



Composite bridge design (EN1994-2)

Bridge modelling and structural analysis

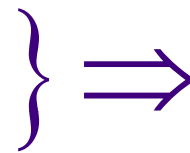
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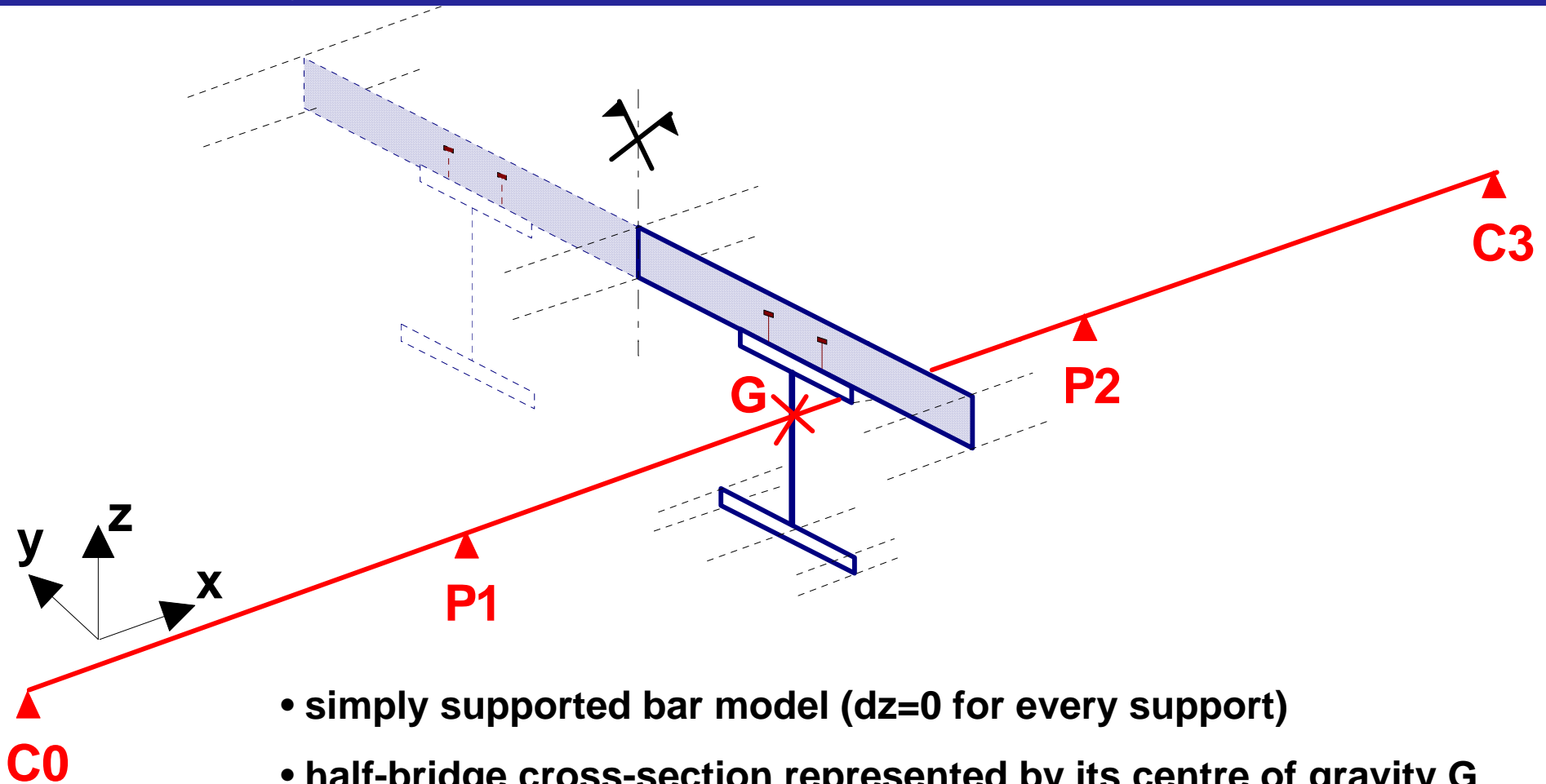


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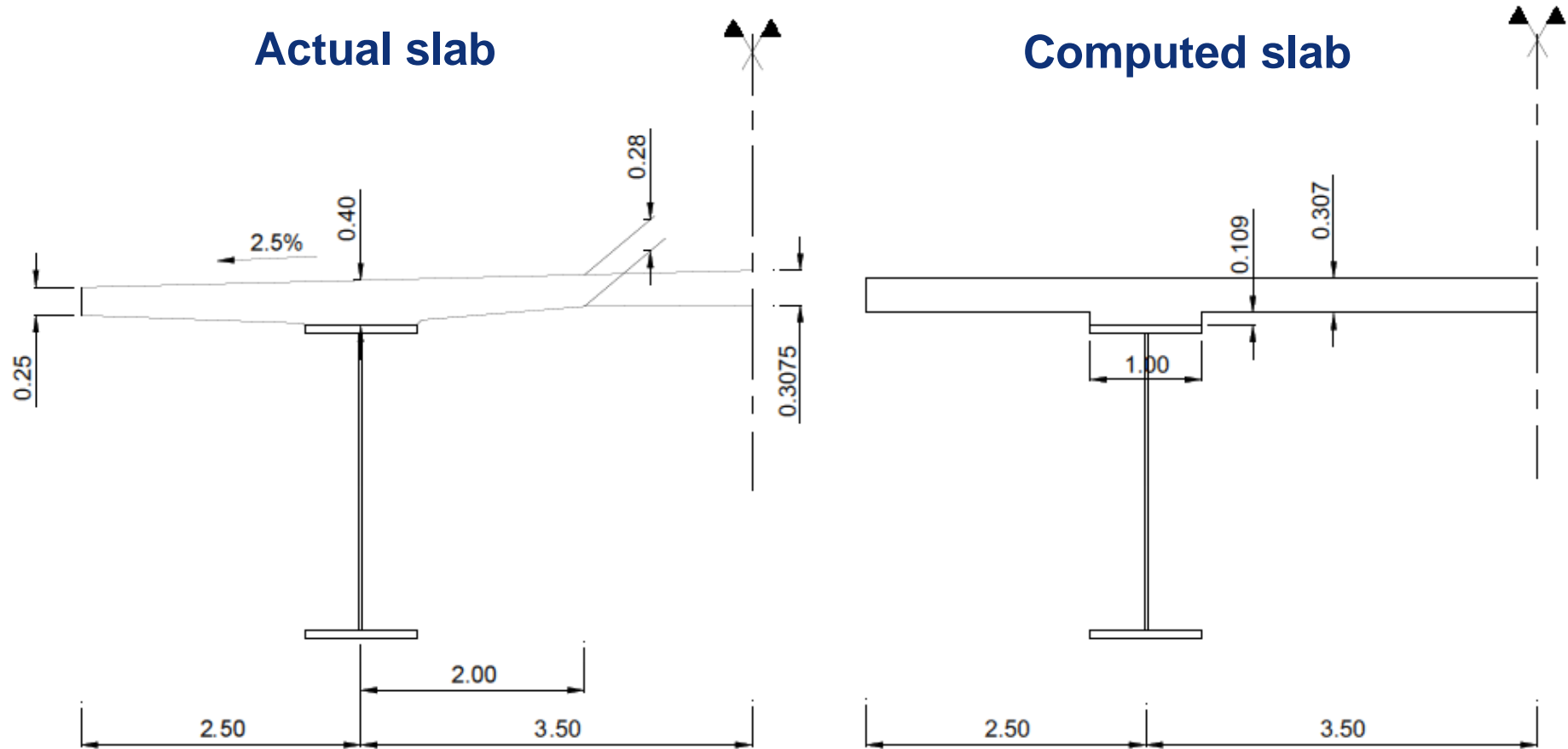
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Twin-girder bridge modelling



- simply supported bar model ($dz=0$ for every support)
- half-bridge cross-section represented by its centre of gravity G (neutral fibre)
- structural steel alone, or composite, mechanical properties according to the construction phases of the bridge slab

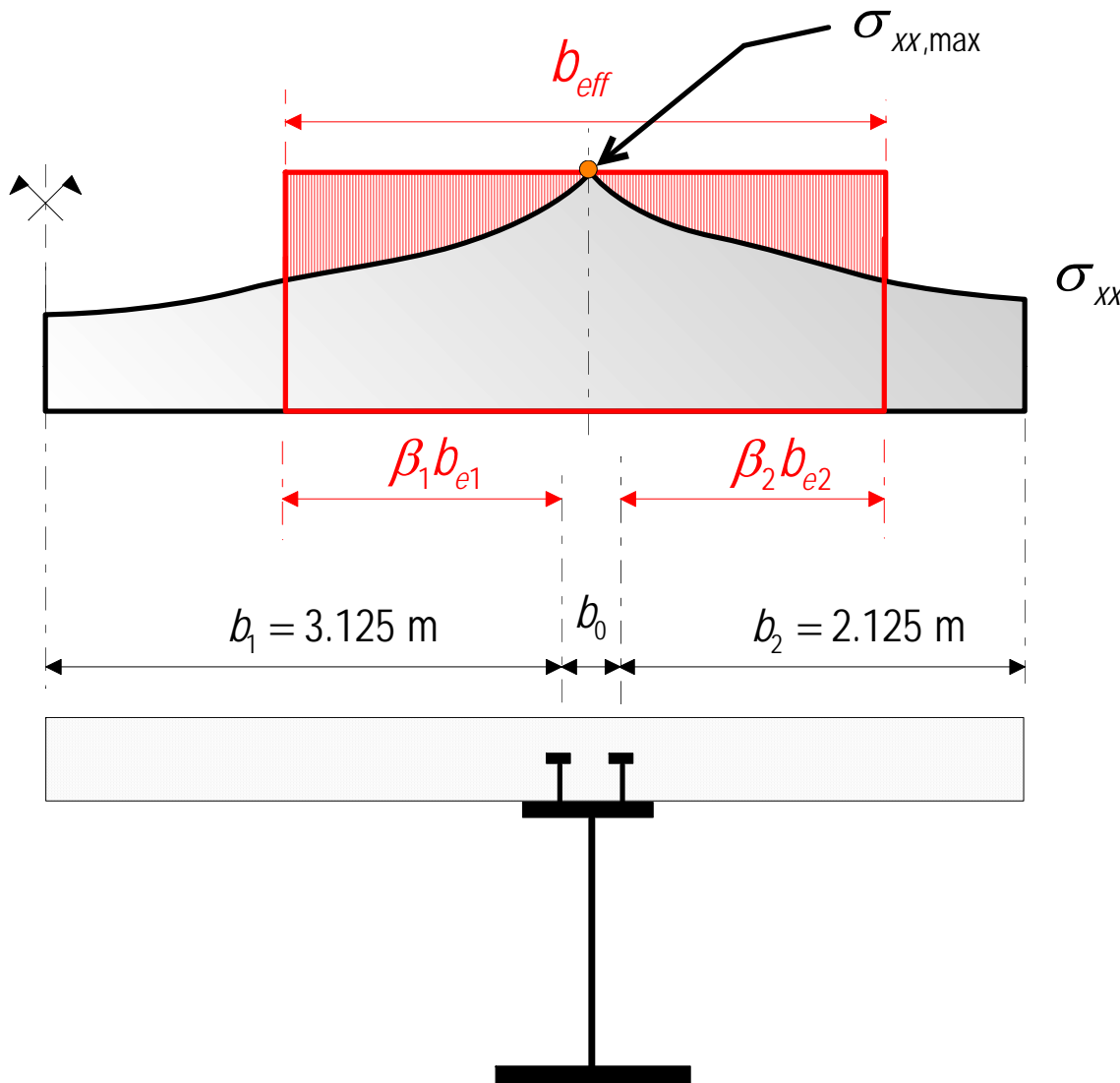
Concrete slab thickness



$$S_{\text{actual}} = S_{\text{computed}} \text{ (same area)}$$

$$\mu_{\text{actual}} = \mu_{\text{computed}} \text{ (same location of the slab gravity centre } G_c)$$

Shear lag in the concrete slab according to EN 1994-2



Non-uniform transverse distribution of the longitudinal stresses

$$b_0 = 750 \text{ mm}$$

$$b_{eff} = b_0 + \sum_i \beta_i b_{ei}$$

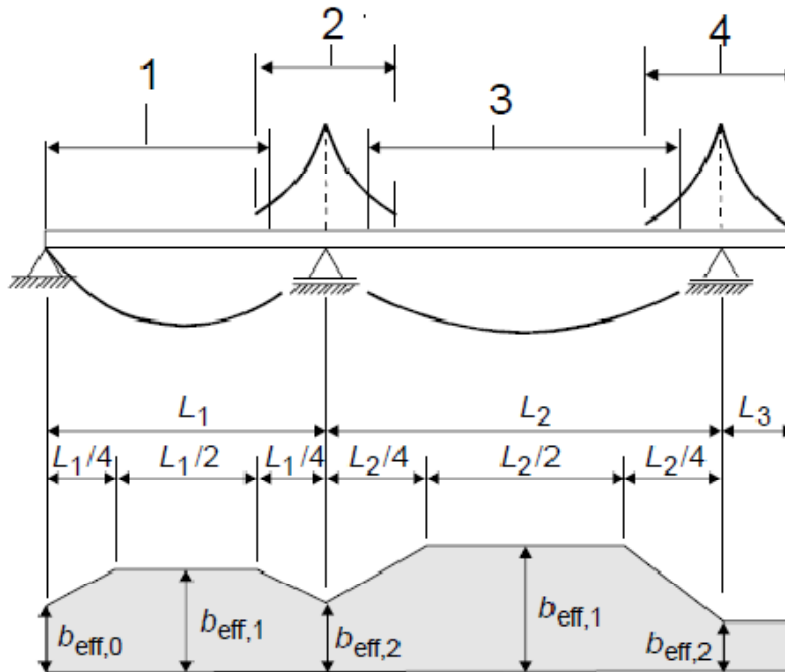
$$b_{ei} = \min\left(\frac{L_e}{8}; b_i\right)$$

$\beta_i = 1$ except for end supports where

$$\beta_i = 0.55 + 0.025 \frac{L_e}{b_{ei}} \leq 1.0$$

Shear lag in the concrete slab according to EN 1994-2

- **Equivalent span length L_e**

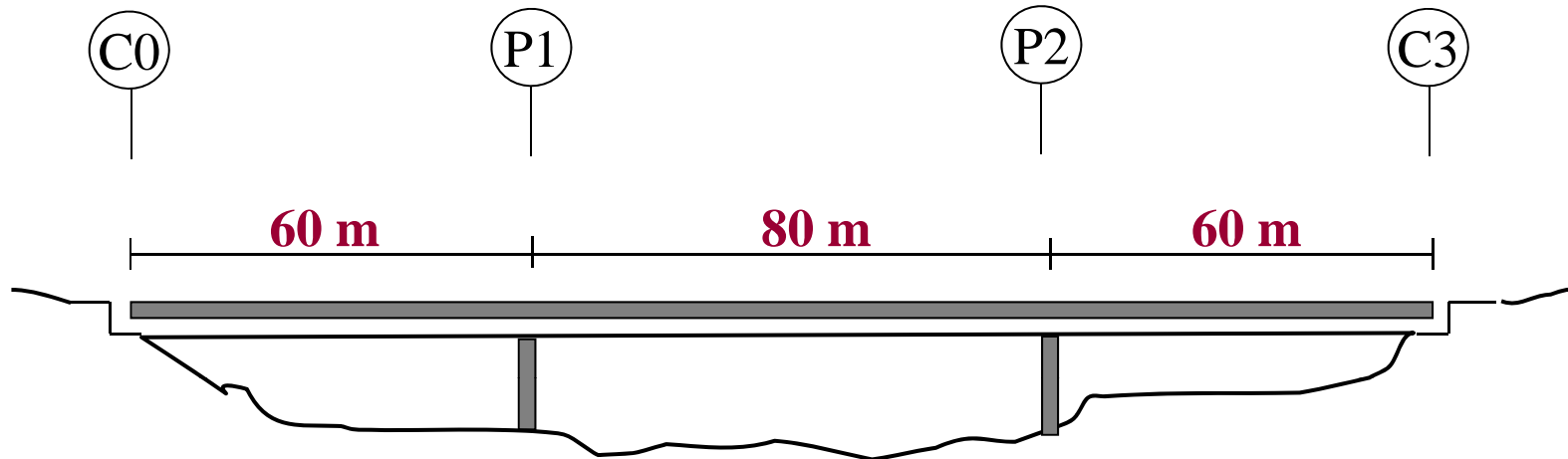


Key:

- 1 $L_e = 0,85 L_1$ for $b_{\text{eff},1}$
- 2 $L_e = 0,25(L_1 + L_2)$ for $b_{\text{eff},2}$
- 3 $L_e = 0,70 L_2$ for $b_{\text{eff},1}$
- 4 $L_e = 2 L_3$ for $b_{\text{eff},2}$

- **Global analysis (calculation of internal forces and moments)** : constant along each span (equal to the value at mid-span)
- **Section analysis (calculation of stresses)** : linearly variable along $L_i/4$ surrounding the internal supports

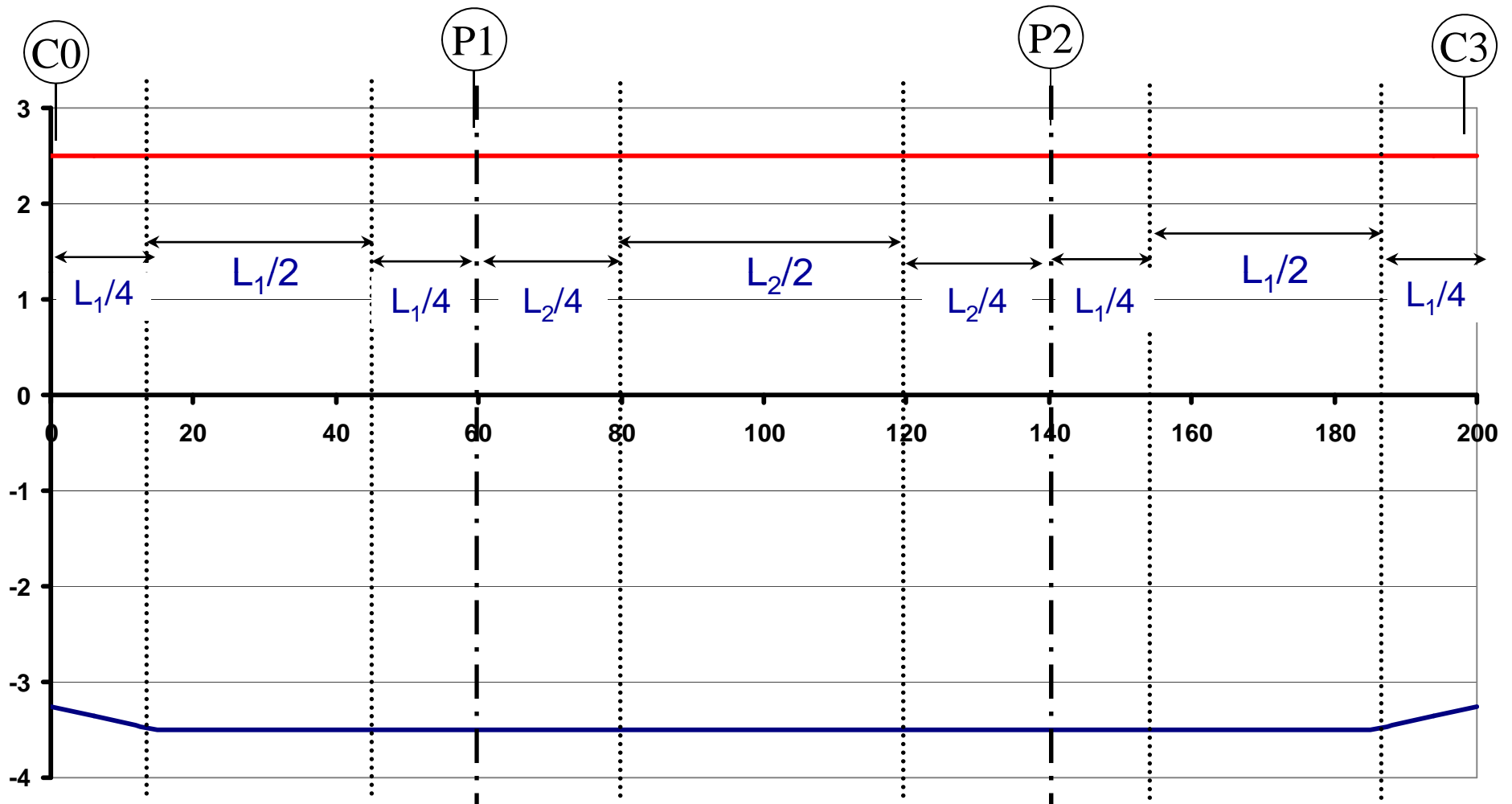
Application to the twin-girder bridge example



L_e (m)	$0.85 \times 60 = 51$	$0.7 \times 80 = 56$	$0.85 \times 60 = 51$
	$0.25 \times (60+80) = 35$		$0.25 \times (60+80) = 35$

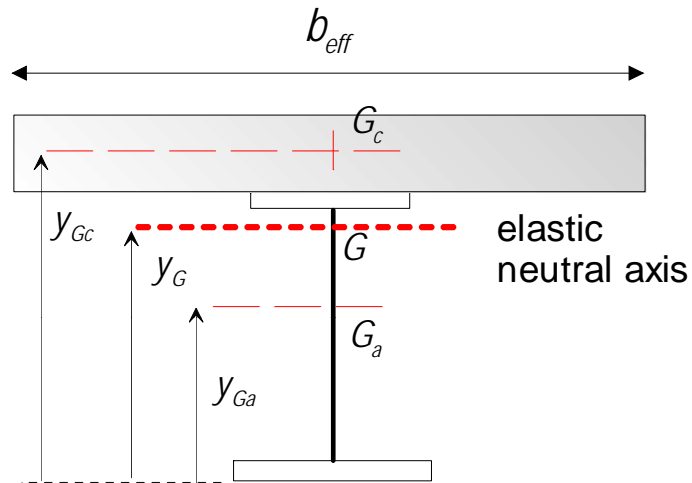
	L_e (m)	b_{e1} (m)	b_{e2} (m)	β_1	β_2	b_{eff} (m)
In-span 1 and 3	48	3.125	2.125	1	1	6.0
In-span 2	56	3.125	2.125	1	1	6.0
Internal supports P1 and P2	35	3.125	2.125	1	1	6.0
End supports C0 and C3	48	3.125	2.125	0.958	1.15 but < 1.0	$5.869 < 6.0$

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Composite cross-sections mechanical properties

• Un-cracked behaviour (mid-span regions, $M_{c,Ed} > 0$)

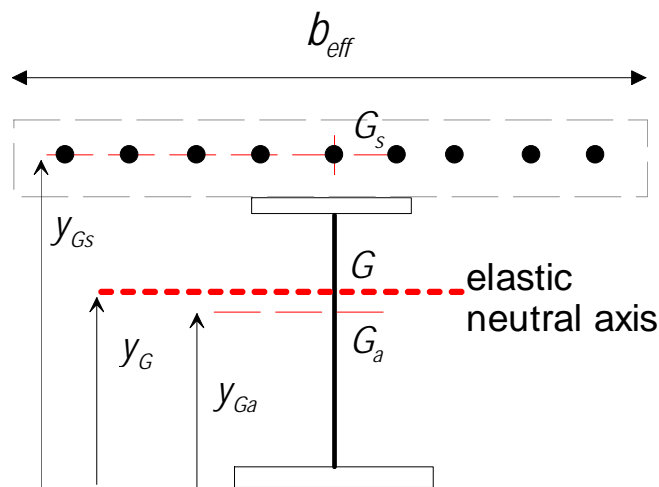


Reinforcement neglected (in compression)

$$A = A_a + \frac{A_c}{n} \quad Ay_G = A_a y_{Ga} + \frac{A_c}{n} y_{Gc}$$

$$I = I_a + A_a (y_G - y_{Ga})^2 + \frac{1}{n} \left[I_c + A_c (y_G - y_{Gc})^2 \right]$$

• Cracked behaviour (support regions, $M_{c,Ed} < 0$)



$$E_a = E_s = 210\,000 \text{ N/mm}^2 \quad (n = 1)$$

$$A = A_a + A_s \quad Ay_G = A_a y_{Ga} + A_s y_{Gs}$$

$$I = I_a + A_a (y_G - y_{Ga})^2 + I_s + A_s (y_G - y_{Gs})^2$$

$$(I_s \approx 0)$$

Modular ratios (creep effect)

Short-term modular ratio:
$$n_0 = \frac{E_a}{E_{cm}} \quad E_{cm} = 22000 \left(\frac{f_{cm}}{10} \right)^{0.3}$$

Long-term modular ratio:
$$n_L = n_0 \cdot (1 + \psi_L \phi_t)$$

$$\phi_t = \phi(t - t_0)$$
 Creep coefficient according to EN 1992-1-1 with :

- { t = age of concrete at the considered time during the bridge life
- { t₀ = age of concrete when the considered loading is applied to the bridge

t₀ = 1 day for shrinkage

t₀ = mean value of age of concrete segments, in case of composites structures cast in several stages (permanent load)

ψ_L depends on the load case :

Permanent loads	1.1
Shrinkage	0.55
Imposed deformations	1.5

Creep coefficient according to Annex B in EN 1992-1-1

$$\phi_t = \phi_0 \cdot \beta_c(t - t_0) = \phi_0 \cdot \left(\frac{t - t_0}{\beta_H + t - t_0} \right)^{0.3} \xrightarrow{t \rightarrow +\infty} \phi_0 \quad \text{(end of bridge life)}$$

$$\left[\beta_H = 1.5 \cdot \left[1 + (0.012 \cdot RH)^{18} \right] \cdot h_0 + 250 \cdot \alpha_3 \leq 1500 \cdot \alpha_3 \right]$$

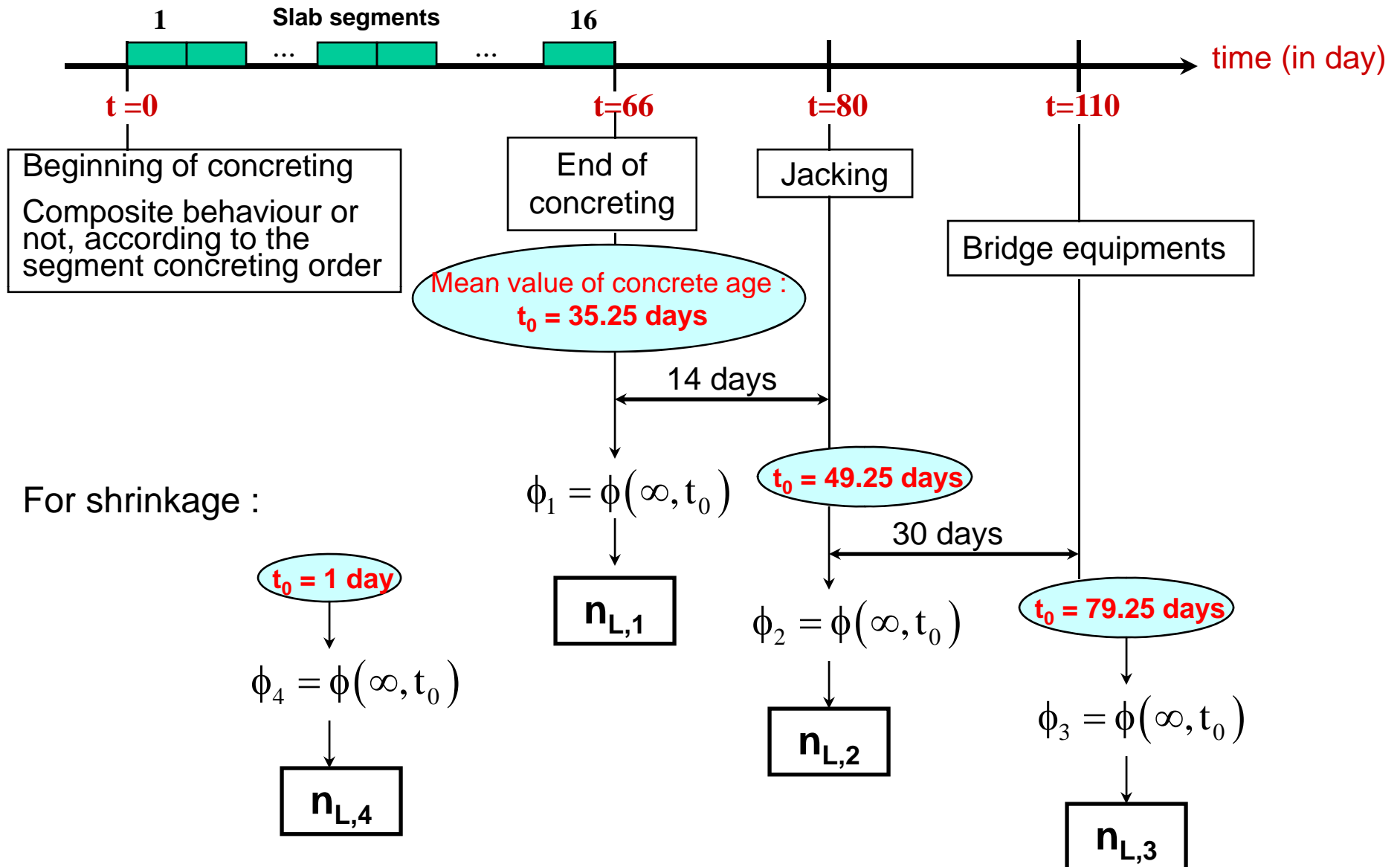
$$\phi_0 = \phi_{RH} \cdot \beta(f_{cm}) \cdot \beta(t_0) = \left[1 + \frac{1 - \frac{RH}{100}}{0.10 \sqrt[3]{h_0}} \cdot \alpha_1 \right] \cdot \alpha_2 \cdot \left[\frac{16.8}{\sqrt{f_{cm}}} \right] \cdot \left[\frac{1}{0.1 + t_0^{0.2}} \right]$$

with : $RH = 80 \%$ (relative humidity in the bridge area)

$$h_0 = \frac{2A_c}{u} \quad \text{notional size (u is the concrete slab perimeter exposed to drying)}$$

$$\alpha_1 = \left(\frac{35}{f_{cm}} \right)^{0.7} = 0.8658 \quad \alpha_2 = \left(\frac{35}{f_{cm}} \right)^{0.2} = 0.9597 \quad \alpha_3 = \left(\frac{35}{f_{cm}} \right)^{0.5} = 0.9022$$

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- **Short-term modular ratio**

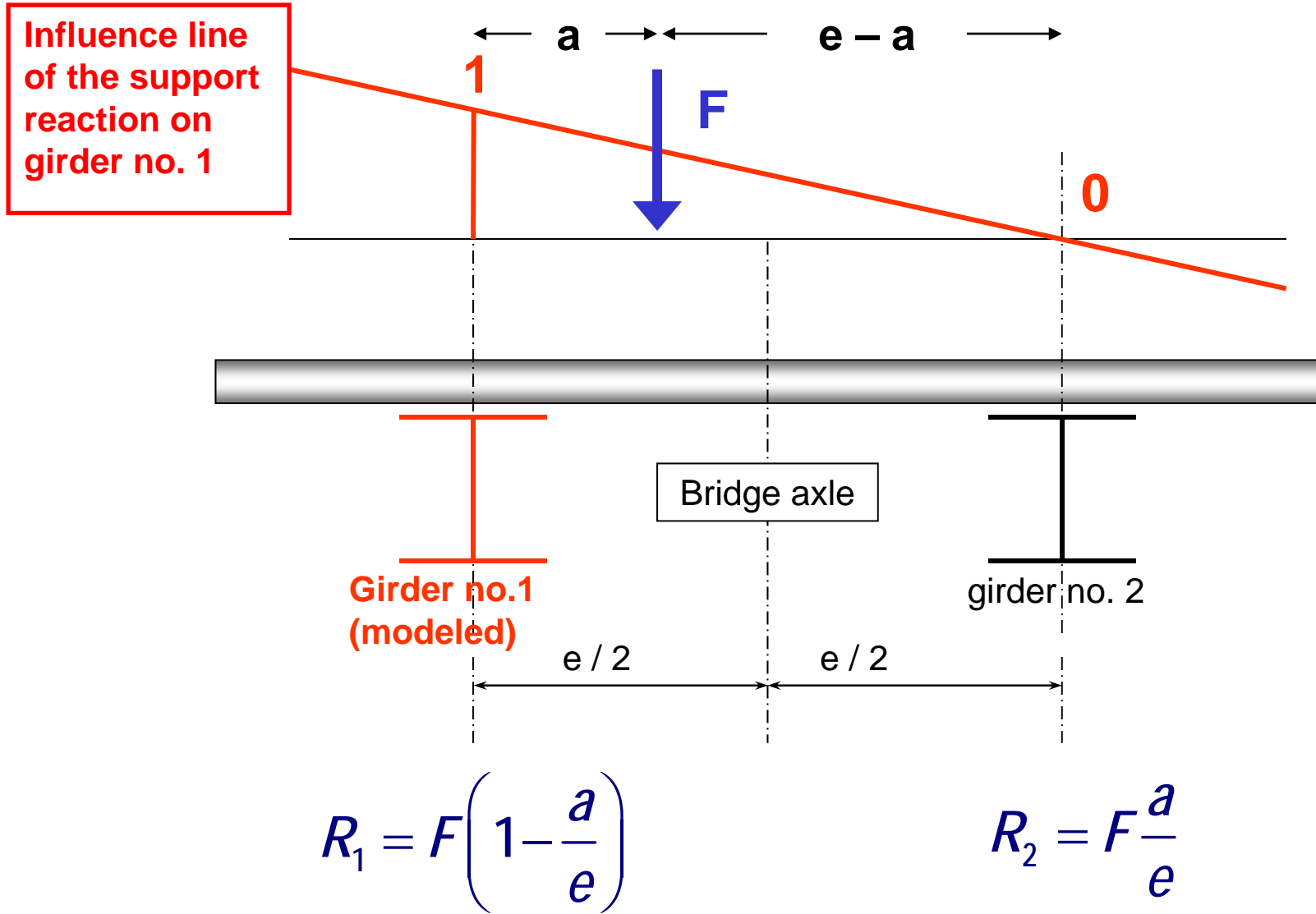
For all load cases :

$$n_0 = \frac{E_a}{E_{cm}} = 6.1625$$

- **Long-term modular ratio**

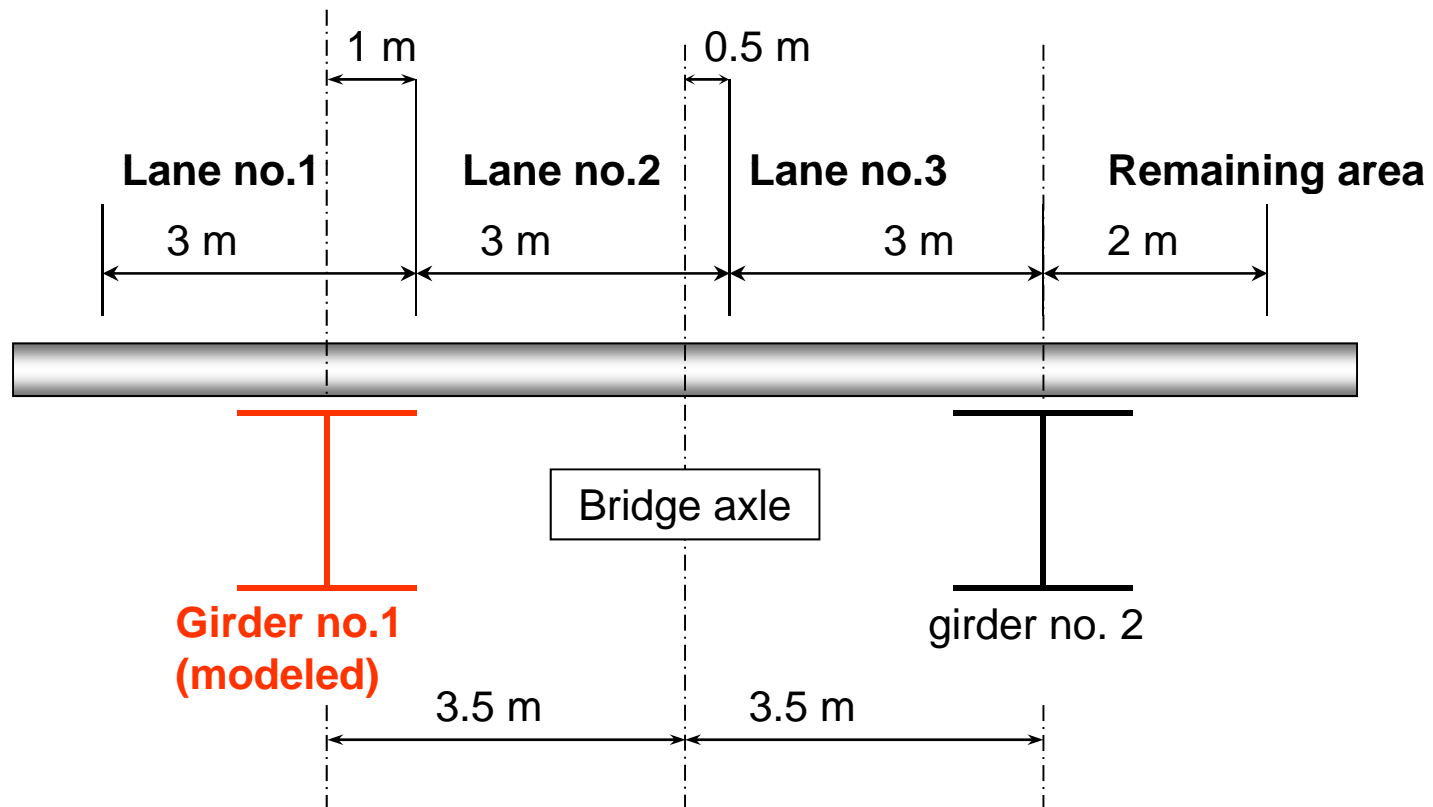
Load case	ψ_L	t_0 (days)	$\phi_t = \phi_0$	n_L
Concrete slab segment (selfweight)	1.10	35.25	1.394	15.61
Settlement	1.50	49.25	1.291	18.09
Shrinkage	0.55	1	2.677	15.24
Bridge equipments	1.10	79.25	1.179	14.15

Transversal distribution between the two girders



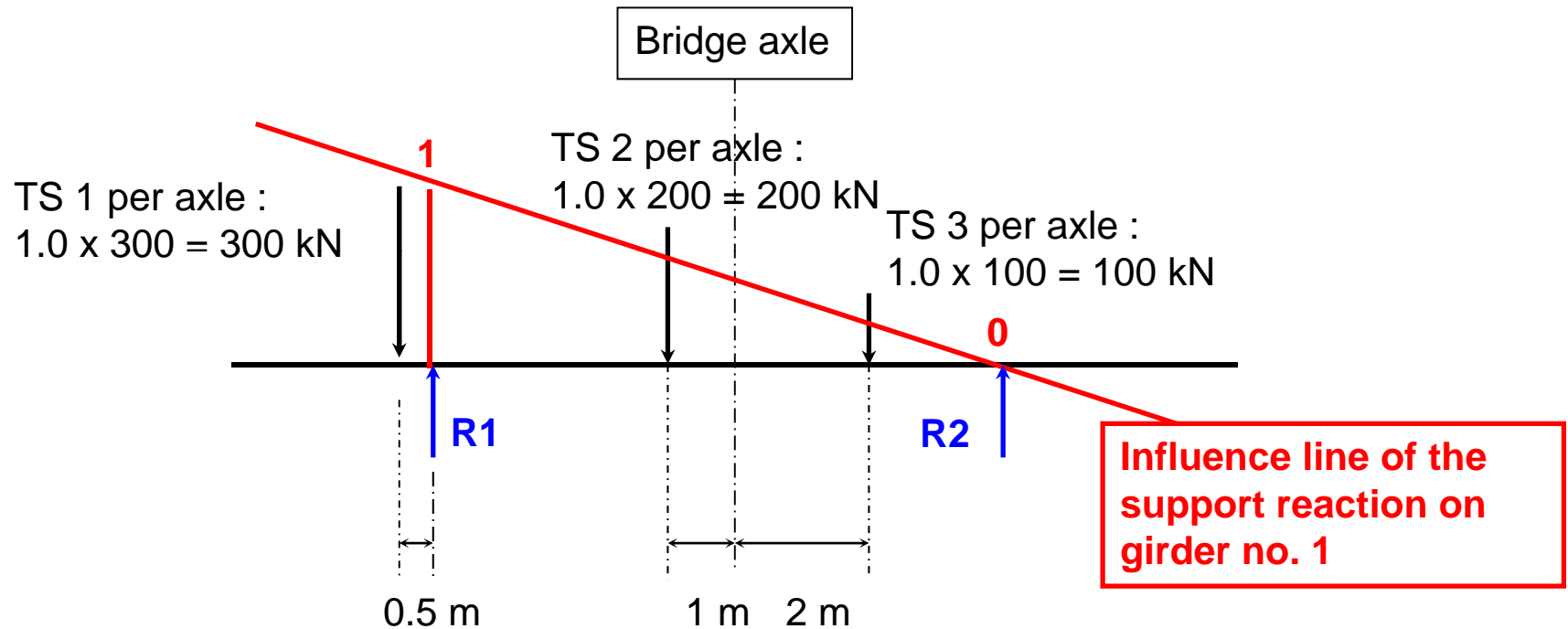
Application to the traffic load model LM1

1. Conventional traffic lanes positioning



Application to the traffic load model LM1

2. Tandem TS

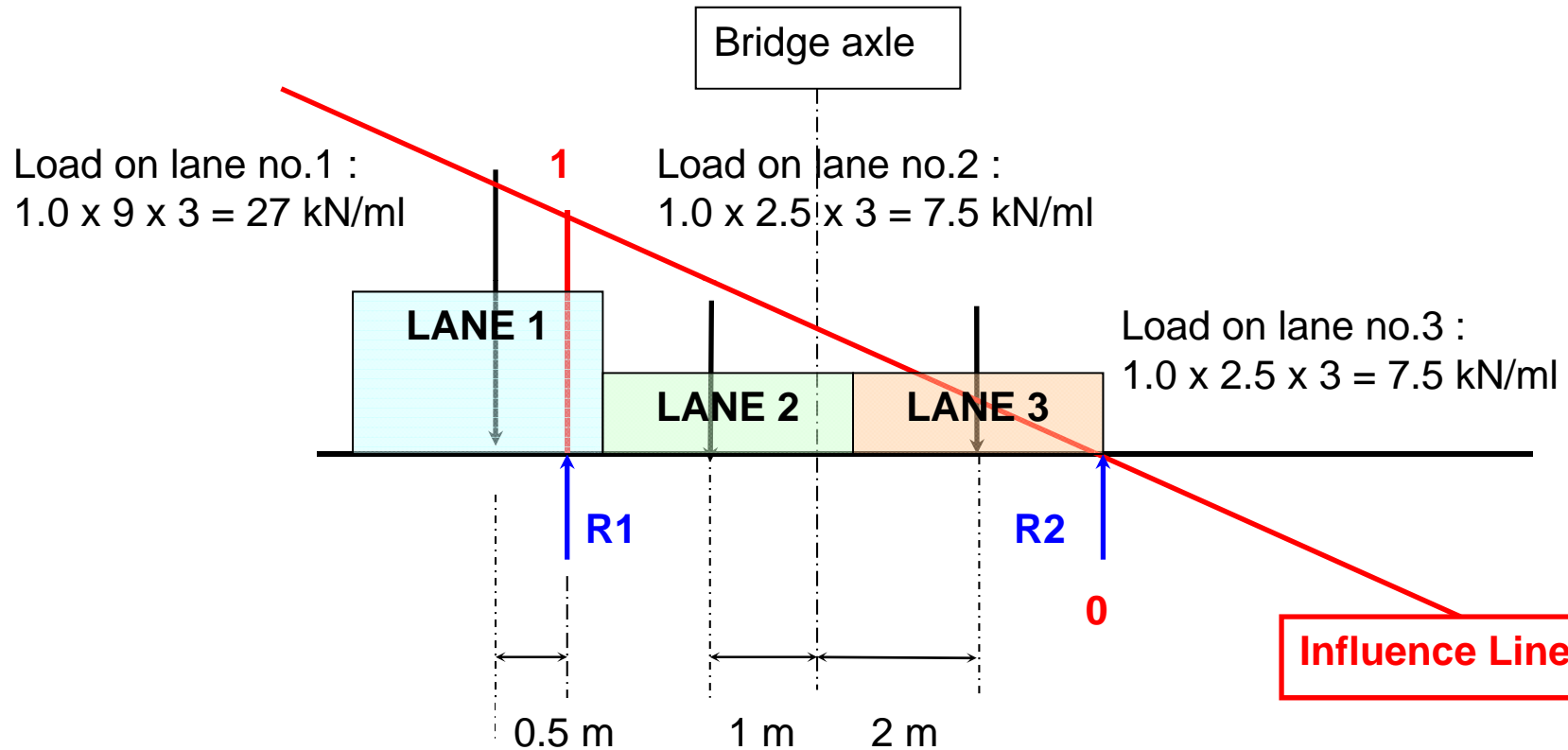


Support reaction on each main girder : $R_1 = 471.4 \text{ kN}$

$R_2 = 128.6 \text{ kN}$

Application to the traffic load model LM1

3. Uniform Design Load UDL



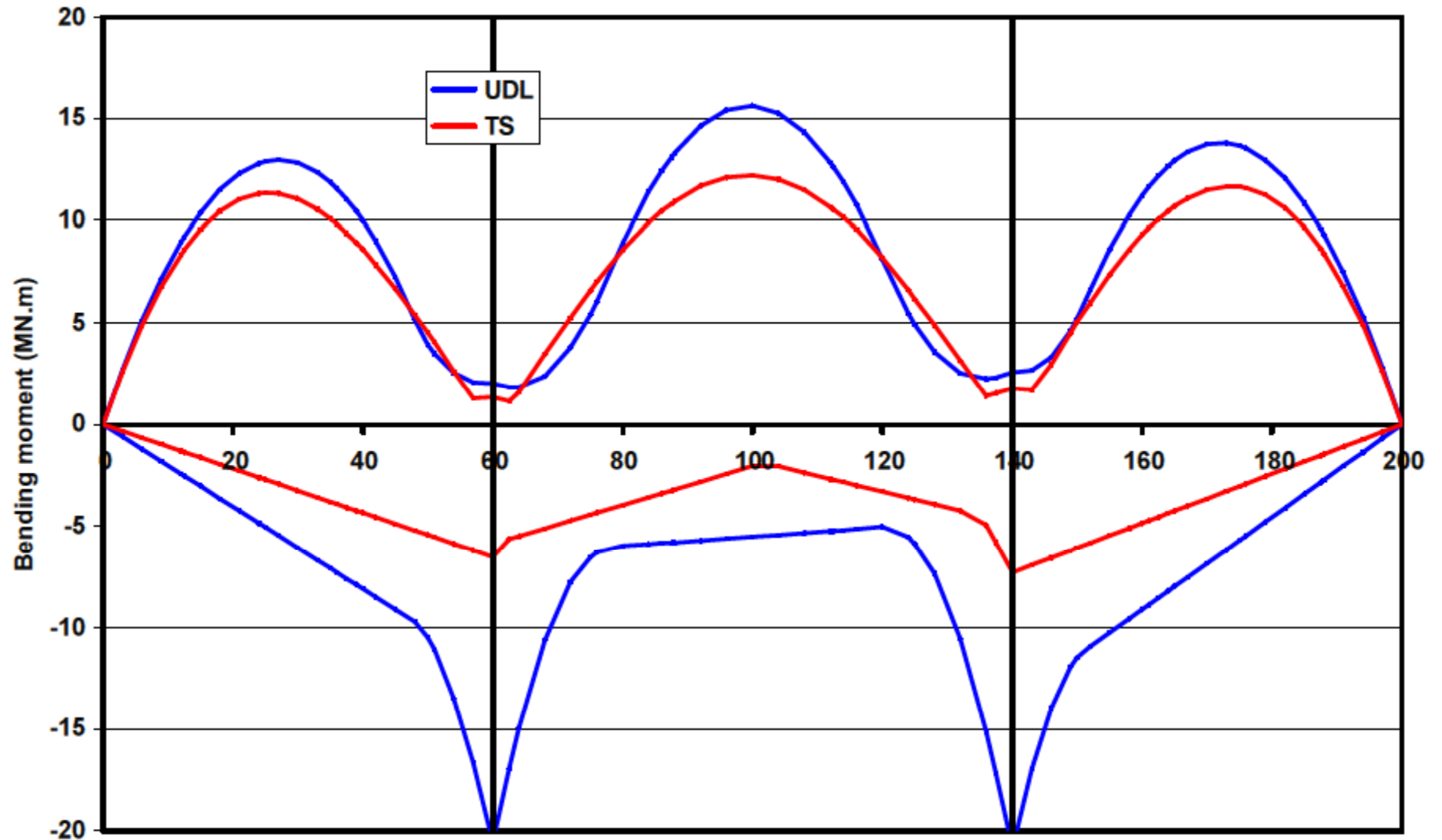
Support reaction for each main girder :

$R_1 = 35.36 \text{ kN/ml}$

$R_2 = 6.64 \text{ kN/ml}$

Application to the traffic load model LM1

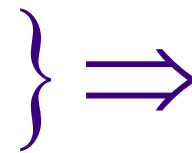
4. Bending Moment (MN.m) for UDL and TS



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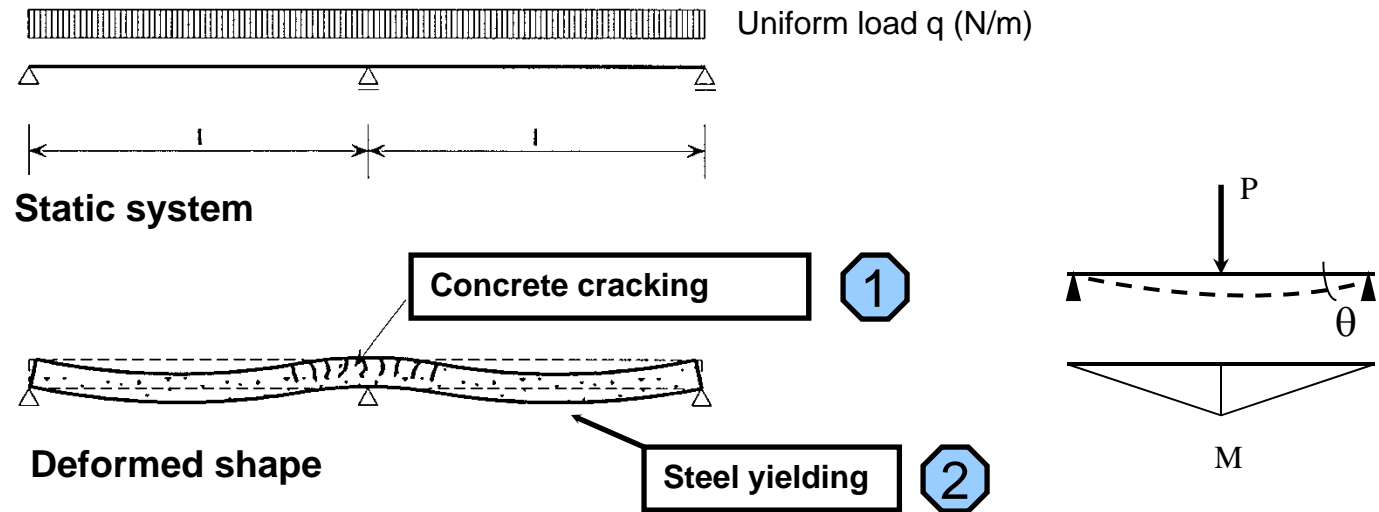


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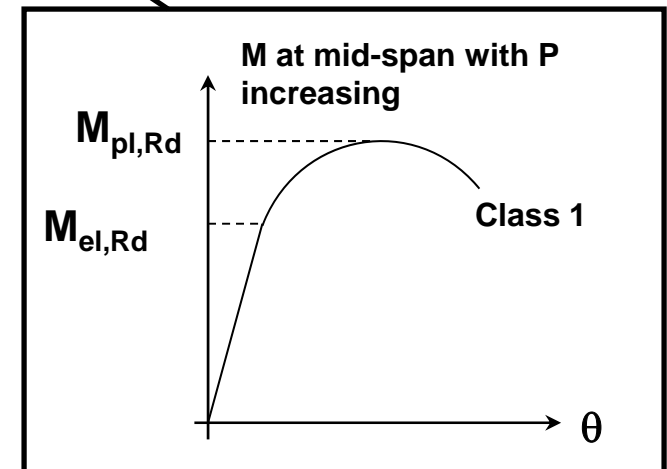
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Structural analysis of a composite bridge girder



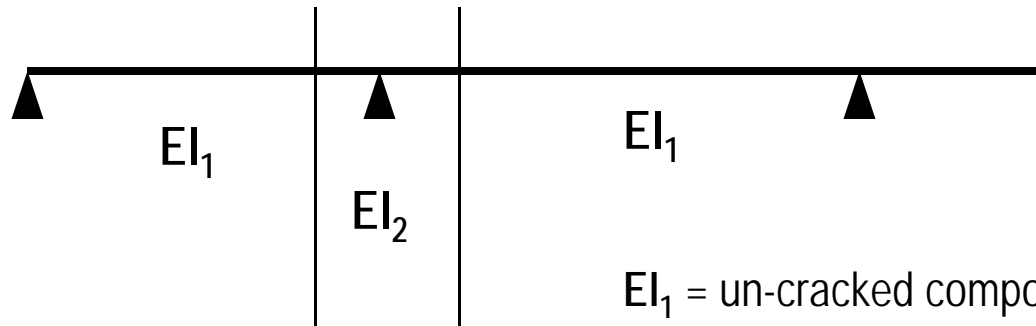
- Linear elastic global analysis (except for accidental loads)
- No bending redistribution is allowed
- Concrete cracking near internal support and steel yielding near mid-span are taken into account through simplified methods
- Plate buckling is neglected in the global analysis except if the effective^P area of one of the panel is lower than half its gross area ($A_{\text{eff}} < 0.5 A_{\text{gross}}$)



Global cracked analysis

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- Stress distribution σ_c in the concrete slab for the characteristic SLS combination of actions assuming the concrete resists in every cross section (EI_1)
- In the zones where $\sigma_c < -2 f_{ctm}$, the concrete is assumed to be cracked (and then neglected) for the bending stiffness distribution (EI_2)



EI_1 = un-cracked composite second moment of area
(structural steel + concrete slab in compression)

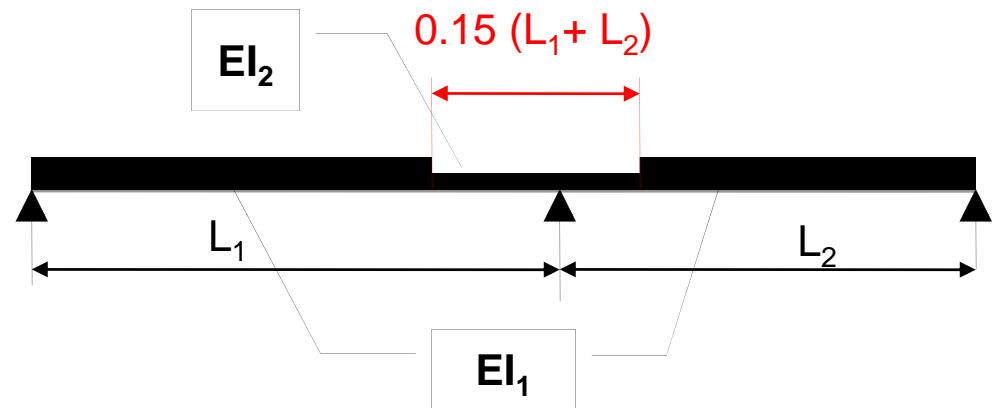
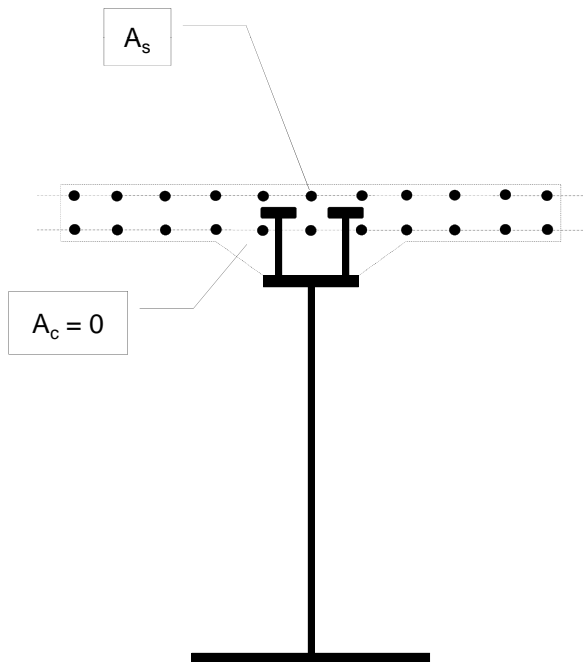
EI_2 = cracked composite second moment of area
(structural steel + reinforcement in tension)



This approach is not iterative (the cracked zones are determined only once).

Simplified method is possible if :

- no pre-stress
- $L_{\min}/L_{\max} > 0.6$



In the stiffness zones EI_2 :

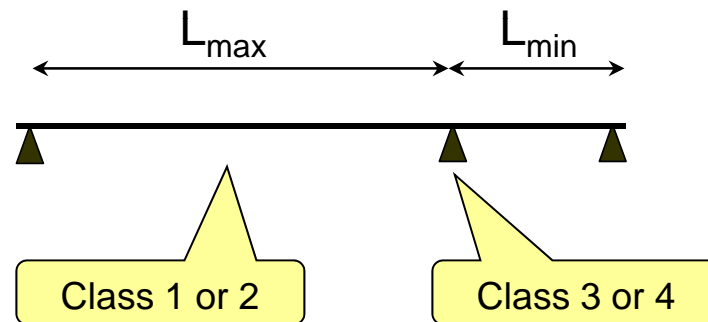
- concrete in tension is neglected
- reinforcement are included

In-span steel yielding

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Mid-span eventual yielding is taken into account if :

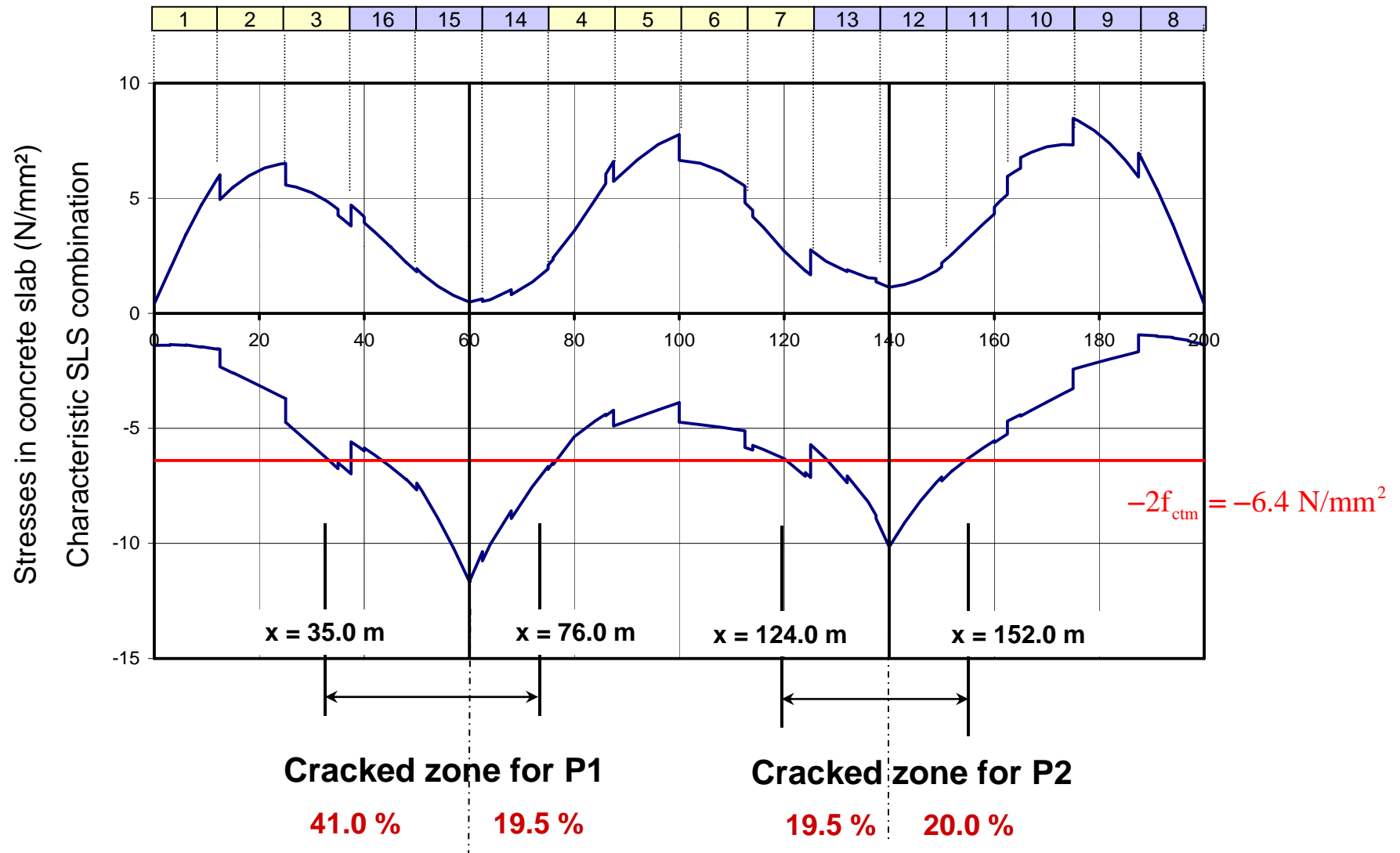
- Class 1 or 2 at mid span (and $M_{Ed} > M_{el,Rd}$)
- Class 3 or 4 on internal support
- $L_{min}/L_{max} < 0.6$



As $L_{min}/L_{max} > 0.6$ in the example, the redistribution due to yielding near mid-span is not taken into account.

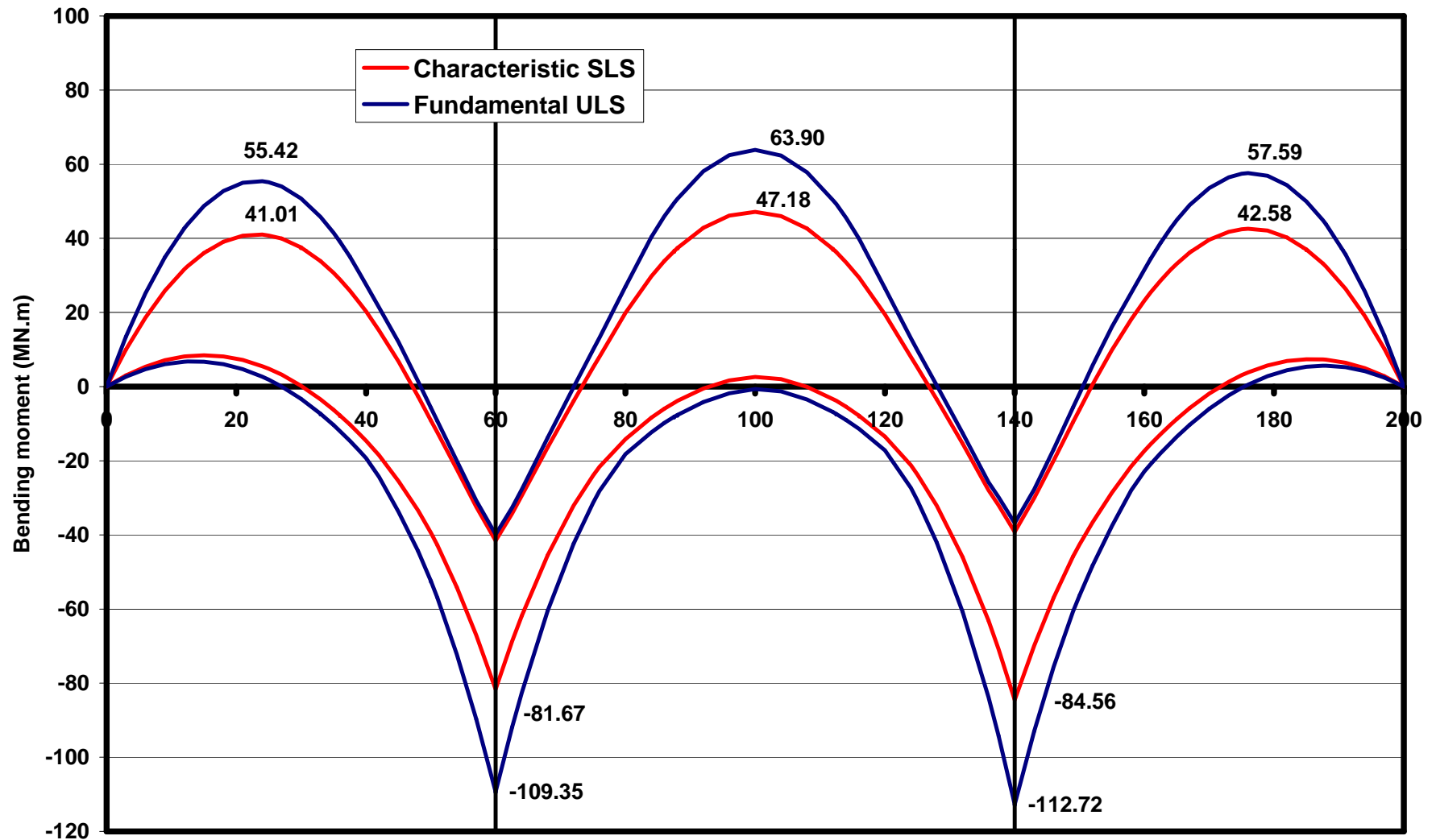
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Concreting phases, Slab segments order:



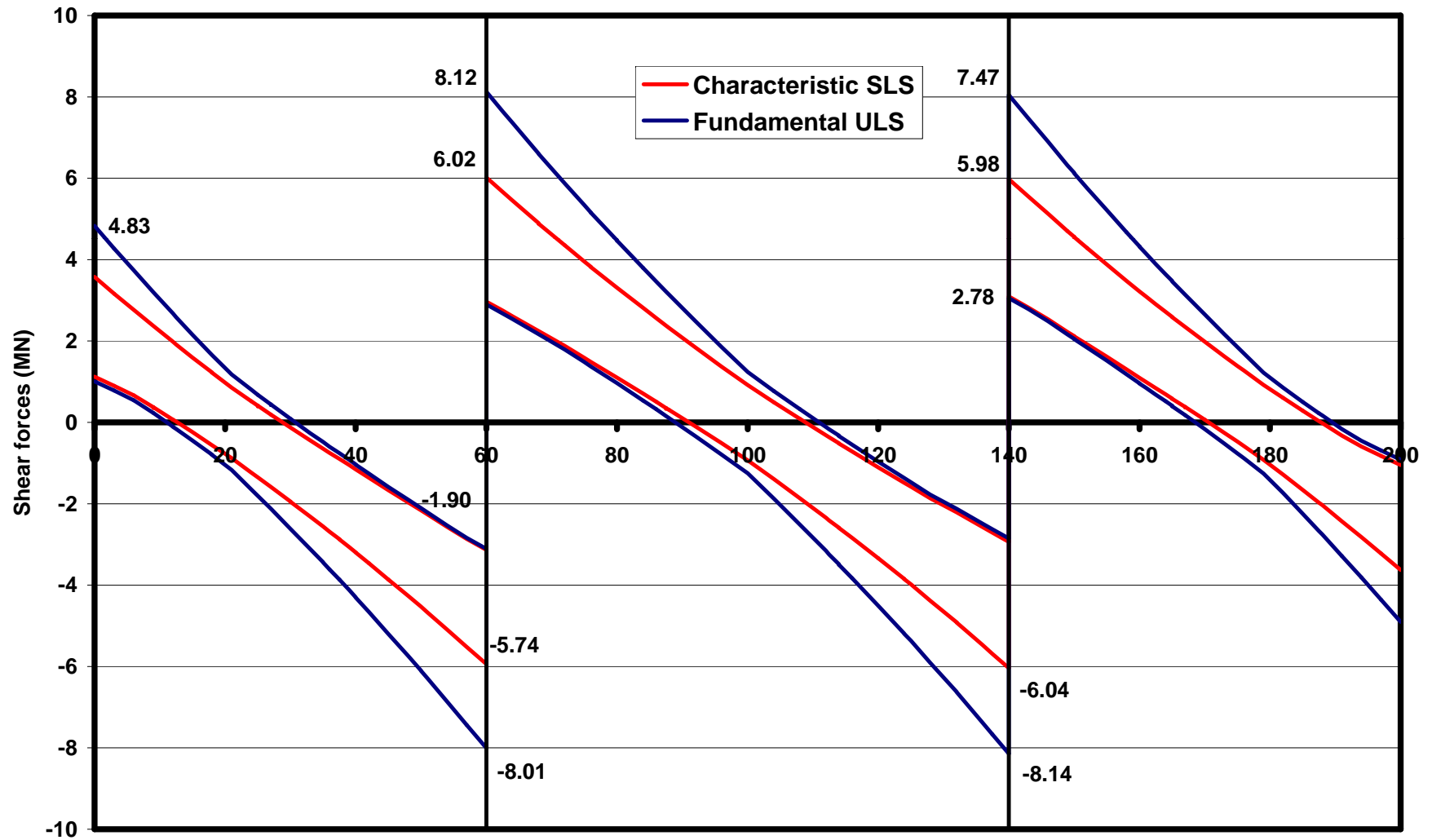
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SLS and ULS bending moment distribution $M_{Ed} (= M_{a,Ed} + M_{c,Ed})$



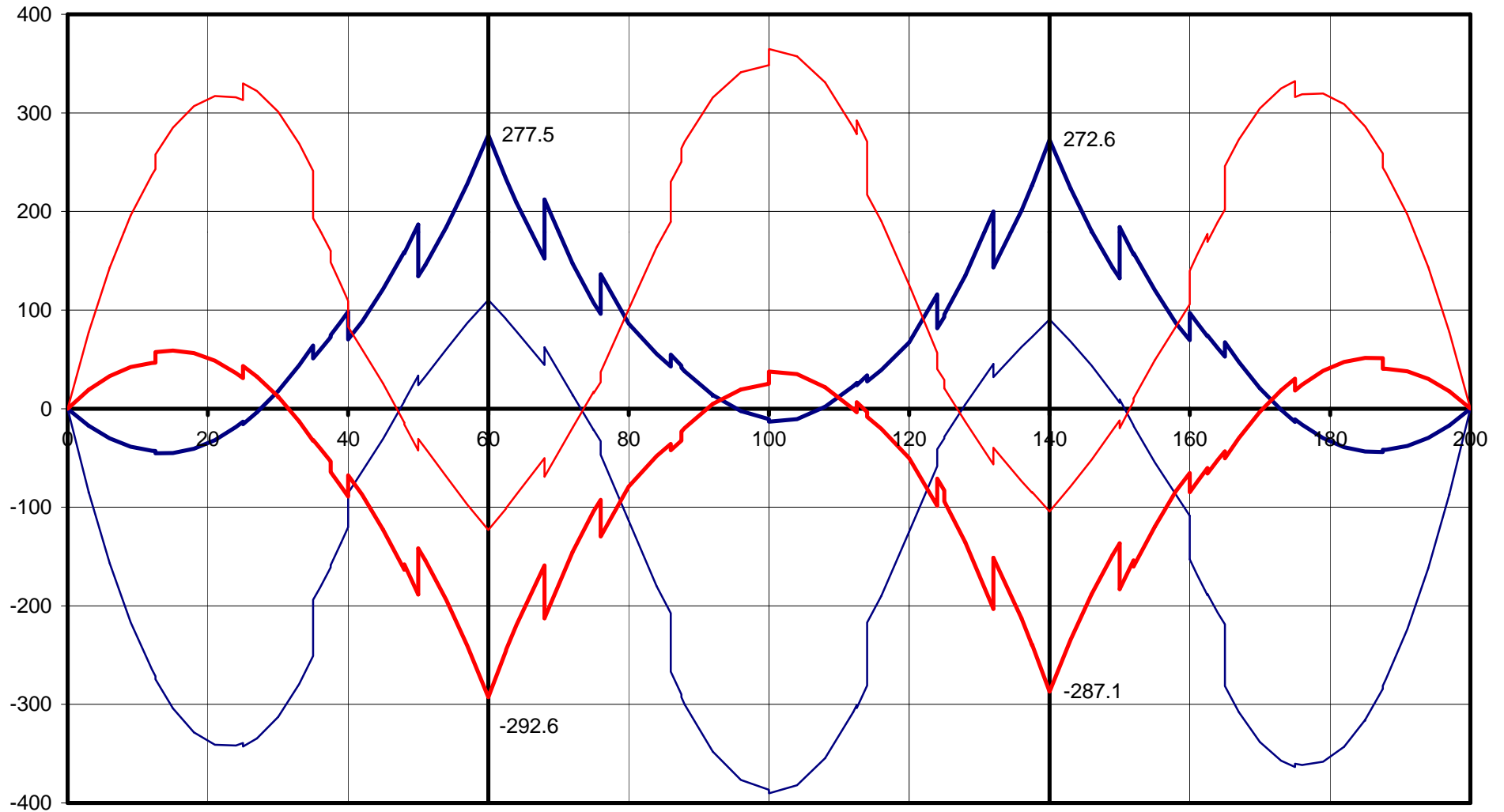
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SLS and ULS shear force distribution V_{Ed}



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ULS stresses (N/mm²) along the steel flanges, calculated without concrete resistance



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