



3. Steel (2 courses)

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- Sections properties
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- Fasteners
- Tensile and compression behavior
- **Local buckling** and **residual stresses**
- Composite structures

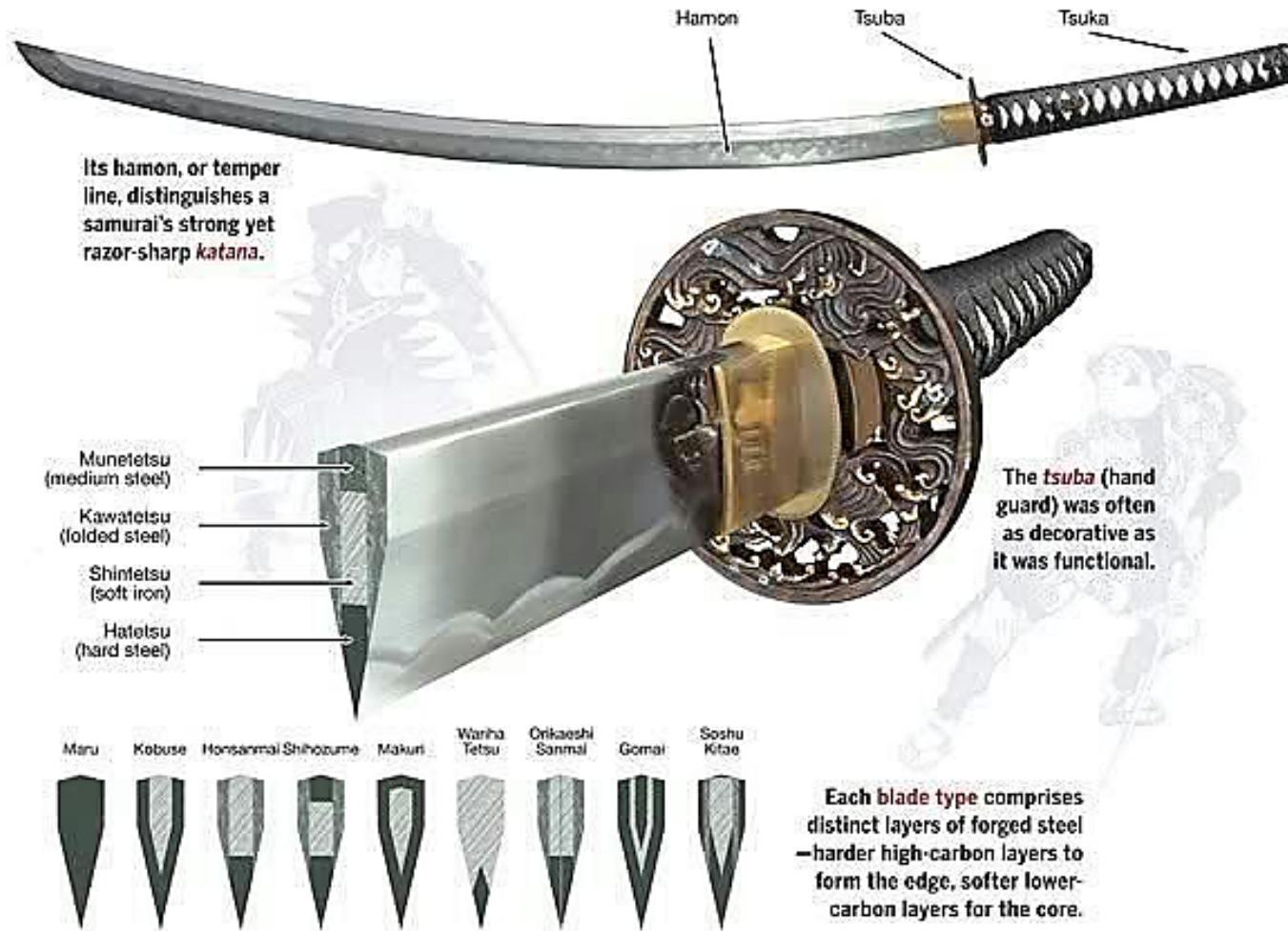


Definitions

What is steel ?

Steel is an *iron* alloy with additional carbon for enhancing its strength and fracture resistance. Additional elements can be added to modify its behavior

The beauty of a Japanese sword



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The diagram illustrates the steel-making process, starting with raw materials: Iron Ore, Limestone, and Coal, which are fed into a Blast Furnace. The output of the Blast Furnace is then processed in an Electric Furnace, where Scrap is added. The resulting molten steel is then poured into a Pouring ladle. From the ladle, the steel can be cast into Ingots or directly into a Continuous Caster. The Continuous Caster produces a continuous strand of steel, which is then rolled into various shapes, including Wide Flange Beams. The Ingots are also rolled into Wide Flange Beams. The Wide Flange Beams are then finished in a Wide Flange Beam Mill.



Strength and Ductility

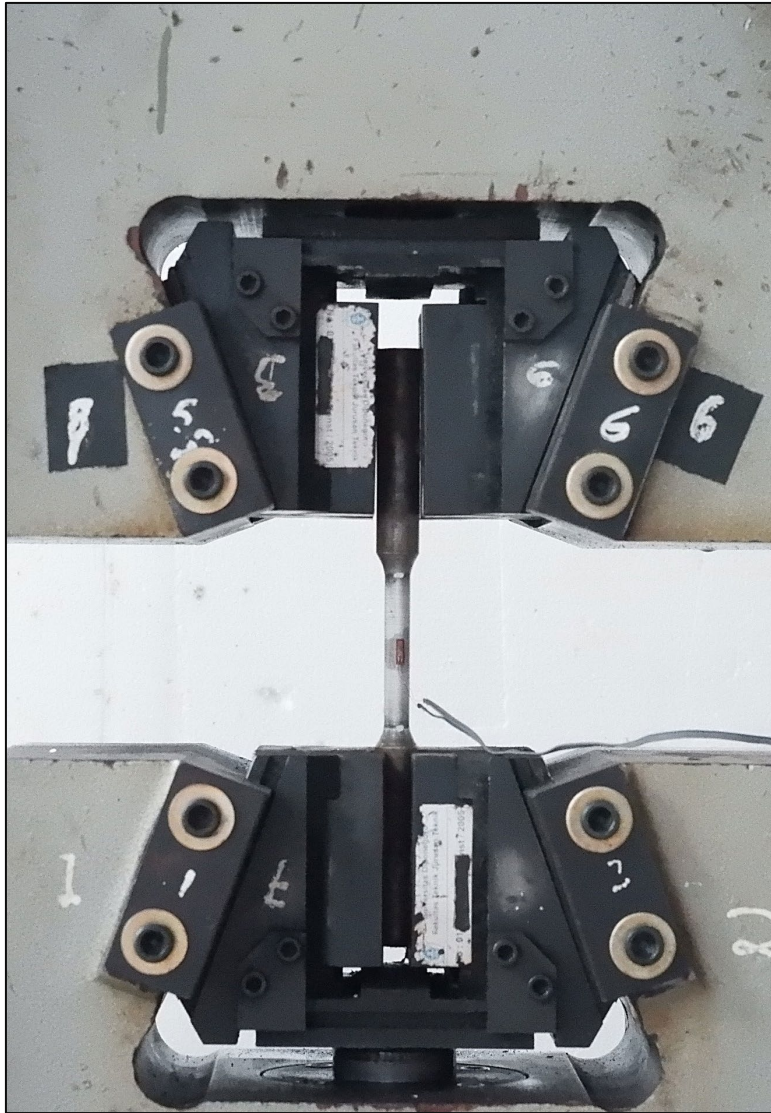
The *strength* and *ductility* properties are the major advantages of steel.

Other points are: ease in fabrication and erection and relative low cost and low self-weight

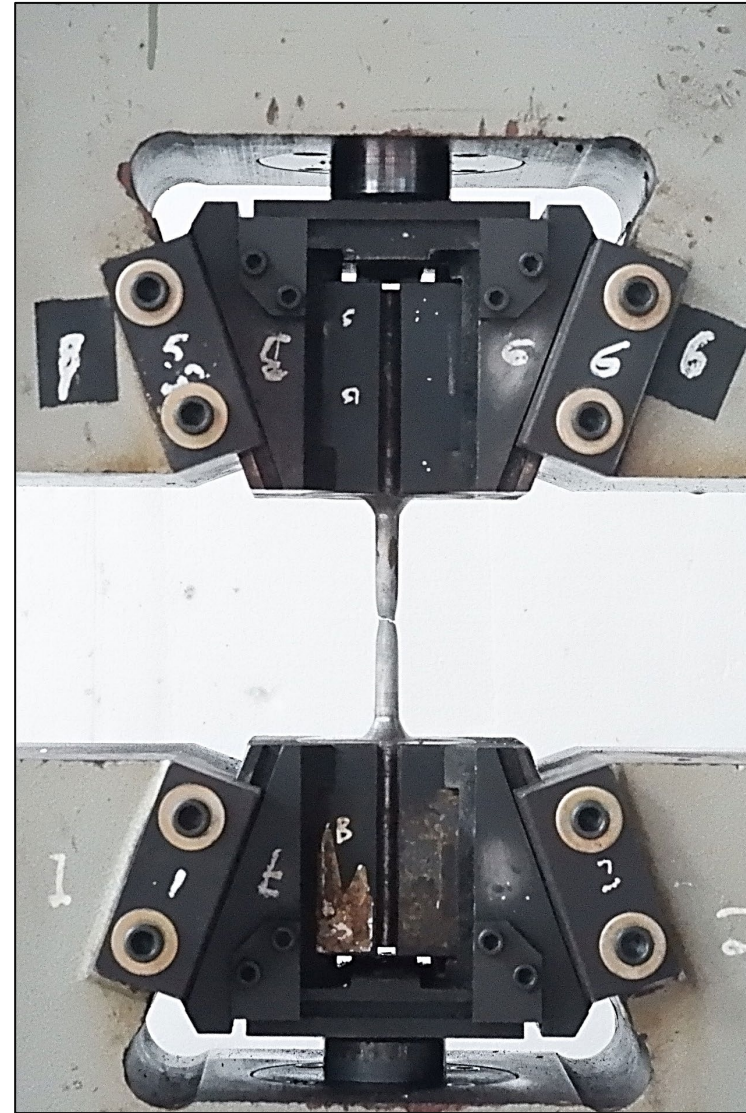
The *strength* and *ductility* are determined based on the **stress-strain** behavior.

A standard test specimen is pulled in the Laboratory until failure

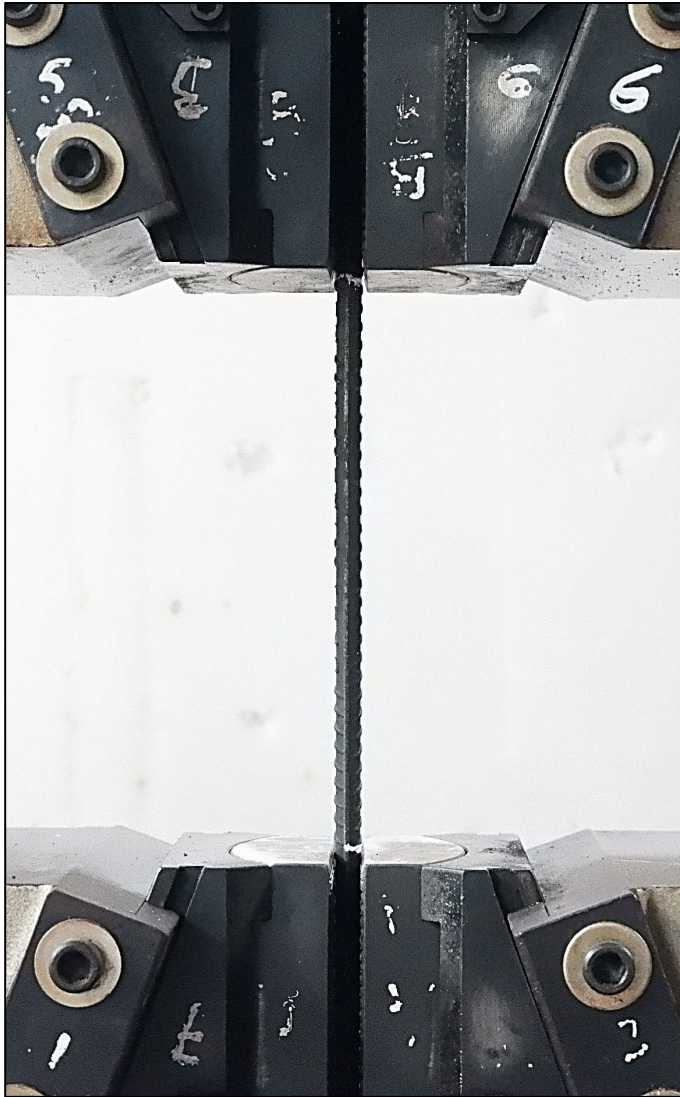




Prior to testing



After testing



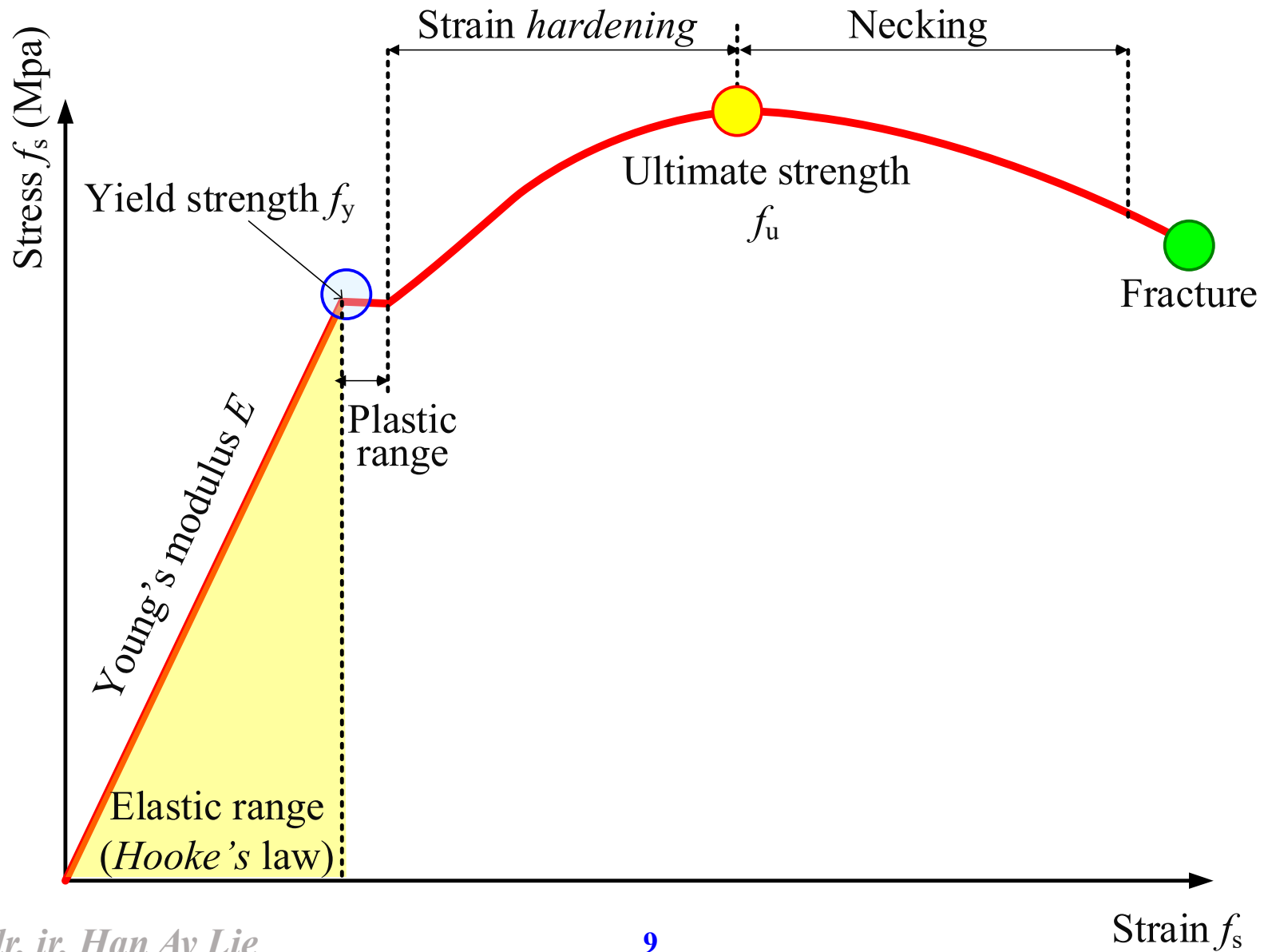
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Stress-strain behavior





Stress-strain behavior

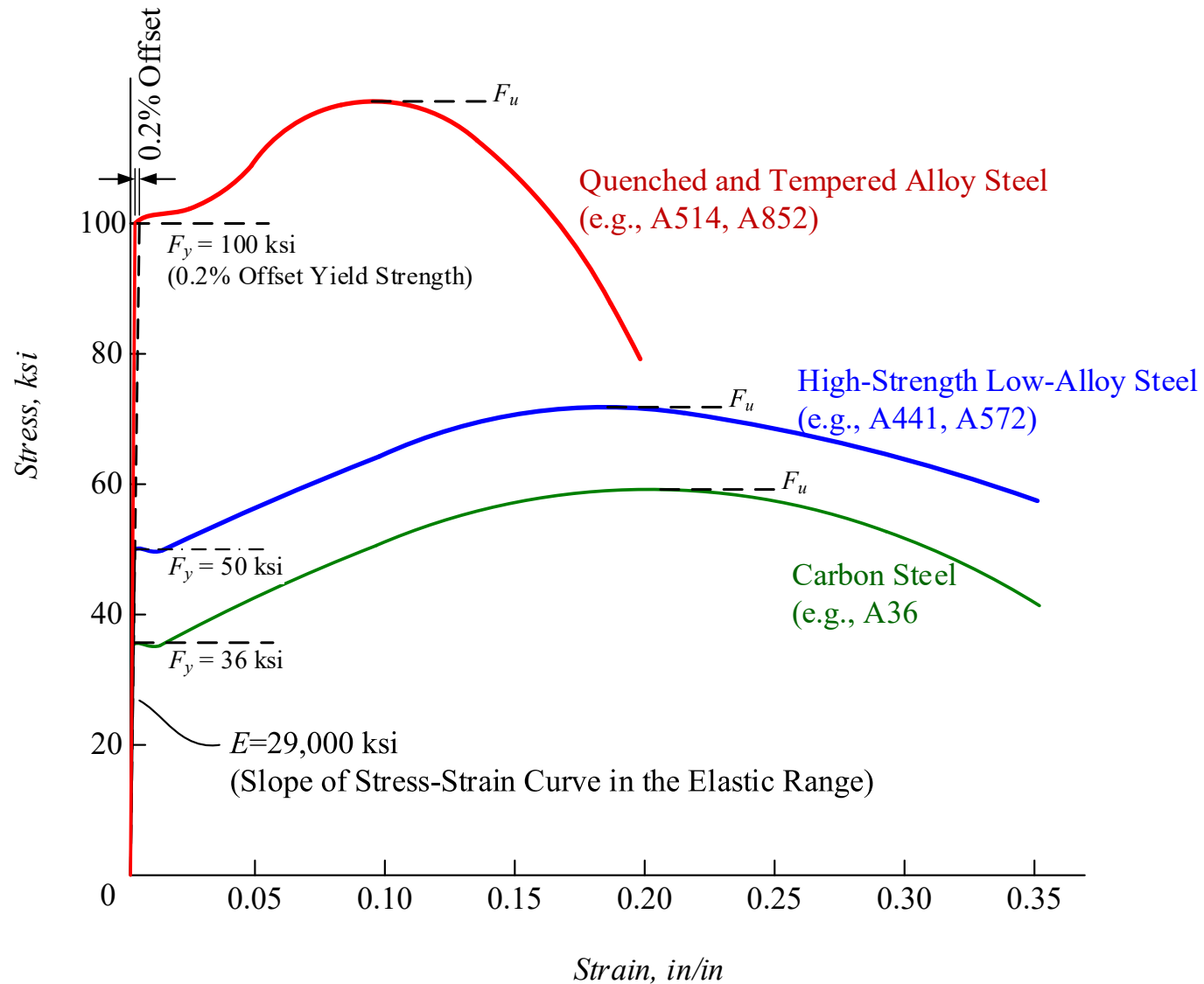
- The steel behaves **linearly** until its proportional limit (elastic limit)
- **Yielding** occur, the strain increases without an increase in stress (*long, flat plateau*)
- **Strain hardening**, in-elastic behavior
- The **maximum stress** is reached, the specimen's cross-section decreases



- Not all steels exhibit a yielding plateau (*for exp. high-strength steel*)
- The maximum stress that the material can carry is mandates as the *strength* f_u of the material
- The ability to undergo large plastic deformations is defined as the *ductility* of the material

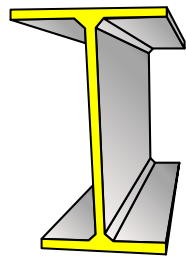


Stress-strain behavior

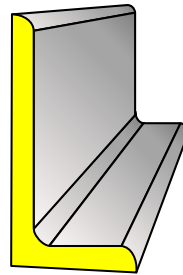


Cross-section Properties

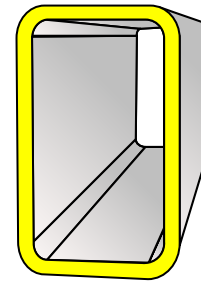
The strength of steel is relatively high as compared to concrete and timber. This will result in generally *slender* sections



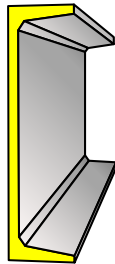
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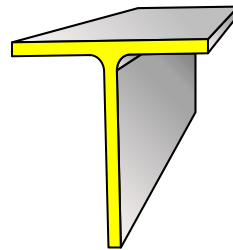
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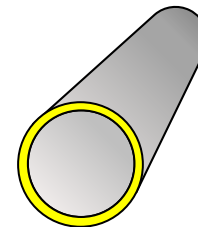
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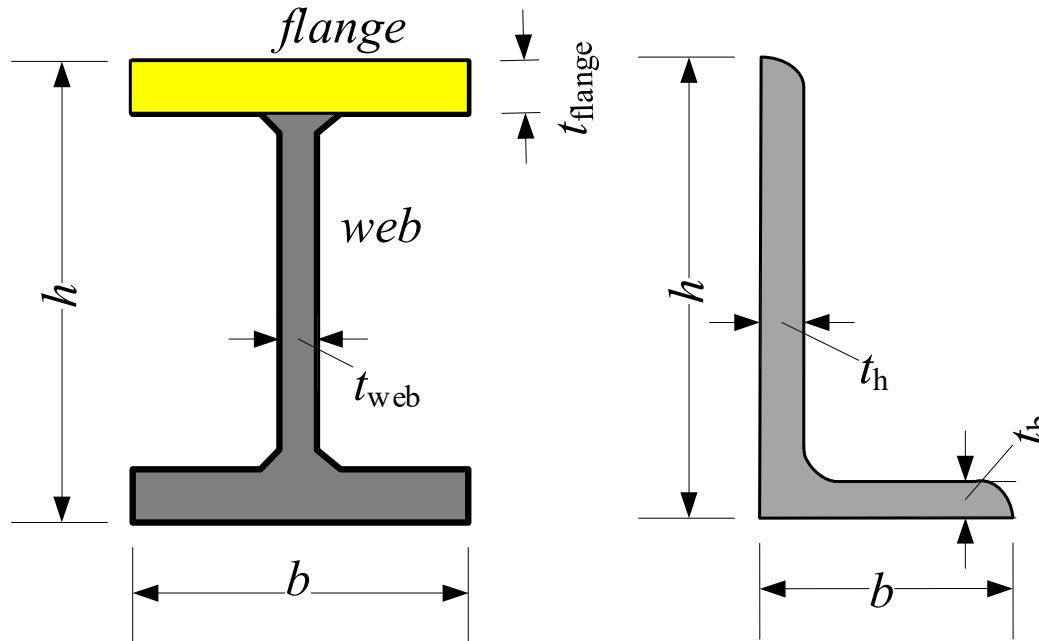
CANAL



TEE



Cross-section Properties



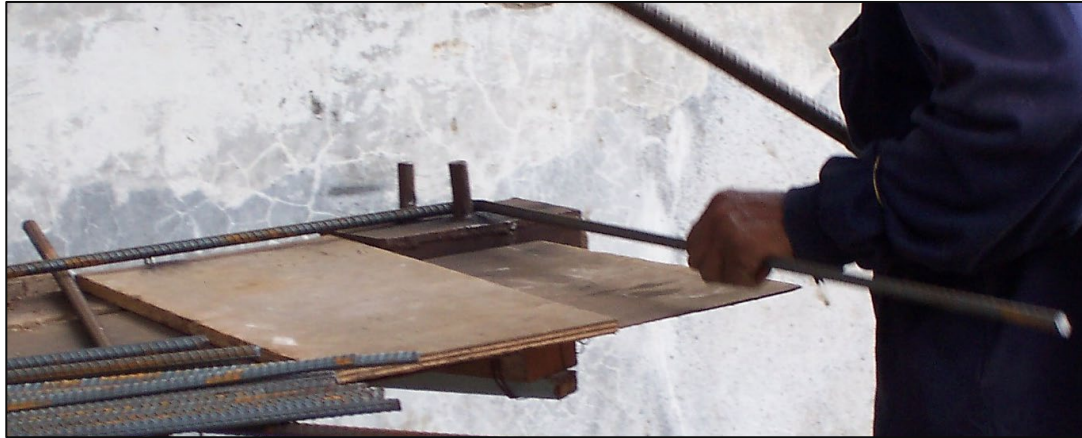
- **Hot rolled** section can have variation in thicknesses for the flange and the web, whereas **cold-formed** sections have the same thickness throughout the entire section



Cold-formed and hot rolled sections

- **Hot rolling** is a process of rolling steel at a high temperature (925°C). This is above the **crystallization** temperature of steel so that the steel can be molded (shaped and formed)
- **Cold formed sections** are mechanically formed at room temperature

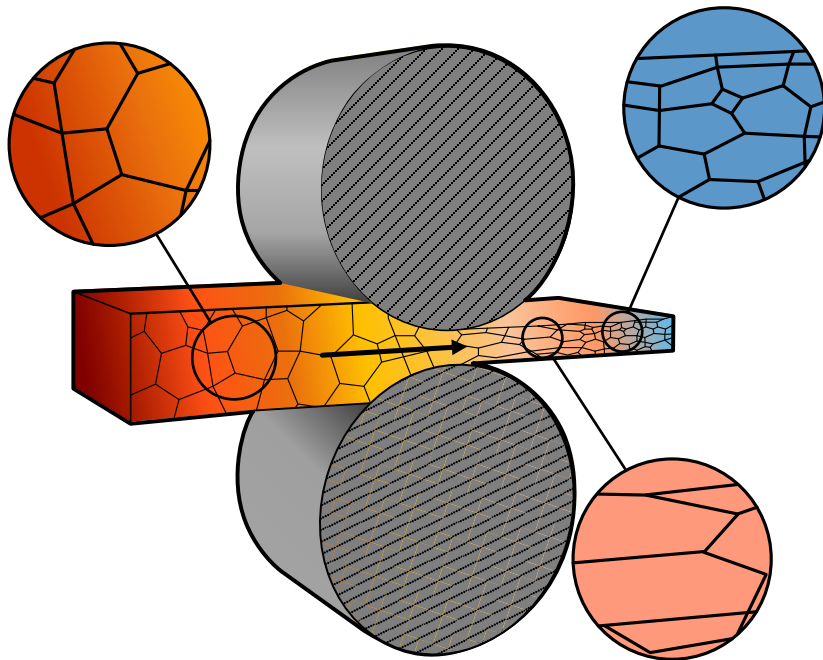
Cold formed section



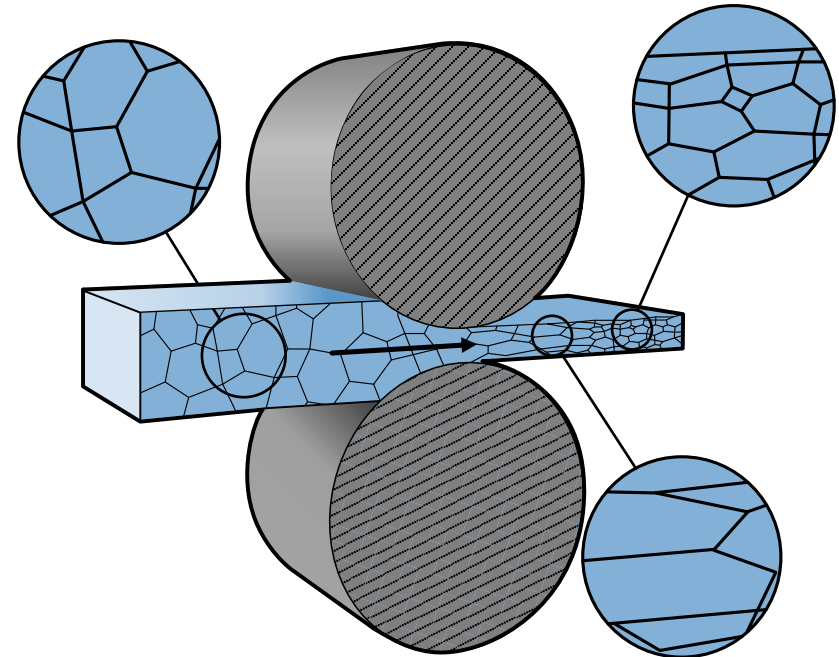
Hot rolled section



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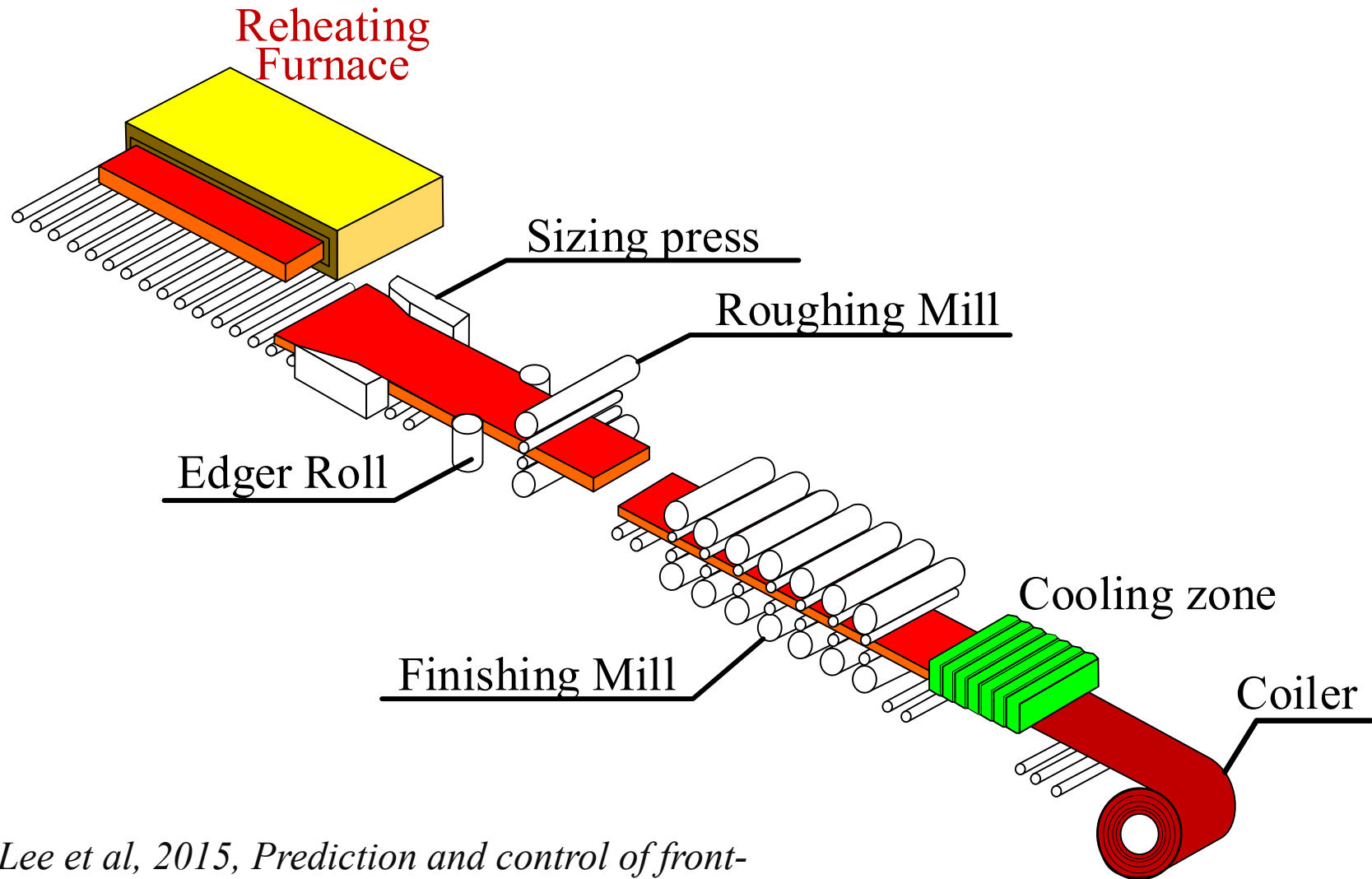


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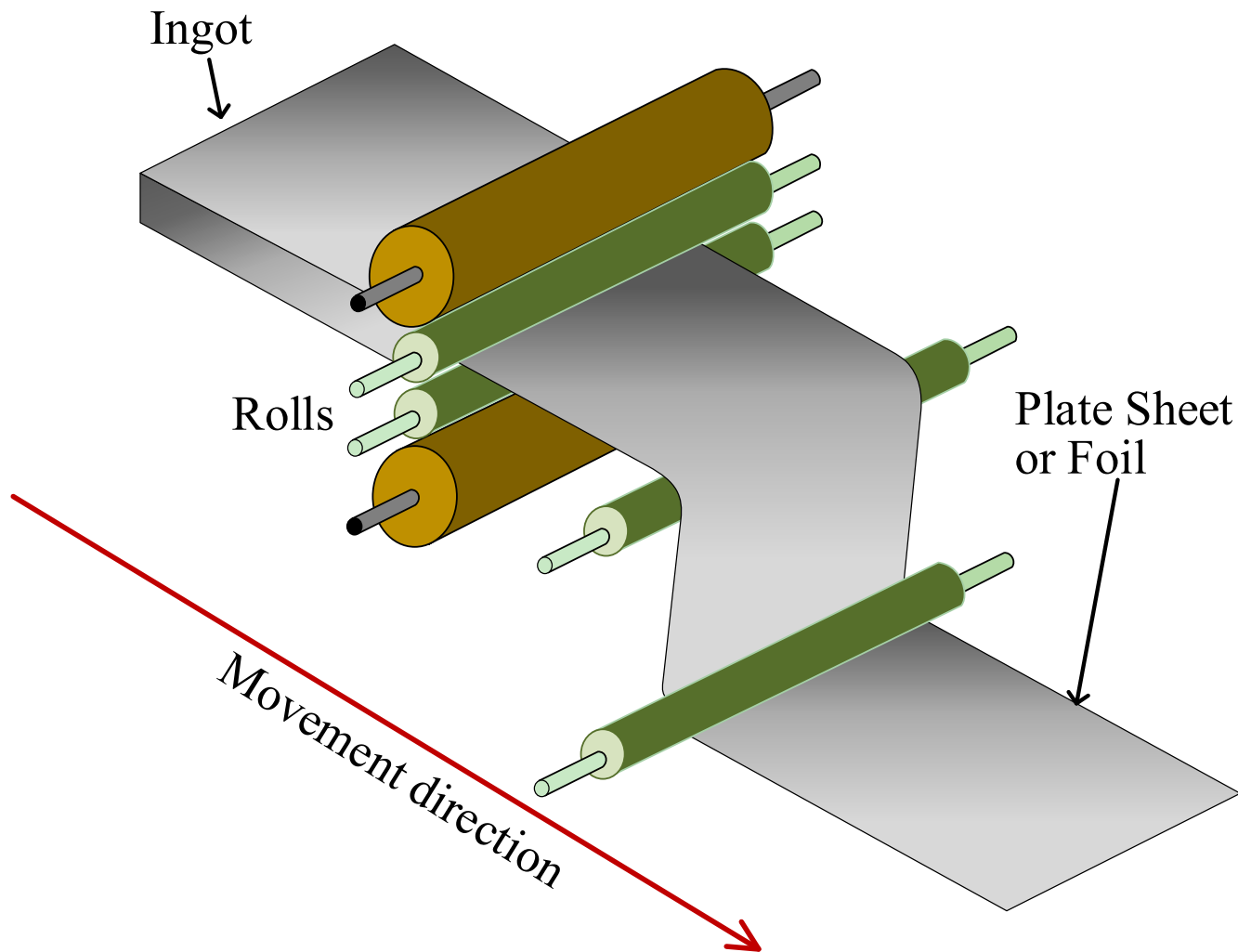
Cold formed section

Hot rolled sections



Lee et al, 2015, Prediction and control of front-end curvature in hot finish rolling process

Cold formed sections



<http://www.themetalcasting.com/cold-forming-process.html>



Structural fastening

Mechanical fastening

1. **High strength bolts** (*heavy hexagon-head with hexagon nuts*)
2. **Ribbed bolts** (*rounded head and ribs parallel to the shank*)
3. **Rivets** (unthreaded fastener that uses expansion for fastening)

Welding

Welding is the process of joining metal by heating to a plastic or fluid state



High strength bolts

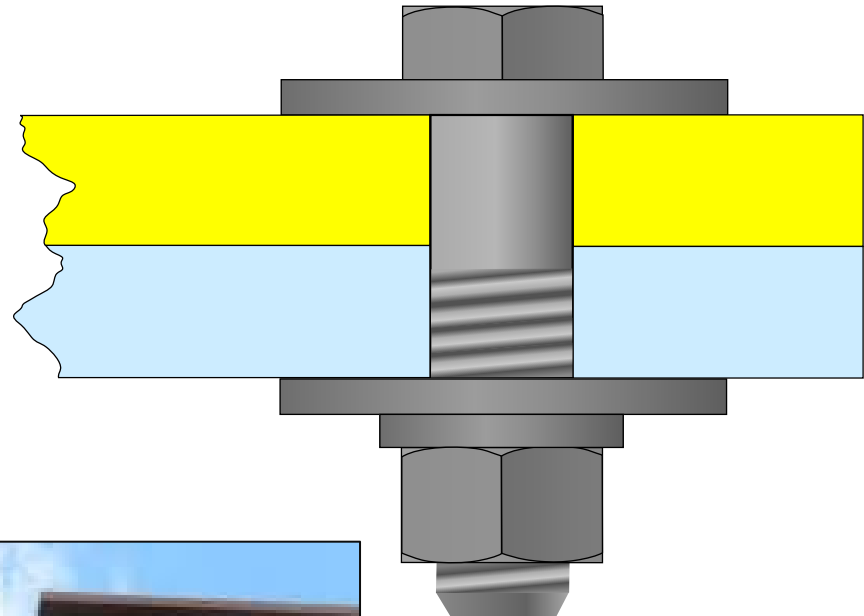
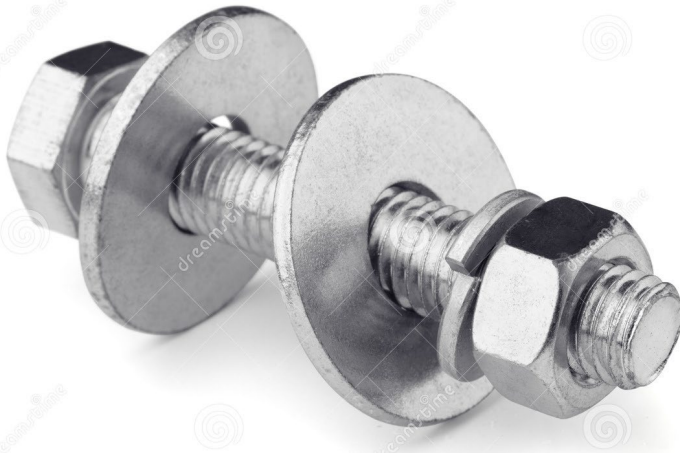


Ribbed bolts

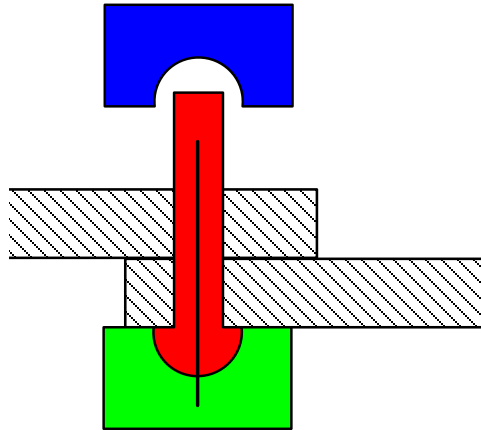


Rivets

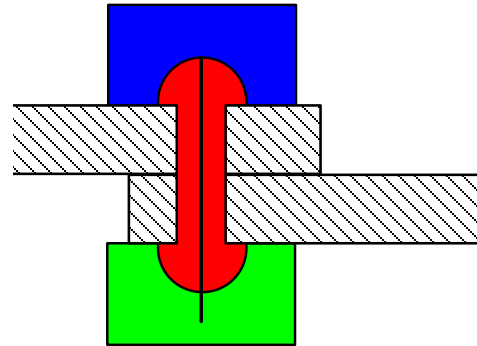
High strength bolts



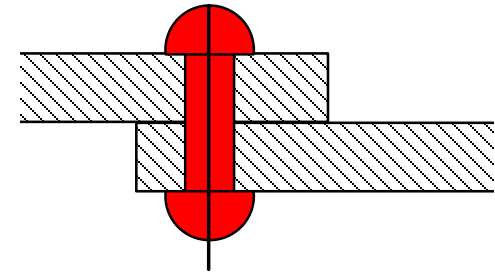
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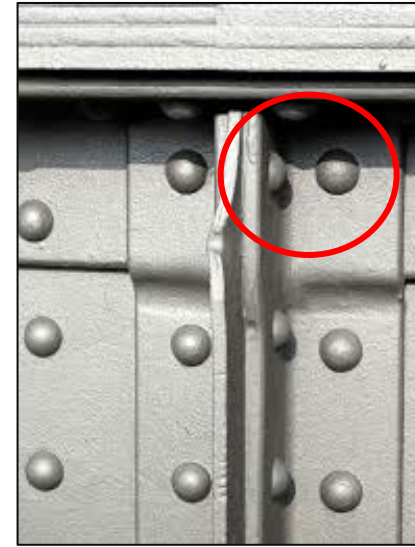
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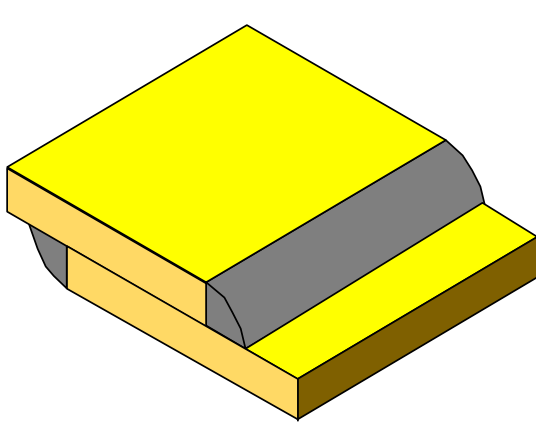
rivet forming



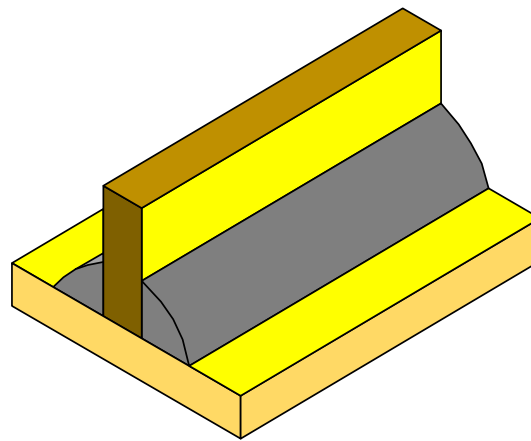
final product



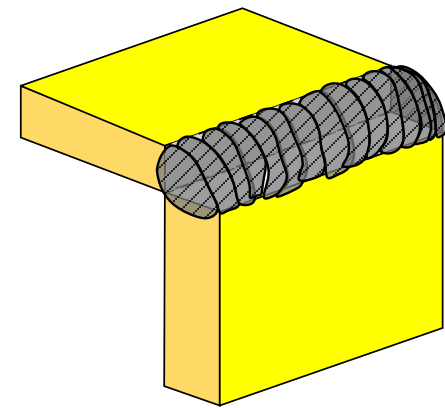
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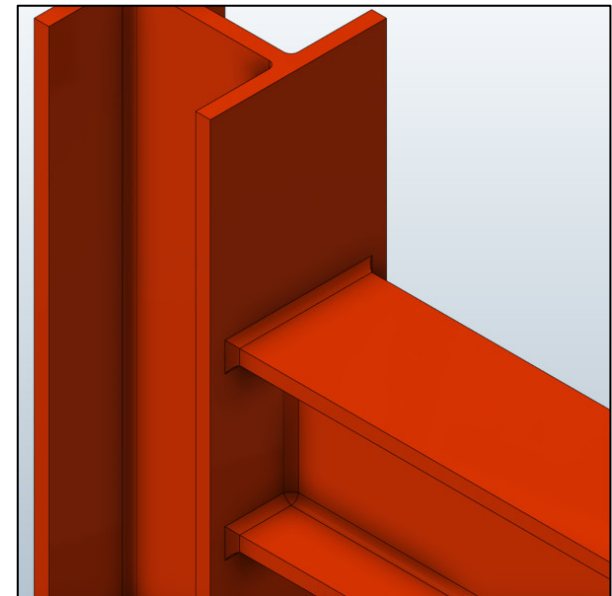
lap joint



tee joint

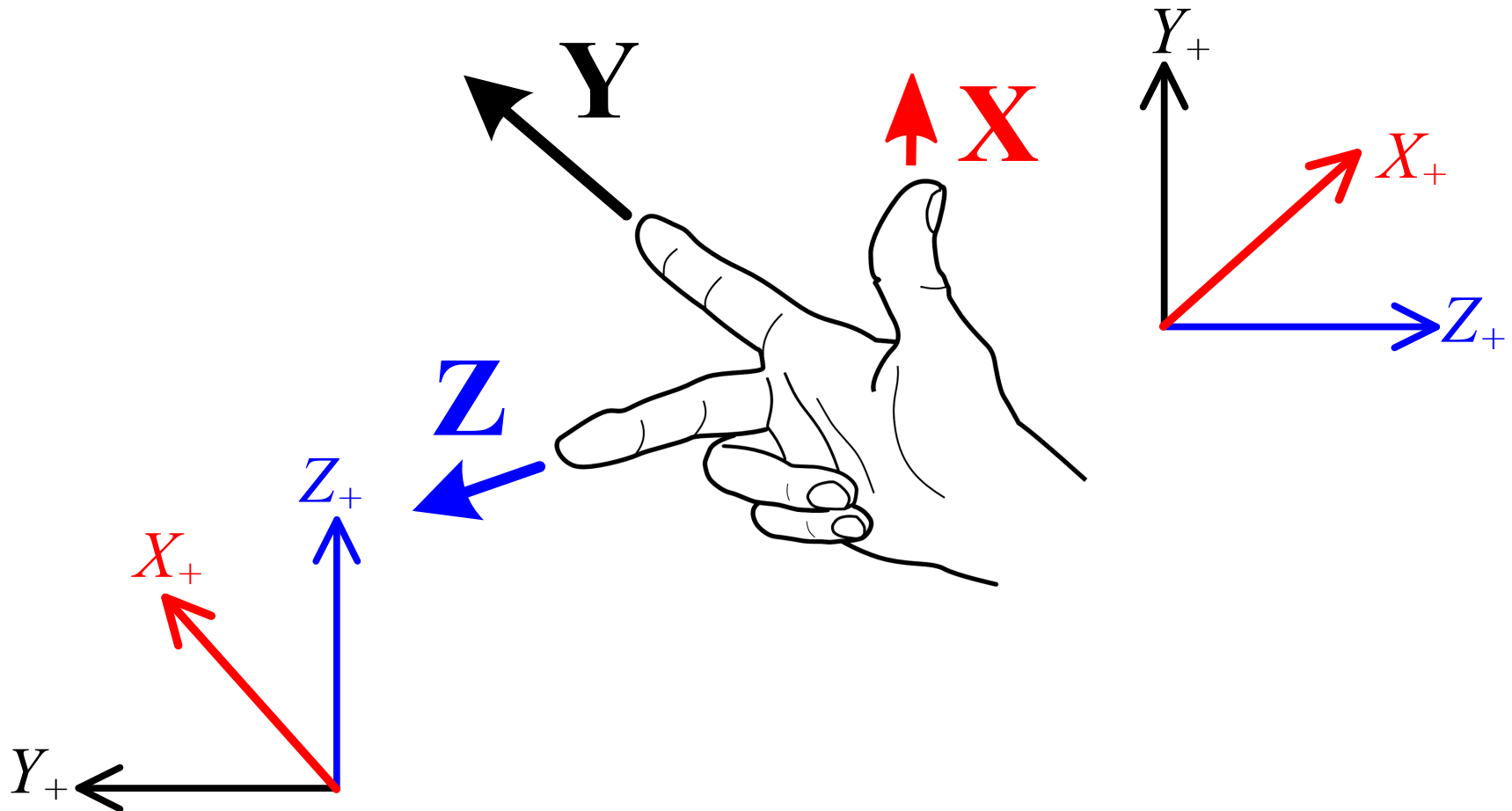


corner joint



Tensile and compression response

The Cartesian right-hand rule

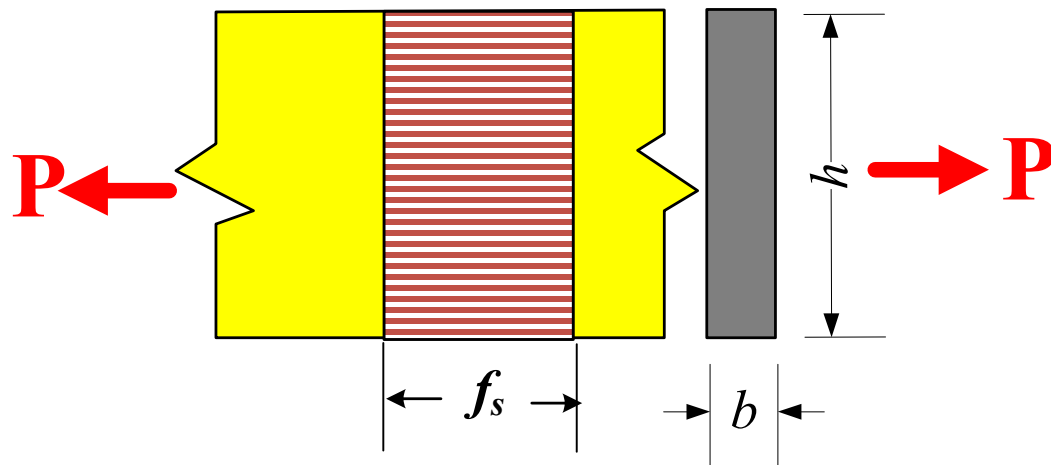


Tensile stresses

The tensile stresses can be easily calculated from the basic formula:

$$f_{s \text{ actual}} = \frac{P}{A} = \frac{P}{b \times h}$$

Where: P is the tensile load (N), and A is the area where the load is acting (mm^2)

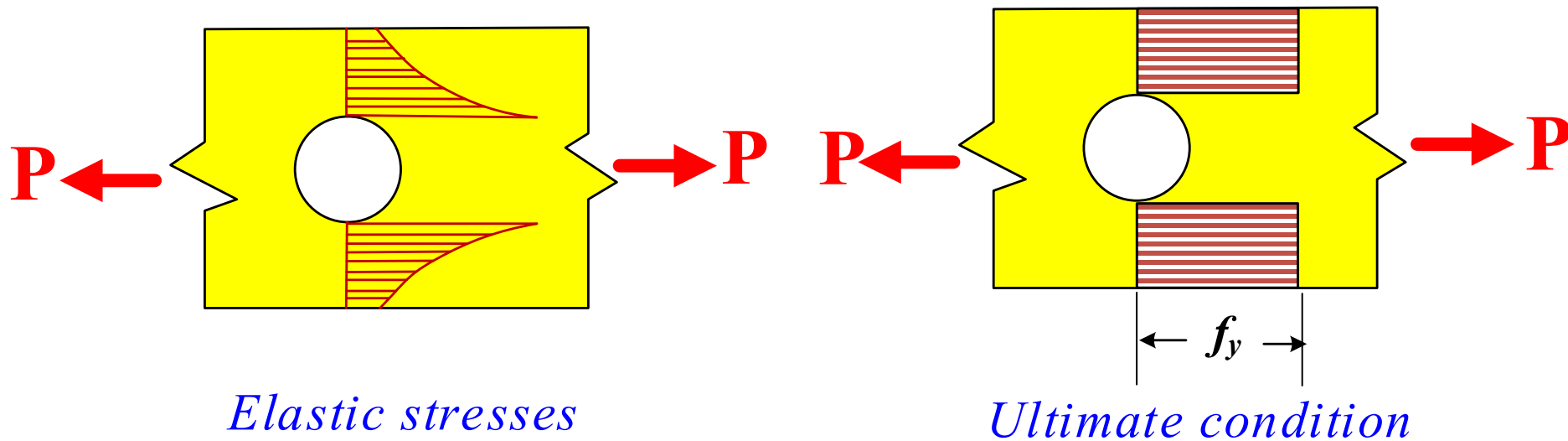


$$f_s = \frac{P}{A} = \frac{P}{b \times h}$$

In the case of holes (for connectors)

$$f_s \text{ actual} = \frac{P}{A_{\text{nett}}}$$

Where: P is the tensile load (N), and A_{nett} is the net area where the load is acting (mm^2)





Compression stresses

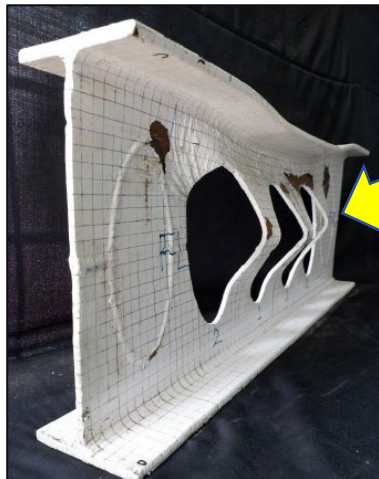
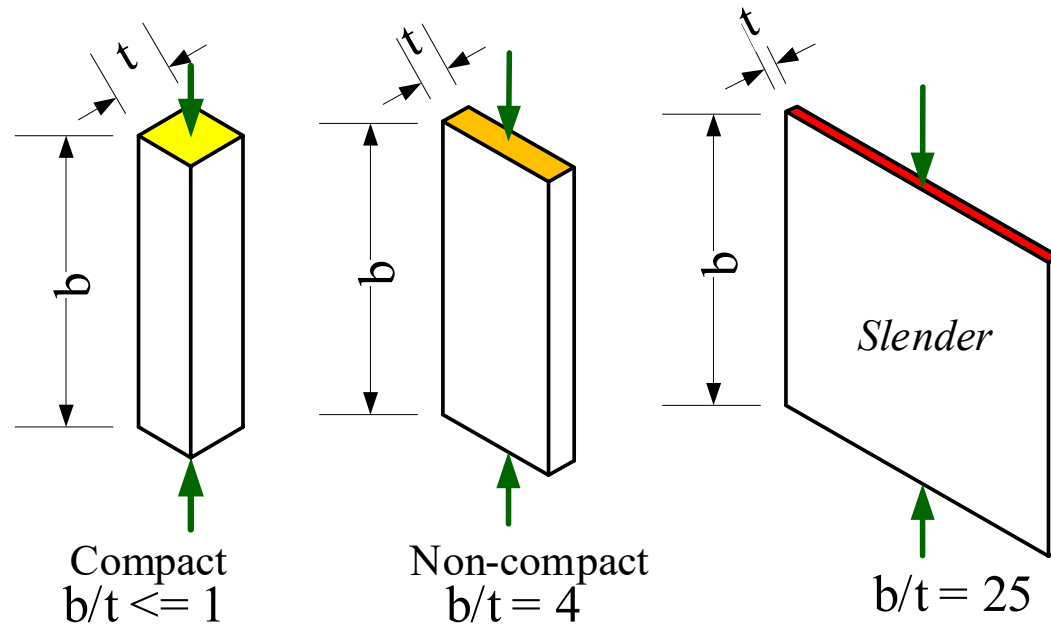
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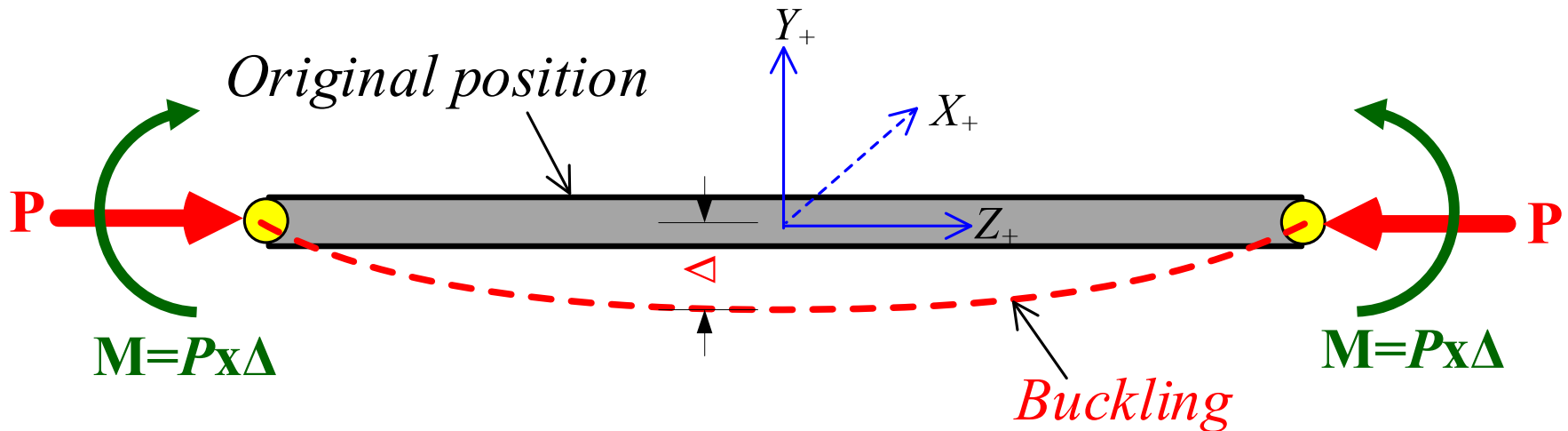
$$f_{s \text{ actual}} = \frac{P}{A}$$

Where: P is the compression load (N), and A is the area where the load is acting (mm^2)

But **buckling** becomes a problem

Thin plates may buckle before the full strength is attained if the thin plates are too slender.





Due to buckling, a deviation of Δ creates an additional moment in the element. Now the element carries a compression load P and a moment $M = P \times \Delta$

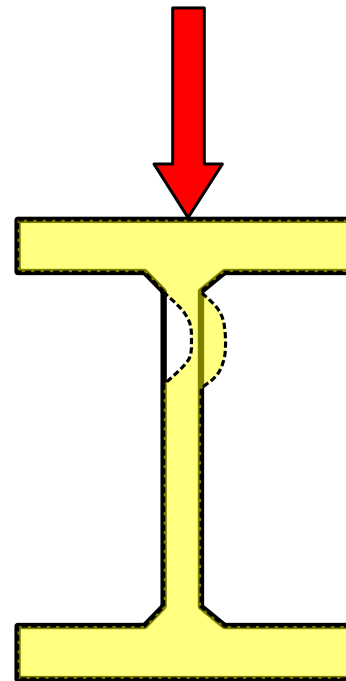
This is called the $P-\Delta$ effect



The steel sections are sensitive to:

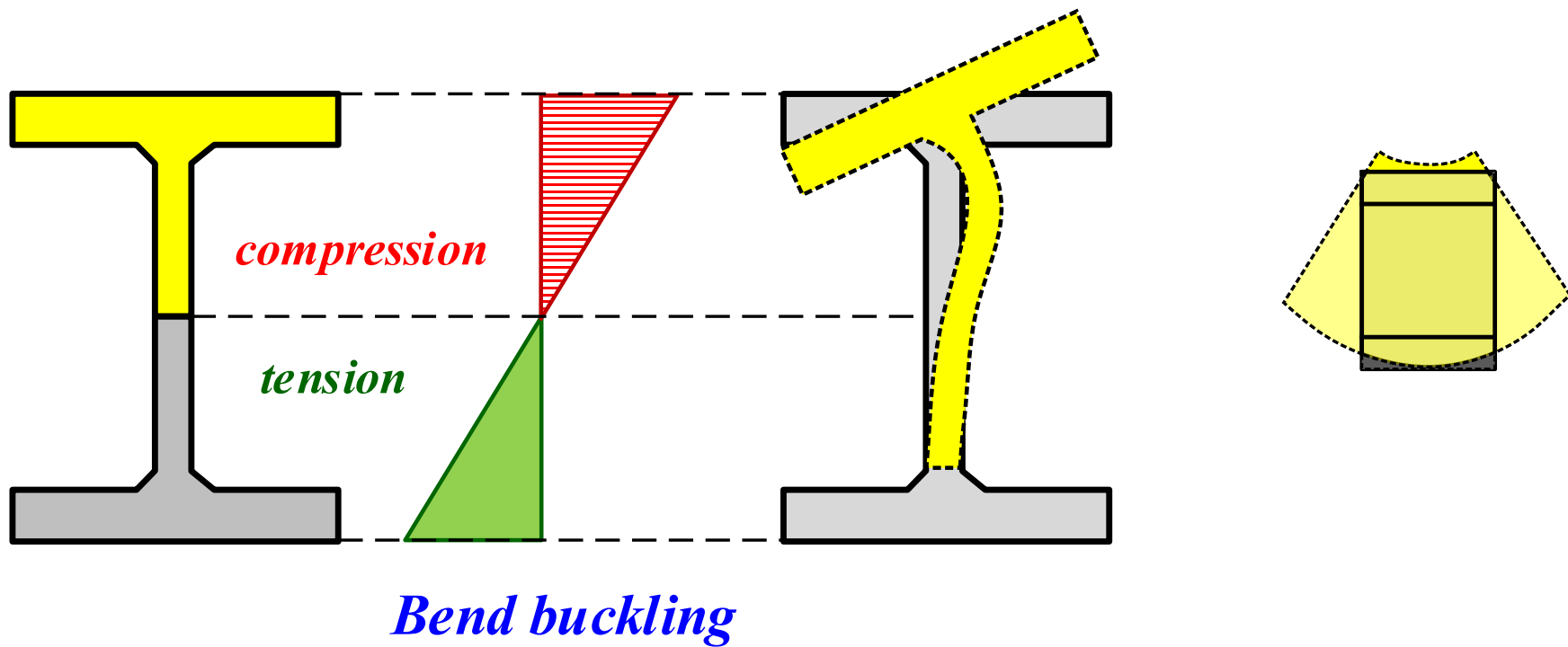
- *Local buckling*. When a part of a cross-sectional element fails in buckling, the member capacity is reached.
- Local buckling is the phenomenon of *partial buckling* within a section

- Types of WF sections local buckling
- Web crippling. The *web buckles* under large direct loading.

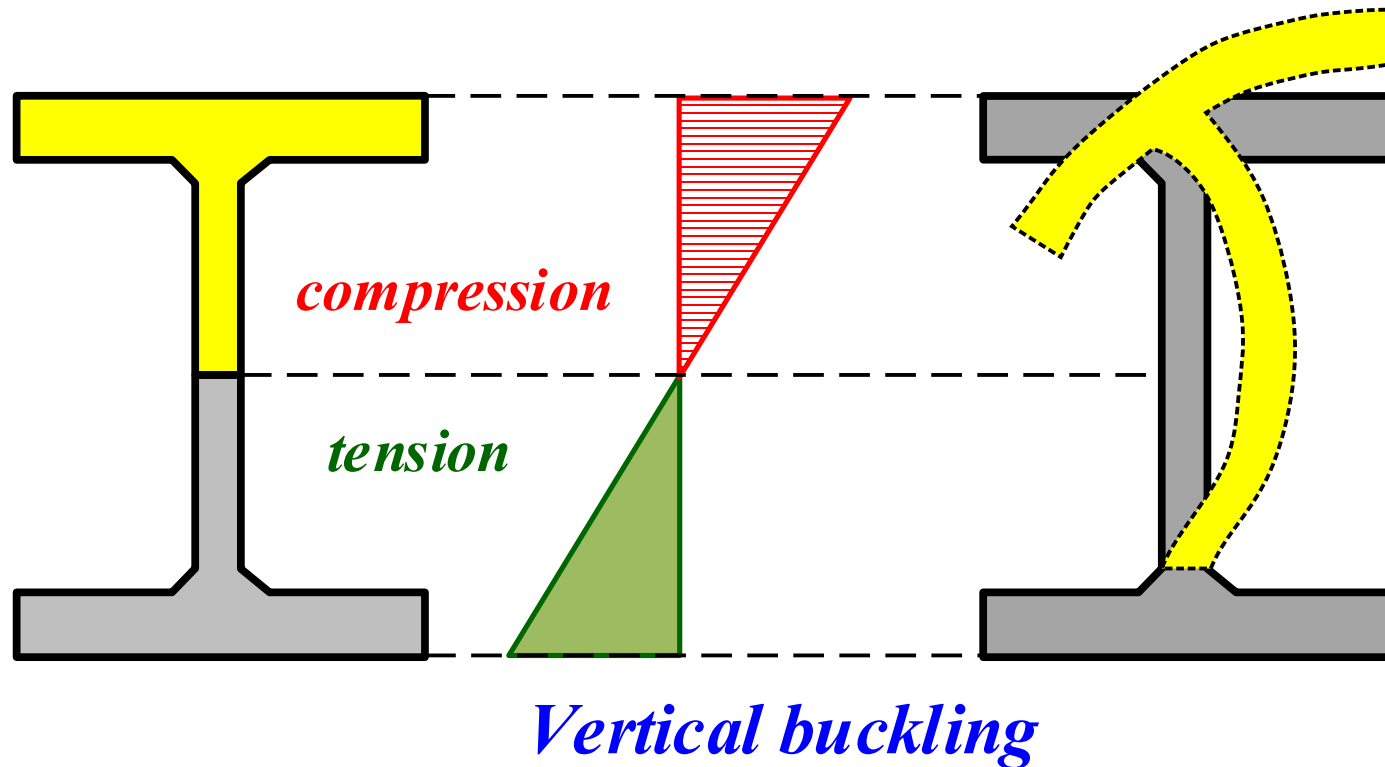


Web crippling

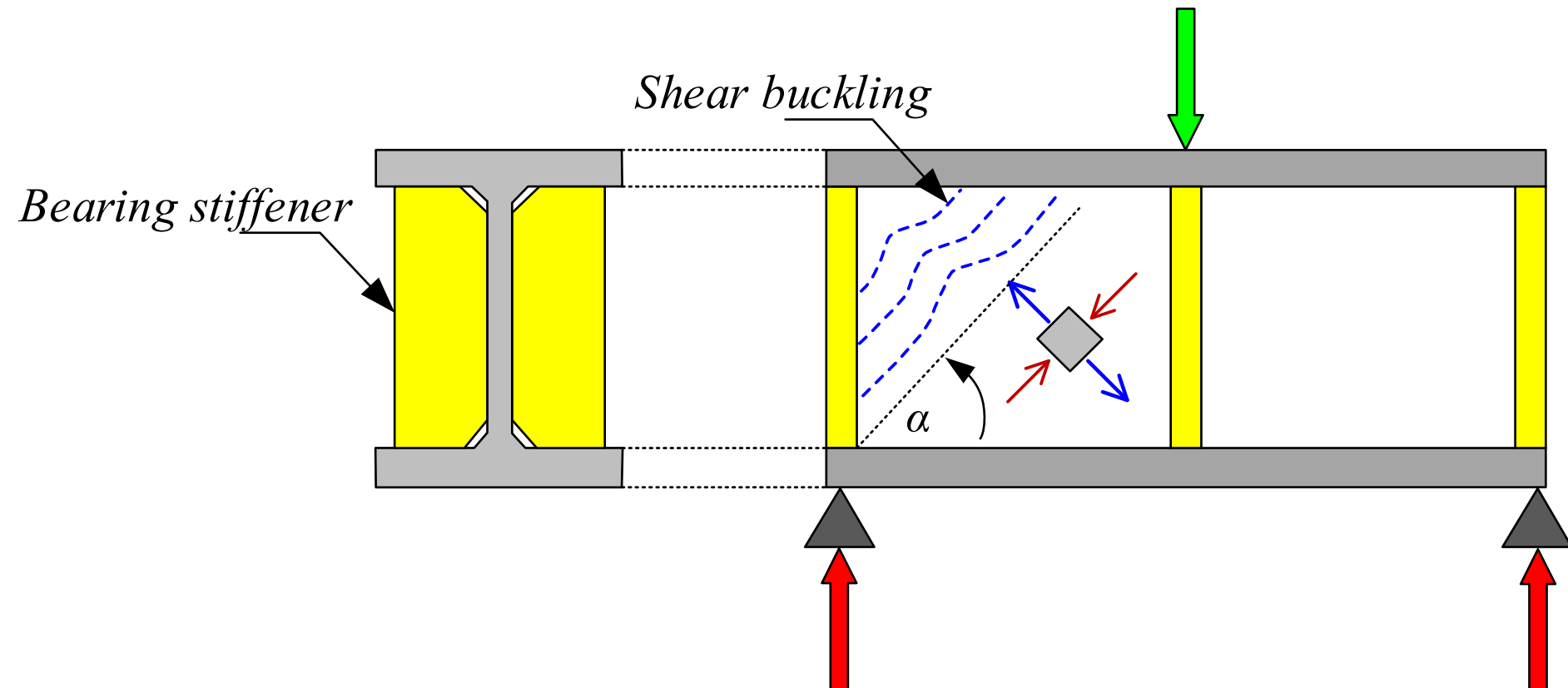
- *Bend buckling*. The web of a section fails due to *high compression stresses (in flexure)*.



- *Vertical buckling. Yielding in the flange.*



- *Shear buckling.* Buckling in the *web* due to high *shear* stresses

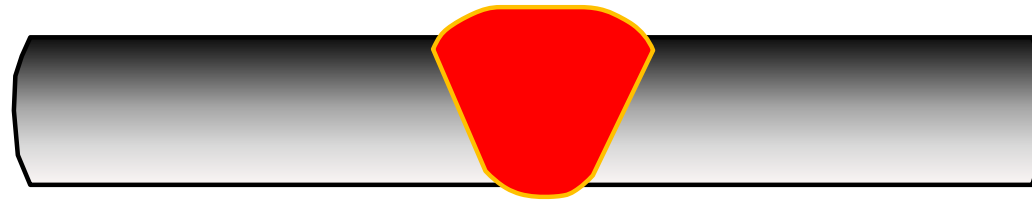




2. *Residual stresses*. Residual stresses are stresses that are present in an *unloaded* section due to the production process. Examples are those induced by *cold bending, cooling, and welding*

The stresses are in *self-equilibrium*, but their presence will influence the behavior of the member under loading

Welding



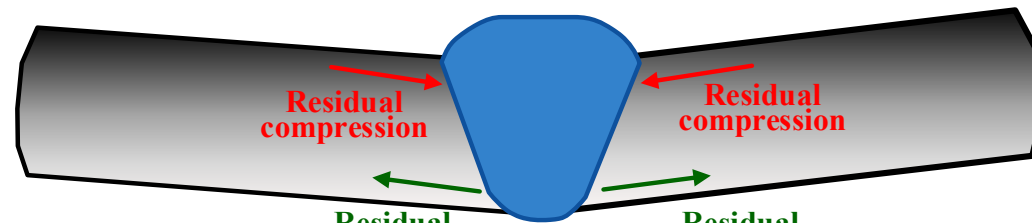
Immediately after welding

Residual compression

Residual compression

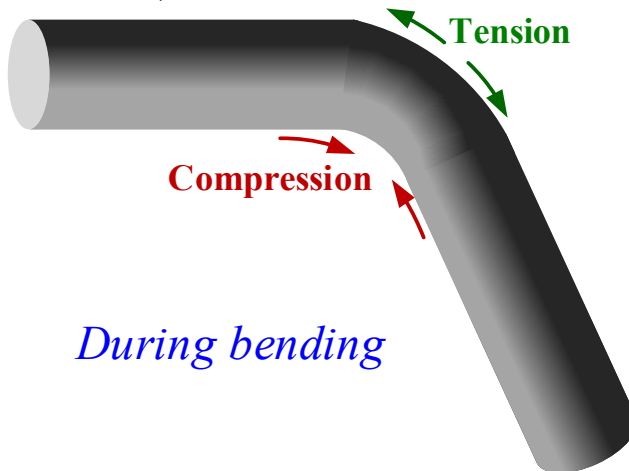
Residual tension

Residual tension

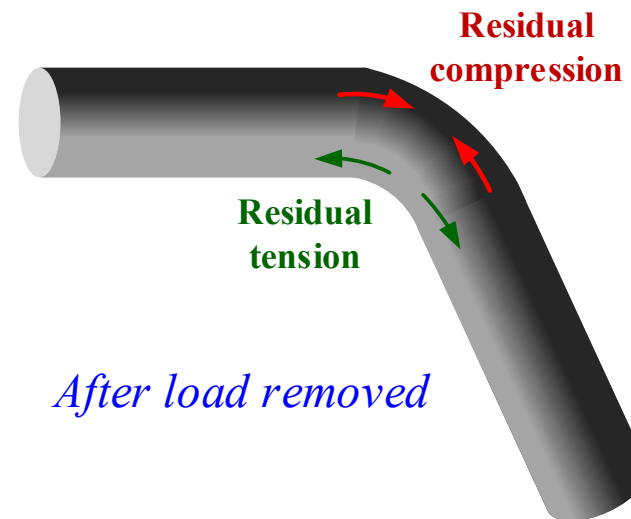


Weldment cooled to room temperature

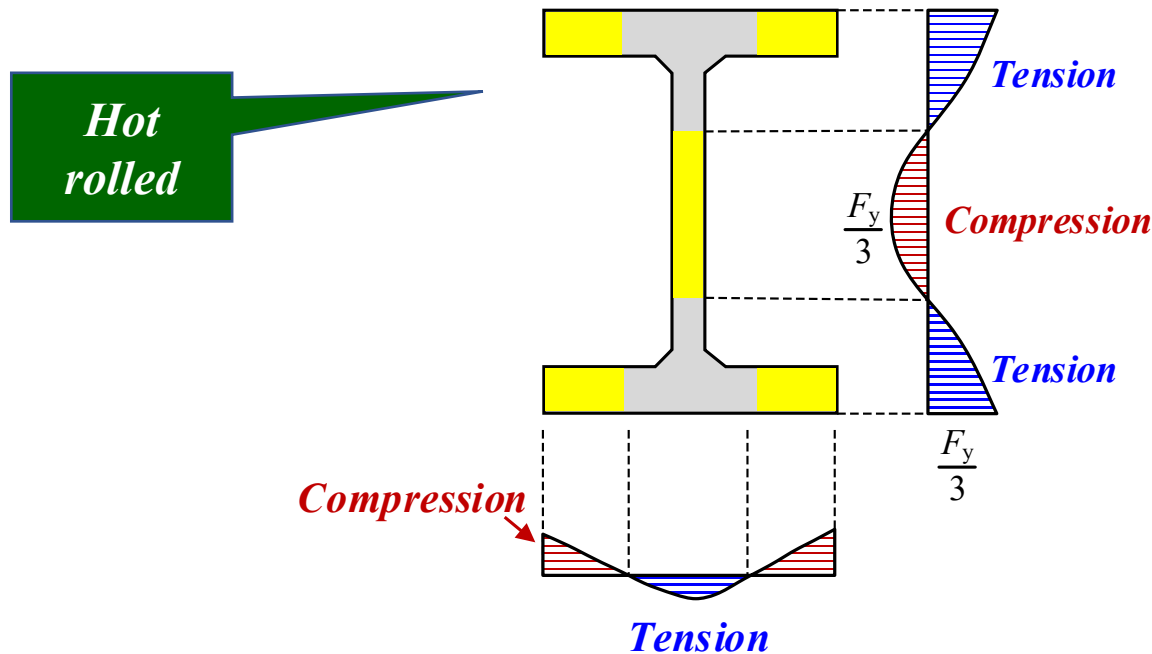
Cold formed



During bending

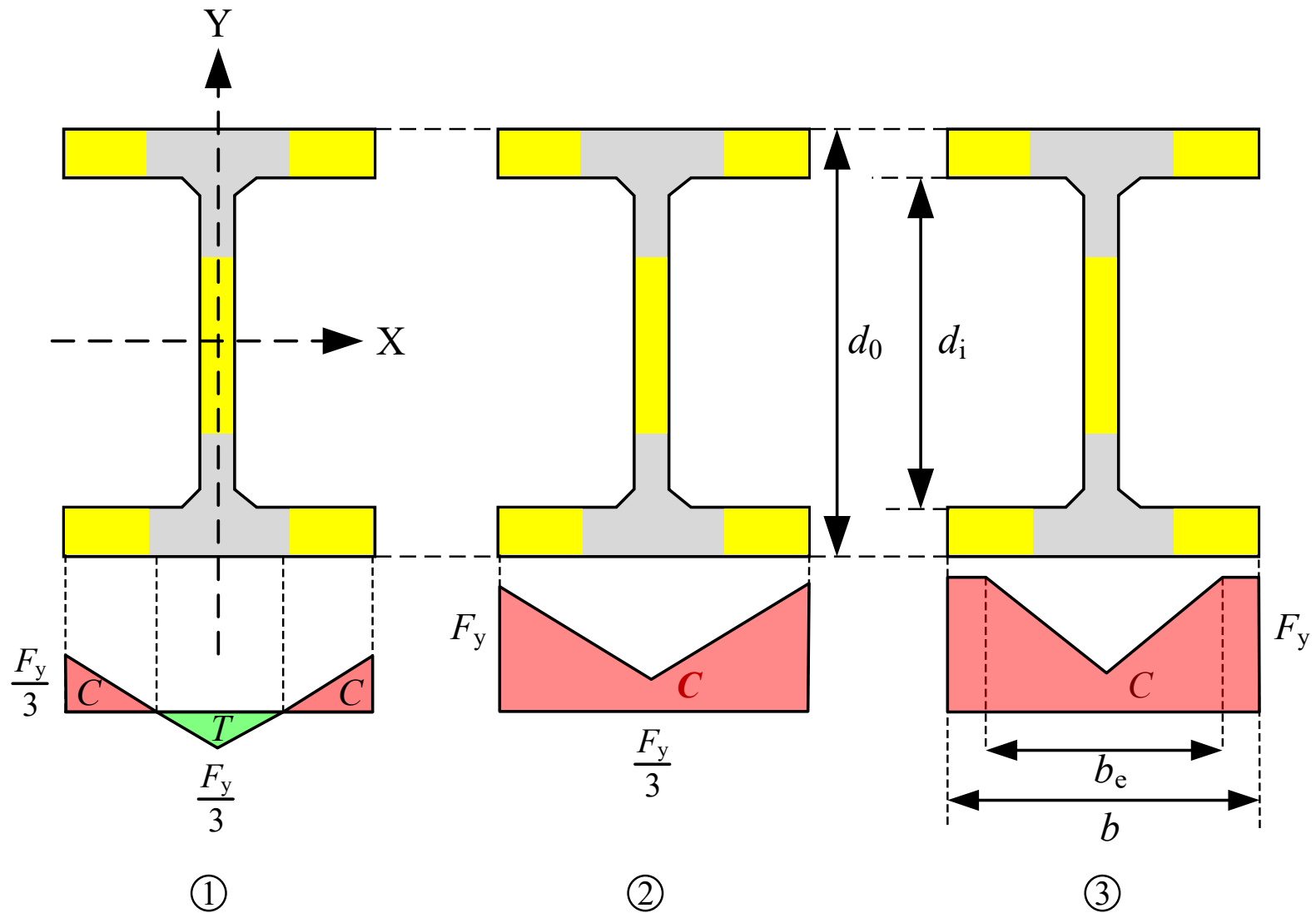


After load removed



Residual Stresses

Residual stresses are important especially for *columns* since it will result in **premature yielding** of part of the section

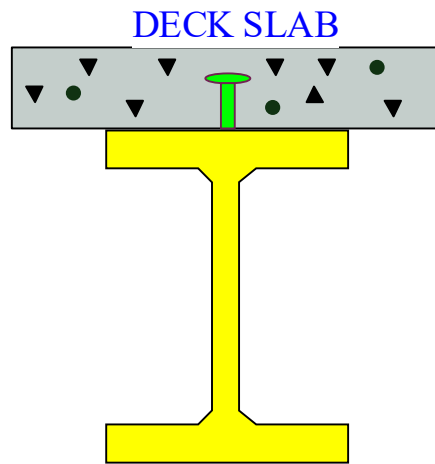




Composite steel-concrete structures

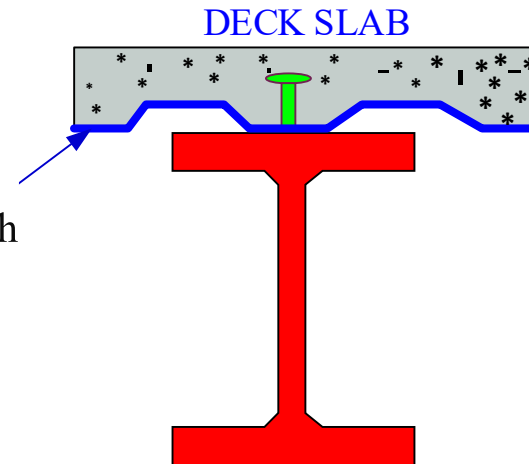
Composite structures discussed in this course are the solid *cast-in-place* concrete slabs placed and interconnected to a WF, I-shaped, or box beam or girder.

Shear connectors are used to create an integrated structure

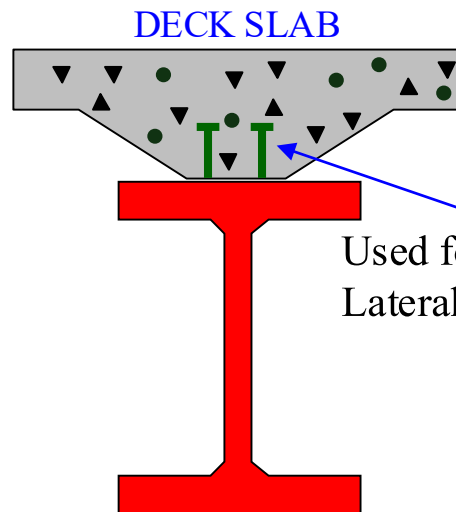


(a) Steel Beam with Solid Slab

Profiled sheet with concrete topping

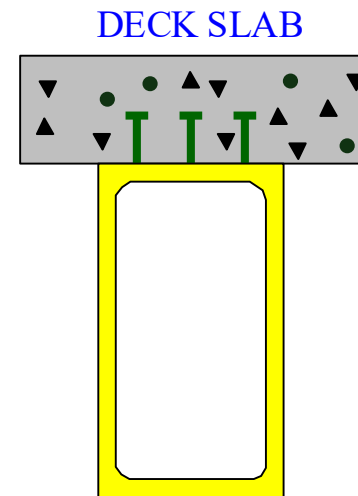


(a) Steel Beam with Deck Slab

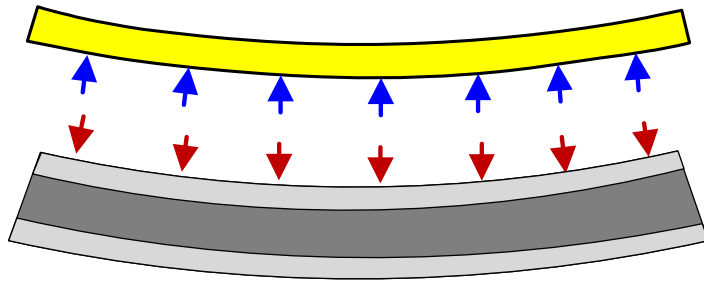
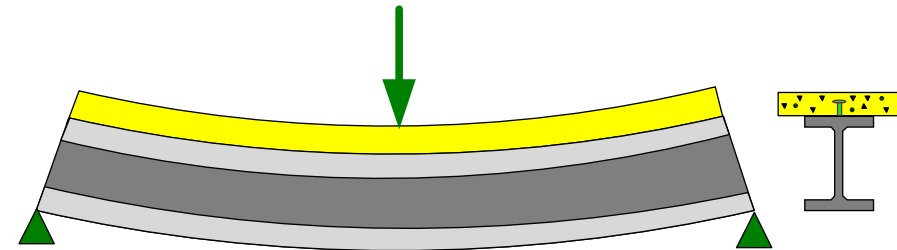
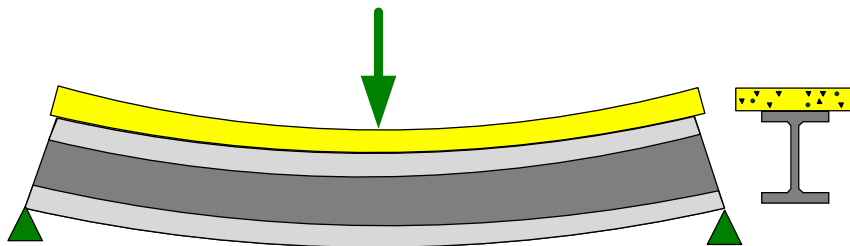
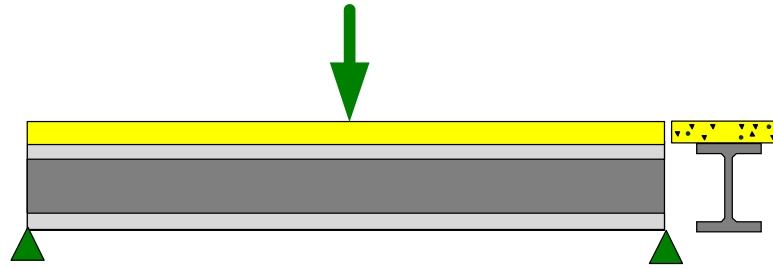


(c) Beam with Haunched Slab

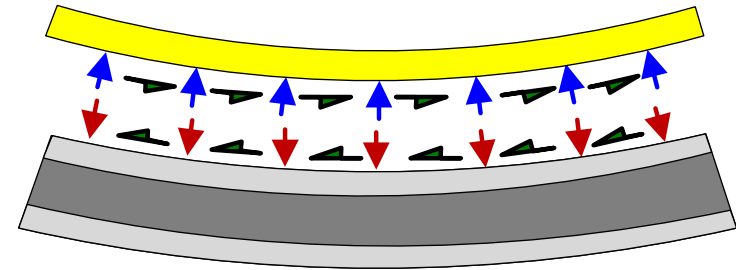
Used for bridge Lateral Stability



(d) Steel Box Girder



Deflected non-composite beam



Deflected composite beam

Shear connectors

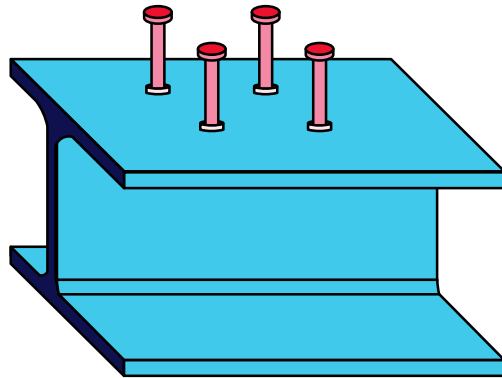


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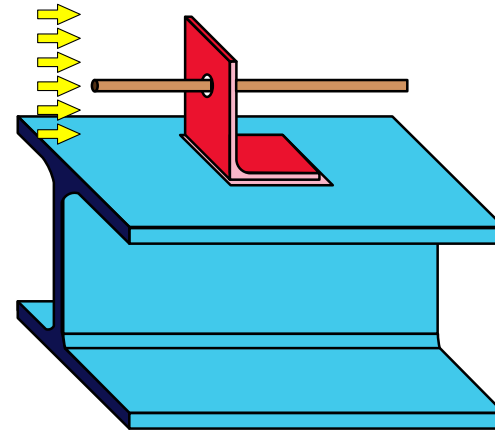


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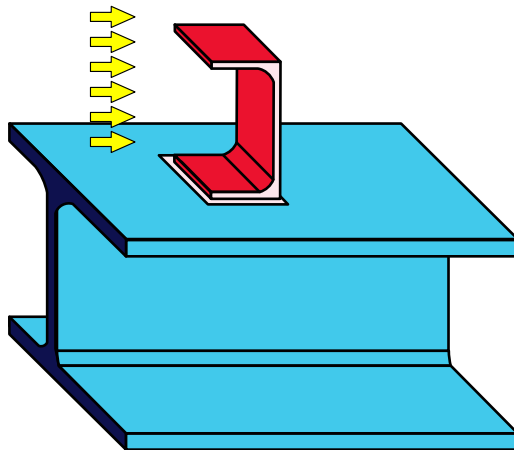
Shear connectors



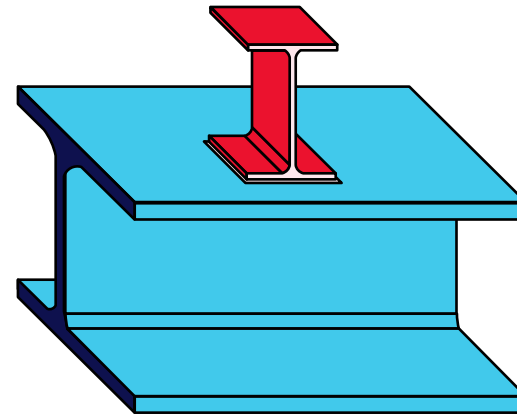
(a) Stud connector



(b) Angle connector



(c) Channel connector



(d) I-shape connector



End of Session 11 and 12

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