

# **Eurocodes and National Annexes** (including EN 1990 and EN 1991)

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# **SHORT INTRODUCTION TO EN 1990 AND EN 1991**

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(excluding bridges)**

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## The full list of Eurocode subjects, with the number of Parts in each is:

<b>EN1990</b>	<b>Basis of Structural Design</b>	<b>1 Part</b>
<b>EN1991</b>	<b>Actions on Structures</b>	<b>10 Parts</b>
<b>EN1992</b>	<b>Design of Concrete Structures</b>	<b>4 Parts</b>
<b>EN1993</b>	<b>Design of Steel Structures</b>	<b>20 Parts</b>
<b>EN1994</b>	<b>Design of Composite Structures</b>	<b>3 Parts</b>
<b>EN1995</b>	<b>Design of Timber Structures</b>	<b>3 Parts</b>
<b>EN1996</b>	<b>Design of Masonry Structures</b>	<b>4 Parts</b>
<b>EN1997</b>	<b>Geotechnical Design</b>	<b>2 Parts</b>
<b>EN1998</b>	<b>Design of Structures for Earthquake Resistance</b>	<b>6 Parts</b>
<b>EN1999</b>	<b>Design of Aluminium Structures</b>	<b>5 Parts</b>

EN 1996: Design of masonry structures has four parts:

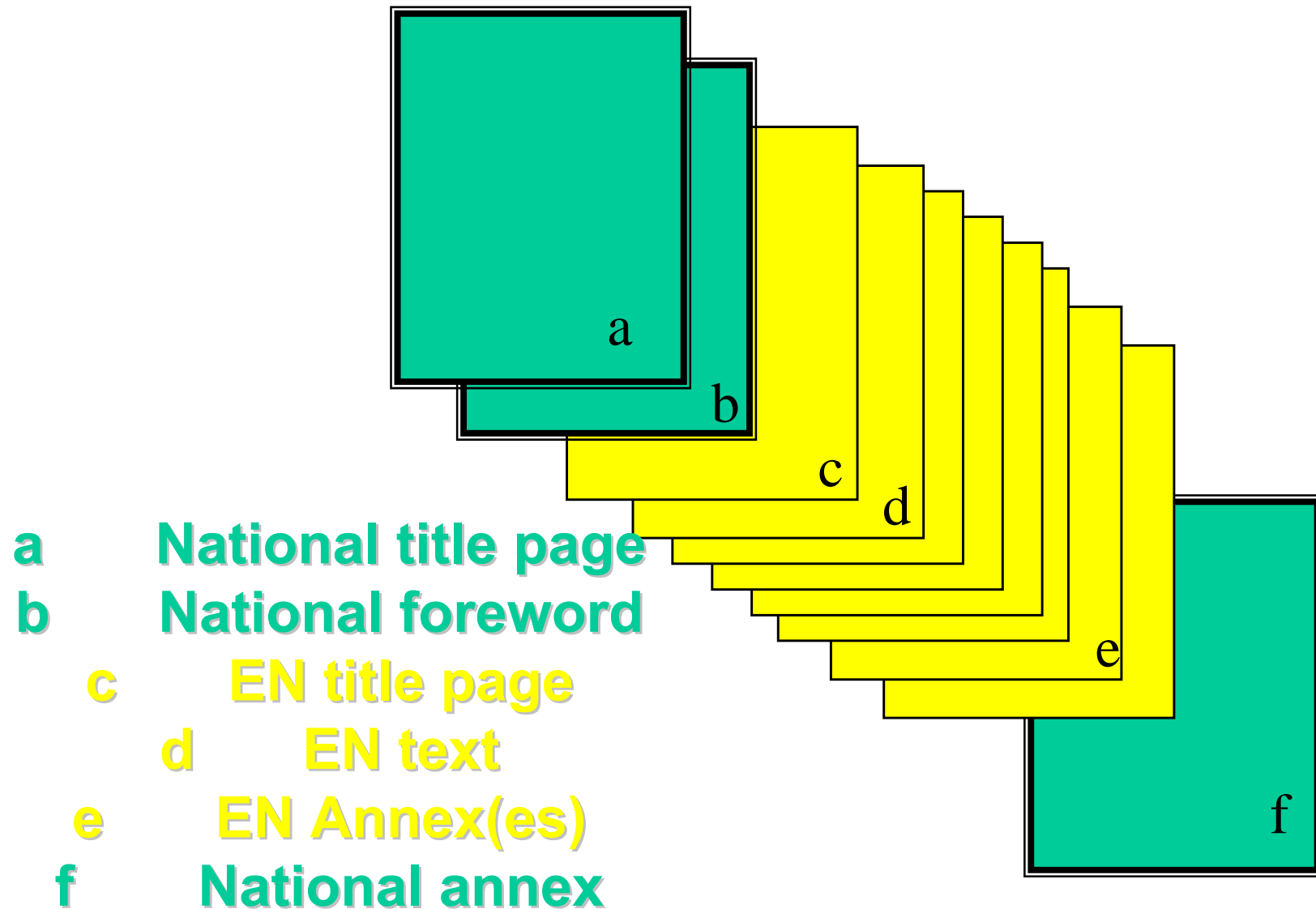
**EN 1996-1-1: Design of masonry structures – Part 1-1: Common rules for reinforced and unreinforced masonry design**

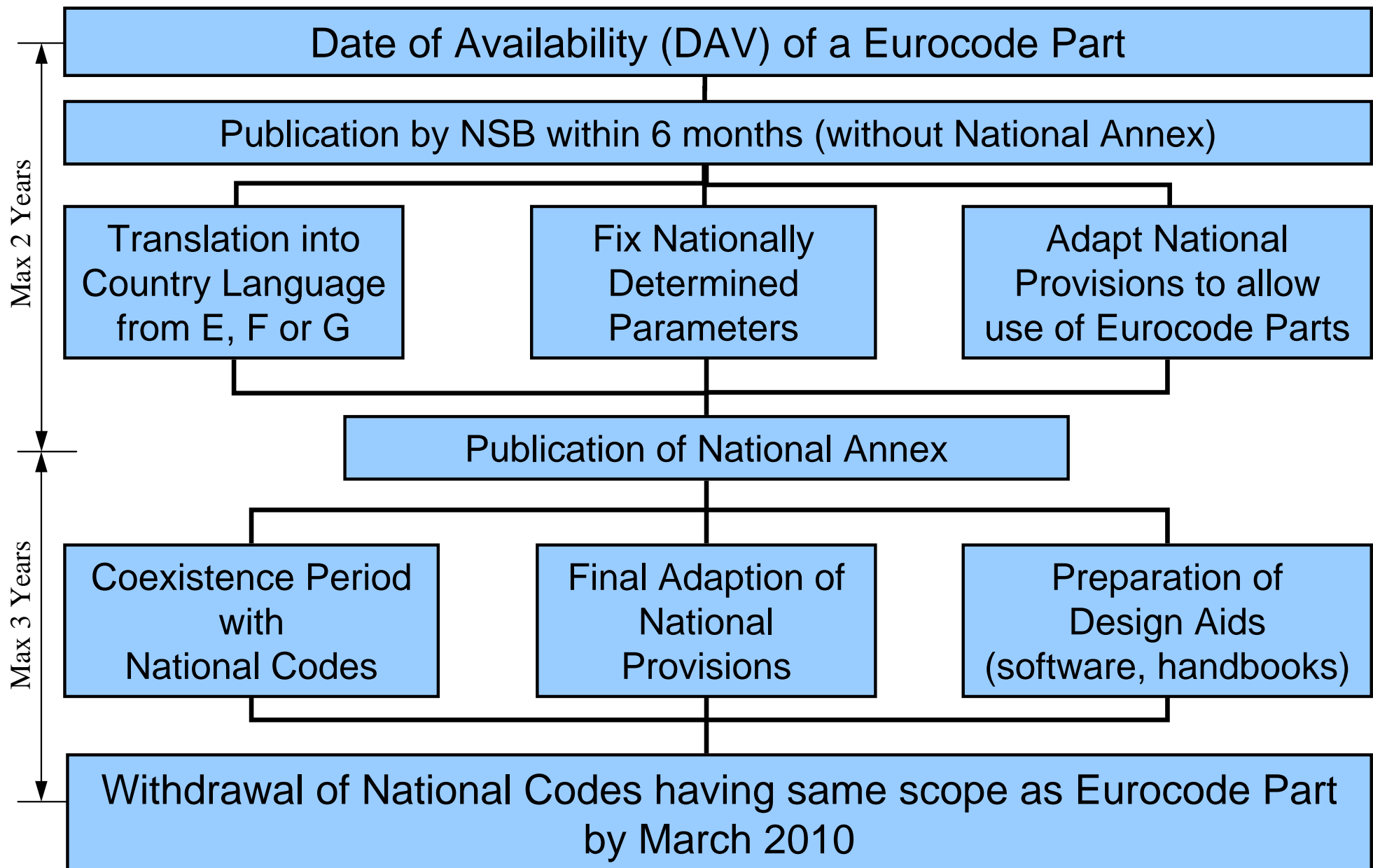
**EN 1996-1-2: Design of masonry structures – Part 1-2: General rules – Structural fire design**

**EN 1996-2: Design of masonry structures – Part 2: Design considerations, selection of materials and execution of masonry structures**

**EN 1996-3: Design of masonry structures – Part 3: Simplified calculation methods for unreinforced masonry structures**

NSB must publish EN Part, from EN title page to the last page of the Annexes (whether Informative or Normative) without any change whatsoever





## Member States Set Safety Levels

e.g Partial Safety Factors  $\gamma$





**Eurocode Parts allow for National Choice  
by use of**

**Classes**

**Symbols instead of values**

**Alternative Methods**

**Country specific data**



**The National Choice of  
a Class  
value for a Symbol  
method where a choice is given  
Country specific data  
equals  
Nationally Determined Parameter (NDP)**

**Recommended to give NDPs in National Annexes, published by NSBs *separately* from Parts**

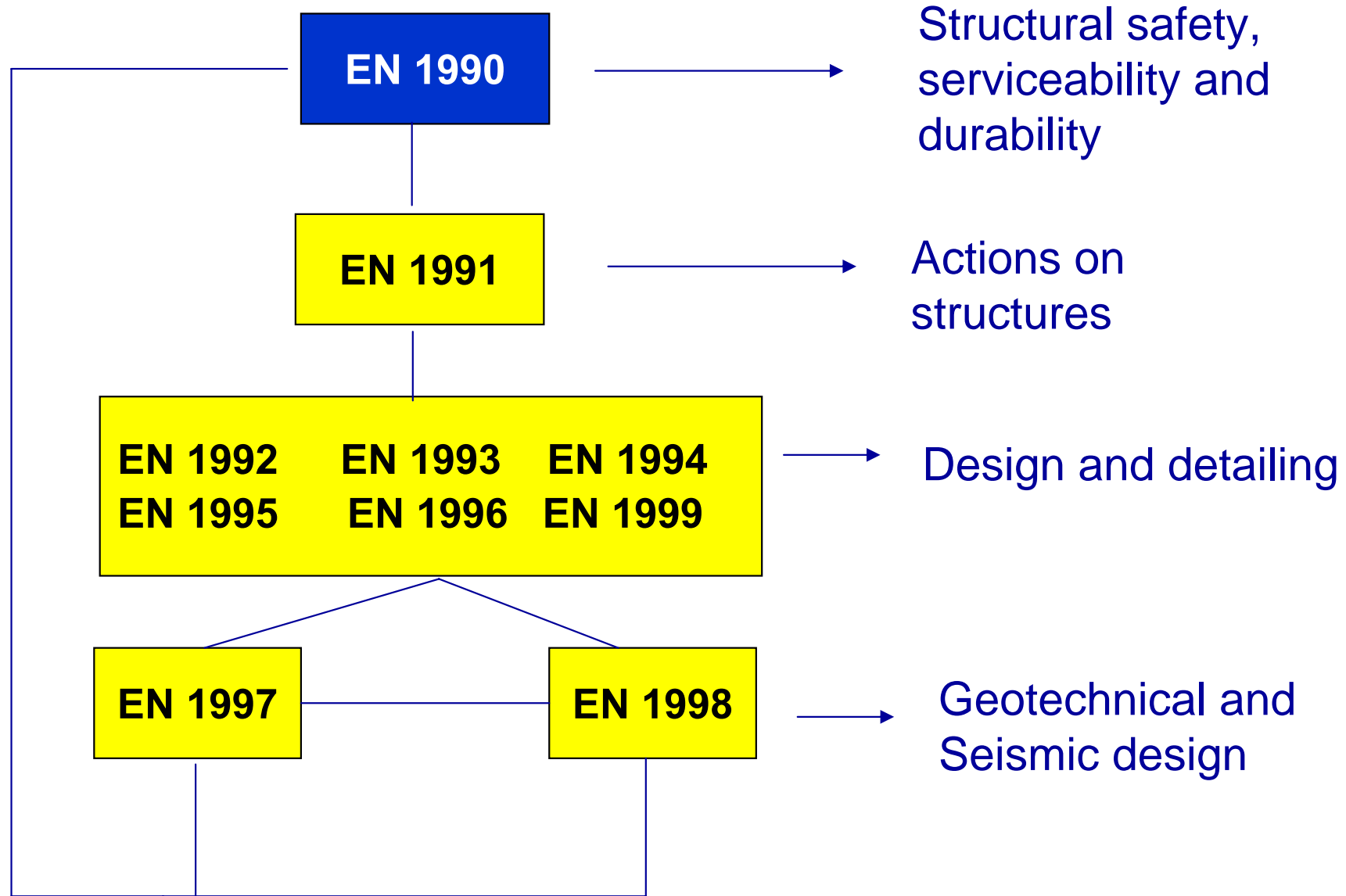
**or**

**Permitted for NDPs to be put in Regulations  
or  
National Standard (separate from Part)**

## **Decisions on the status of Informative Annexes:**

**The National Annex should state whether an Informative Annex may or may not be used in a Country. If it may not, then no alternative can be given in the National Annex, but reference can be made to another document for example NCCI**

# LINKS BETWEEN THE EUROCODES



# EN 1990: EUROCODE: BASIS OF STRUCTURAL DESIGN

**EN 1990 is the key Eurocode** for the design of buildings and civil engineering works

Every Eurocode part from EN 1991: Eurocode 1: Actions on Structures through the design Eurocodes EN 1992 to EN 1999

**requires the use of EN 1990**

- EN 1990 provides the material independent and safety related information required for the design of buildings, and civil engineering works for the Eurocodes suite.

# **EN 1990 : EUROCODE: BASIS OF STRUCTURAL DESIGN: CONTENTS**

**Foreword**

**Section 1: General**

**Section 2: Requirements**

**Section 3: Principles of limit states**

**Section 4: Basic variables**

**Section 5: Structural analysis and design assisted by  
testing**

**Section 6: Verification by the partial factor method**

**Annex A (N): Application for buildings (1); bridges (2)**

**Annex B (Inf): Management of structural reliability for  
construction works**

**Annex C (Inf): Basis for partial factor design and  
reliability analysis**

**Annex D (Inf): Design assisted by testing**

# **EN 1990: EUROCODE BASIS OF STRUCTURAL DESIGN**

## **Objectives of EN 1990: Basis of Design**

**EN 1990 establishes principles and requirements for the**

- **Safety**
- **Serviceability**
- **Durability**

**of structures; and describes**

- **The basis for their design and verification, and**
- **Gives guidelines for related aspects of structural reliability**



## **SCOPE**

- (1) EN 1990 establishes Principles and requirements for the safety, serviceability and durability of structures, describes the basis for their design and verification and gives guidelines for related aspects of structural reliability.**
- (2) EN 1990 is intended to be used in conjunction with EN 1991 to EN 1999 for the structural design of buildings and civil engineering works, including geotechnical aspects, structural fire design, situations involving earthquakes, execution and temporary structures. NOTE For the design of special construction works (e.g.nuclear installations, dams, etc.), other provisions than those in EN 1990 to EN 1999 might be necessary.**
- (3) EN 1990 is applicable for the design of structures where other materials or other actions outside the scope of EN 1991 to EN 1999 are involved.**
- (4) EN 1990 is applicable for the structural appraisal of existing construction, in developing the design of repairs and alterations or in assessing changes of use. NOTE Additional or amended provisions might be necessary where appropriate.**

## **1.3 Assumptions**

**(1) Design which employs the Principles and Application Rules is deemed to meet the requirements provided the assumptions given in EN 1990 to EN 1999 are satisfied**

**(2) The general assumptions of EN 1990 are :**

- the choice of the structural system and the design of the structure is made by appropriately qualified and experienced personnel;**
- execution is carried out by personnel having the appropriate skill and experience;**
- adequate supervision and quality control is provided in design offices and during execution of the work, i.e., factories, plants, and on site;**

### **1.3 Assumptions (cont.)**

- the construction materials and products are used as specified in EN 1990 or in EN 1991 to EN 1999 or in the relevant execution standards, or reference material or product specifications;**
- the structure will be adequately maintained;**
- the structure will be used in accordance with the design assumptions.**

# **EN 1990 : EUROCODE: BASIS OF STRUCTURAL DESIGN**

## **THE REQUIREMENTS IN EN 1990**

- **Fundamental requirements (safety; serviceability; robustness and fire)**
- **Reliability differentiation**
- **Design working life**
- **Durability**
- **Quality Assurance**

## The **fundamental requirements** in EN 1990 for the reliability of construction works include :

**Structural safety:** A structure shall be designed and executed in such a way that it will, during its intended life with appropriate degrees of reliability, and in an economic way sustain all actions likely to occur during execution and use. **Safety of people, the structure and contents**

**Serviceability:** A structure shall be designed and executed in such a way that it will, during its intended life with appropriate degrees of reliability and in an economic way remain fit for the use for which it is required **Functioning, comfort and appearance of the structure**



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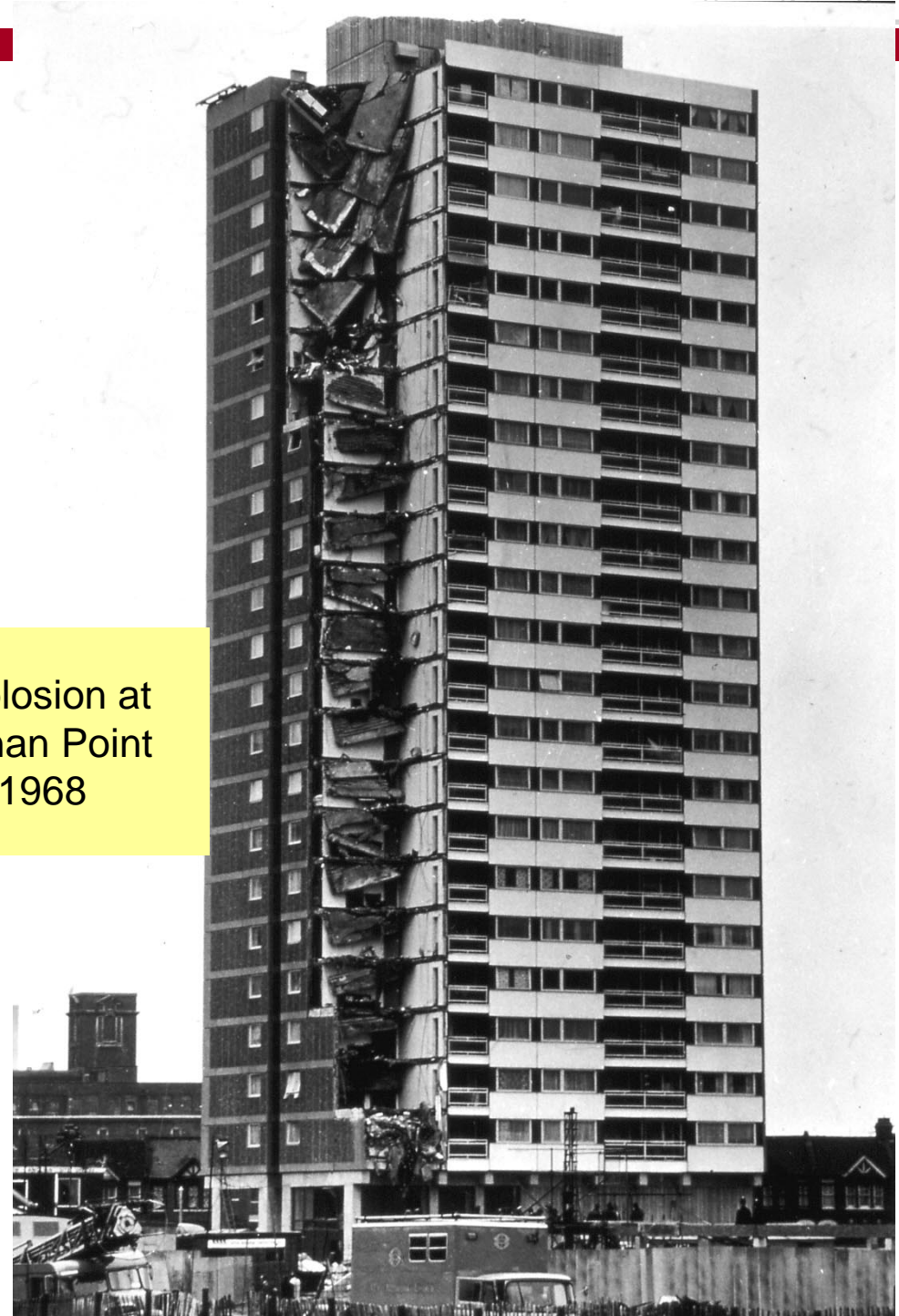
**Robustness:** A structure shall be designed and executed in such a way that it will not be damaged by events such as

- Explosions
- Impact and
- Consequences of human errors

to an extent disproportionate to the original cause

*Note: The events to be taken into account are those agreed for an individual project with the client and the relevant authority*

Explosion at  
Ronan Point  
1968



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# EN 1990: EUROCODE: BASIS OF STRUCTURAL DESIGN

## Reliability Differentiation

The choice of the levels of reliability for a particular structure should take account of the relevant factors, including :

- the possible cause and /or mode of attaining a limit state;
- the possible **consequences of failure** in terms of risk to life, injury, potential economical losses;
- **public perception of failure**;
- the expense and procedures necessary to reduce the risk of failure.



## EN 1990: DEFINITION OF CONSEQUENCE CLASSES

Consequence Class	Description	Examples of buildings and civil engineering works
<b>CC3</b>	<b>High</b> consequence for loss of human life, or economic, social or environmental consequences <b>very great</b>	Grandstands, bridges, public buildings where consequences of failure are high (e.g. a concert hall)
<b>CC2</b>	<b>Medium</b> consequence for loss of human life, economic, social or environmental consequences <b>considerable</b>	Residential and office buildings, public buildings where consequences of failure are medium (e.g. an office building)
<b>CC1</b>	<b>Low</b> consequence for loss of human life, and economic, social or environmental consequences <b>small or negligible</b>	Agricultural buildings where people do not normally enter (e.g. for storage), greenhouses



## EN 1990: TOOLS FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF STRUCTURAL RELIABILITY

Depending upon the **consequences of failure**, the main tools selected in EN1990 Annex B (**Informative**) for the management of structural reliability of construction works are:

- differentiation by  $\beta$  (reliability index) values; at this stage, this is a specialist activity;
- modification of partial factors;
- design supervision differentiation;
- inspection during execution



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## THE REQUIREMENTS IN EN 1990

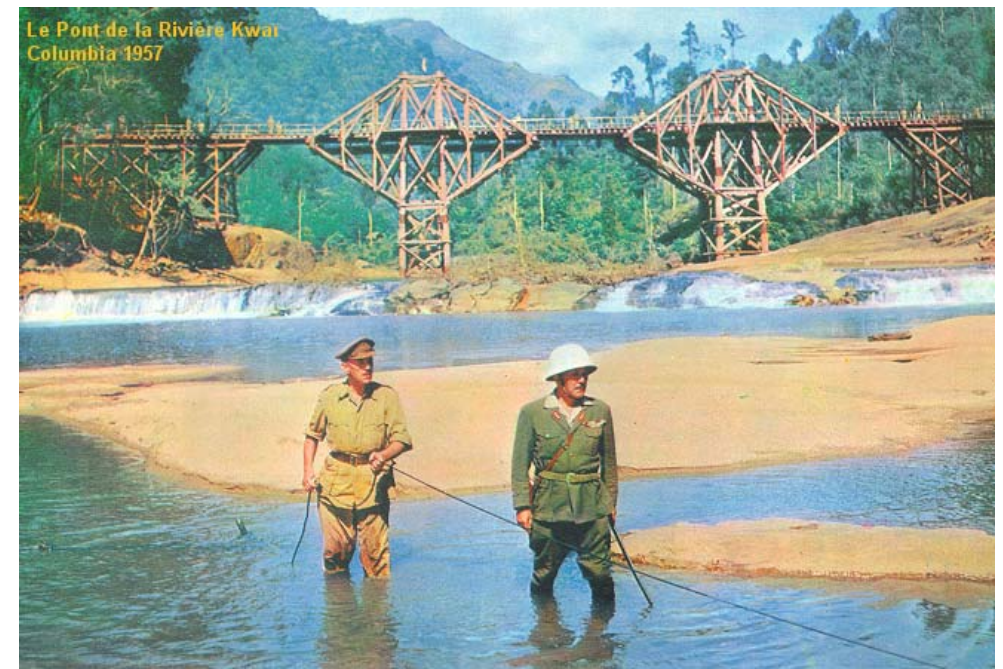
- Fundamental requirements (safety; serviceability; robustness and fire)
- Reliability differentiation
- **Design working life**
- Durability
- Quality Assurance

## The **requirement** for design working life states :

The design working life is the assumed period for which a structure is to be used for its intended purpose with anticipated maintenance but without major repair being necessary

a **design working life** of

- 50 years for buildings
  - 100 years for bridges and
- is recommended in EN 1990.



# EN 1990 – INDICATIVE DESIGN WORKING LIFE

Design working life category	design working Indicative life (years)	Examples
1	10	Temporary structures (1)
2	10 to 25	Replaceable structural parts, e.g. gantry girders, bearings
3	15 to 30	Agricultural and similar structures
4	50	Building structures and other common structures, not listed elsewhere in this table
5	100	Monumental building structures, highway and railway bridges, and other civil engineering structures

(1) Structures or parts of structures that can be dismantled with a view of being re-used should not be considered as temporary

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## ULTIMATE LIMIT-STATE :

- the **safety** of the **structure**
- the **safety** of **people**
- In special circumstances the **protection** of the **contents**

- **loss of equilibrium** of the structure or any part of it, considered as a rigid body
- failure by **excessive deformation**, transformation of the structure or any part of it into a mechanism, rupture, **loss of stability** of the structure or any part of it, including supports and foundations
- failure caused by fatigue or other time-dependent effects

## SERVICEABILITY LIMIT-STATE

- **Functioning** of the structure or structural members under normal use,
- **comfort** of people
- **appearance** of construction works



# EN 1990: EUROCODE: BASIS OF STRUCTURAL DESIGN

## Design Situations

Design situations are classified in EN 1990 as follows:

- **persistent design situations**, which refer to the conditions of normal use
- **accidental design situations**, which refer to exceptional conditions applicable to the structure or to its exposure, e.g. to fire, explosion, impact or the consequences of localised failure
- **seismic design situations**, which refer to conditions applicable to the structure when subjected to seismic events
- **transient design situations** which refer to temporary conditions applicable to the structure, e.g. during execution or repair



# EN1990 : EUROCODE: BASIS OF STRUCTURAL DESIGN

## Verifications of static equilibrium and resistance

Individual verifications are performed

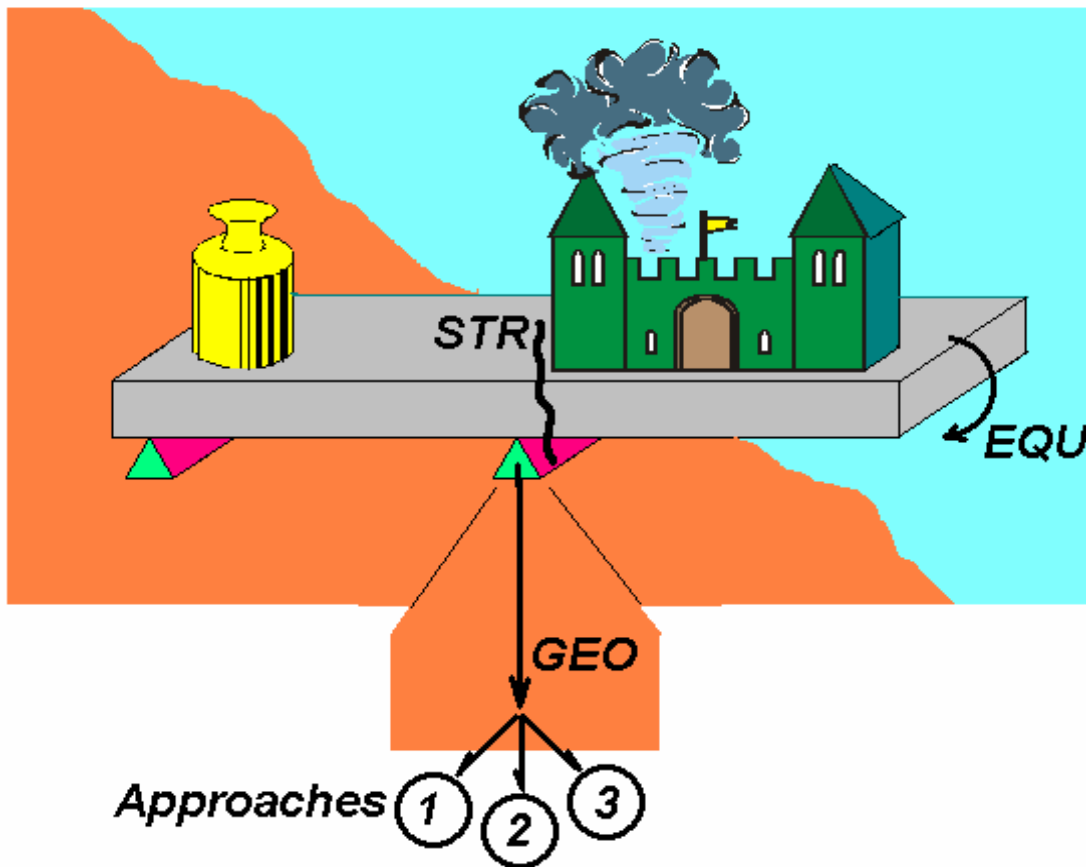
Ultimate limit states of static equilibrium (**EQU**):

$$E_{d,dst} \leq E_{d,stb}$$

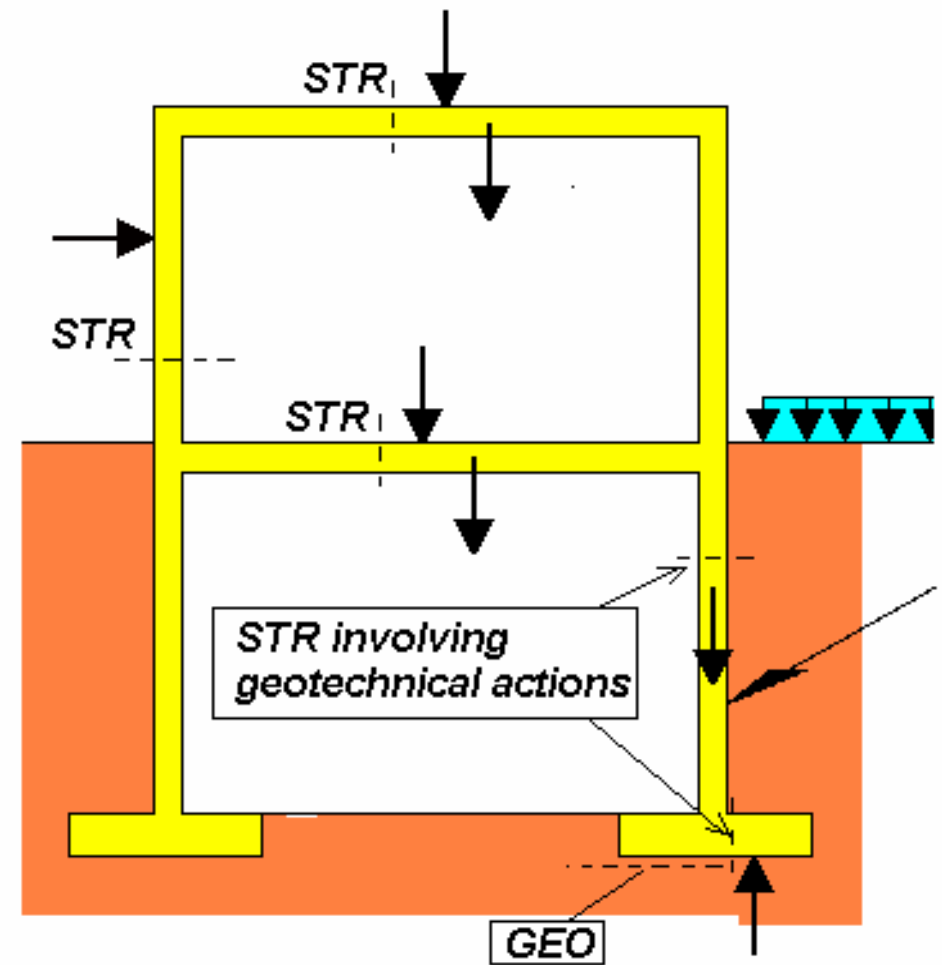
Ultimate limit states of resistance (**STR/GEO**):

$$E_d \leq R_d$$

# EN1990 : EUROCODE: BASIS OF STRUCTURAL DESIGN



**Ultimate limit states**



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**Ultimate limit states of STR/GEO - Fundamental combination for persistent and transient design situations**

**Expression (6.10)**

$$\sum_{j \geq 1} \gamma_{G,j} G_{k,j} + \gamma_P P + \gamma_{Q,1} Q_{k,1} + \sum_{i > 1} \gamma_{Q,i} \psi_{0,i} Q_{k,i}$$

**Expressions (6.10a) and (6.10b)**

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \sum_{j \geq 1} \gamma_{G,j} G_{k,j} + \gamma_P P + \sum_{i \geq 1} \gamma_{Q,i} \psi_{0,i} Q_{k,i} \\ \sum_{j \geq 1} \xi_j \gamma_{G,j} G_{k,j} + \gamma_P P + \gamma_{Q,1} Q_{k,1} + \sum_{i > 1} \gamma_{Q,i} \psi_{0,i} Q_{k,i} \end{array} \right.$$

$$0,85 \leq \xi \leq 1,00$$



$$E_d \leq R_d$$

**Applying Equation 6.10 from EN1990:**

$$E_d = E \left\{ \sum_{j \geq 1} \gamma_{G,j} G_{k,j} + \gamma_p P + \gamma_{Q,1} Q_{k,1} + \sum_{i > 1} \gamma_{Q,i} \psi_{0,i} Q_{k,i} \right\}$$



## Design effect

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**Design  
effect**

$$E_d = E \left\{ \sum_{j \geq 1} \gamma_{G,j} G_{k,j} \text{ "+" } \gamma_p P \text{ "+" } \gamma_{Q,1} Q_{k,1} \text{ "+" } \sum_{i > 1} \gamma_{Q,i} \psi_{0,i} Q_{k,i} \right\}$$

**Effect of**



**Design effect**

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Effect of

Combined with





**Design effect**

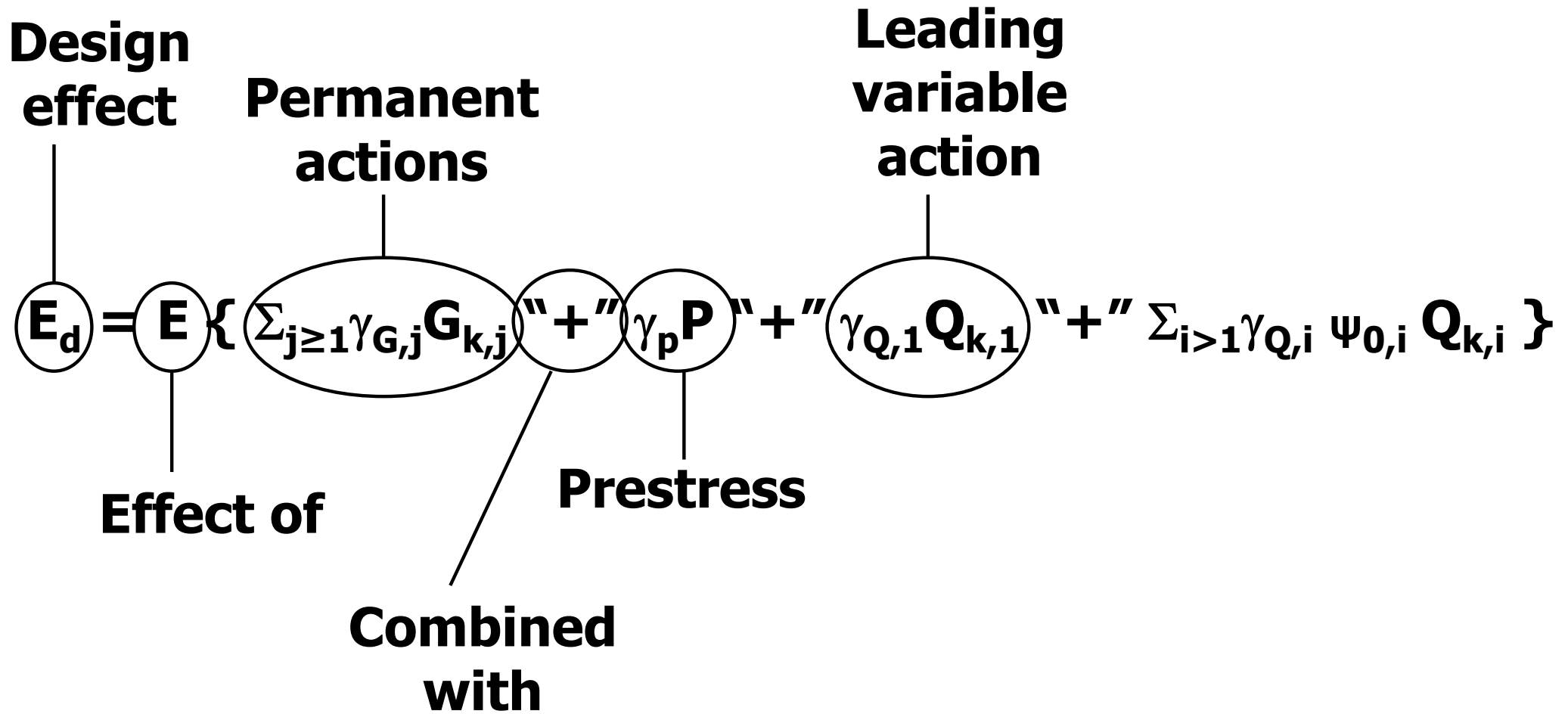
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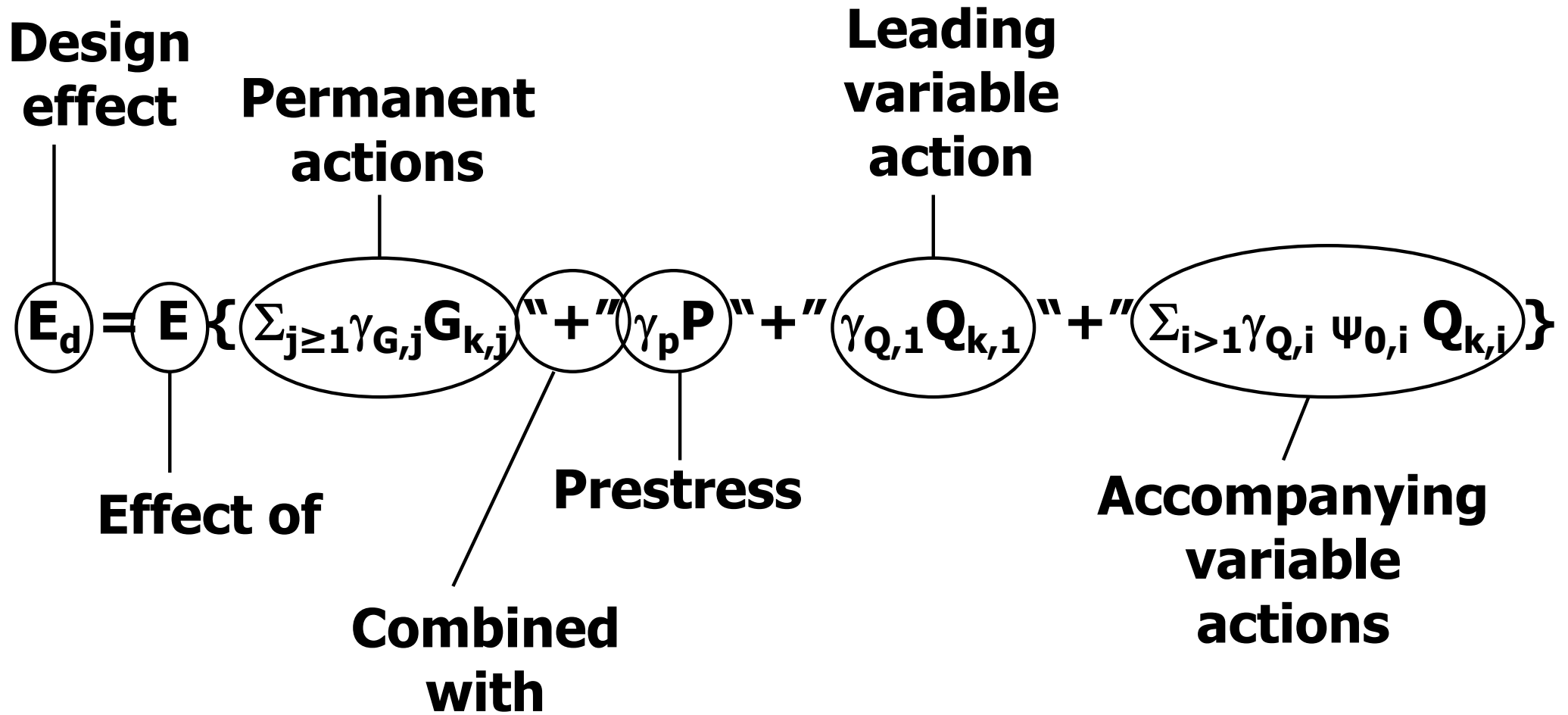
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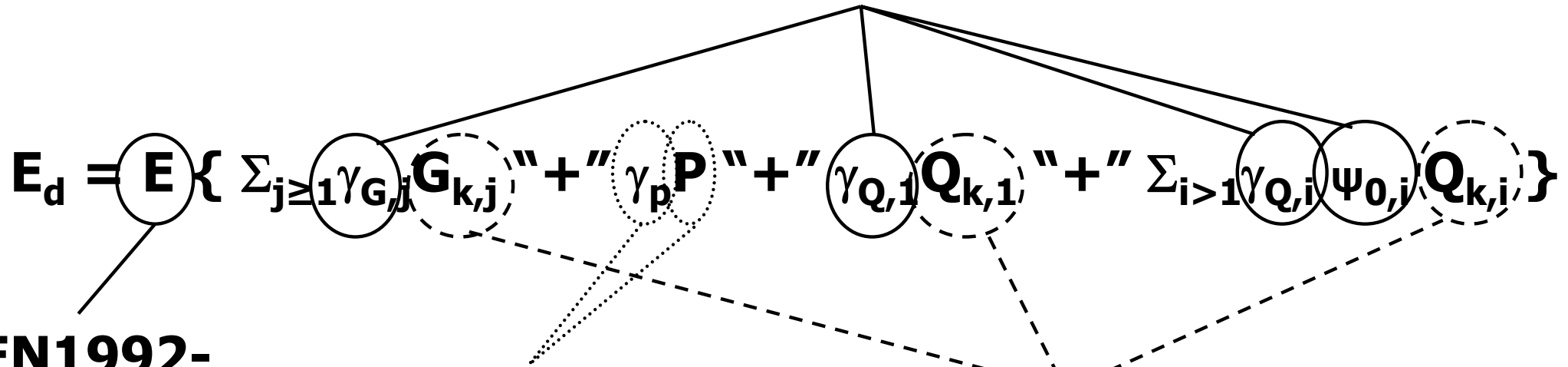
**Prestress**

**Combined with**





### EN1990 Annex A (i.e. A1 or A2)



**EN1992-  
EN1997  
may give  
rules**

**Defined in  
relevant  
Eurocode**

**EN1991  
(EN1997)**

Annex A –Normative- of EN 1990  
gives the **partial factors and psi factors** for use in  
buildings and bridges

**Annex A1 Buildings** and  
**A2 Bridges** (introduced by amendment no 1)

Of course **such vital information as the partial factors for loads appears in the form of symbols, with recommended values.**

**Each Country has to choose these factors as NDPs.**

# EN1990 - EUROCODE : BASIS OF STRUCTURAL DESIGN

**Accidental design situations : expression 6.11b**

$$\sum_{j \geq 1} G_{k,j} + P + A_d + (\psi_{1,1} \text{ or } \psi_{2,1}) Q_{k,1} + \sum_{i > 1} \psi_{2,i} Q_{k,i}$$

**Seismic design situations : expression 6.12b**

$$\sum_{j \geq 1} G_{k,j} + P + A_{Ed} + \sum_{i > 1} \psi_{2,i} Q_{k,i}$$

# EN1990 : EUROCODE: BASIS OF STRUCTURAL DESIGN

## Serviceability limit states

It shall be verified that :

$$E_d \leq C_d \quad (6.13)$$

where :

$C_d$  is the limiting design value of the relevant serviceability criterion

$E_d$  is the design value of the effects of actions specified in the serviceability criterion, determined on the basis of the relevant combination

# EN1990 : BASIS OF STRUCTURAL DESIGN

## Serviceability limit states : combinations of actions

### ■ Characteristic Combination (irreversible SLS)

$$\sum_{j \geq 1} G_{k,j} + P + Q_{k,1} + \sum_{i > 1} \psi_{0,i} Q_{k,i}$$

### ■ Frequent Combination (reversible SLS)

$$\sum_{j \geq 1} G_{k,j} + P + \psi_{1,1} Q_{k,1} + \sum_{i > 1} \psi_{2,i} Q_{k,i}$$

### ■ Quasi-permanent Combination (reversible SLS)

$$\sum_{j \geq 1} G_{k,j} + P + \sum_{i \geq 1} \psi_{2,i} Q_{k,i}$$



# EUROCODE 1991

## Actions

## **EN 1991 Actions on Structures**

**Part 1-1 Densities, self-weight and imposed loads**

**Part 1-2 Actions on structures exposed to fire**

**Part 1-3 Snow Loads**

**Part 1-4 Wind actions**

**Part 1-5 Thermal actions**

**Part 1-6 Actions during execution**

**Part 1-7 Accidental actions**

**Part 2 Traffic loads on bridges**

**Part 3 Actions induced by cranes and machinery**

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# **EUROCODE 1991**

**Most Parts of the Series of Codes on  
Actions are frameworks  
Almost all values will have to be  
determined Nationally**

## **Foreword**

## **Section 1 General**

## **Section 2 Classification Of Actions**

## **Section 3 Design Situations**

## **Section 4 Densities Of Construction And Stored Materials**

## **Section 5 Self-weight Of Construction Works**

## **Section 6 Imposed Loads On Buildings**

## **Annex A (Informative) Tables For Nominal Density Of Construction Materials, And Nominal Density And Angles Of Repose For Stored Materials**

## **Annex B (Informative) Vehicle Barriers And Parapets For Car Parks**

**N.B. imposed loads due to occupancy and maintenance are given only in EN 1991-1-1 (unlike BS6399 Part 3). Snow Loads on roofs are given in BS EN 1991-1-3**



***Self-weight of construction works:***  
**generally a *Permanent Fixed* action,**  
**If *Free* (e.g. moveable partitions) then treat**  
**as an additional imposed load.**

**Ballast and earth loads on roofs/terraces:**  
***Permanent* with variations in properties**  
**(moisture content, depth) during the**  
**design life being taken into account.**

**If *Variable with time* then represented by**  
**upper and lower characteristic values,**  
**and**



***Imposed loads on buildings:***  
**generally *Variable Fixed* or *Variable Free* actions**

**Imposed loads generally *quasi-static* and allow for small dynamic effects in static structures. When dynamic response possible, a dynamic analysis is recommended as per the National Annex**

**Actions causing significant acceleration of structural members are classified as *dynamic* and need to be considered via a dynamic analysis**

**For *fork-lift trucks* and *helicopters* additional inertial loads from hoisting and take-off/landing are accounted for through a *dynamic magnification factor* applied to appropriate *static* load values**



***Characteristic values*** of densities of construction and stored materials should generally be used in the expressions for combination of actions.

Where ***only mean values available***, they should be taken as ***characteristic values*** in the design. Mean values for a large number of different materials are given in EN 1991-1-1 Annex A.

***Self-weight* is generally represented by a *single characteristic value* calculated from nominal dimensions, characteristic values of densities and including, where appropriate, ancillary elements, e.g. non-structural elements and fixed services, weight of earth and ballast.**

***Characteristic values* of loads for floors and roofs for the following types of occupancy and use:**

**residential, social, commercial and administration areas**

**garage and vehicle traffic**

**areas for storage and industrial activities**

**roofs**

**helicopter landing areas**

**barriers and walls having the function of barriers.**



**Loads arise due to occupancy and the values given in EN 1991-1-1 account for**

**normal use by persons  
furniture and moveable objects,  
vehicles**

**rare events such as concentrations of people and furniture during  
times of re-organisation and refurbishment**

**Floor and roof areas in buildings are sub-divided into 11 *categories* according to use; loads specified are represented by *uniformly distributed loads (UDL)*, *concentrated loads*, *line loads* or combinations thereof.**

**Heavy equipment such as may be found in communal kitchens or boiler rooms are specifically excluded from EN 1991-1-1. Need to be agreed with the Client and the relevant Authority for specific projects.**

**Table 6.1 – Categories of use**

Category	Specific use	Example
A	Areas for domestic and residential activities	Rooms in residential buildings and houses; bedrooms and wards in hospitals; bedrooms in hotels and hostels kitchens and toilets.
B	Office areas	
C	Areas where people may congregate (with the exception of areas defined under category A, B and D <sup>1)</sup> )	<p><b>C1:</b> Areas with tables, etc e.g. areas in schools, cafes, restaurants, dining halls, reading rooms, receptions</p> <p><b>C2:</b> Areas with fixed seats, e.g. areas in churches, theatres or cinemas, conference rooms, lecture halls, assembly halls, waiting rooms, railway waiting rooms.</p> <p><b>C3:</b> Areas without obstacles for moving people, e.g. areas in museums, exhibition rooms, etc. and access areas in public and administration buildings, hotels, hospitals, railway station forecourts</p> <p><b>C4:</b> Areas with possible physical activities, e.g. dance halls, gymnastic rooms, stages .</p> <p><b>C5:</b> Areas susceptible to large crowds, e.g. in buildings for public events like concert halls, sports halls including stands, terraces and access areas and railway platforms.</p>
D	Shopping areas	<p><b>D1:</b> Areas in general retail shops</p> <p><b>D2:</b> Areas in department stores.</p>

<sup>1)</sup> Attention is drawn to 6.3.1.1(2), in particular for C4 and C5. See EN 1990 when dynamic effects need to be considered. For Category E, see Table 6.3

NOTE 1. Depending on their anticipated uses, areas likely to be categorised as C2, C3, C4 may be categorised as C5 by decision of the client and/or National annex.

NOTE 2. The National annex may provide sub categories to A, B, C1 to C5, D1 and D2

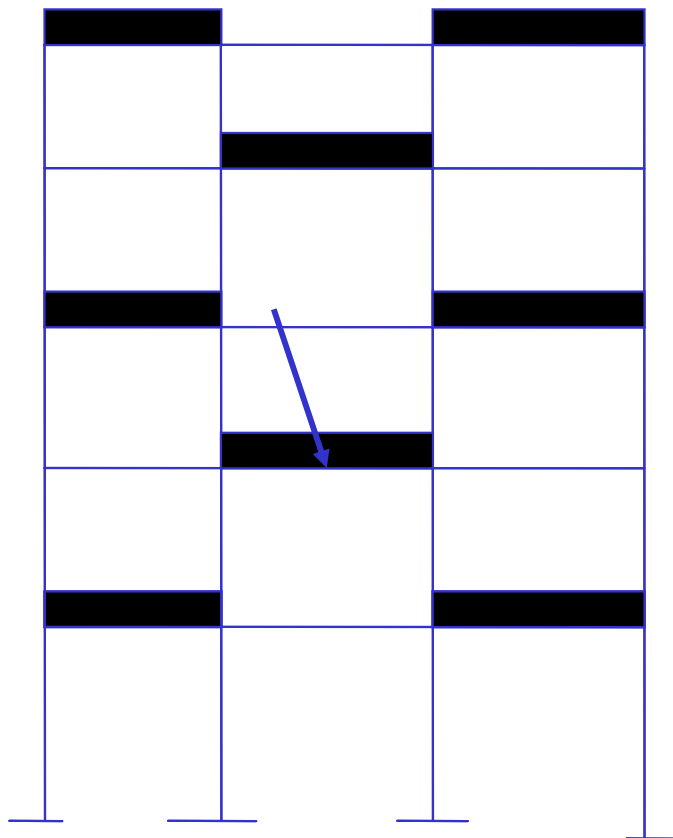
NOTE 3. See 6.3.2 for storage or industrial activity

**Table 6.2 – Imposed loads on floors, balconies and stairs in buildings**

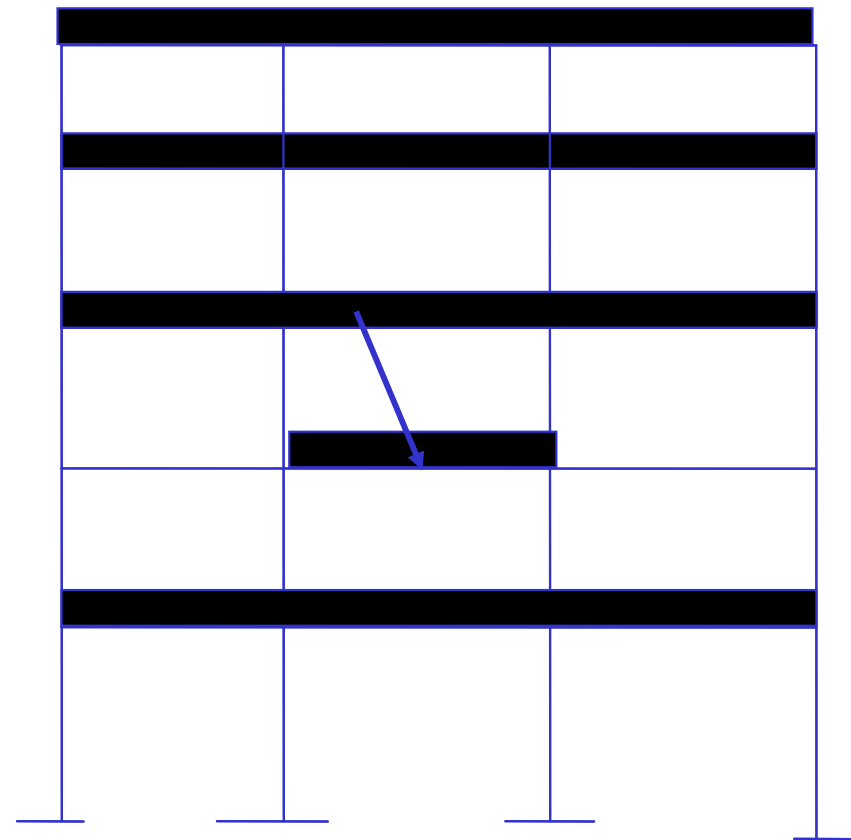
Categories of loaded areas	$q_k$ [kN/m <sup>2</sup> ]	$Q_k$ [kN]
Category A		
- Floors	1,5 to <u>2,0</u>	<u>2,0</u> to 3,0
- Stairs	<u>2,0</u> to 4,0	<u>2,0</u> to 4,0
- Balconies	<u>2,5</u> to 4,0	<u>2,0</u> to 3,0
Category B	2,0 to <u>3,0</u>	1, 5 to <u>4,5</u>
Category C		
- C1	2,0 to <u>3,0</u>	3,0 to <u>4,0</u>
- C2	3,0 to 4,0	2,5 to 7,0 ( <u>4,0</u> )
- C3	3,0 to <u>5,0</u>	<u>4,0</u> to 7,0
- C4	4,5 to <u>5,0</u>	3,5 to <u>7,0</u>
- C5	<u>5,0</u> to 7,5	3,5 to <u>4,5</u>
Category D		
-D1	<u>4,0</u> to 5,0	3,5 to 7,0 ( <u>4,0</u> )
-D2	4,0 to <u>5,0</u>	3,5 to <u>7,0</u>

NOTE: Where a range is given in this table, the value may be set by the National annex. The recommended values, intended for separate application, are underlined.  $q_k$  is intended for the determination of general effects and  $Q_k$  for local effects. The National annex may define different conditions of use of this Table.

## Mid span bending moment of a floor structure



**Chess board arrangement**



**Simplification in EN 1991-1-1**

## **Main Categories of Use**

**Residential, social, commercial and administration areas**

- **4 categories (A, B, C and D)**

**Areas for storage and industrial activities**

- **2 categories (E1 and E2)**

**Garages and vehicle traffic (excluding bridges)**

- **2 categories (F and G)**

**Roofs**

- **3 categories (H, I and K)**



## **Roofs**

***Category H* – Accessible for normal maintenance and repair only**

***Category I* – Accessible with occupancy according to categories A to G**

***Category K* – Accessible for special services e.g. helicopter landing areas**

Materials	Density $\gamma$ [kN/m <sup>3</sup> ]
concrete (see EN 206)	
lightweight	
density class LC 1,0	9,0 to 10,0 <sup>1)2)</sup>
density class LC 1,2	10,0 to 12,0 <sup>1)2)</sup>
density class LC 1,4	12,0 to 14,0 <sup>1)2)</sup>
density class LC 1,6	14,0 to 16,0 <sup>1)2)</sup>
density class LC 1,8	16,0 to 18,0 <sup>1)2)</sup>
density class LC 2,0	18,0 to 20,0 <sup>1)2)</sup>
normal weight	24,0 <sup>1)2)</sup>
heavy weight	> <sup>1)2)</sup>
mortar	
cement mortar	19,0 to 23,0
gypsum mortar	12,0 to 18,0
lime-cement mortar	18,0 to 20,0
lime mortar	12,0 to 18,0
<sup>1)</sup> Increase by 1kN/m <sup>3</sup> for normal percentage of reinforcing and pre-stressing steel <sup>2)</sup> Increase by 1kN/m <sup>3</sup> for unhardened concrete	
<b>NOTE See Section 4</b>	

Products	Density $\gamma$ [kN/m <sup>3</sup> ]	Angle of repose $\phi$ [°]
books and documents		-
books and documents, densely stored	6,0 8,5	- -
filing racks and cabinets	6,0	-
garments and rags, bundled	11,0	-
ice, lumps	8,5	-
leather, piled	10,0	-
paper		
in rolls	15,0	-
piled	11,0	-
rubber	10,0 to 17,0	-
rock salt	22,0	45
salt	12,0	40
sawdust		
dry, bagged	3,0	-
dry, loose	2,5	45
wet, loose	5,0	45
tar, bitumen	14,0	-

**NOTE See Section 4.**

**EN 1991-1-3 provides guidance for the determination of the snow load to be used for the structural design of buildings and civil works for sites at altitudes under 1500m.**

**EN 1991-1-3 does not give guidance on specialist aspects of snow loading, for example:**

- “impact snow loads” resulting from snow sliding off or falling from a higher roof;**
- the additional wind loads which could result from changes in shape or size of the building structure due to the presence of snow or the accretion of ice;**
- loads in areas where snow is present all the year;**
- ice loading;**
- lateral loading due to snow (e.g. lateral loads exerted by drifts).**



## **Foreword**

## **Section 1: General**

## **Section 2: Classification of actions**

## **Section 3: Design situations**

## **Section 4: Snow load on the ground**

## **Section 5: Snow load on roofs**

## **Section 6: Local effects**

## **ANNEX A: Design situations and load arrangements to be used for different locations**

## **ANNEX B: Snow load shape coefficients for exceptional snow drifts**

## **ANNEX C: European Ground Snow Load Maps**

## **ANNEX D: Adjustment of the ground snow load according to return period**

## **ANNEX E: Bulk weight density of snow**



## **Characteristic ground snow loads**

- **Ground snow load map**
- **Altitude function**

## **Coefficients**

- **Shape coefficient – Roof shape**
- **Exposure coefficient – Topography**
- **Thermal coefficient – Thermal transmittance of roofing material**



## Characteristic Snow Loads on the Ground

### Development of a Ground Snow Load Map for Europe

There were inconsistencies at borders between existing national maps

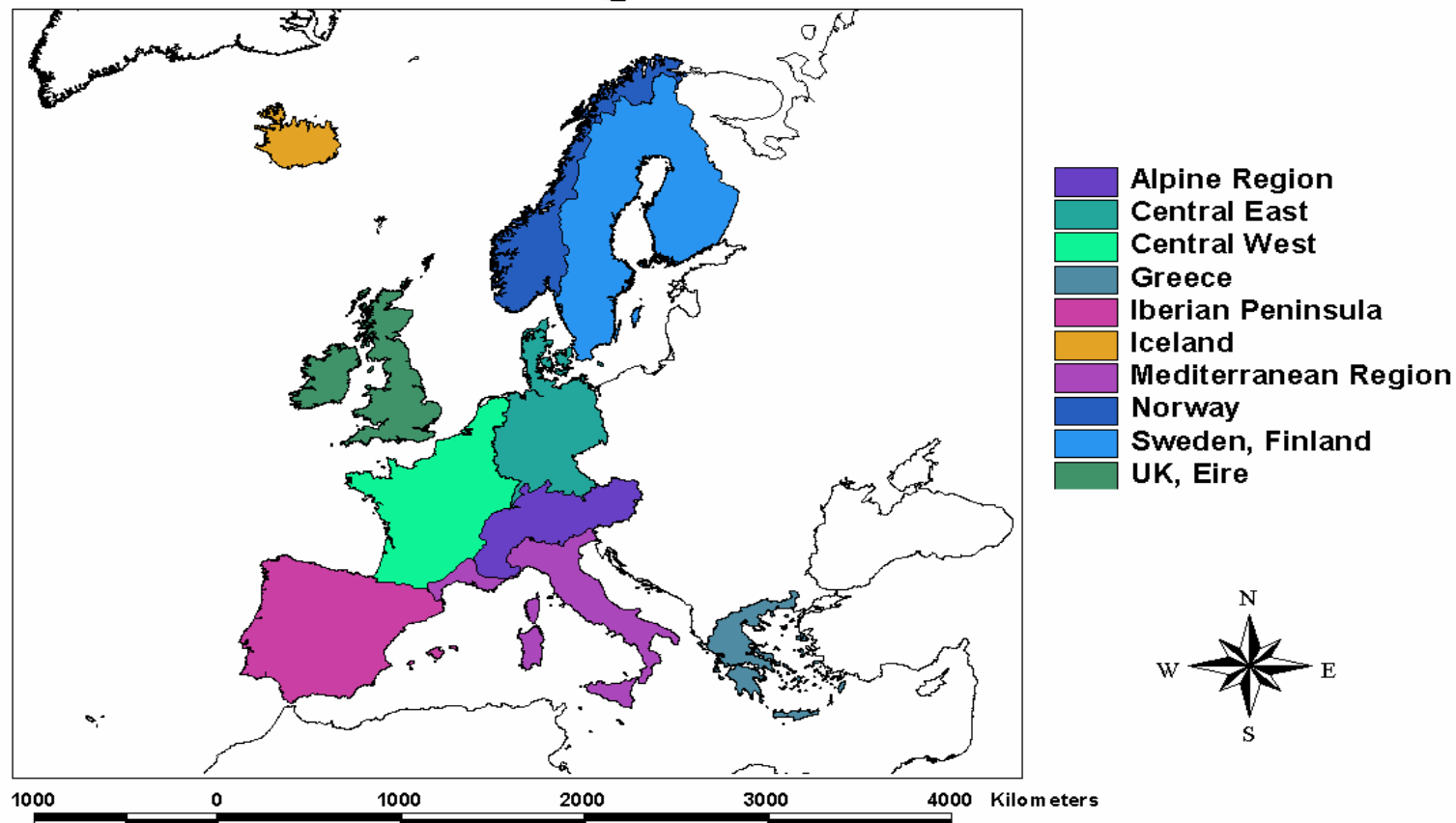
The research developed a consistent approach

Produced regional maps. These are given in Annex C of EN 1991-1-3

- Snow load with Altitude relationship
- Zone numbers & altitude function
- Geographical boundaries



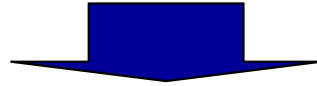
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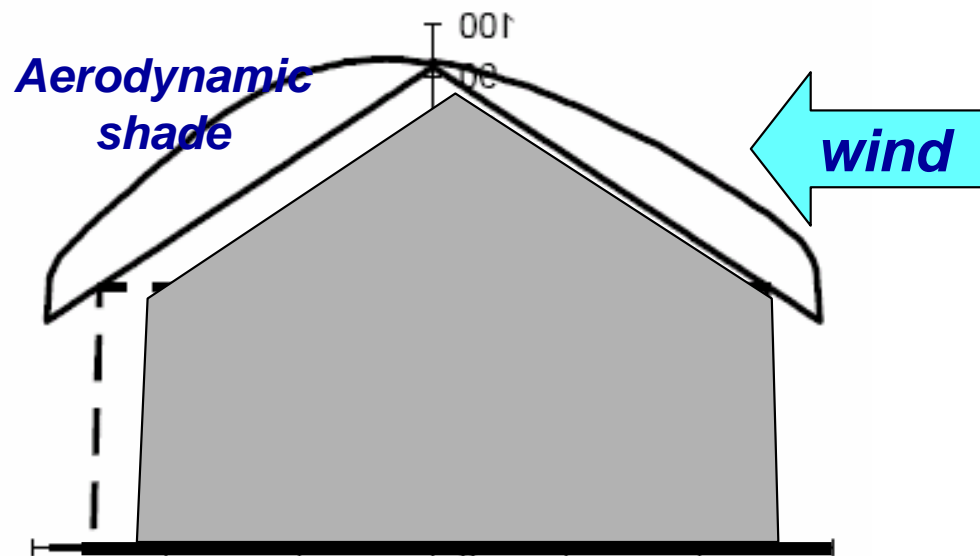
**Proposal being prepared to extend map to cover the whole of Europe**



**With wind speeds in the range of 4 to 5 m/s, much of the snow is deposited in areas of 'aerodynamic shade'**



## DRIFTED SNOW LOAD ARRANGEMENT



**Model in wind tunnel  
wind velocity of 4m/s**



**Wind speed is measured  
and modelled differently  
throughout Europe**

**Different wind climates in  
Europe?**



**Impossible to get consensus on all parts of EN1991-1-4**

**There are 47 clauses or Notes where a recommended procedure is given but where National Choice is allowed, plus six informative annexes**

**It is expected that Member States will adopt the recommended procedures in most cases, except where issues of safety or economy arise**

**Section 1 General**

**Section 2 Design situations**

**Section 3 Modelling of wind actions**

**Section 4 Wind velocity and velocity pressure**

**Section 5 Wind actions**

**Section 6 Structural factor  $c_s c_d$**

**Section 7 Pressure and force coefficients**

**Section 8 Wind actions on bridges**

**Annex A (informative) Terrain effects**

**Annex B (informative) Procedure 1 for structural factor  $c_s c_d$**

**Annex C (informative) Procedure 2 for structural factor  $c_s c_d$**

**Annex D (informative) Graphs of  $c_s c_d$  for common building forms**

**Annex E (informative) Vortex shedding & aeroelastic instabilities**

**Annex F (informative) Dynamic characteristics of structures**

**Description of wind actions (internal pressures, external pressures, forces and friction forces, dynamic response)**

**Classification of wind action as variable fixed actions**

**Definition of characteristic values**

## Basic wind velocity

$$V_b = C_{dir} C_{season} V_{b,0} C_{prob}$$

where

$V_{b,0}$  = 10 minute mean velocity at 10m above ground ( $z_0 = 0.05$ ) (tc II)

$C_{dir}$  = directional factor

$C_{season}$  = seasonal factor

$C_{prob}$  = probability factor

National choice  
allowed

## Mean wind velocity

$$V_m(z) = C_r(z) C_o(z) V_b$$

where  $C_r(z)$  = roughness factor =  $k_r \ln(z/z_0)$

$k_r$  = terrain factor depending on  $z_0$

$C_o(z)$  = orography (i.e. topography) factor



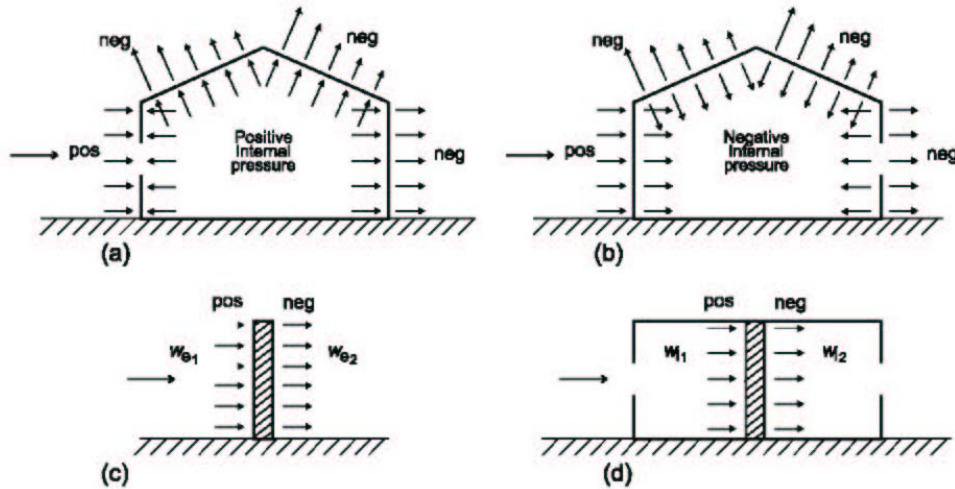


Figure 5.1 — Pressure on surfaces

$c_{pe}$  depends on the size of the considered element

## External wind pressure

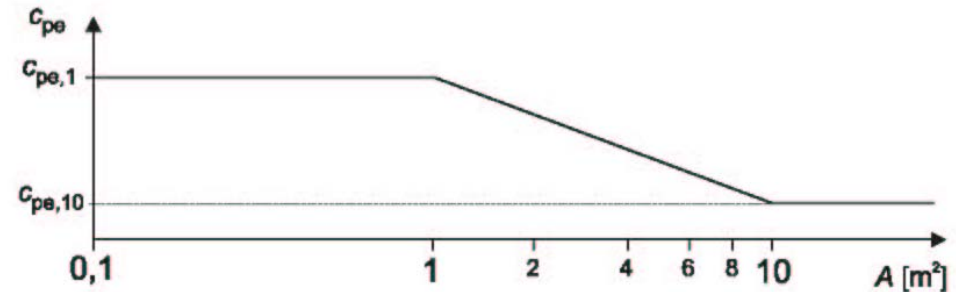
$$w_e = c_{pe} \cdot q_p^W(z_e)$$

external pressure coefficient

## Internal wind pressure

$$w_i = c_{pi} \cdot q_p^W(z_i)$$

internal pressure coefficient



The figure is based on the following:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{for } A \leq 1 \text{ m}^2 & \quad c_{pe} = c_{pe,1} \\ \text{for } 1 \text{ m}^2 < A < 10 \text{ m}^2 & \quad c_{pe} = c_{pe,1} - (c_{pe,1} - c_{pe,10}) \log_{10} A \\ \text{for } A \geq 10 \text{ m}^2 & \quad c_{pe} = c_{pe,10} \end{aligned}$$

$c_{pe,1}$  values only apply to clauses 7.2.2 to 7.2.6

Figure 7.2 — Recommended procedure for determining the external pressure coefficient  $c_{pe}$  for buildings with a loaded area  $A$  between  $1 \text{ m}^2$  and  $10 \text{ m}^2$



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### **Section 5 Internal Explosions**

### **Annex A (Informative) Design for Consequences of Localised Failure in a building Structure from an Unspecified Cause**

### **Annex B (Informative) Information on Risk Assessment**

### **Annex C (Informative) Dynamic design for impact**

### **Annex D (Informative) Internal explosions**

# Examples of accidental actions and situations

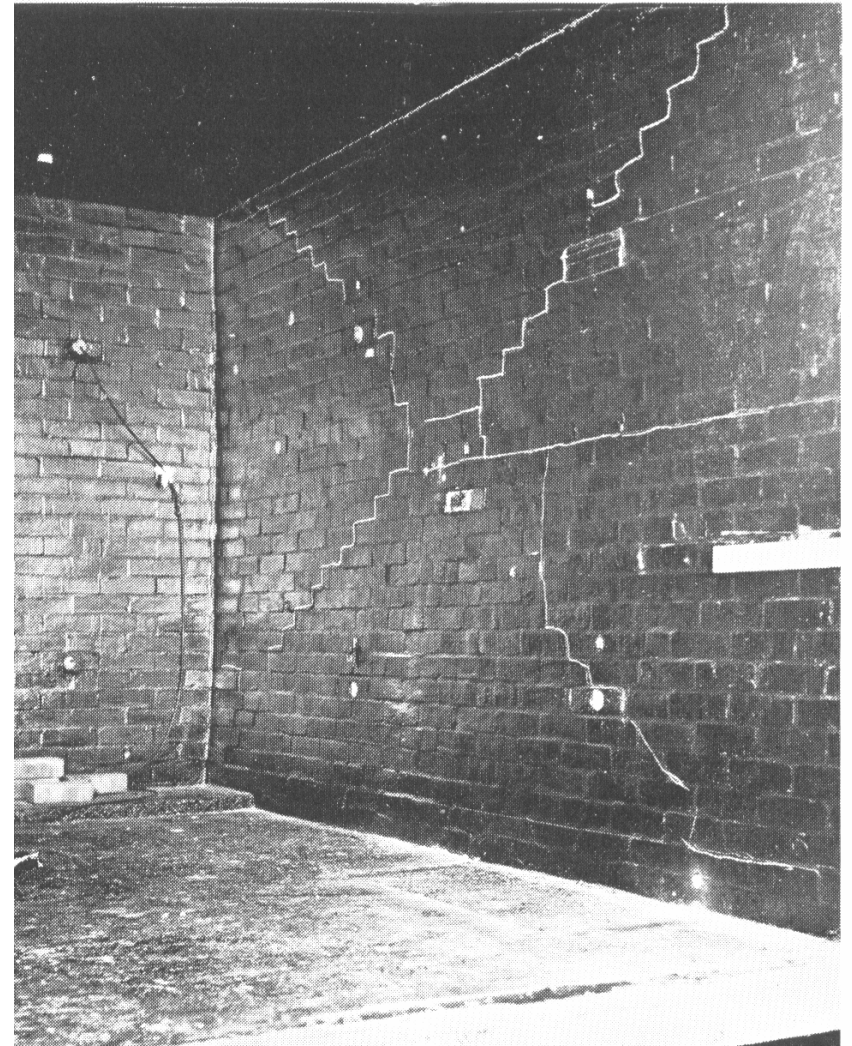
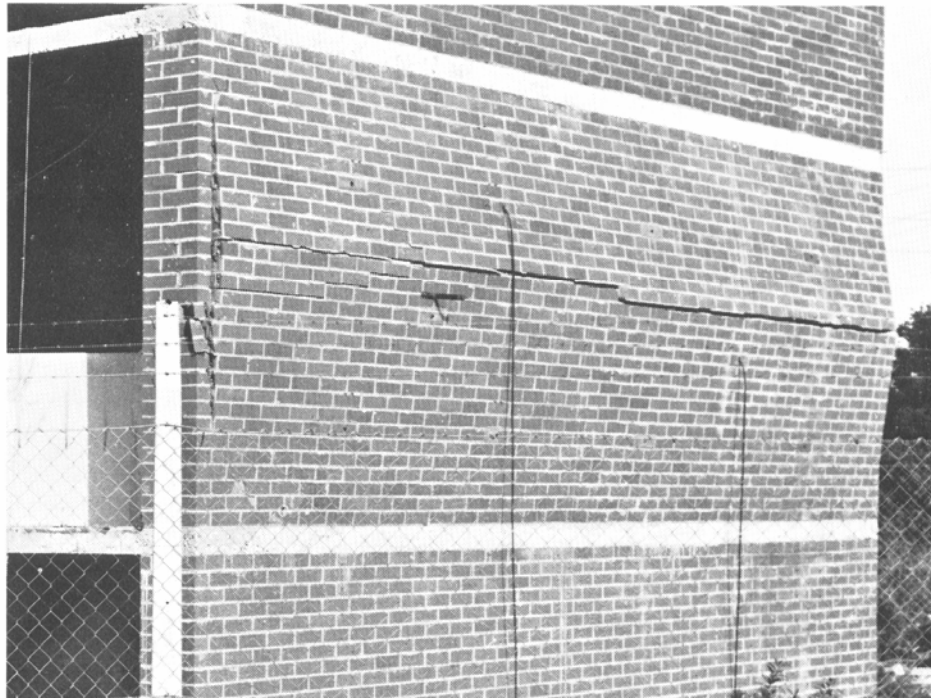


## Vehicle Impacts

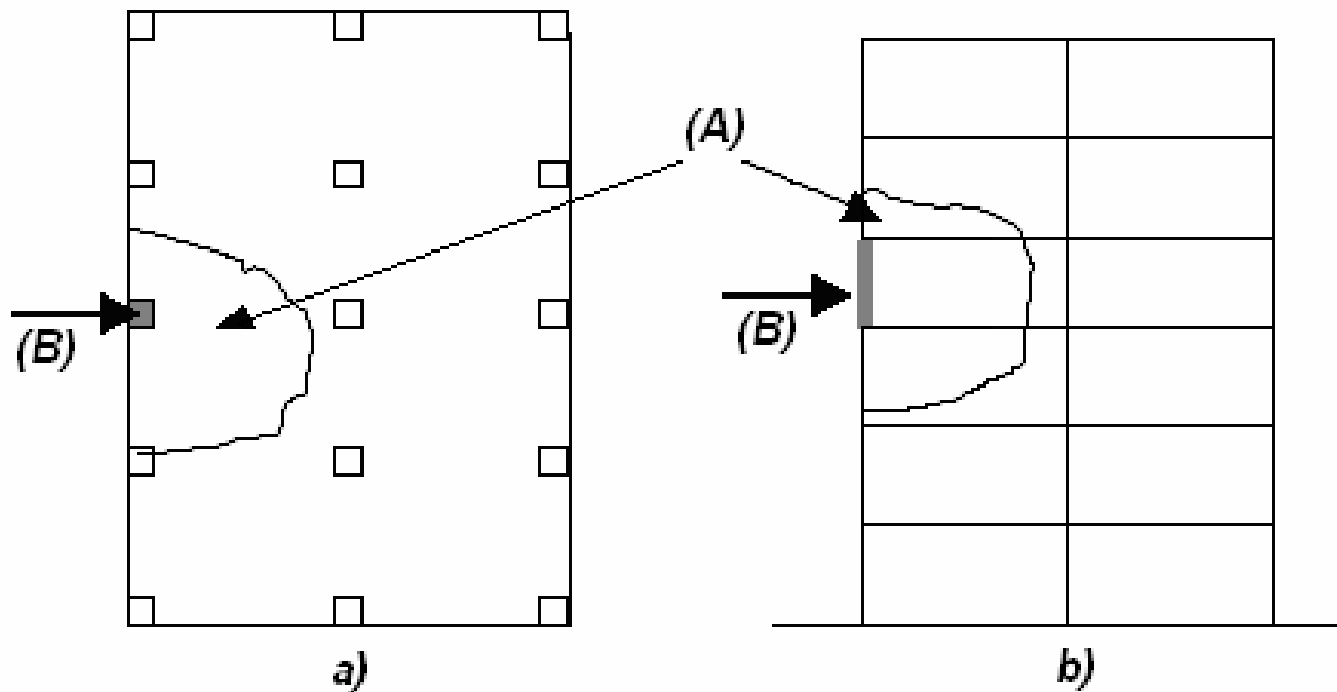


## Potters Marston Experiment

*Fig 6. The result of Round 49: yield line cracking of the inner leaf in Room 1.*



**Recorded pressure 22.7  
kN/m<sup>2</sup>**



**(A) is :**

- 15% of the floor area or
- 100m<sup>2</sup> whichever is the smaller, in each of two adjacent storeys

**a) is the plan**  
**b) is the elevation**

**(B) : Notional columns to be removed**



# **Necessarily a very short overview of the Eurocodes**

**EN 1990**

**EN 1991 Part -1-1**

**Part -1-3**

**Part -1-4**

**Part -1-7**

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