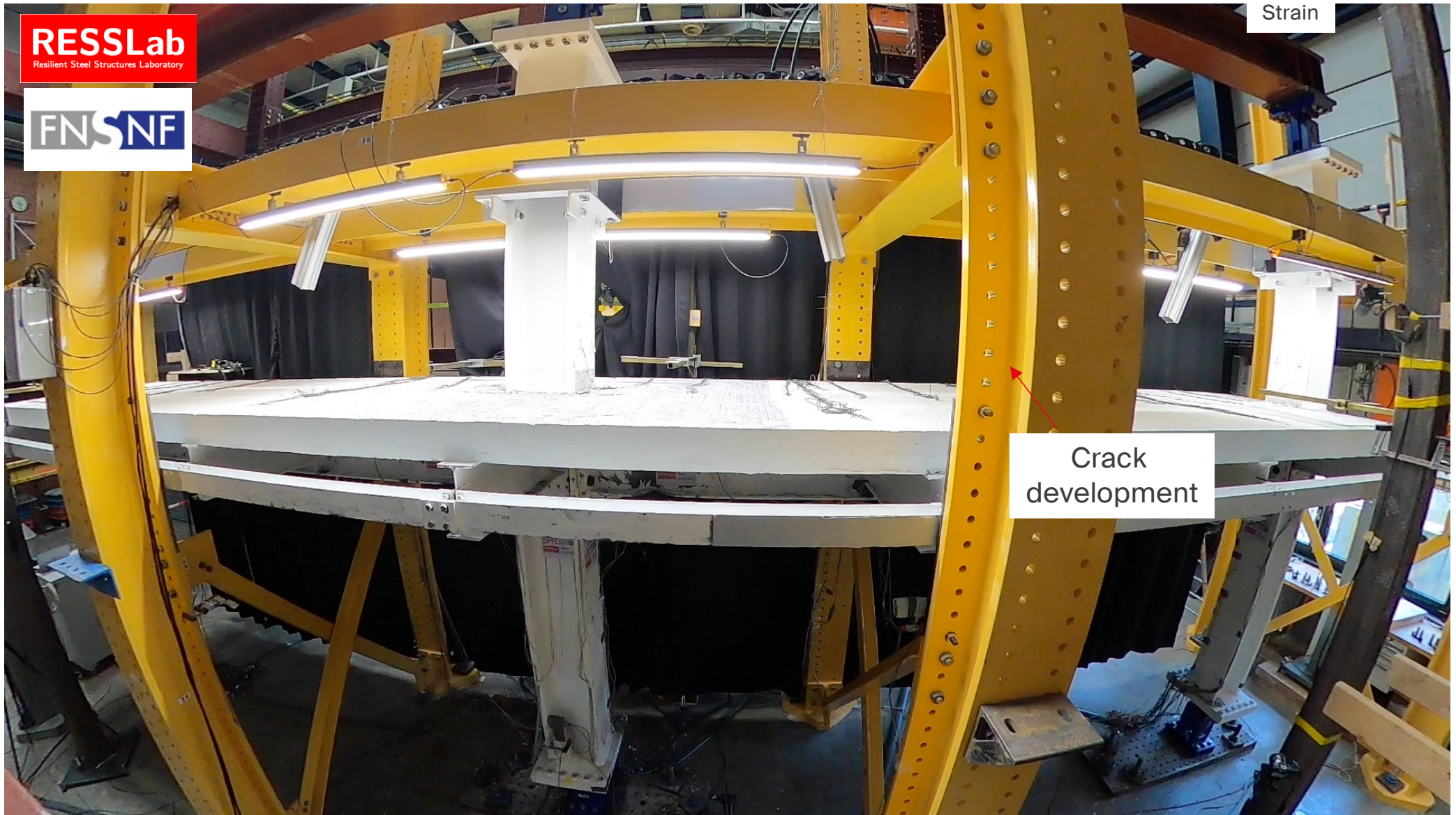


### East beam: Exterior Joint



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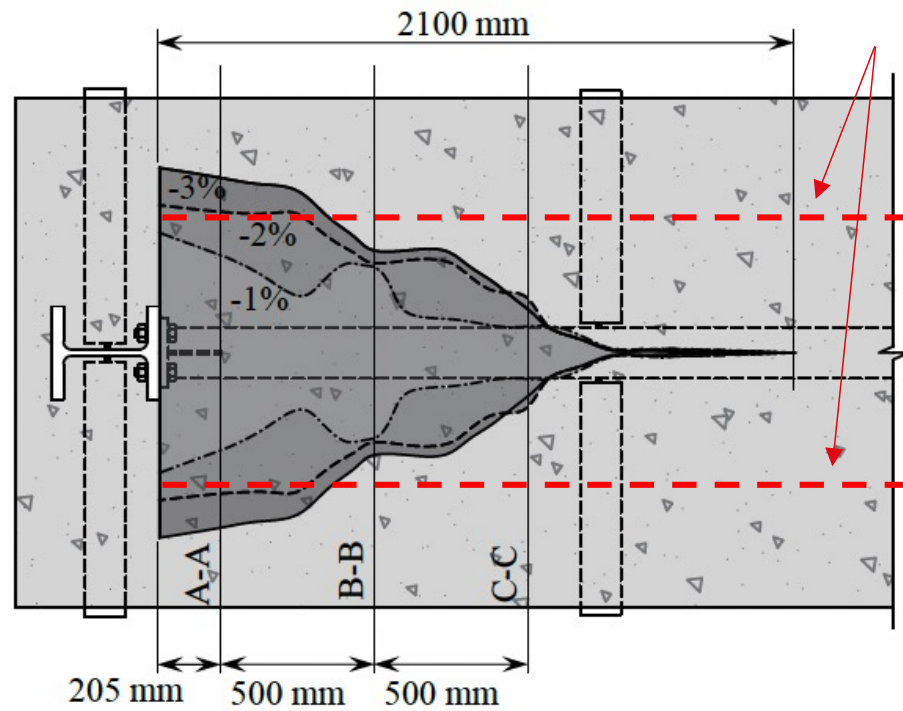
# EPFL Seismic performance of composite-steel moment frames



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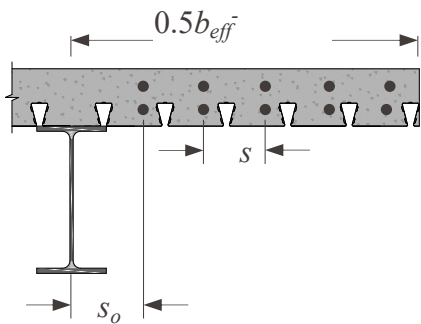
# EPFL Slab effective width



Proposed value according to AISC-2016  
(adopted in New Eurocode 8 Part 1-2)



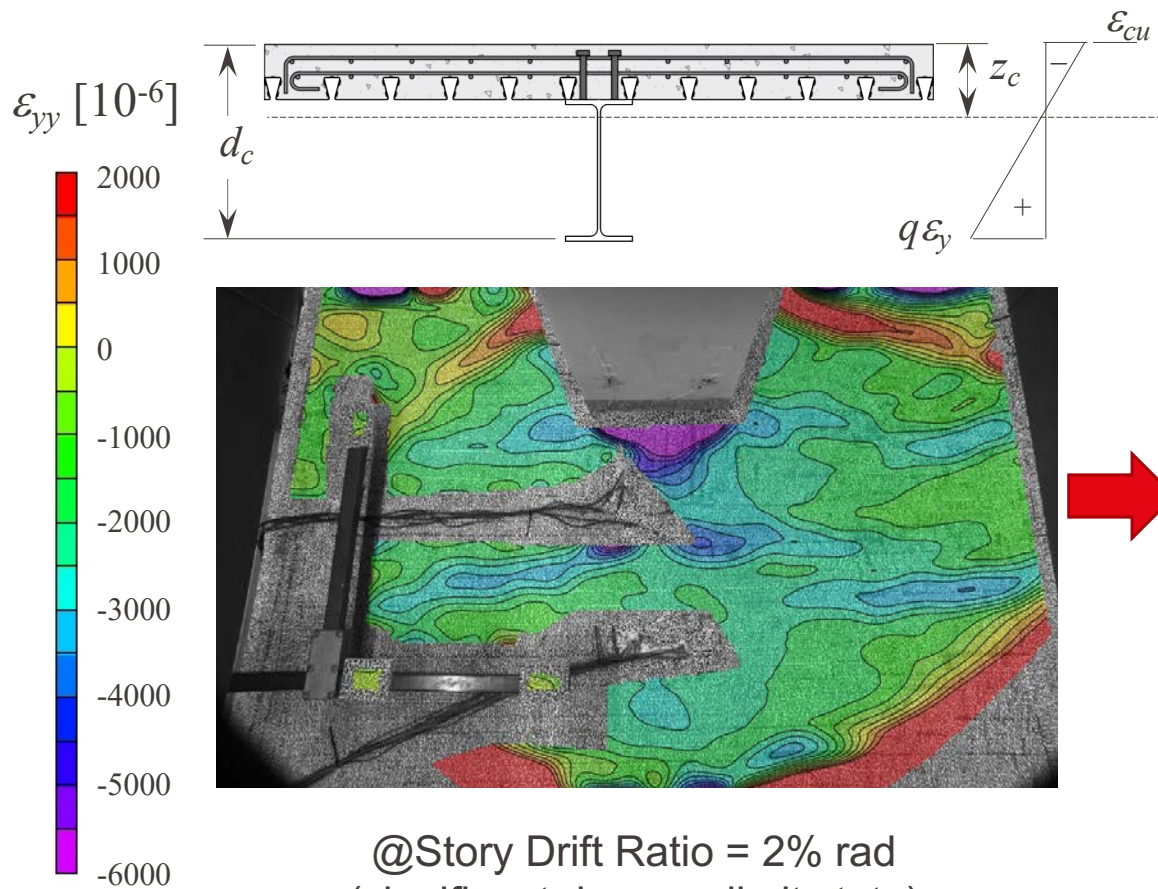
Digitized section cut in composite beams



$$b_{eff}^{-} = 2 \left[ \left( \frac{\sum \sigma_{s,i}}{2f_{y,n}} - 1 \right) \cdot s + s_0 \right]$$

(El Jisr and Lignos, 2021)

# EPFL Revised ductility requirements for composite-steel beams



@Story Drift Ratio = 2% rad  
(significant damage limit state)

New Table 12.6 (EN1998-1-2: 2022)

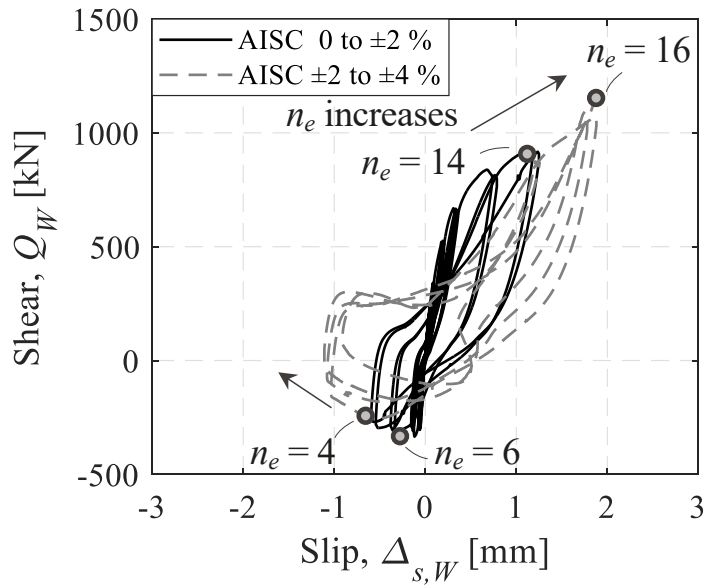
Ductility Class	$q$	$f_y$ (N/mm <sup>2</sup> )	$z_c/d_c$ upper limit
DC2	$1,5 < q \leq 3,5$	355	0,45
		275	0,50
		235	0,55
DC3	$3,5 < q \leq 5,0$	355	0,35
		275	0,40
		235	0,45
	$q > 5,0$	355	0,30
		275	0,35
		235	0,40

(El Jisr and Lignos, 2021)

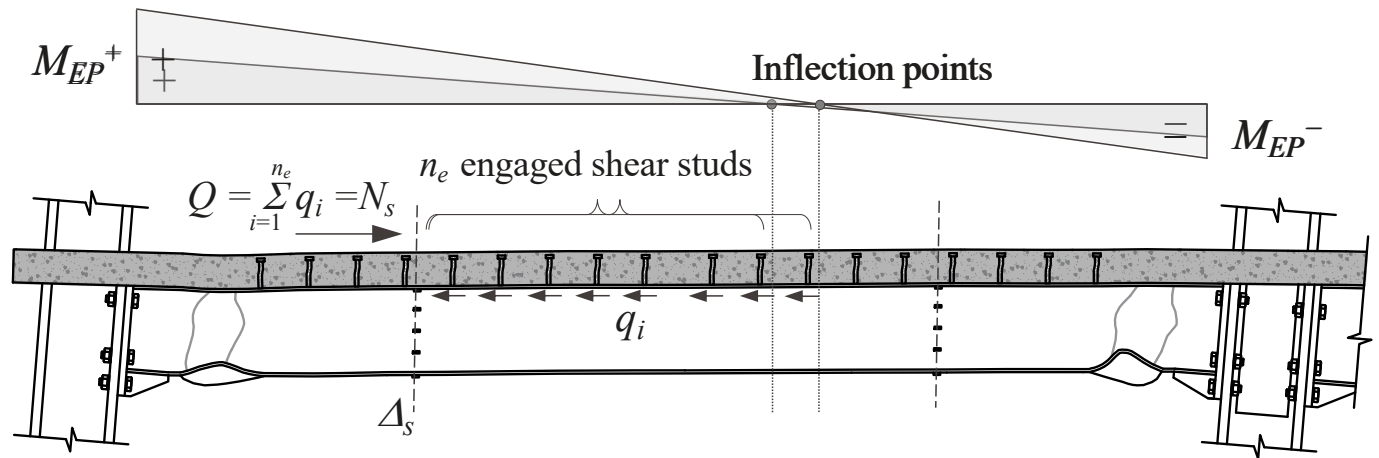
- Revised limit for confined concrete crushing,  $\epsilon_{cu} = 4,5\text{‰}$

# EPFL Behavior of shear stud connectors

Beam-slab connection response



Shear stud participation during loading



(El Jisr and Lignos, 2021)

# Behavior of shear stud connectors

-slab cut along the beam length (after the end of test)

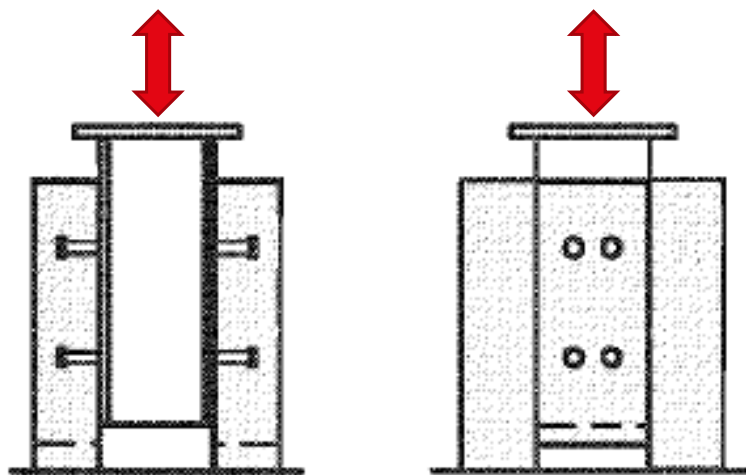


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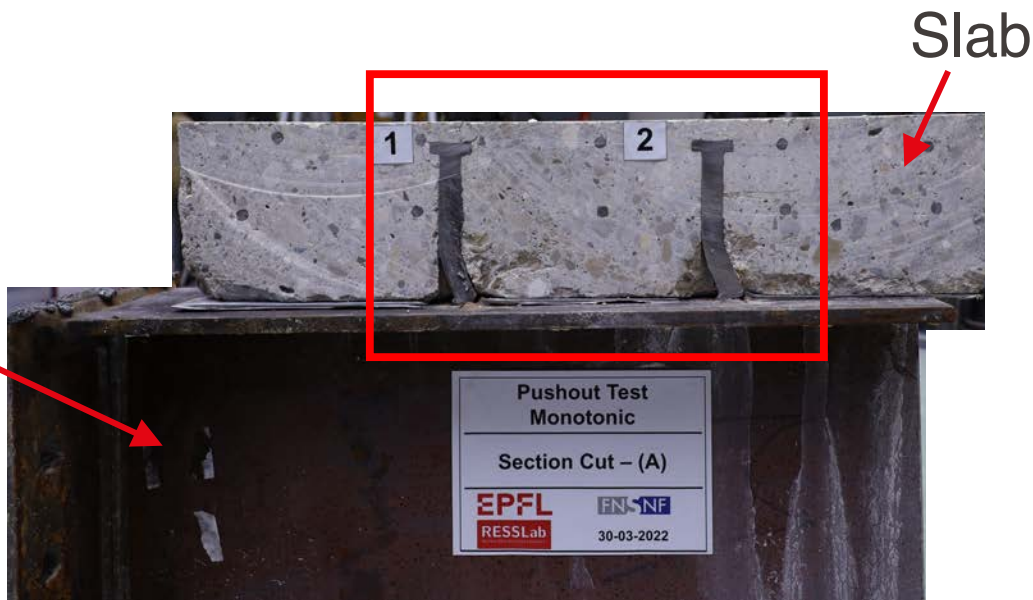
# EPFL Behavior of shear stud connectors

-from typical push-out test



Push-out test

Steel beam



(El Jisr and Lignos, 2021)

# EPFL Shear connectors in composite moment frames

-Section cuts after end of testing and design recommendations



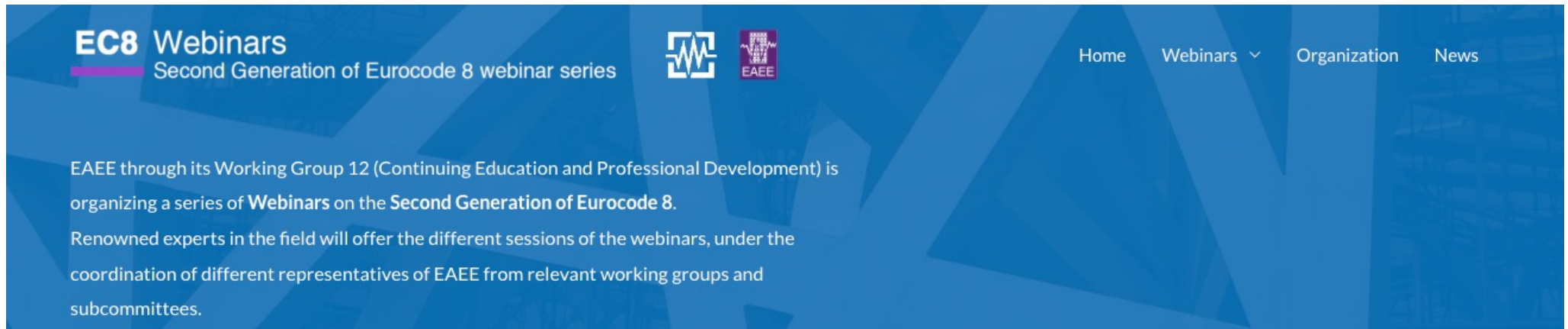
Steel beam (IPE330)



(El Jisr and Lignos, 2021)

- For composite beams with  $d_b \leq 500mm$ :  
→25% reduction on shear resistance is waived (adopted in EC8 Part 1-2)

# EPFL EC8 Webinars program (<https://ec8webinars.org/webinars/#webinars>)



**EC8 Webinars**  
Second Generation of Eurocode 8 webinar series

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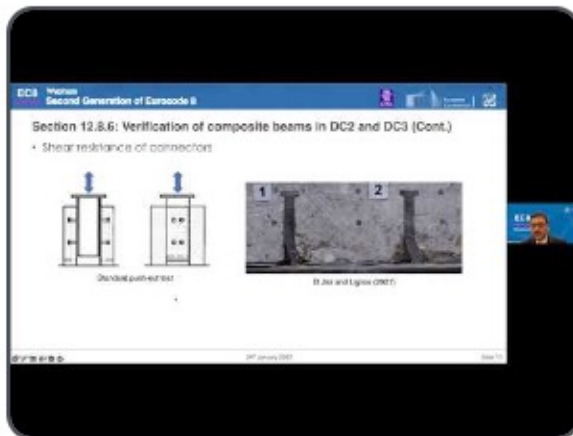
Speaker: [Dimitrios Lignos](#)

## Link to all seminars

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## Link for composite-steel concrete frames

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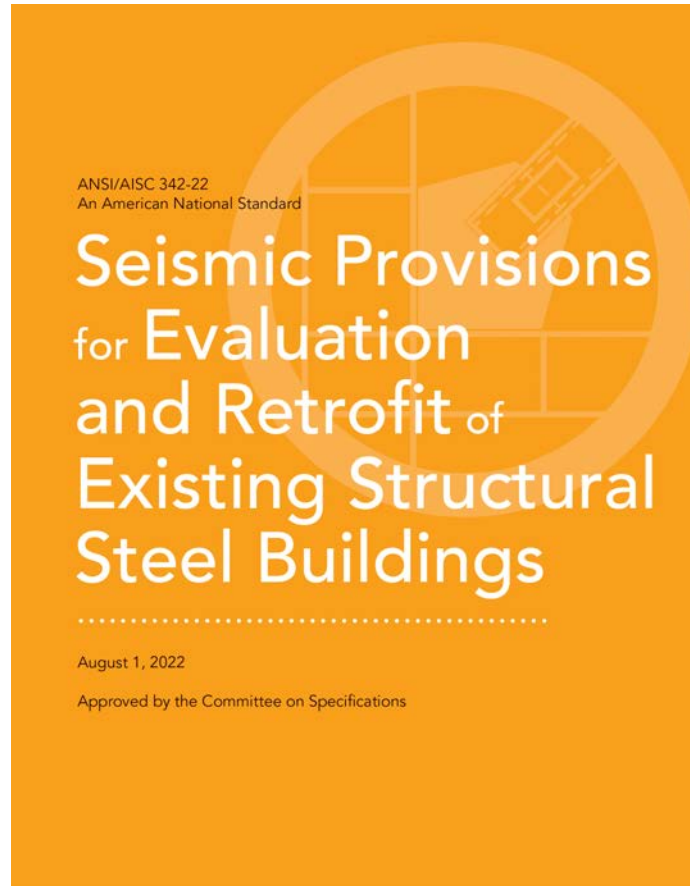
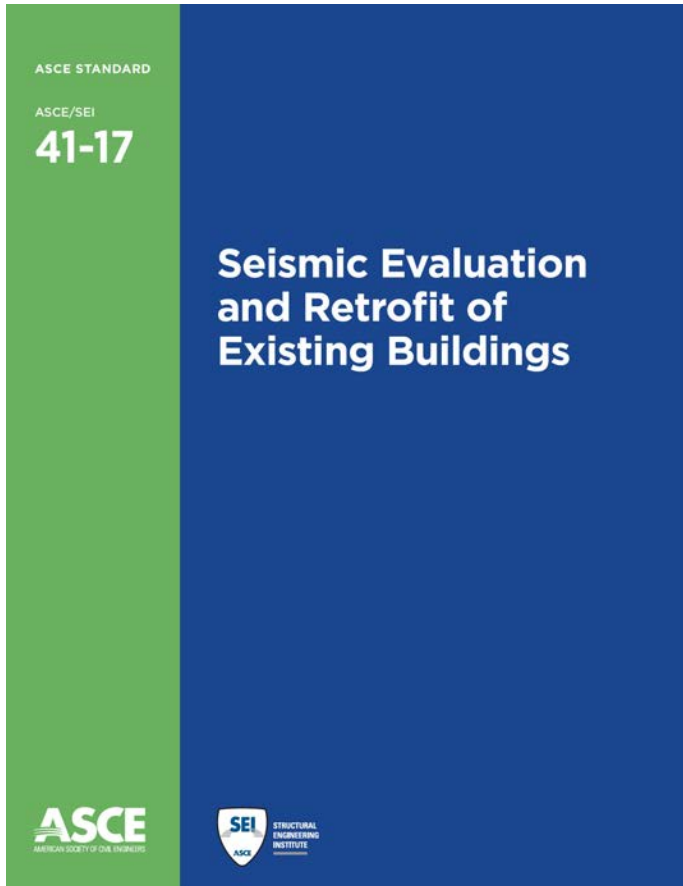


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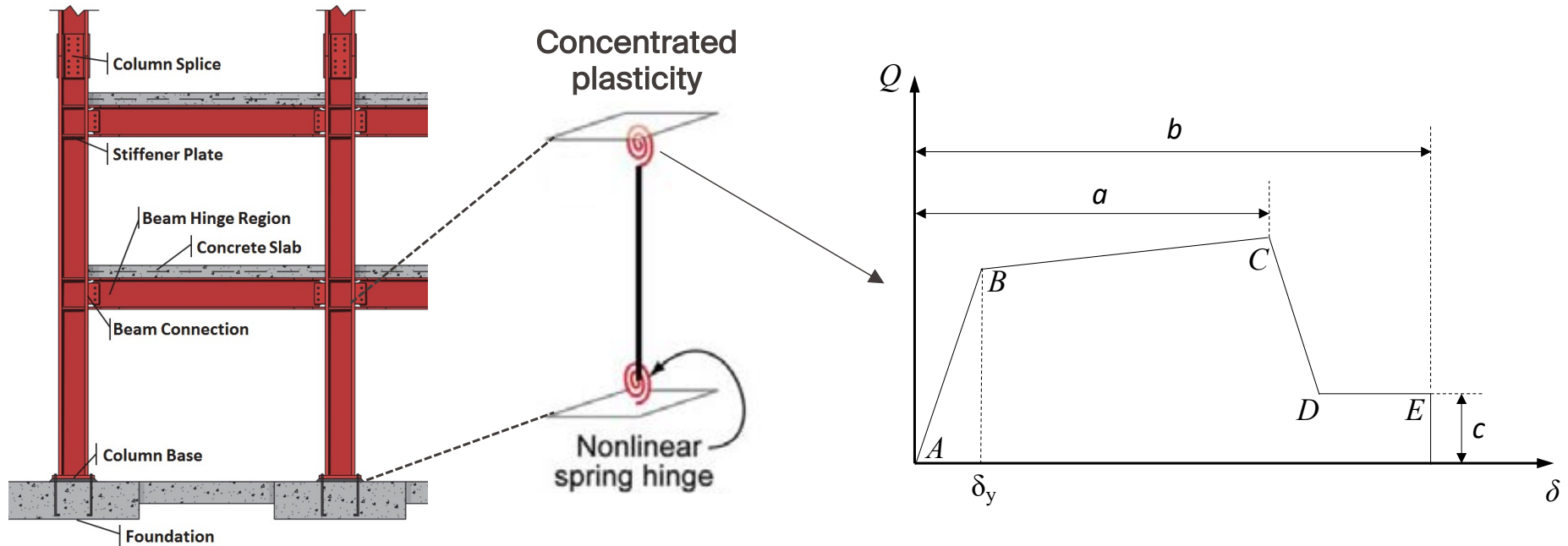
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# EPFL Practice-oriented models for seismic assessment



# Current Eurocode 8 – Part 3

Resistance & deformation models for assessment (steel beams & columns)



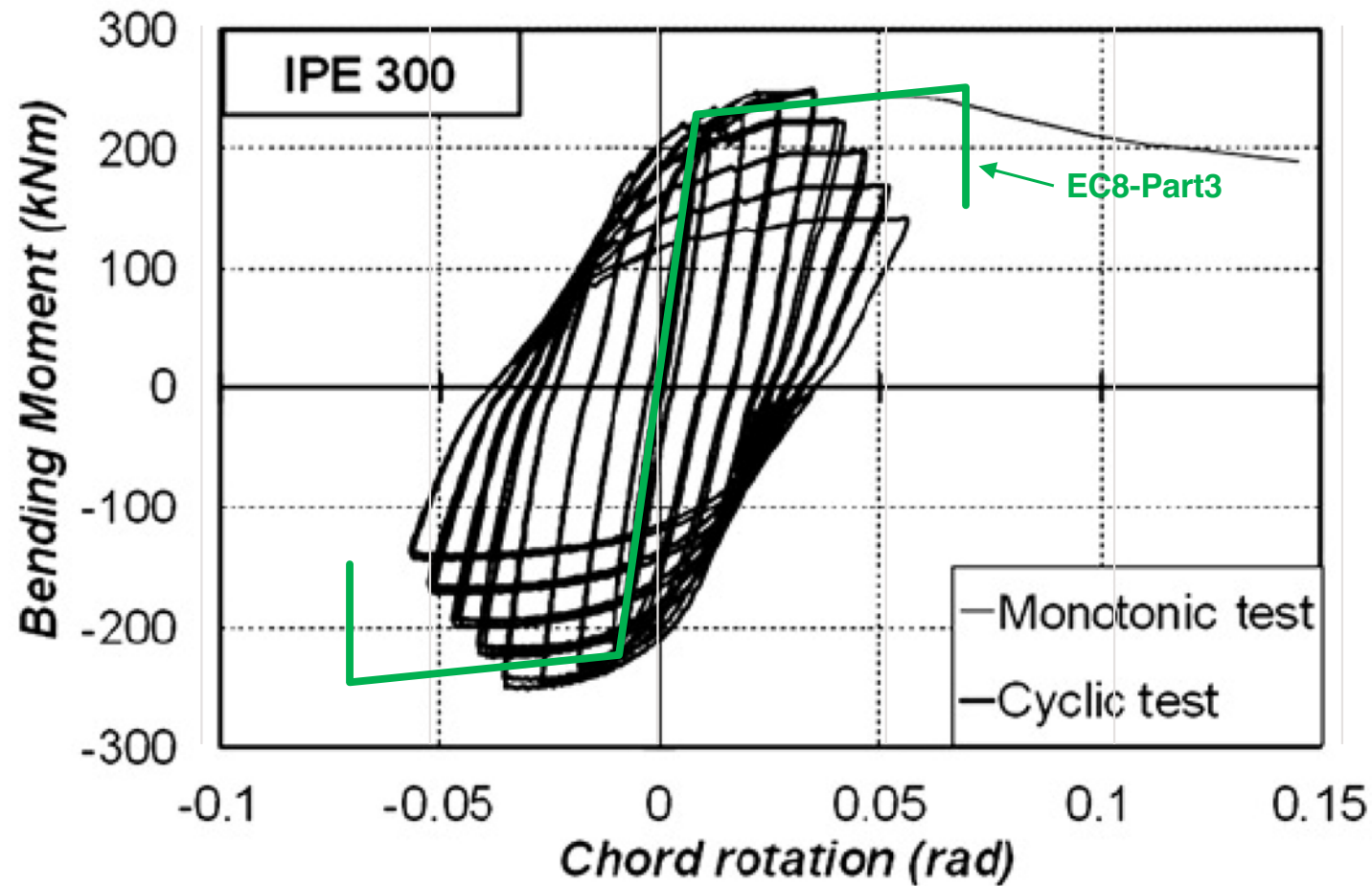
**Table B.1: Plastic rotation capacity at the end of beams or columns with dimensionless axial load  $\nu$  not greater than 0,30.**

Class of cross section	Limit State		
	DL	SD	NC
1	$1,0 \theta_y$	$6,0 \theta_y$	$8,0 \theta_y$
2	$0,25 \theta_y$	$2,0 \theta_y$	$3,0 \theta_y$

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# EPFL Current Eurocode 8 – Part 3

Evaluation of deformation models for assessment (steel beams)



Cantilever steel beam test data (D'Aniello et al. 2012)

# EPFL Material and structural performance databases

-over 1500 collected experiments

Material scale (over 10 steel grades)



Hartloper et al. (2023)

Steel beam-to-column joints



Lignos and Krawinkler (2011)

I- H- shaped steel columns



Elkady and Lignos (2018)

Hollow structural steel columns



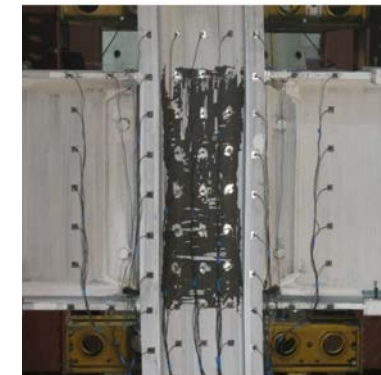
Lignos and Krawinkler (2010)

Steel braces (HSS, round HSS, I-shaped)



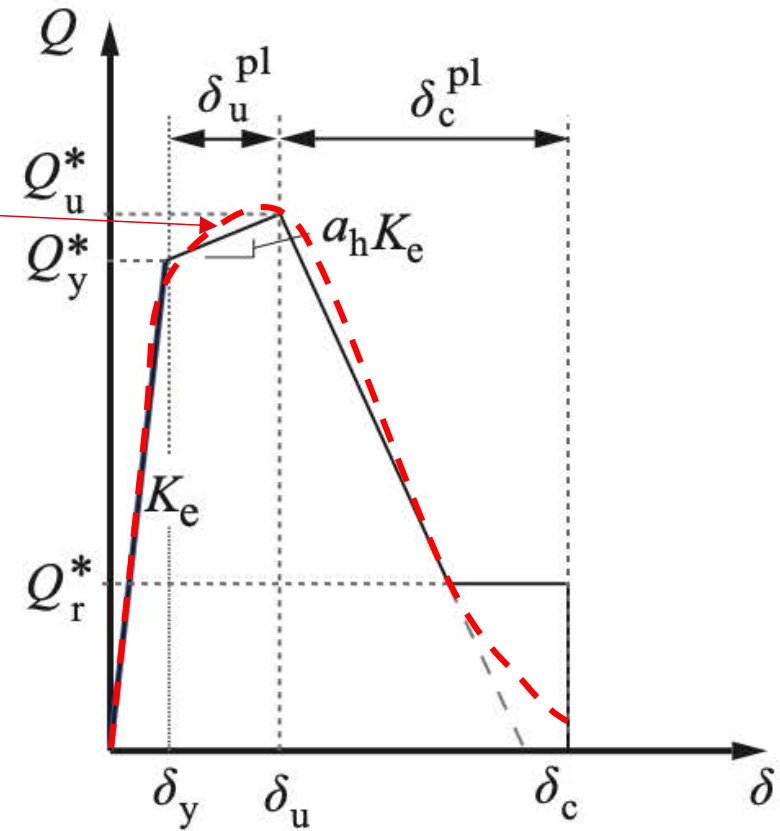
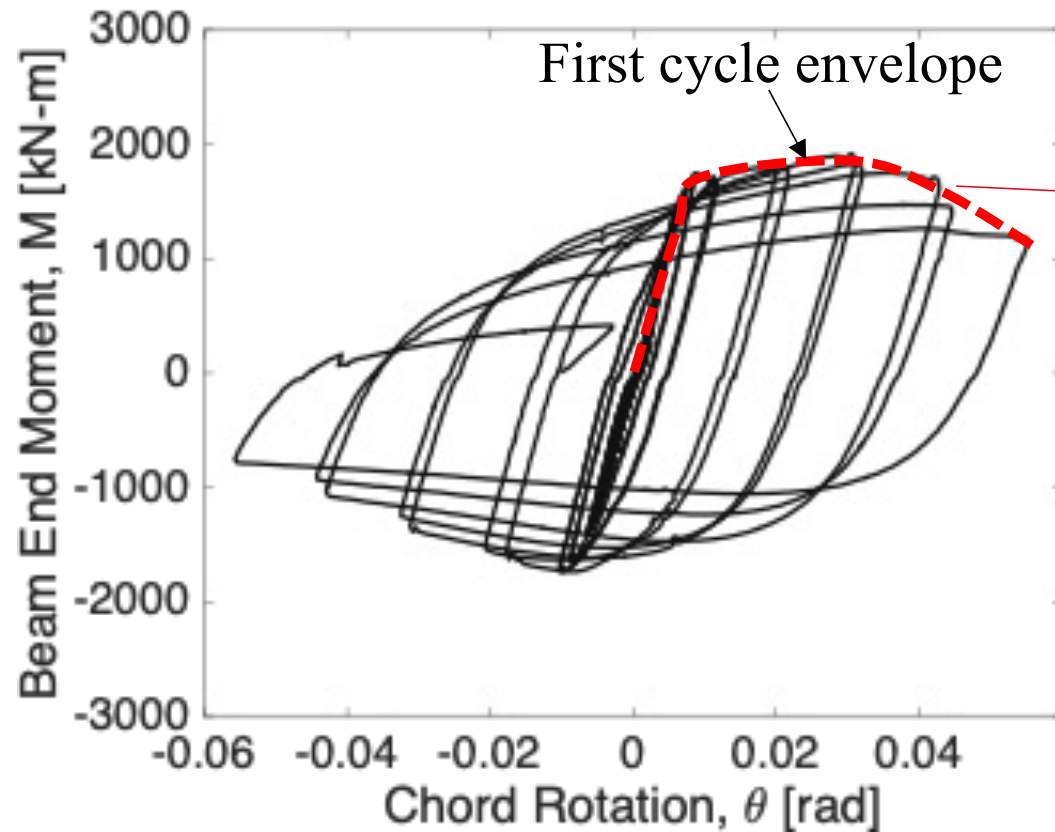
Karamanci and Lignos (2014)

Beam-to-column web panel



Skiadopoulos and Lignos (2021)

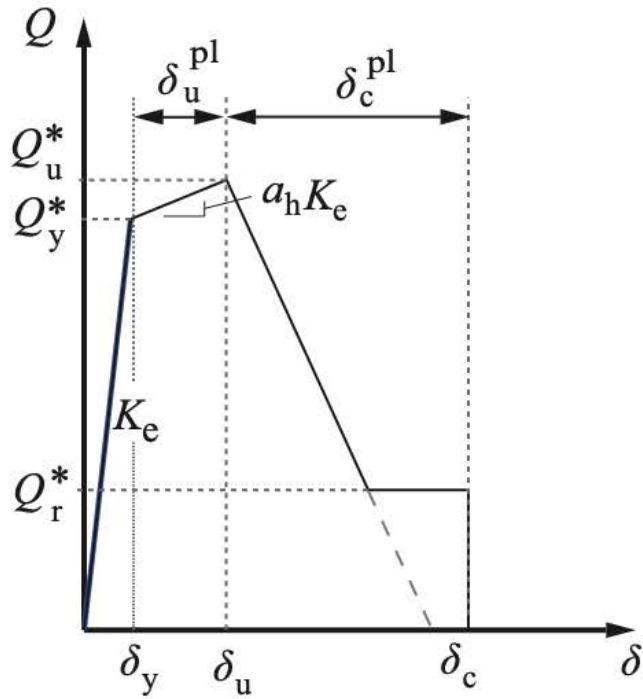
# EPFL Resistance & deformation models for assessment





# EPFL Resistance & deformation models

## I- and H-shaped steel columns



### Resistance models

$$M_y^* = 1,15\omega_{rm} \left(1 - \frac{N_{Ed,G}}{\chi_z N_{Rk}/\gamma_{M1}}\right) \chi_{LT} M_{y,Rk}/\gamma_{M1}$$

$$M_u^* = M_y^* + a_h K_e \theta_u^{pl}$$

### Deformation models

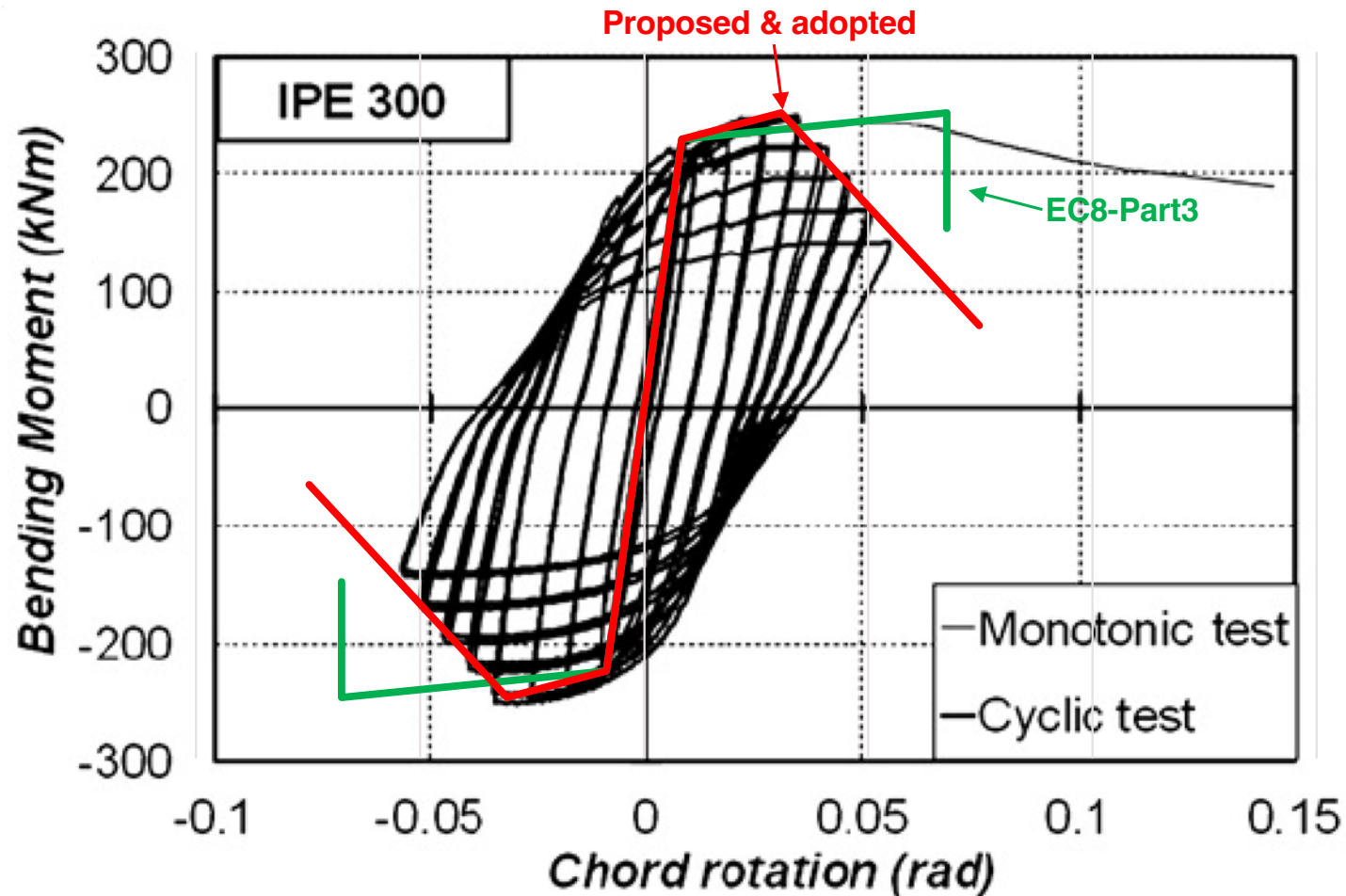
$$\delta_u^{pl} = 7,37 \left(\frac{h}{t_w}\right)^{-0,95} \left(\frac{L_b}{i_z}\right)^{-0,5} \left(1 - \frac{N_{Ed,G}}{N_{pl,e}}\right)^{2,4} \leq 0,15\text{rad} \quad (COV = 0.38)$$

$$\delta_c^{pl} = 20 \left(\frac{h}{t_w}\right)^{-0,9} \left(\frac{L_b}{i_z}\right)^{-0,5} \left(1 - \frac{N_{Ed,G}}{N_{pl,e}}\right)^{3,4} \leq 0,07\text{rad} \quad (COV = 0.42)$$

Source: Lignos et al. (2019)

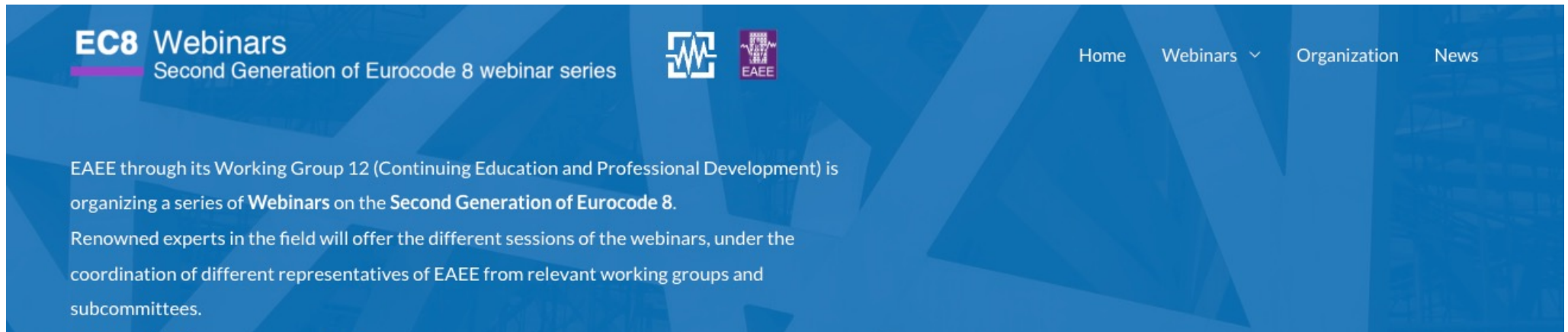
# EPFL Proposed resistance models for assessment

-Typical steel beam



Cantilever steel beam test data (D'Aniello et al. 2012)

# EPFL EC8 Webinars program (<https://ec8webinars.org/webinars/#webinars>)



**EC8 Webinars**  
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Webinar 3.4: Assessment and retrofit of steel structures

Speaker: [Dimitrios Lignos](#)



Video: [open in Youtube](#)

Presentation slides: [open view](#)

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### Link for Clause 9 of EC8 Part 3 (seismic assessment)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3IZPHQfkB0Y>

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# EPFL Summary and conclusions

- **Seismic stability of steel columns:**
  - Axial shortening, coupled instabilities
  - Proposed limits on compressive axial load ratio & web slenderness
  - Influence of loading history (subduction versus near fault)
- **Beam-to-column web panel zone joints:**
  - Existing models do not work well with columns having thick flanges (>40mm) and beam-to-column depth ratios larger than 1
  - Proposed model for design: addresses all previous limitations
- **Composite effects for seismic action:**
  - Additional 25% reduction on shear resistance can be waived for beam depths smaller than 500mm
  - New recommendations for effective width
- **Practice-oriented models for seismic assessment of existing structures:**
  - New Chapter 9 in Eurocode 8 Part 3 (second generation of Eurocodes)
  - Revisions on columns in ASCE-41 (2023 version)

**Thank you very much for your kind attention!**

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