

* Buckling of Stiffened Panels (Topic 10) (Post-buckling Behaviour)

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The aim of this lecture is:

- To equip you with the knowledge and understanding of ultimate buckling strength of a flat plate.

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Ultimate strength of initially deflected plate under longitudinal compression: Part I = An advanced empirical formulation

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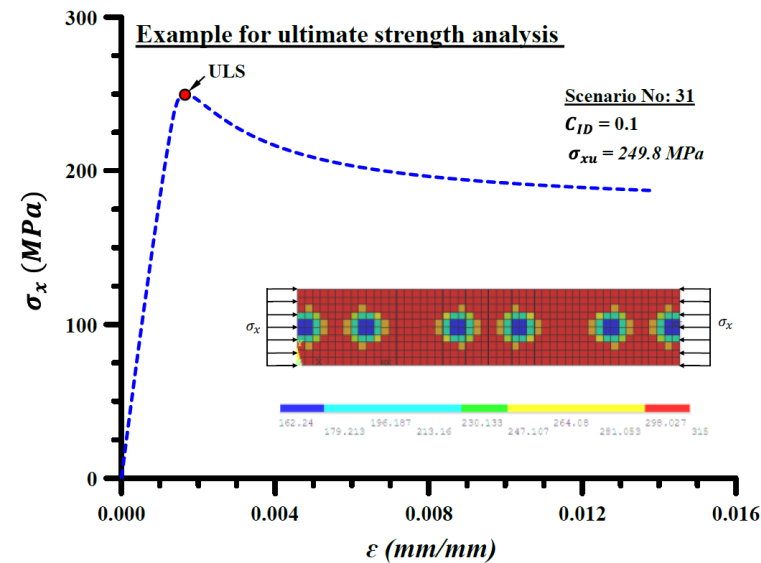
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Abstract. In this study (Part I), an advanced empirical formulation was proposed to predict the ultimate strength of initially deflected steel plate subjected to longitudinal compression. An advanced empirical formulation was proposed by adopting Initial Deflection Index (IDI) concept for plate element which is a function of plate slenderness ratio (β) and coefficient of initial deflection. In case of initial deflection, buckling mode shape, which is mostly assumed type in the ships and offshore industry, was adopted. For the numerical simulation by ANSYS nonlinear finite element method (NLFEM), with a total of seven hundred 700 plate scenarios, including the combination of one hundred (100) cases of plate slenderness ratios with seven (7) representative initial deflection coefficients, were selected based on obtained probability density distributions of plate element from collected commercial ships. The obtained empirical formulation showed good agreement ($R^2 = 0.99$) with numerical simulation results. The obtained outcome with proposed procedure will be very useful in predicting the ultimate strength performance of plate element subjected to longitudinal compression.

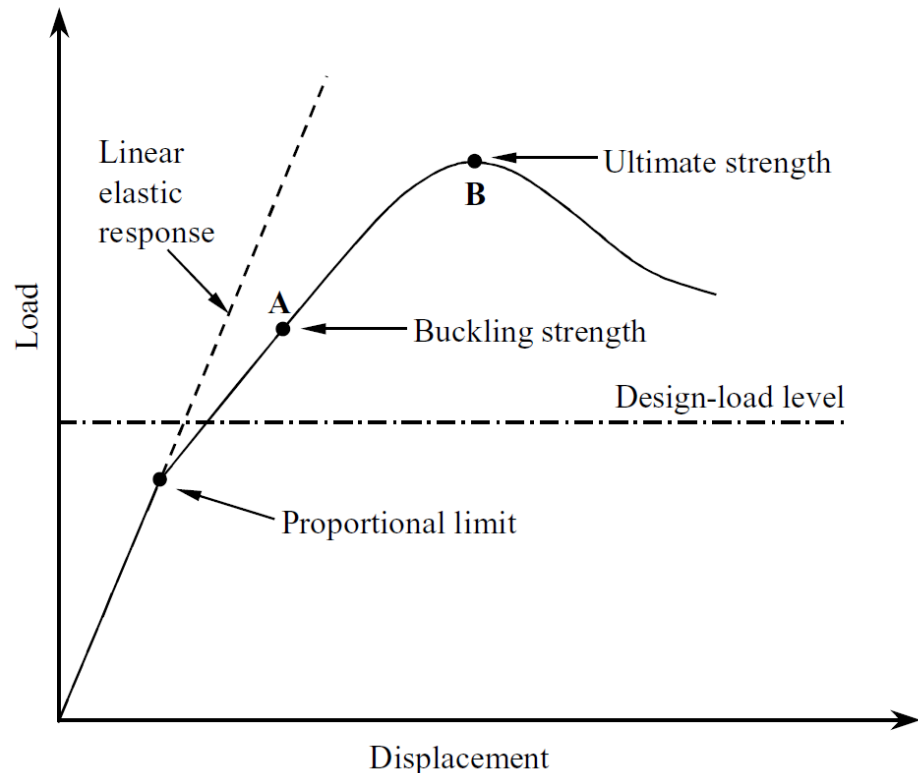


At the end of this lecture, **you should be able to:**

- **Be aware** of post **buckling** behaviour.
- **Distinguish** between **initial buckling** and **collapse** of **plates** under in-plane compression.
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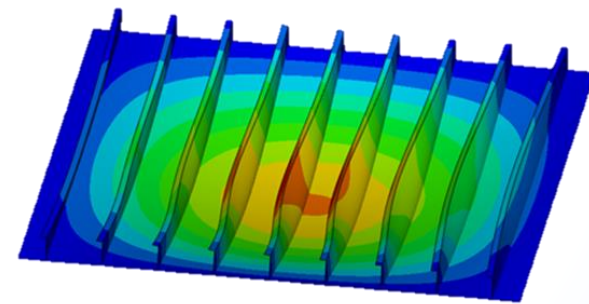
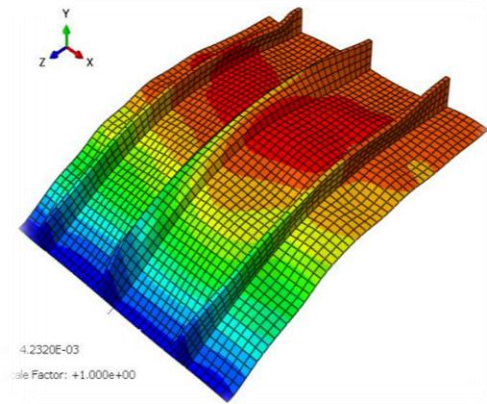
- A plate element with rigidly clamped edges is able to withstand lateral pressure much greater than that causes yielding, as membrane tension can develop in the plate under large deflection, adding appreciable stiffness to the plate.



[Ref.] Paik and Thayamballi (2007)

- Now, we should think what will happen when plates are subjected to in-plane compression beyond their initial critical buckling stresses





*Lecture 10.1: Buckling of Stiffened Panels
Post-buckling Behaviour (Topic 10)

After **buckling** of the flat plate has occurred,

- The **lateral deflections** of grow rapidly under **continued loading**
- These **deflections** become the order of magnitude of **thickness** of the **plate**
- This indicates that **deflections** can **no longer be considered small** as used in **linear theory**.

As consequence of **large deflections**, the **in-plane forces deviate significantly** from their **uniform** values **before buckling occurs**.

In **large deflection theory**, the **strain-displacement relations** due to middle surface stretching becomes:

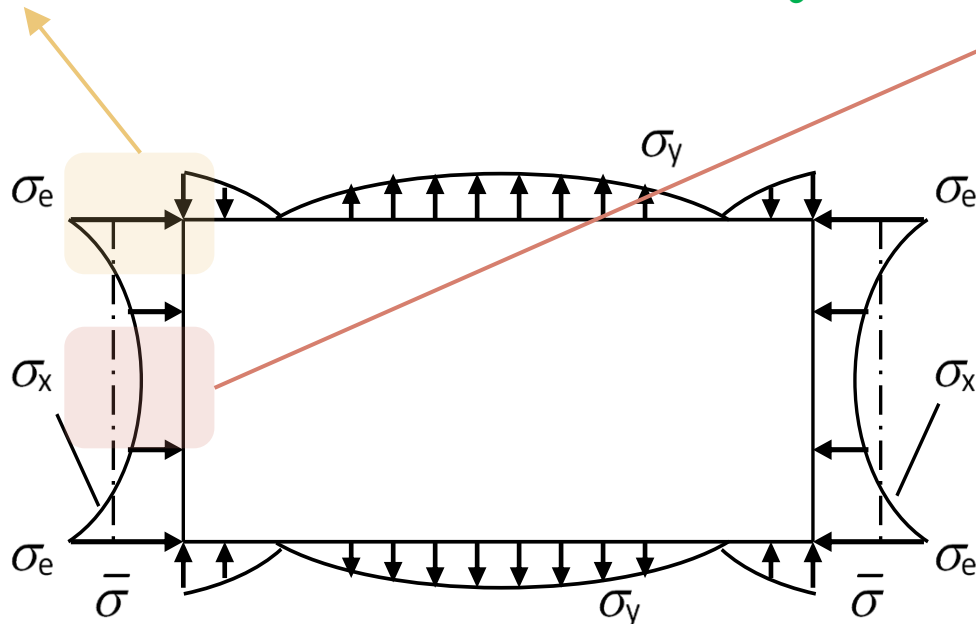
$$\varepsilon_x = \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\partial w}{\partial x} \right)^2 \quad \varepsilon_y = \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} + \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\partial w}{\partial y} \right)^2 \quad \gamma_{xy} = \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} \frac{\partial w}{\partial y}$$

and hence **M_x , M_y , M_{xy}** etc., are different from that derived in **small deflection theory**.

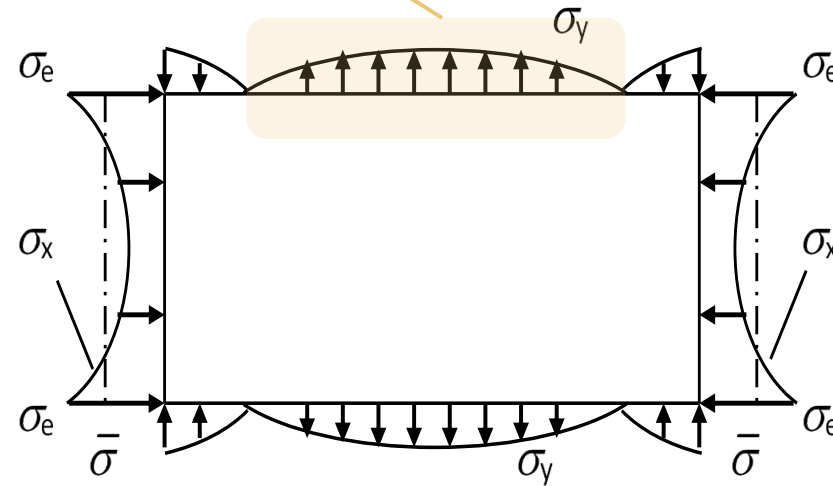


From below figure,

- We can observe that the **axial compressive stress (σ_x)** is **no longer uniformly distributed** over the loaded edge as it is before **buckling occurs**.
- It has maximum at **simply supported edges (σ_e)** and decreases to centre.



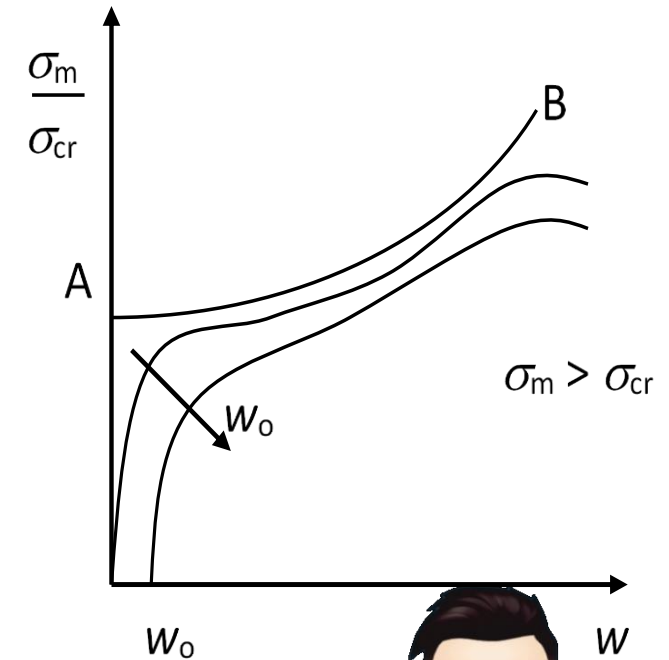
- The **middle-surface stresses** (σ_y) that arise in the **post buckling region** for plates whose **simply-supported unloaded edges** are **constrained to remain straight**.
- In the central region of the plate, the **σ_y stresses** are tensile in character. These **stresses tend to stiffen** the plate against further **lateral deflection** and thus permit the plate to carry **excess load beyond buckling load**.
- By contrast, **no such middle-surface forces** arise in **buckling of a column**.
(**Main difference between 1D & 2D structure**)
- Therefore, **the load carrying ability** of a column essentially **terminates at buckling**.

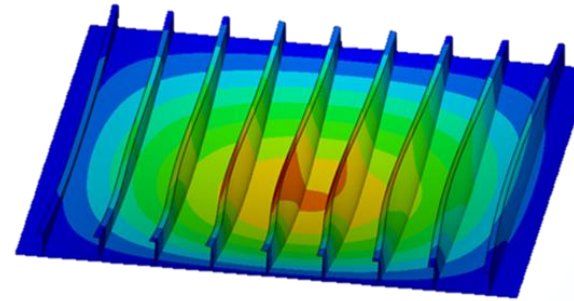
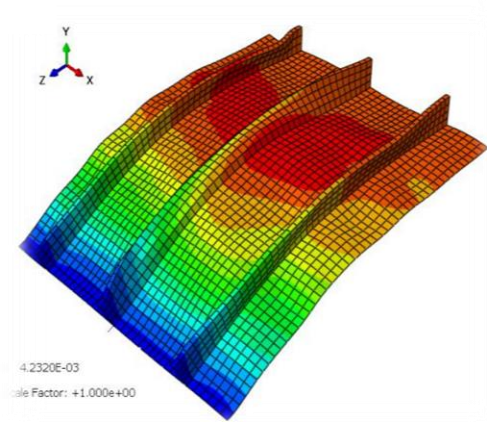


Most plates are able to carry load beyond the elastic buckling load, these being a considerable increase in buckled deformation w as shown.

- Practical plates seldom experience the classical “bifurcation”, where a rapid growth in buckled form appear at ‘A’ and increase indefinitely to ‘B’.
- There is usually an increase in initial deformation ‘ δ ’ until ‘A’ and a more rapid increase afterwards. A maximum load is reached at stress σ_m , which is a function of plate slenderness β .

$$\beta = \frac{b}{t} \sqrt{\frac{\sigma_{yield}}{E}}$$





* Lecture 10.2: **Buckling of Stiffened Panels**
Effective width & Long plate strength

Effective width and long plate strength

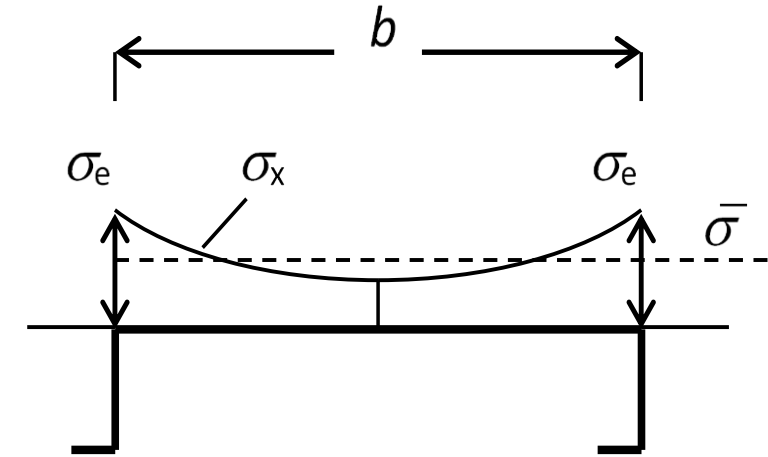
When load **increases beyond** the **initial elastic plate buckling stress**

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

For **long plate** under **in-plane compression** at short sides,

- The **middle portion** of the plate element **does not take any further stress**
- But the **edges** will **carry the increased load**

If these edges are **supported sufficiently** to sustain **yield stress in compression**, there will be a **load shedding action away** from the **middle towards the edges** as shown in the figure.



Such **increase** in **load carrying capacity** occurs from

- Initial deflections or
- Post-buckling actions.

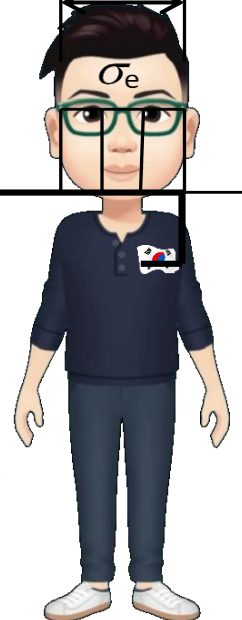
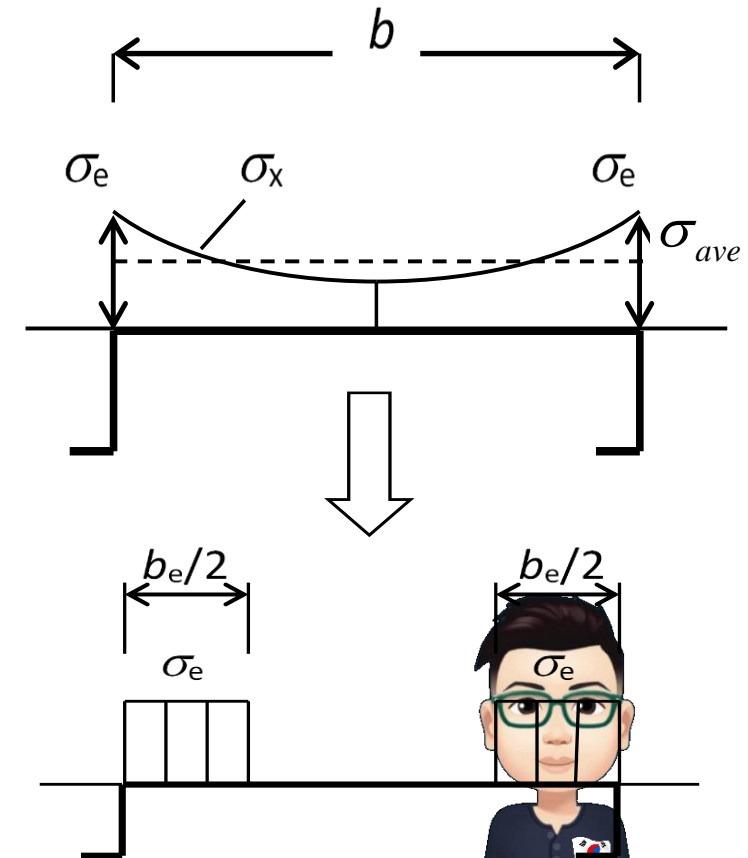
The **stress distribution** can be conveniently idealised into **edge zones** of **uniform intensity** σ_e (edge stress) and the **effective width** b_e .

$$b_e \sigma_e = \int \sigma_x dy = b \sigma_{ave}$$

where σ_{ave} is **average stress**.

The **effective width** b_e **depends** upon

- Level of **compression load**
- Initial distortion
- **Welding residual stresses**
- Plate slenderness β and in particular thickness t .



In predicting **ultimate plate strength**, it is the **maximum average stress** σ_m at which the plates will **finally collapse** when their **edge stresses** σ_e reach the **yield stress** σ_{yield} of material.

$$b_{em} \sigma_{yield} = b \sigma_m$$

where b_{em} is the minimum effective width for the **predicted collapse load** $b_{em} t \sigma_{yield}$. Then

$$\sigma_e = \sigma_{yield} = k \frac{\pi^2 E}{12(1-\nu^2)} \left(\frac{t}{b_{em}} \right)^2$$

$$\therefore b_{em} = \pi t \sqrt{\frac{E}{3(1-\nu^2) \sigma_{yield}}}$$



For **simply supported** plate, $k = 4$ and assuming $\nu = 0.3$ in the above equation gives

$$\therefore b_{em} = 1.9t \sqrt{\frac{E}{\sigma_Y}}$$

- $b_{em} = 57t$ for mild steel $E = 208000 \text{ N/mm}^2$ and $\sigma_{\text{yield}} = 230 \text{ N/mm}^2$.
- **Thickness** is seen to be **important**.
- Values of b_{em} from **30t to 50t** have been recommended.

Furthermore, we have

$$\frac{b_{em}}{b} = 1.9 \frac{t}{b} \sqrt{\frac{E}{\sigma_{\text{yield}}}} = \frac{1.9}{\beta}$$

Hence,

$$\frac{\sigma_m}{\sigma_{\text{yield}}} = \frac{b_{em}}{b} = \frac{1.9}{\beta}$$



This **plate strength equation** given by **von-Karman** served the aircraft industry very well, where **b/t** ratios are generally large (in the range of 200 to 1000).

Moreover,

$$\sigma_E \text{ or } \sigma_{cr_min} = k \frac{\pi^2 E}{12(1-\nu^2)} \left(\frac{t}{b}\right)^2 = 3.62E \left(\frac{t}{b}\right)^2 \quad \text{for } k = 4 \text{ and } \nu = 0.3$$

$$\therefore \frac{\sigma_{cr}}{\sigma_{yield}} = 3.62 \frac{E}{\sigma_{yield}} \left(\frac{t}{b}\right)^2$$

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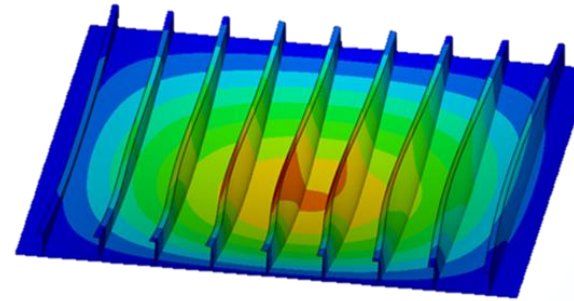
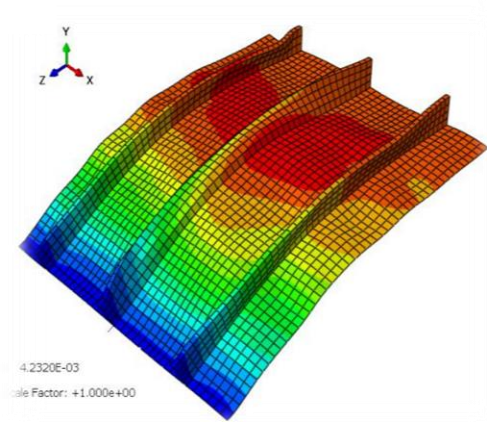
For ship the equation, $\sigma_m / \sigma_{yield} = 1.9/\beta$ was found to be too optimistic at low b/t ratios (30 to 120). After an exhaustive examination of many effective width equations and several hundred test data, Faulkner proposed the following plate strength equation

$$\frac{\sigma_u}{\sigma_Y} = \frac{\sigma_m}{\sigma_{yield}} = \frac{b_{em}}{b} = \begin{cases} \frac{2}{\beta} - \frac{1}{\beta^2} & \beta \geq 1 \\ 1 & \text{for } \beta < 1 \end{cases} \quad \textbf{\underline{Important!}}$$

This plate strength equation for simply supported long plate under in-plane compression at short sides can be used:

- To determine maximum average stress σ_m for a given plate slenderness β .
- To determine stiffener spacing b or thickness t for a given factor of safety against maximum average stress σ_m .





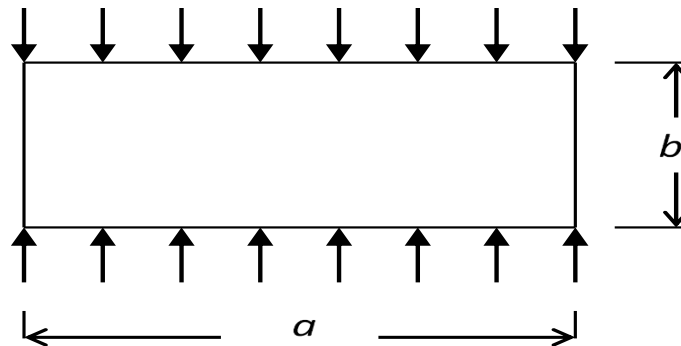
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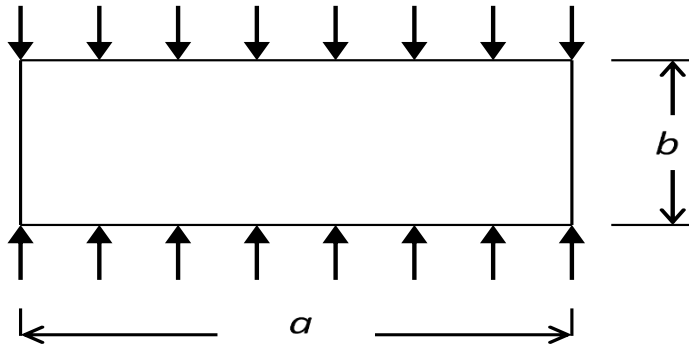
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We can now apply the effective width concept to define the strength of wide plates on the following bases.

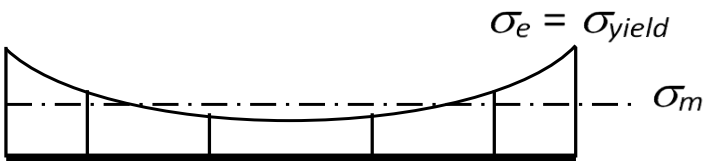
1. At failure the edge stress σ_e is limited by the yield stress.
2. There is a middle zone of the plate effectively carrying the buckling stress σ_{cr} for an infinitely wide plate.
3. The edge stress σ_e must be in equilibrium with the average failure load σ_m .





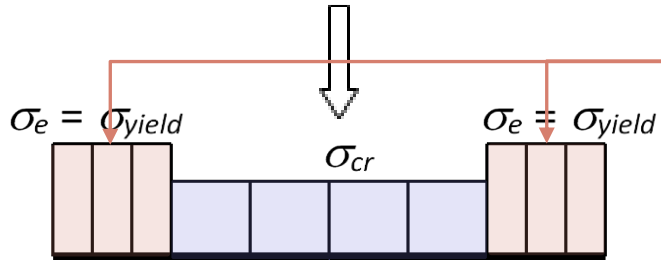
For wide plate the **minimum critical buckling stress** is

$$\min \sigma_{cr} = \frac{\pi^2 E}{12(1-\nu^2)} \left(\frac{t}{b}\right)^2 \implies \therefore \min \sigma_{cr} = \frac{0.904}{\beta^2} \sigma_{yield} \text{ for } \nu = 0.3$$



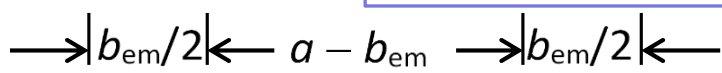
By **Von Karman expression** for plate strength

$$\frac{b_{em}}{b} = \frac{1.9}{\beta}$$

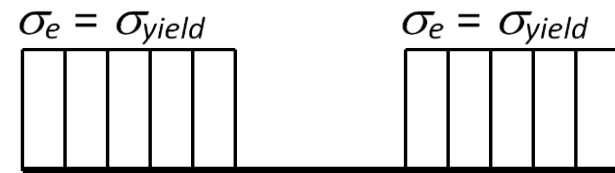


For equilibrium, we have,

$$\sigma_m a = b_{em} \sigma_{yield} + (a - b_{em}) \sigma_{cr}$$

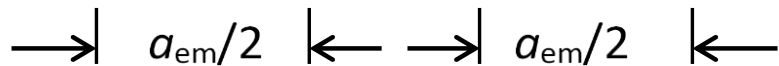


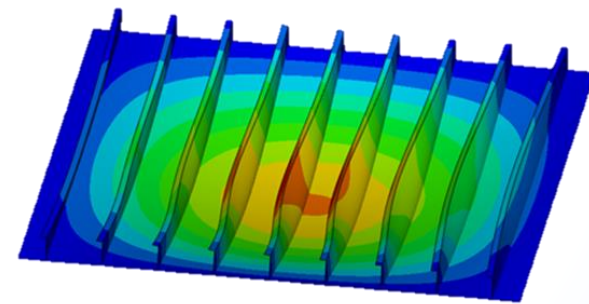
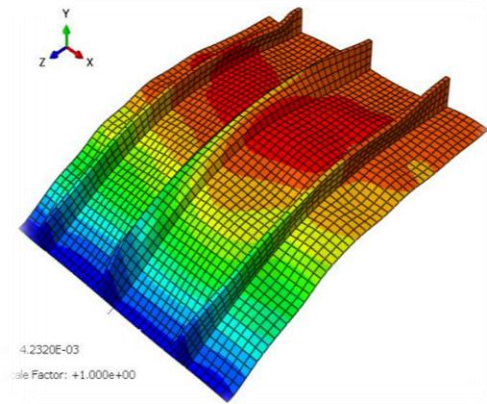
$$\therefore \frac{\sigma_m}{\sigma_{yield}} = \frac{b_{em}}{a} + \left(1 - \frac{b_{em}}{a}\right) \frac{\sigma_{cr}}{\sigma_{yield}} = \frac{1.9 b}{\beta a} + \left(1 - \frac{1.9 b}{\beta a}\right) \frac{0.904}{\beta^2}$$



Then,

$$\frac{\sigma_m}{\sigma_{yield}} = \frac{a_{em}}{a} = \frac{1.9 b}{\beta a} \left(1 - \frac{0.904}{\beta^2}\right) + \frac{0.904}{\beta^2}$$





*Lecture 10.4: Buckling of Stiffened Panels
Bi-axially loaded plate

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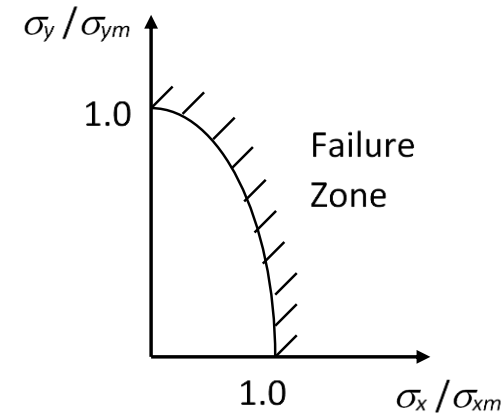
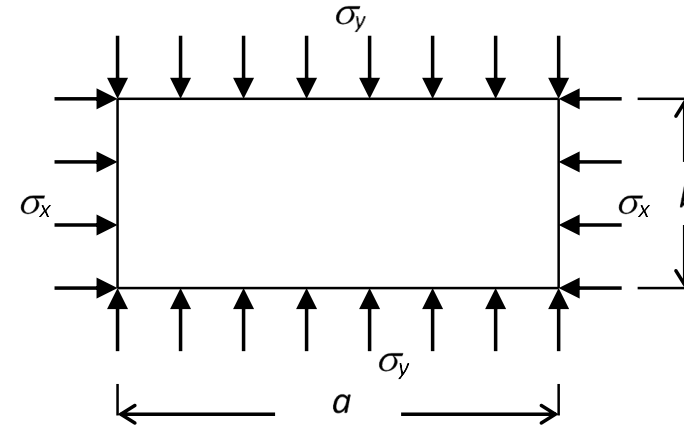
The failure conditions for **bi-axially loaded plate** would be best described by an **interaction equation**:

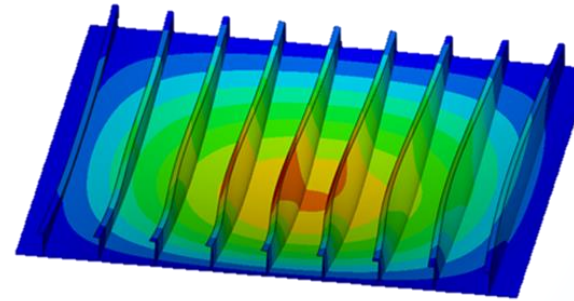
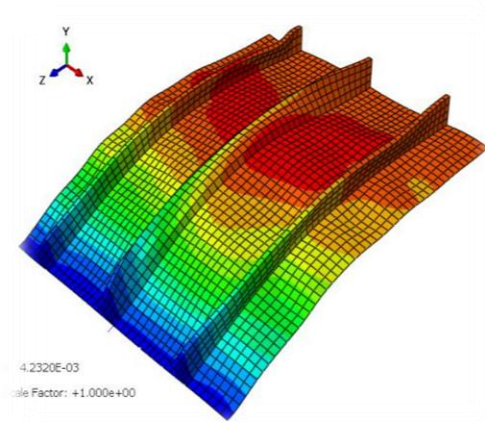
$$\frac{\sigma_x}{\sigma_{xm}} + \left(\frac{\sigma_y}{\sigma_{ym}} \right)^2 = 1$$

where

σ_{xm} is **maximum average stress in x direction**.

σ_{ym} is **maximum average stress in y direction**.





* Lecture 10.5: Buckling of Stiffened Panels

Factor affecting compression strength of long plate

→ BC & Initial imperfections

Factors affecting ULS Compression Strength of Long Plate (1/6)

a) Boundary conditions

- The buckling coefficient K for minimum critical elastic buckling stress in a clamped long plate is about 7, which is 75% greater than that for simply supported long plate. The wave lengths of the buckled pattern are also shorter.
- However, the reserve of strength in the post-buckling stage is reduced over most of the slender range and typically the strength of clamped plate is only 10 to 25% greater than for simply supported plate.
- A satisfactory expression for clamped plate strength is given by

$$\frac{\sigma_m}{\sigma_{yield}} = \frac{2.5}{\beta} - \frac{1.5625}{\beta^2} \quad \text{for } \beta > 1.25$$

$$\frac{\sigma_{xu}}{\sigma_Y} = \frac{b_e}{b} = \begin{cases} 1.0 & \text{for } \beta < C_2 \\ C_1/\beta - C_2/\beta^2 & \text{for } \beta \geq C_2 \end{cases}$$

$$\text{Simply supported} \rightarrow C_1 = 2.0 \quad \& \quad C_2 = 1.0$$

$$\text{Clamped} \rightarrow C_1 = 2.5 \quad \& \quad C_2 = 1.5625$$

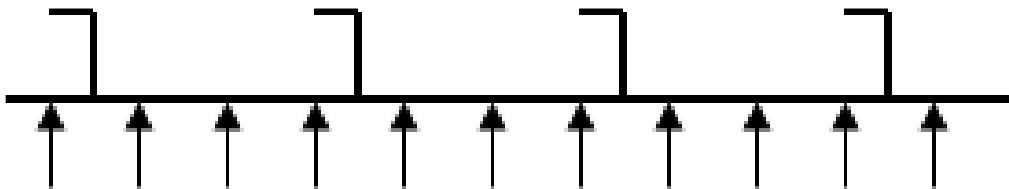


This may be used for compression strength estimation where

- i) The rotation of the plate elements at their long edges is restricted by closed section, stiffeners of high torsional rigidity.



- ii) The lateral pressure exists at high enough level to force a “clamped” mode of failure, i.e. to achieve zero slope over the stiffeners.



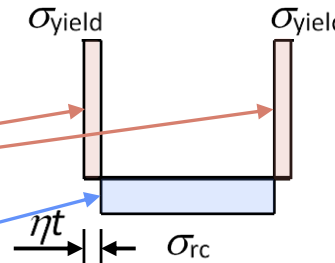
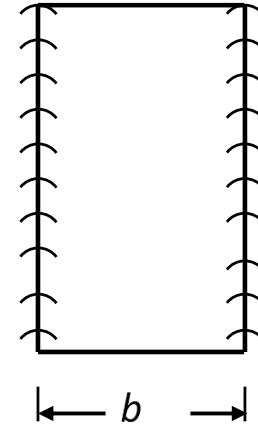
b) Initial deformation

- Normal (lateral) deformation w_p which are same or close to the lower natural buckling forms, i.e. $m = a/b$, will lower the strength of flat plates because of magnification effects $w_p / (1 - \sigma / \sigma_{cr})$.
- However, for most plates where $a > b$, these natural modes do not occur through welding which induces a predominant $m = 1$ deformation.
- Hence, it behaves essentially as a flat plate because σ_{cr} is so high and magnification factor = 1.
- In general, the effects of w_p are small and are incorporated in the empirically validated plate strength equations.



c) Welding stresses

- When the **long edges of a plate are welded** (e.g. at the longitudinal stiffeners) a **yield tension zone of width η_t** arises as a **residual longitudinal tensile force** at each edge.
- These must be **balanced by residual compression stresses σ_{rc}** in the **middle zone of the plate**.



For equilibrium

$$2 \eta t \sigma_{\text{yield}} = (b - 2 \eta t) \sigma_{rc}$$

$$\therefore \frac{\sigma_{rc}}{\sigma_{\text{yield}}} = \frac{2 \eta}{b/t - 2 \eta}$$



c) Welding stresses

The value of non-dimensional tension zero width parameter η depends upon

- The welding process **MIG, TIG**, etc.
- Whether welding is **continuous, intermittent, staggered**, etc.
- The **rate of heat input** to the weld, which in turn depends upon electric power input, weld speed, etc.
- The **number of weld runs** and in particular the cross-sectional area of the final weld deposit.

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In any event the compression residual stresses lead to

- Premature plate element **buckling** at $\sigma = \sigma_{cr} - \sigma_{rc}$
- **Loss** in plate strength typically 10 to 15%

The two **effects of welding stresses** are

- To **lower the maximum strength**.
- To **soften the suddenness** of the unloading curve beyond σ_m .



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Thank you!

Questions?

Aerial View of Korean Presidential Archives in Sejong city
(Construction Completed in 2014)

