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**Modern Methods for Learning the Basics of Structural Stability: From Behavior to Practice**  
Session 3: Behavior of Flexural Members – The Fundamentals  
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### Course Description

Behavior of Flexural Members – The Fundamentals  
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Using an approach similar to that employed in Session 1, this lecture will provide an overview of the strengths and limitations of the solution to the differential equation that defines the elastic lateral-torsional buckling (LTB) strength of beams. Related flexural and torsional concepts, including the benefits of warping resistance, will be briefly reviewed. The assumption of elastic behavior will then be relaxed to define the inelastic LTB and plastic moment capacities of flexural members. The strength of beams without slender elements will be covered and ultimately presented in the form of beam resistance curves. The speakers will conclude by introducing the second learning module.



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### Learning Objectives

- Explain the limit state of full yielding for flexural members.
- Describe lateral-torsional buckling behavior of beams.
- Explain how the length between brace points of the compression flange of a member in flexure affects lateral-torsional buckling.
- Explain the application of the lateral-torsional buckling moment gradient factor,  $C_b$ .



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## Course Overview

- Topics
  - Compression Members (Weeks 1 & 2)
  - Flexural Members (Weeks 3 & 4)
  - Beam-Columns (Weeks 5 & 6)
  - Systems (Weeks 7 & 8)
- “Active” learning! Weekly virtual lab experiences...
- Case studies from the real world...

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### Course Overview (2)

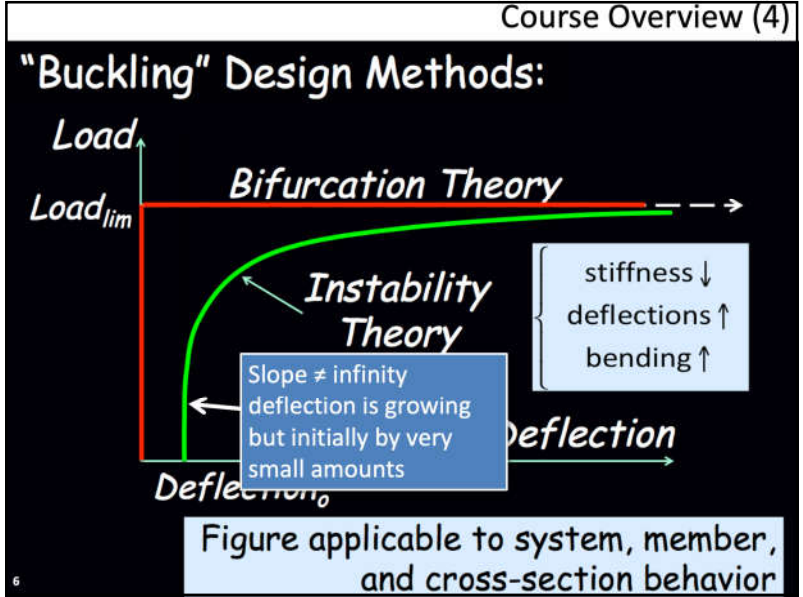
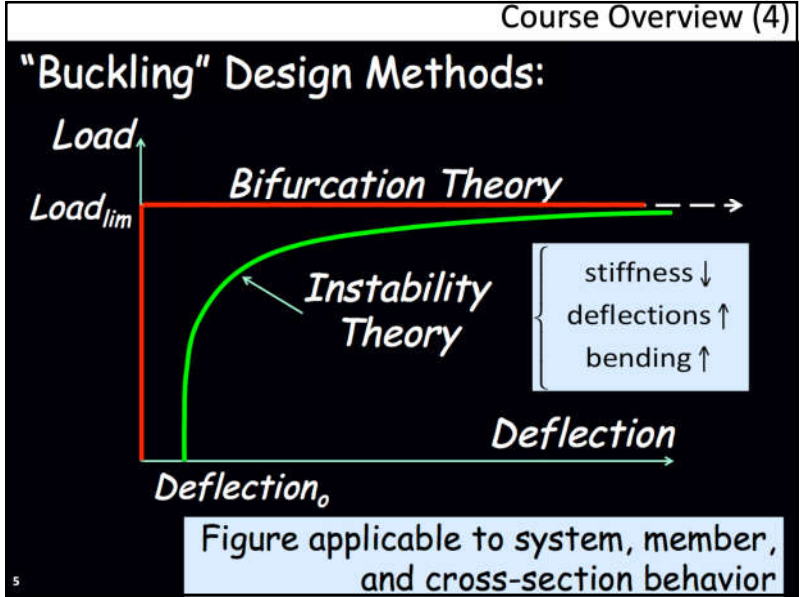
Strength/Weight + Stiffness/Weight + Competitive \$

Slender Systems, Members, and Cross-sections

Design for Stability!

### Course Overview (3)

- Focus of the course is on fundamentals!
- Better understanding of behavior will result in improved design
- Key Definitions
  - **Stability:** Under load, component **returns to current state after applying a small disturbance** such as a deflection
  - **Bifurcation (critical load):** **Theoretical point** at which loading a component results in an **instantaneous change** from current state to significant deflection – two options: **not buckled or buckled**
  - **Instability:** Loading a component results in a realistic **transition from small deflection to significant deflection** – buckling preceded by deflection



Course Overview (4a)

## "Buckling" Design Methods:

**Euler Buckling (5)**

Boundary Conditions!

1)  $C_2 = 0$  "trivial solution"

2)  $\sin(\sqrt{\frac{P_E}{EI}}L) = 0 \Rightarrow \sqrt{\frac{P_E}{EI}}L = n\pi \Rightarrow P_E = \frac{n^2 \pi^2 EI}{L^2}$   
 $n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$

**LBA**

*Eigenvalues* – buckling load factors

*Eigenmodes* – displacement values are not intended to be used beyond showing buckling shapes

Bifurcation Theory

Figure applicable to system, member, and cross-section behavior

Course Overview (5)

Analysis acronyms:

**LBA:** linear buckling analysis; **elastic critical load analysis**; elastic eigenvalue analysis; assumes bifurcation theory

**GNA:** geometric nonlinear analysis; **2<sup>nd</sup>-order elastic analysis**; assumes equilibrium on the deformed shape and linear elastic material, with no initial imperfections

**GNIA:** same as GNA, but **includes initial imperfections**

**MNA:** material nonlinear analysis; **1<sup>st</sup>-order inelastic analysis**; assumes equilibrium on the undeformed shape and accounts for yielding, with no initial imperfections

**GMNIA:** geometric and material nonlinear analysis; **2<sup>nd</sup>-order inelastic analysis**; assumes equilibrium on the deformed shape, accounts for yielding, and **includes initial imperfections**

hmmm....one resource that may be of use is the textbook available at [www.mastan2.com](http://www.mastan2.com)

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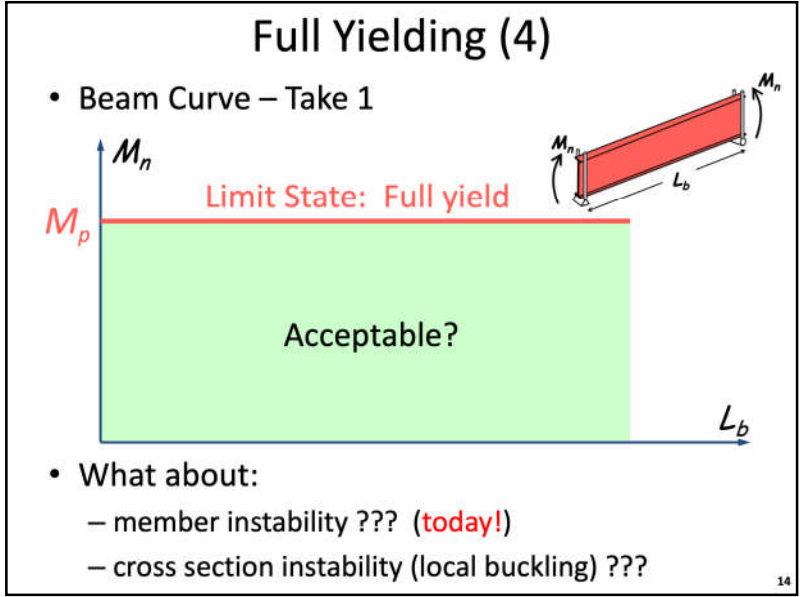
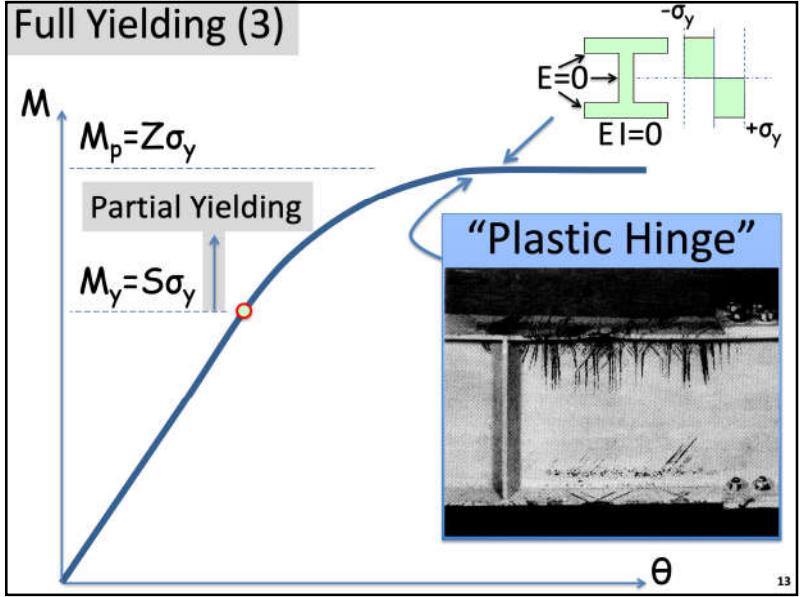
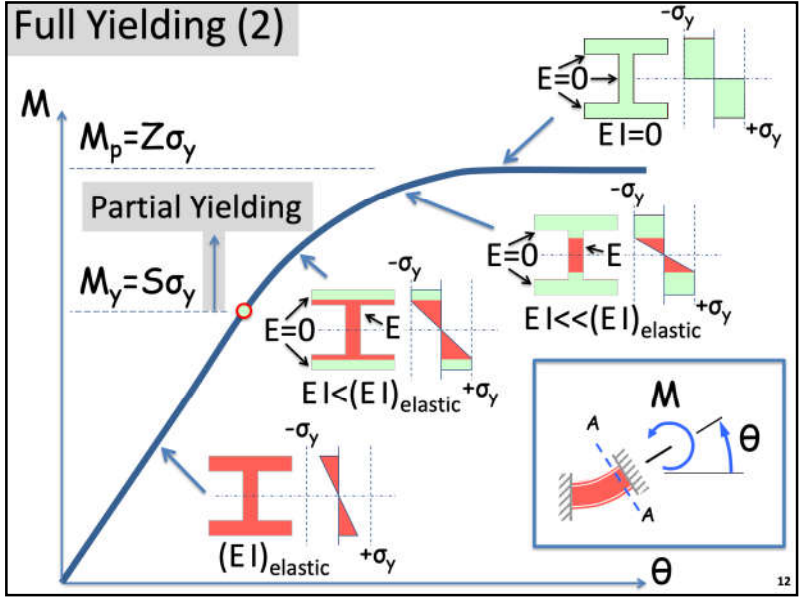
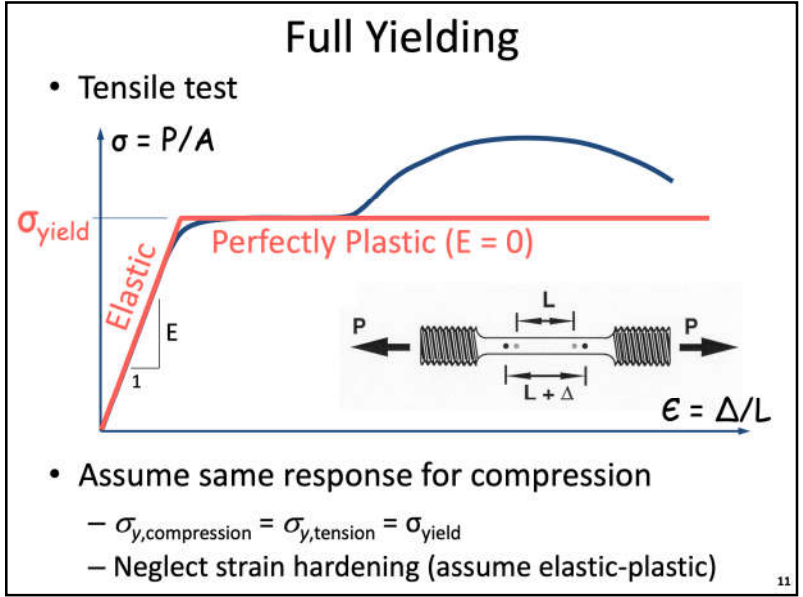
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- Flexural Members
- Beam-Columns
- Systems

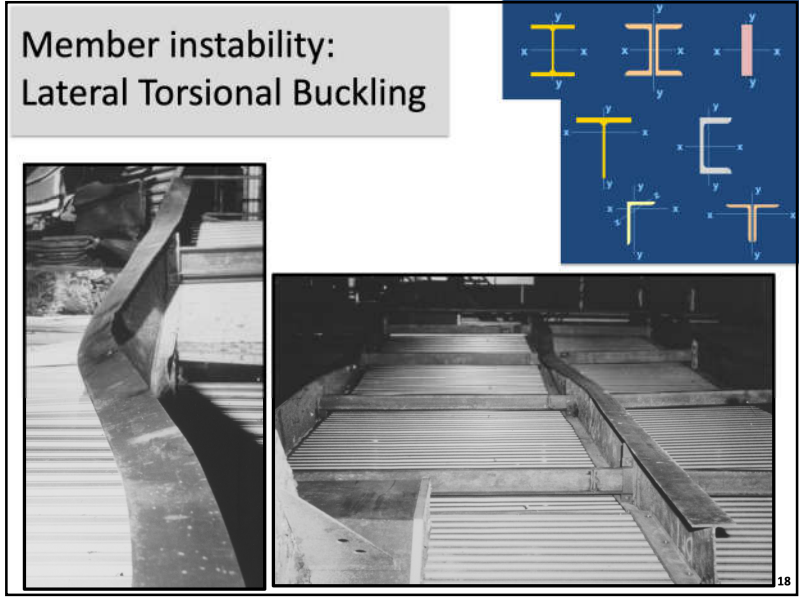
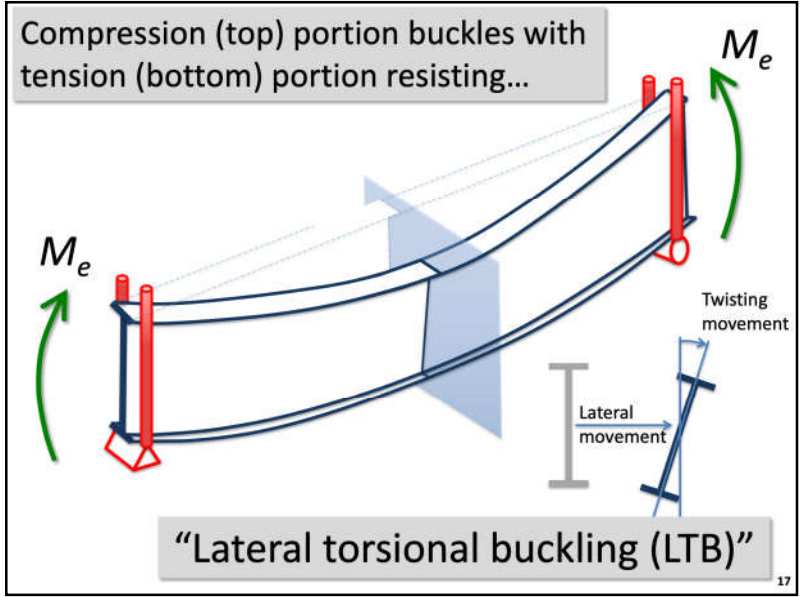
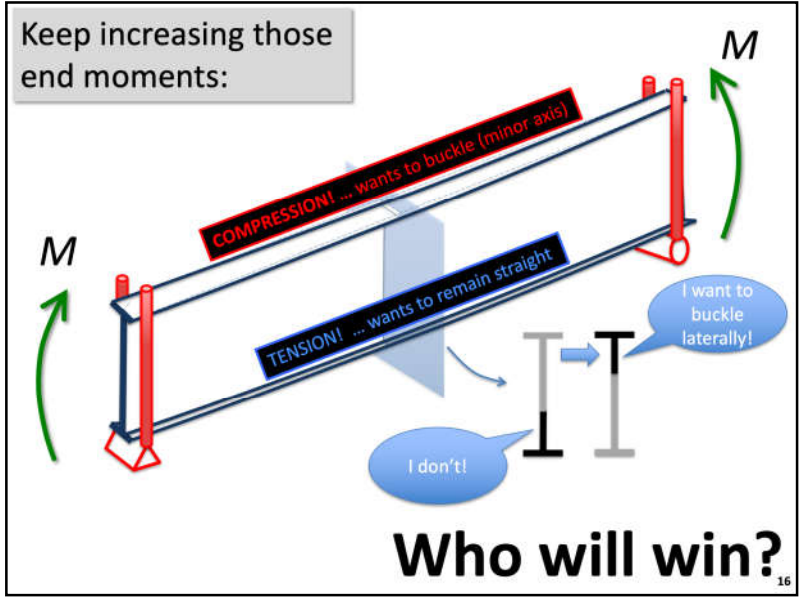
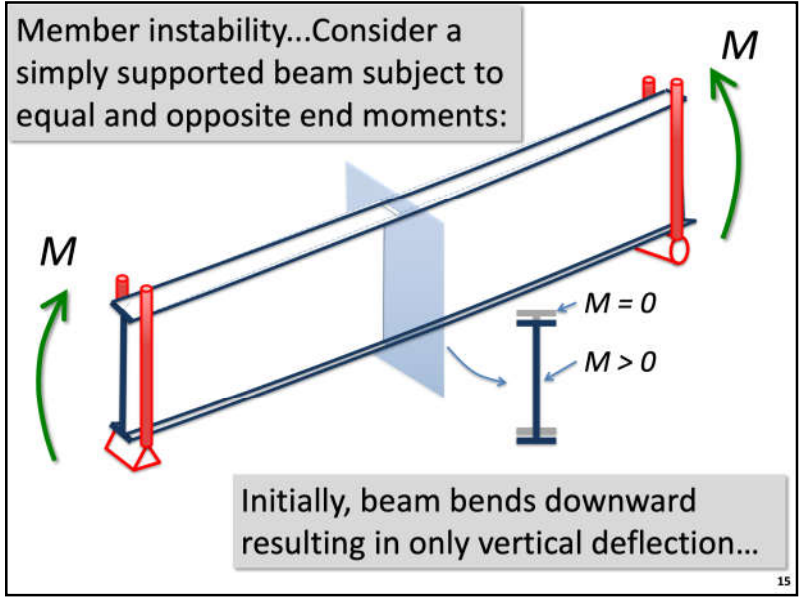
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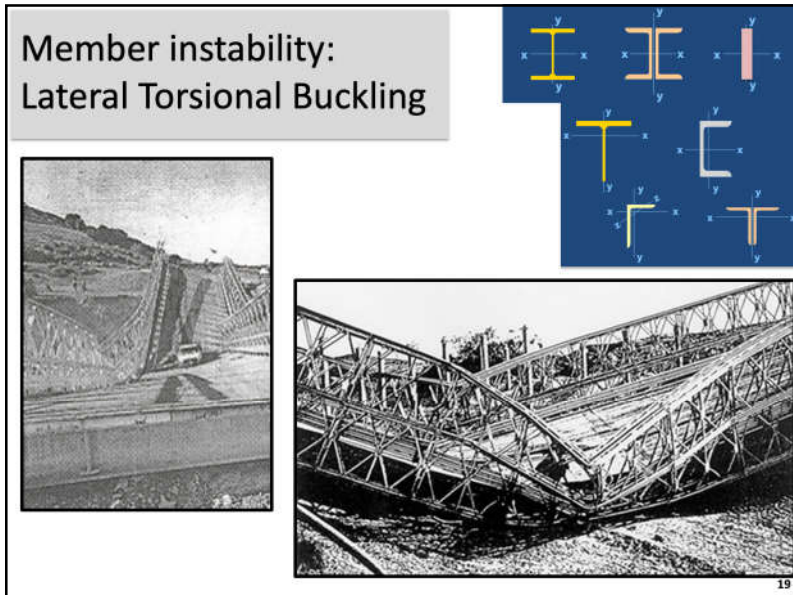
## Limit States of Flexural Members

- Full yielding (**today!**)
- Instability
  - Along the member length (**today!**)
    - Lateral torsional buckling
      - elastic
      - inelastic
  - At the cross section
    - local buckling









## Lateral Torsional Buckling

- Theoretical bifurcation
  - solution
  - assumptions
- Undoing those assumptions (approaching reality)
  - not fully elastic, partial yielding
  - alternative loading and support conditions
- Beam curves
  - AISC
  - others

## Lateral Torsional Buckling (LTB)

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## LTB (2)

- Before obtaining the theoretical solution for  $M_e$ , let's do a "parametric" analysis...
- Terms expected in the solution?
  - Minor axis buckling:  $EI_y$  and  $L_b$
  - Torsion
    - St. Venant:  $GJ$  and  $L_b$
    - Warping:  $EC_w$  and  $L_b$
  - Others?  $\pi$  (of course!)
- What's their impact?
 

	Material: $E \uparrow, G \uparrow \Rightarrow M_e \uparrow$
Terms in numerator	Section: $I_y \uparrow, J \uparrow, C_w \uparrow \Rightarrow M_e \uparrow$
Term in denominator	Unbraced length: $L_b \uparrow \Rightarrow M_e \downarrow$



## Wait...

- Minor axis buckling, I recall from earlier slides

$$P_E = \frac{\pi^2 EI}{L^2}$$

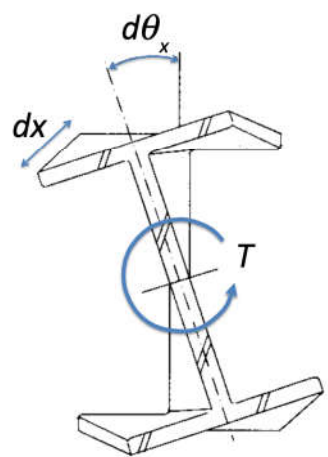
- But, I need a quick refresher on torsion!

St. Venant ?  
 Warping ????

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### St. Venant Torsion

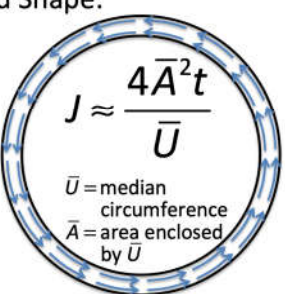
Consider a portion of the member of length  $dx$  subject to a torque  $T$ . If we consider only St. Venant (uniform) torsion, the rotation per unit length is:

$$\frac{d\theta_x}{dx} = \frac{T}{GJ}$$


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### St. Venant Torsion (2)

**Closed Shape:**

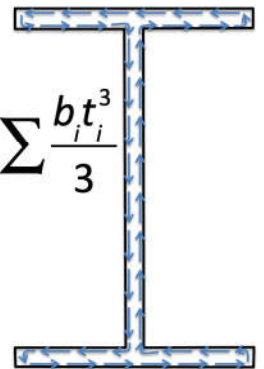


$$J \approx \frac{4\bar{A}^2 t}{\bar{U}}$$

$\bar{U}$  = median circumference  
 $\bar{A}$  = area enclosed by  $\bar{U}$

**Circular Hollow Shape:**  
 $t = 0.25"$ ,  $A = 3.84 \text{ in}^2$   
 $D = A/(\pi t) = 4.90"$   
 $J = \frac{4(\pi D^2/4)^2 t}{\pi D} = 22.95 \text{ in}^4$

**Open Shape:**



$$J \approx \sum \frac{b_i t_i^3}{3}$$

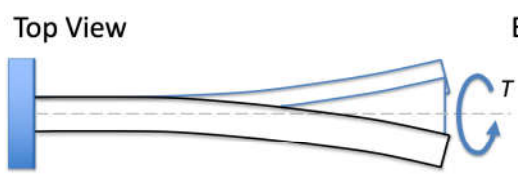
**W8x13 ( $t_w=0.23"$ ,  $t_f=0.26"$ ):**  
 $A = 3.84 \text{ in}^2$   
 $J = 0.0871 \text{ in}^4$

Factor of 264...closed sections rule in torsion!

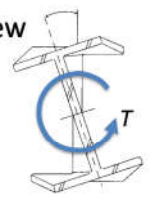
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### Warping Torsion (your new best friend!)

**Top View**

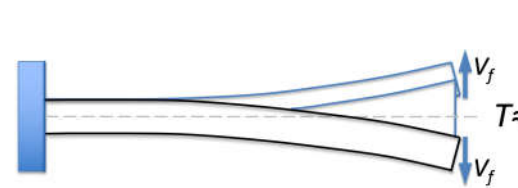


**End View**

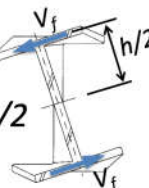


Notice that this torque  $T$  causes the flanges to bend in opposite directions. The resistance to this "cross flange" bending opposes the applied torque (yeah!)

**Top View**



**End View**



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### The twist on torsion

St. Venant (uniform):

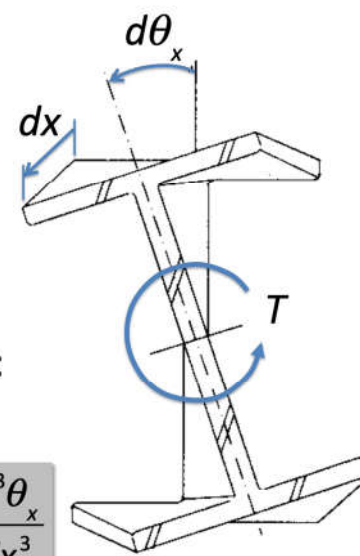
$$T_{sv} = GJ \frac{d\theta_x}{dx}$$

Warping(non-uniform):

$$T_w = -EC_w \frac{d^3\theta_x}{dx^3}$$

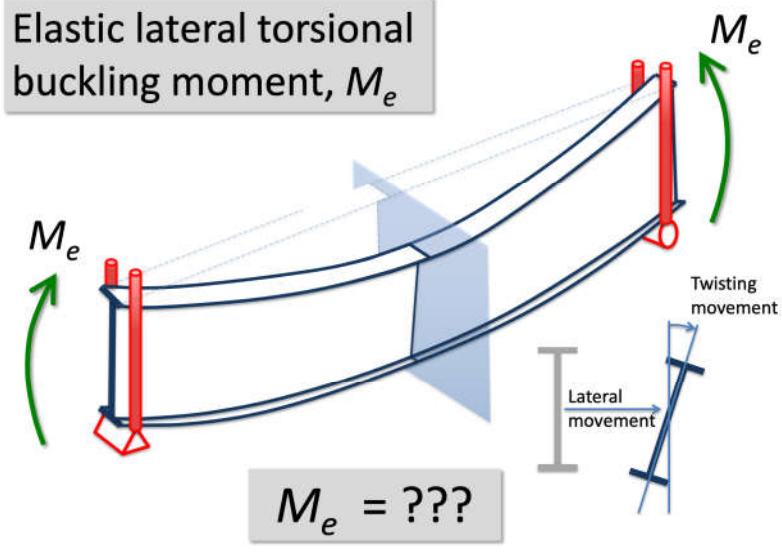
Total resisting torque:

$$T = T_{sv} + T_w$$

$$T = GJ \frac{d\theta_x}{dx} - EC_w \frac{d^3\theta_x}{dx^3}$$


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### Elastic lateral torsional buckling moment, $M_e$



$M_e = ???$

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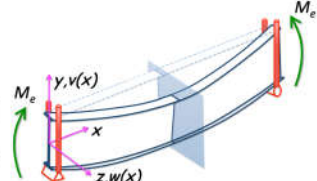
### Summary

Equilibrium on deformed shape:

"applied" torque      "resisting" torque

$$T = M_e \frac{dw}{dx} = GJ \frac{d\theta_x}{dx} - EC_w \frac{d^3\theta_x}{dx^3}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} \left( M_e \frac{dw}{dx} \right) = \frac{d}{dx} \left( GJ \frac{d\theta_x}{dx} - EC_w \frac{d^3\theta_x}{dx^3} \right)$$

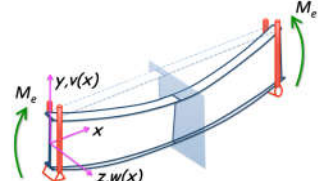
$$M_e \frac{d^2w}{dx^2} = GJ \frac{d^2\theta_x}{dx^2} - EC_w \frac{d^4\theta_x}{dx^4}$$


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### Summary (2)

$$M_e \frac{d^2w}{dx^2} = GJ \frac{d^2\theta_x}{dx^2} - EC_w \frac{d^4\theta_x}{dx^4}$$

$$M_{y'} = M_e \theta_x = -EI_{y'} \frac{d^2w}{dx^2} \Rightarrow \frac{d^2w}{dx^2} = -\frac{M_e}{EI_{y'}} \theta_x$$

$$-\frac{M_e^2}{EI_{y'}} \theta_x = GJ \frac{d^2\theta_x}{dx^2} - EC_w \frac{d^4\theta_x}{dx^4}$$


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### Summary (3)

Solve differential equation

$$EC_w \frac{d^4 \theta_x}{dx^4} - GJ \frac{d^2 \theta_x}{dx^2} - \frac{M_e^2}{EI_{y'}} \theta_x = 0$$

and apply boundary conditions

$$\theta_x(x=0) = 0, \theta_x(x=L_b) = 0$$

$$\theta_x''(x=0) = 0, \theta_x''(x=L_b) = 0$$

Results in

$$M_e^2 = \left( \frac{\pi^2 EI_y}{L_b^2} \right) \left( GJ + \frac{\pi^2}{L_b^2} EC_w \right)$$

### Summary (4)

This sort of makes sense!

$$M_e^2 = \left( \frac{\pi^2 EI_y}{L_b^2} \right) \left( GJ + \frac{\pi^2}{L_b^2} EC_w \right)$$

Top flange in compression trying to produce minor axis buckling

Bottom flange in tension resisting this minor axis buckling by creating a resisting torque, which includes both St. Venant and Warping components

which simplifies to:

$$M_e = \frac{\pi}{L_b} \sqrt{EI_y GJ + \left( \frac{\pi E}{L_b} \right)^2 I_y C_w}$$

Also note that our earlier parametric study was spot on!

- Elastic lateral-torsional buckling

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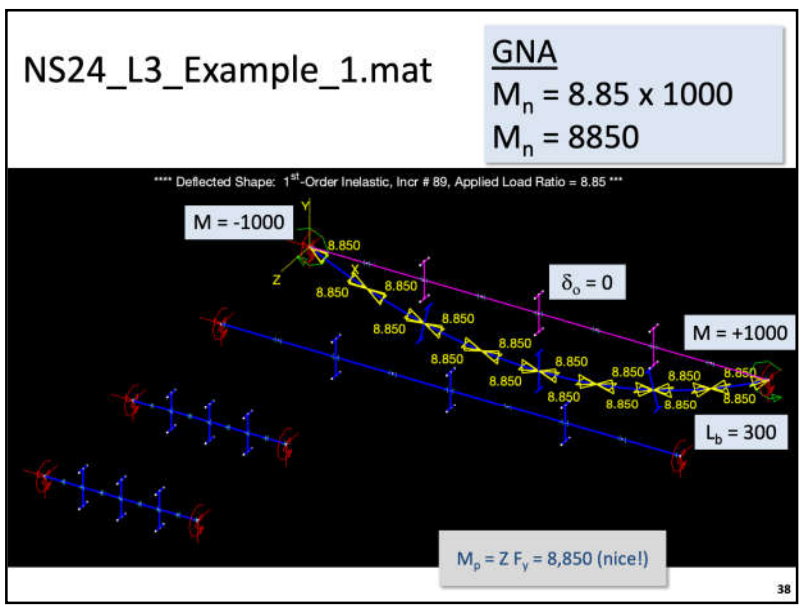
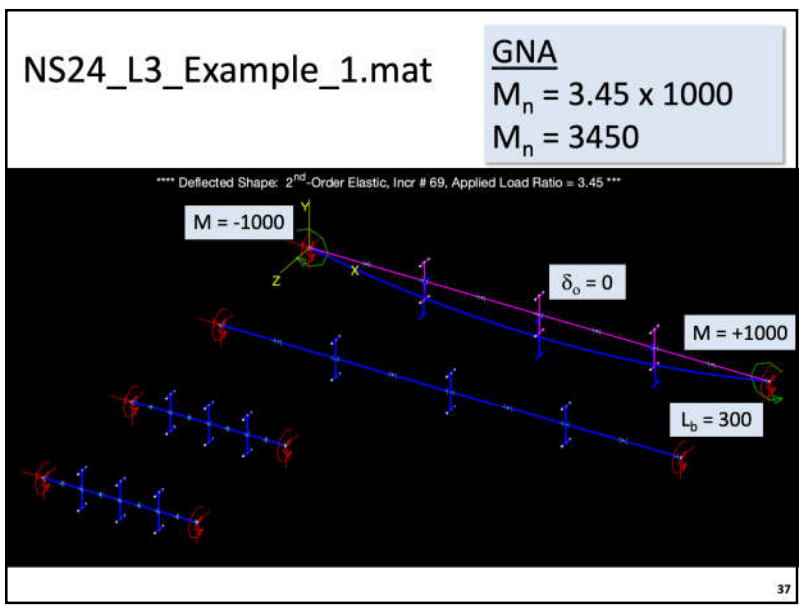
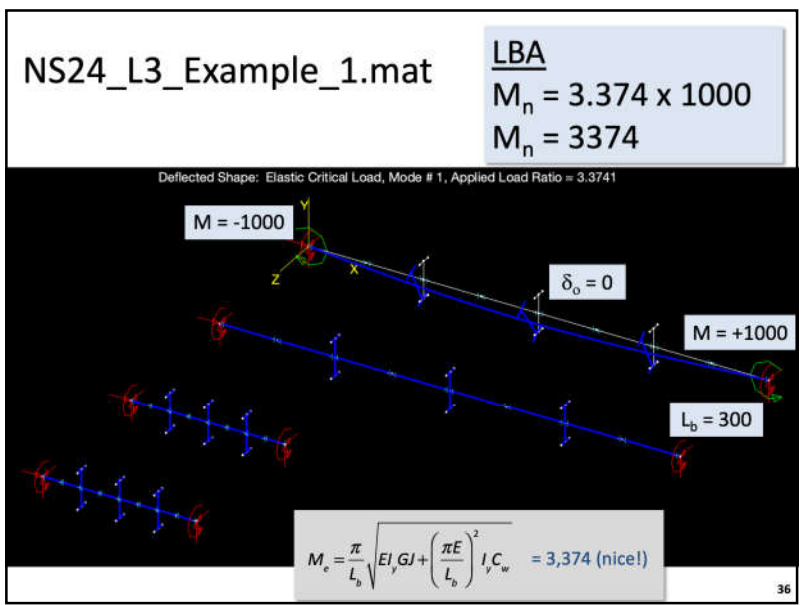
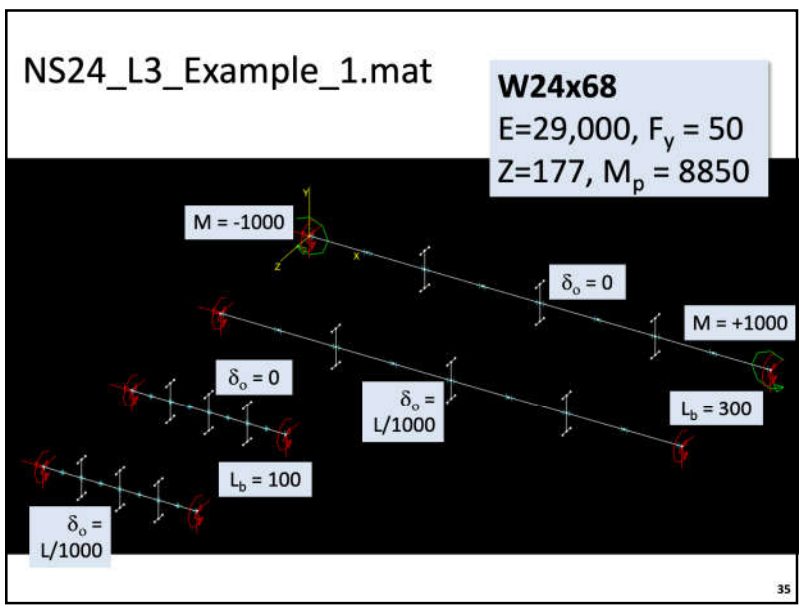
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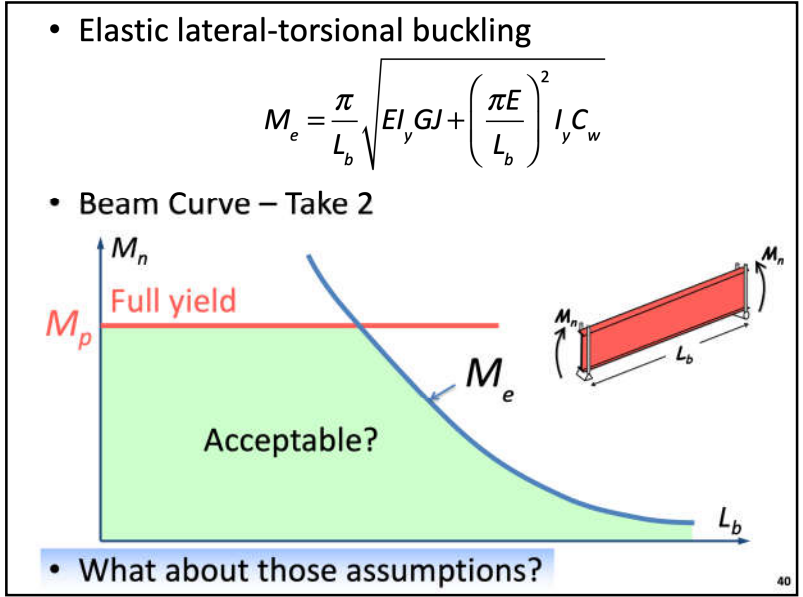
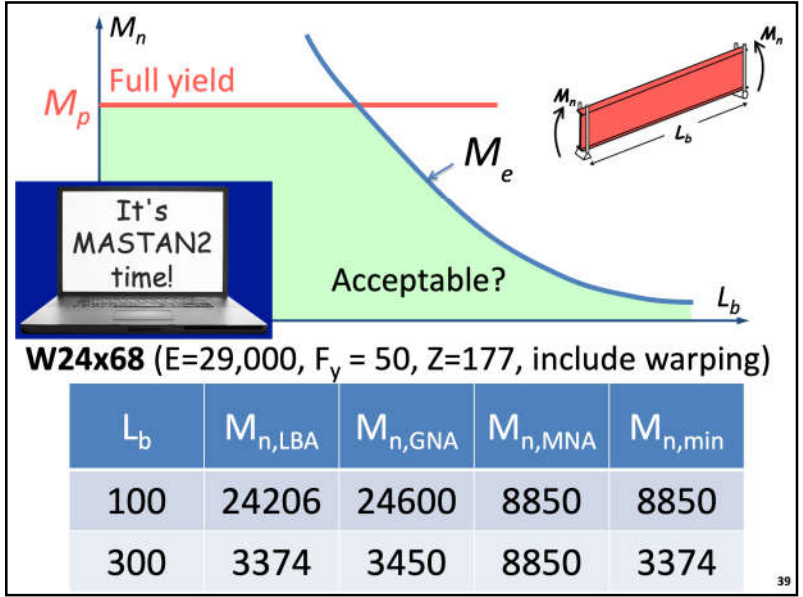
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W24x68 (E=29,000, Fy = 50, Z=177, include warping)

L <sub>b</sub>	M <sub>n,LBA</sub>	M <sub>n,GNA</sub>	M <sub>n,MNA</sub>	M <sub>n,min</sub>
100				
300				







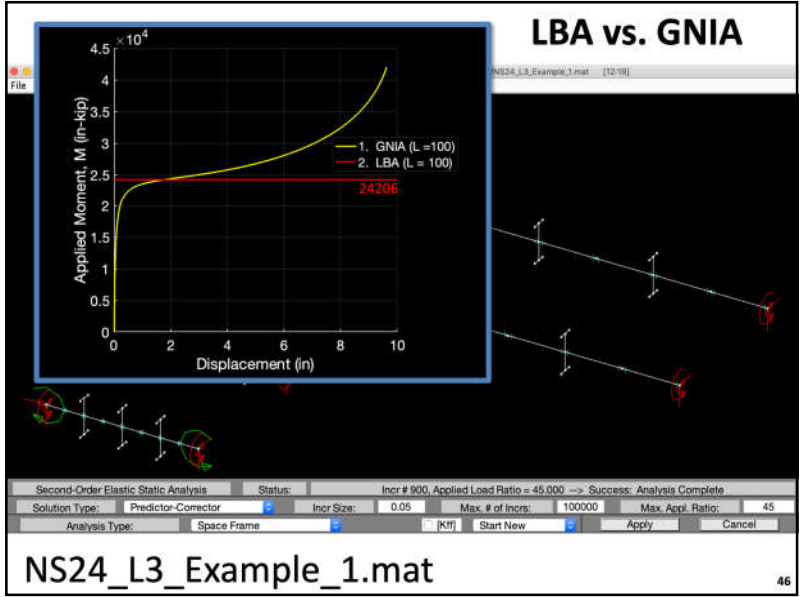
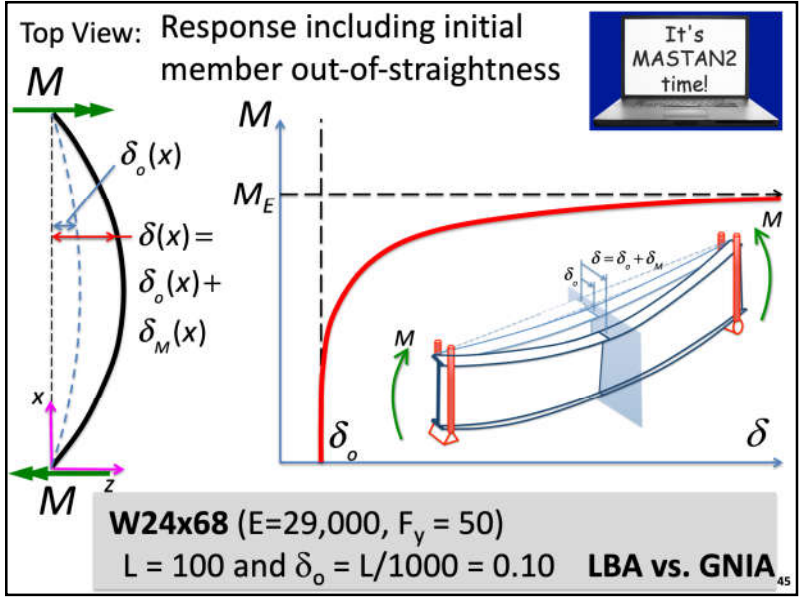
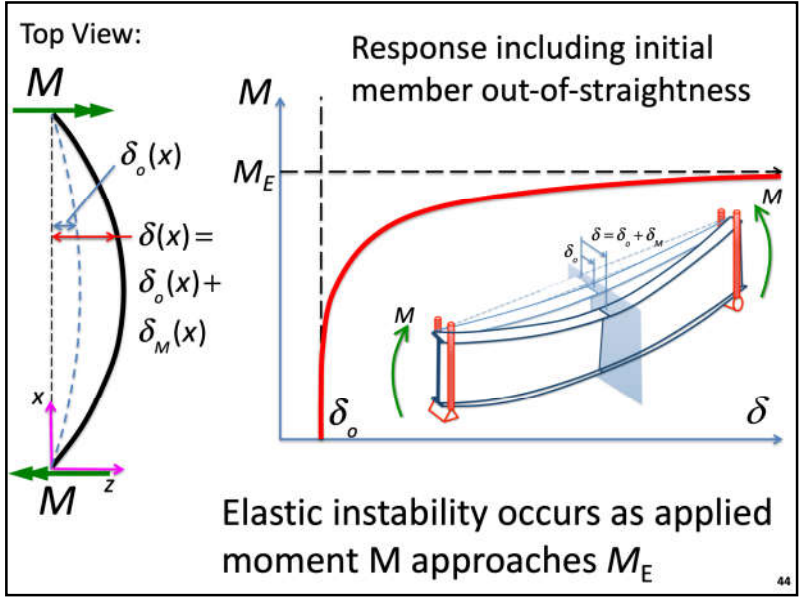
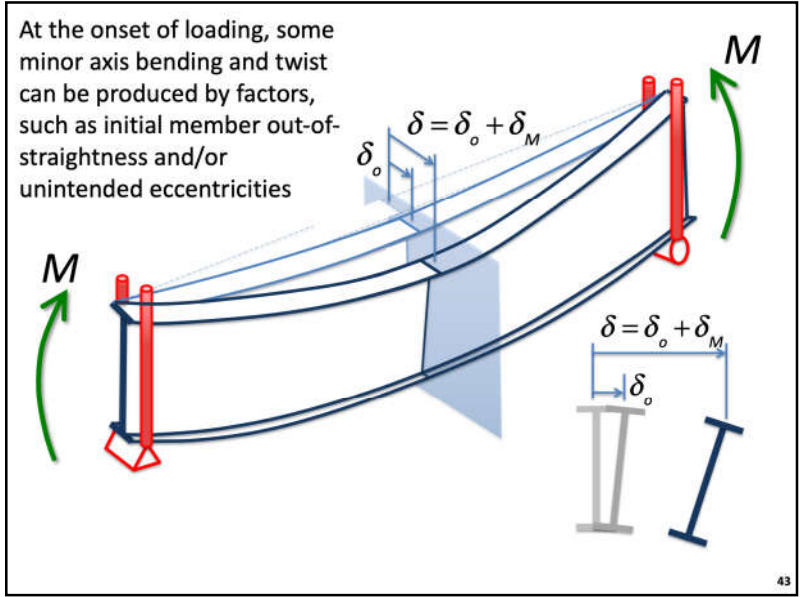
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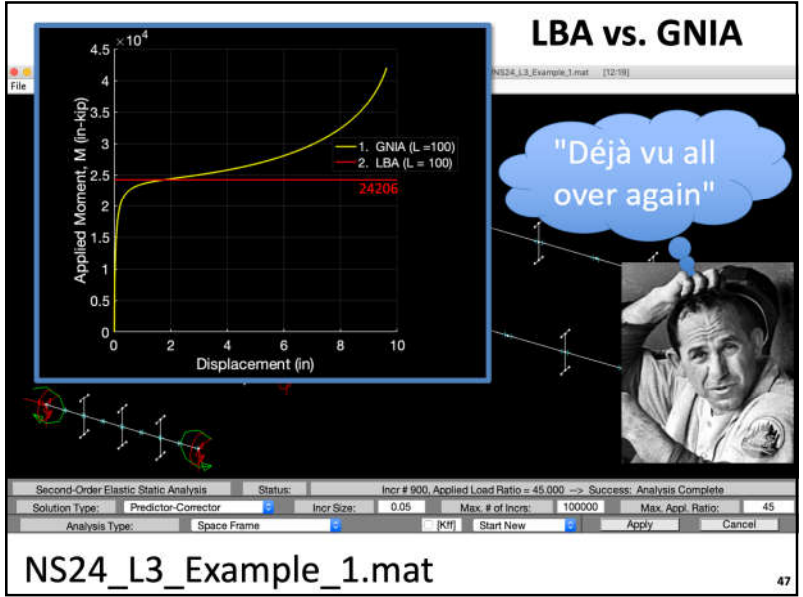
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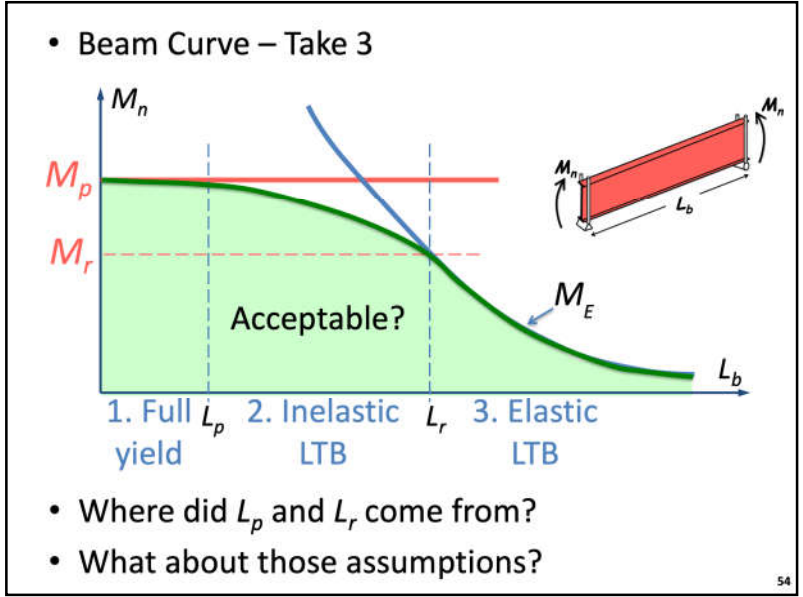
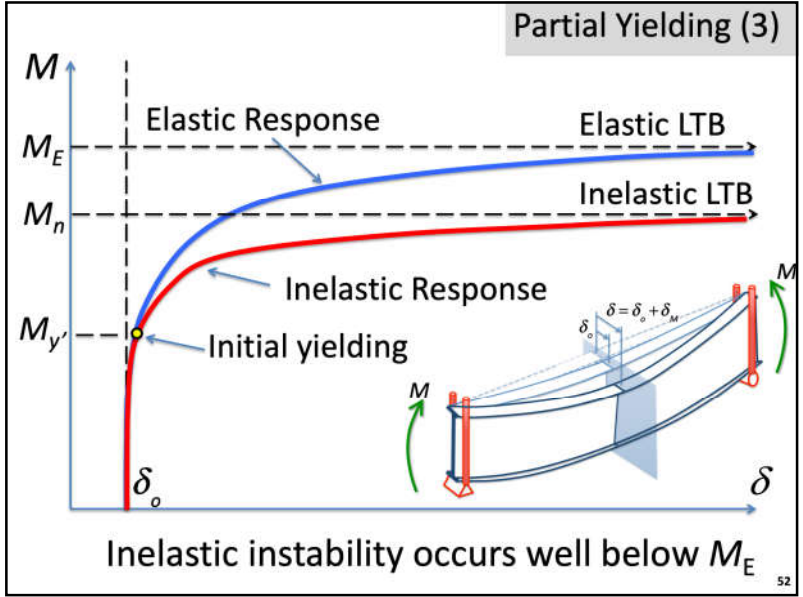
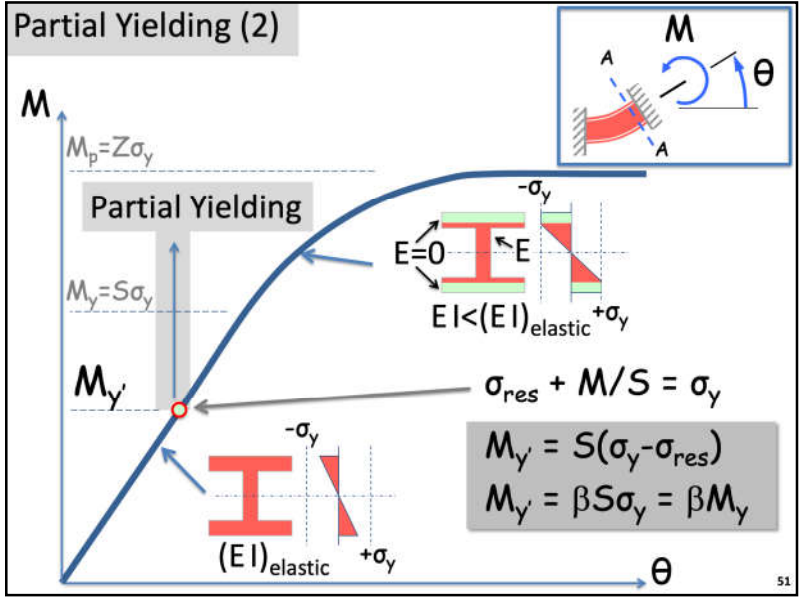
### Partial Yielding

- As loading is applied, cross section may begin to yield due to
  - major axis bending
  - minor axis bending
  - torsion (warping stresses)
- Yielding is accentuated by presence of residual stresses
- Yielding results in loss of stiffness, which may result in inelastic lateral torsional buckling.

### Reminder: Residual Stresses

Occur in rolled wide flange shapes because locations with high surface area (e.g., flange tips) cool well before locations with smaller surface area (flange-to-web intersections)





- Where did  $L_r$  come from?
  - $L_r$  is unbraced length at transition from inelastic to elastic LTB
  - Equate  $M_r$  (moment to produce first yield including residual stresses) with  $M_e$  (elastic LTB moment)...and solve for  $L_b$

$$S(\sigma_y - \sigma_{res}) = \frac{\pi}{L_b} \sqrt{EI_y GJ + \left(\frac{\pi E}{L_b}\right)^2 I_y C_w}$$

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$L_r$ , the limiting unbraced length for the limit state of inelastic lateral-torsional buckling, in. (mm), is:

$$L_r = 1.95 r_{ts} \frac{E}{0.7 F_y} \sqrt{\frac{Jc}{S_x h_o} + \sqrt{\left(\frac{Jc}{S_x h_o}\right)^2 + 6.76 \left(\frac{0.7 F_y}{E}\right)^2}} \quad (F2-6)$$

where  
 $r_{ts}$  = radius of gyration about y-axis, in. (mm)

$$r_{ts}^2 = \frac{\sqrt{I_y C_w}}{S_x} \quad (F2-7)$$

Yikes!!!

- Where did  $L_p$  come from?
  - $L_p$  is unbraced length at transition from full yielding to inelastic LTB
  - Game of darts in an AISC cigar filled room...  
...not quite!
  - Varies from code to code and is based on analytical and experimental studies
  - For a compact I-shaped member, AISC gives

$$L_p = 1.76 r_y \sqrt{E/F_y}$$

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$L_p$ , the limiting laterally unbraced length for the limit state of yielding, in. (mm), is:

$$L_p = 1.76 r_y \sqrt{\frac{E}{F_y}} \quad (F2-5)$$

It's MASTAN2 time!

Acceptable?

**W24x68** ( $E=29,000$ ,  $F_y = 50$ , include warping and  $\delta_o$ )

$L_b$	$M_{n,LBA}$	$M_{n,MNA}$	$M_{n,GMNIA}$	$M_{n,min}$
100	24206	8850		
300	3374	8850		

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**GMNIA**  
 $M_n = 2.95 \times 1000$   
 $M_n = 2950$

\*\*\*\* Deflected Shape: 2<sup>nd</sup>-Order Inelastic, Incr # 59, Applied Load Ratio = 2.95 \*\*\*\*

$M = -1000$

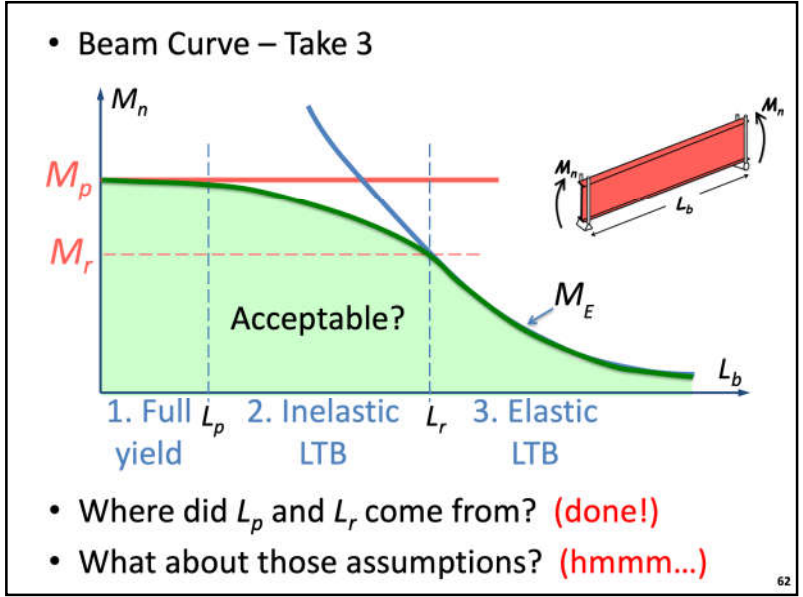
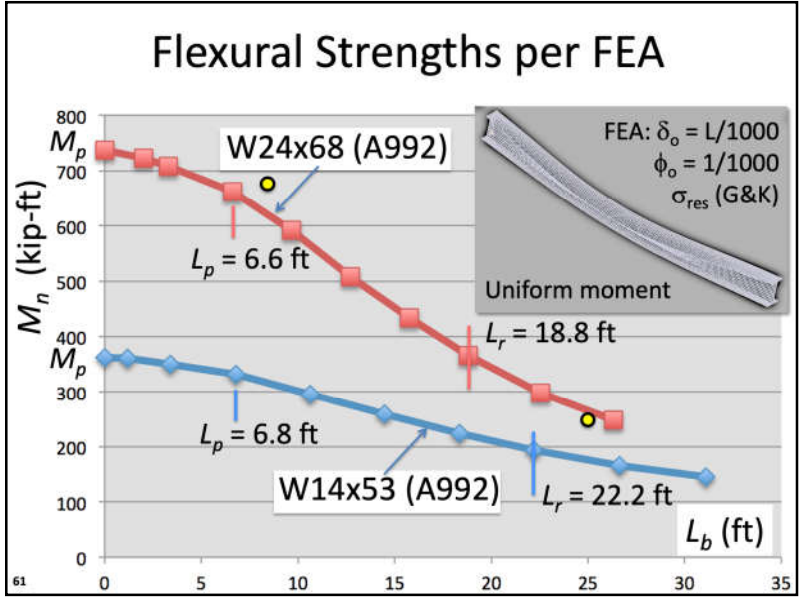
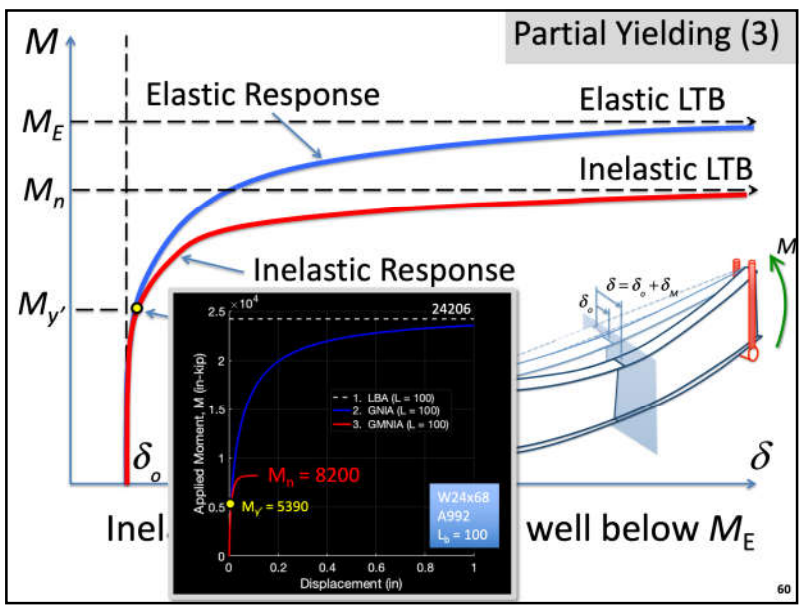
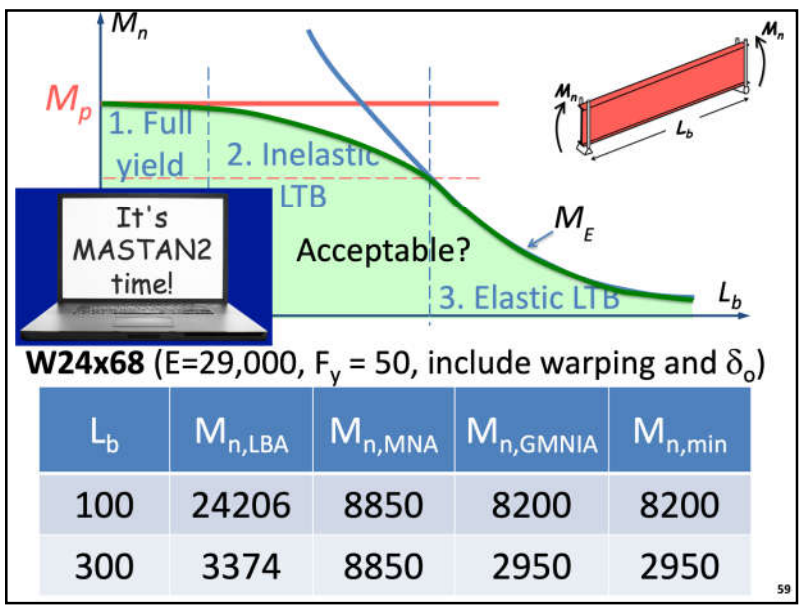
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$L_b = 300$

$\delta_o = L/1000$

$M = +1000$





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### Uniform Moment Distribution

- Provides for “simplest” differential equation and corresponding solution to the elastic LTB problem.
- Most conservative case
  - $M(x) = \text{constant}$
  - maximum compressive stress occurs along entire unbraced length
- In place of formulating and solving for other moment  $M(x)$  distributions, results can be adequately approximated by scaling the uniform moment in/elastic LTB solution.

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#### Uniform Moment

$$M_e = \frac{\pi}{L_b} \sqrt{E I_y G J + \left(\frac{\pi E}{L_b}\right)^2 I_y C_w}$$

#### Moment gradient

Case 1

As expected, larger LTB capacity!

$$M_{cr} > M_e$$

$$M_{cr} = C_b M_e \text{ with } C_b > 1.0$$

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MASTAN2  
time!

**W24x68** ( $E=29,000, F_y = 50$ )  
**L = 288 LBA**  $C_b = ???$

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Deflected Shape: Elastic Critical Load, Mode # 1, Applied Load Ratio = 3.6018

**W24x68 (E=29,000, F<sub>y</sub> = 50)**  
**L = 288 LBA C<sub>b</sub> = ???**

**LBA**  
 M<sub>e</sub> = 3.602 x 1000  
 M<sub>e</sub> = 3602

M = -1000

M = +1000

Deflected Shape: Elastic Critical Load, Mode # 1, Applied Load Ratio = 0.68185

**LBA**  
 M<sub>cr</sub> = 0.682 x (P/2xL/2)  
 M<sub>cr</sub> = 0.682 x (50x144)  
 M<sub>cr</sub> = 4910

P = 100

**Moment Gradient**  
 M<sub>cr</sub> = C<sub>b</sub> x M<sub>e</sub>  
 C<sub>b</sub> = M<sub>cr</sub>/M<sub>e</sub> = 4910/3602  
 C<sub>b</sub> = 1.36

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**Uniform Moment**

Moment Diagram: M(x) = M<sub>max</sub>

Stress Diagram: σ<sub>cf</sub>(x) = M<sub>max</sub>/S = σ<sub>max</sub>

**Moment gradient Case 2**

Only over a small portion of L<sub>b</sub>

As expected, even larger LTB capacity!

M<sub>cr</sub> > M<sub>e</sub>  
 M<sub>cr</sub> = C<sub>b</sub> M<sub>e</sub> with C<sub>b</sub> > 1.0

$$M_e = \frac{\pi}{L_b} \sqrt{EI_y GJ + \left(\frac{\pi E}{L_b}\right)^2 I_y C_w}$$

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**Uniform Moment**

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It's MASTAN2 time!

**W24x68 (E=29,000, F<sub>y</sub> = 50)**  
**L = 288, κ = +1 LBA C<sub>b</sub> = ???**

$$M_e = \frac{\pi}{L_b} \sqrt{EI_y GJ + \left(\frac{\pi E}{L_b}\right)^2 I_y C_w}$$

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Deflected Shape: Elastic Critical Load, Mode # 1, Applied Load Ratio = 3.6018

**W24x68 (E=29,000, F<sub>y</sub> = 50)**  
**L = 288 LBA C<sub>b</sub> = ???**

**LBA**  
 M<sub>e</sub> = 3.602 x 1000  
 M<sub>e</sub> = 3602

M = -1000

M = +1000

Deflected Shape: Elastic Critical Load, Mode # 1, Applied Load Ratio = 9.8385

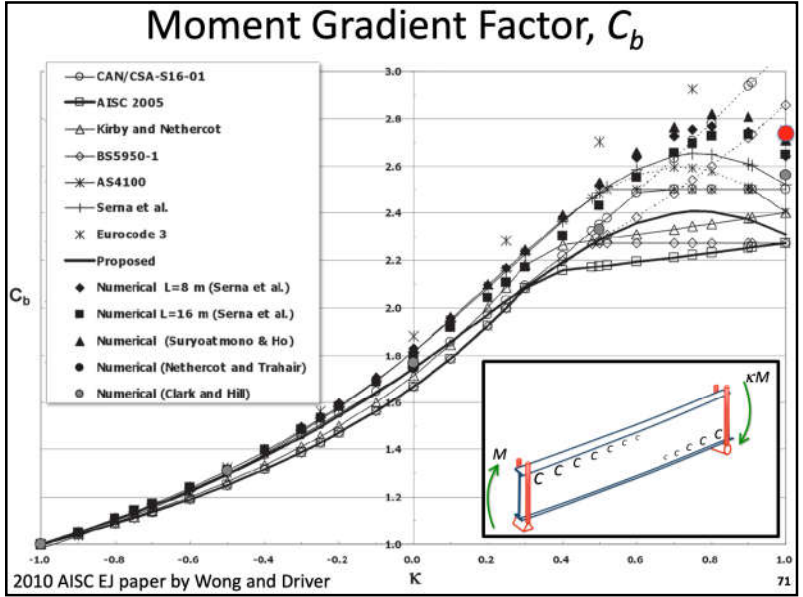
**LBA**  
 M<sub>cr</sub> = 9.838 x 1000  
 M<sub>cr</sub> = 9838

M = -1000

**Moment Gradient**  
 M<sub>cr</sub> = C<sub>b</sub> x M<sub>e</sub>  
 C<sub>b</sub> = M<sub>cr</sub>/M<sub>e</sub> = 9838/3602  
 C<sub>b</sub> = 2.73

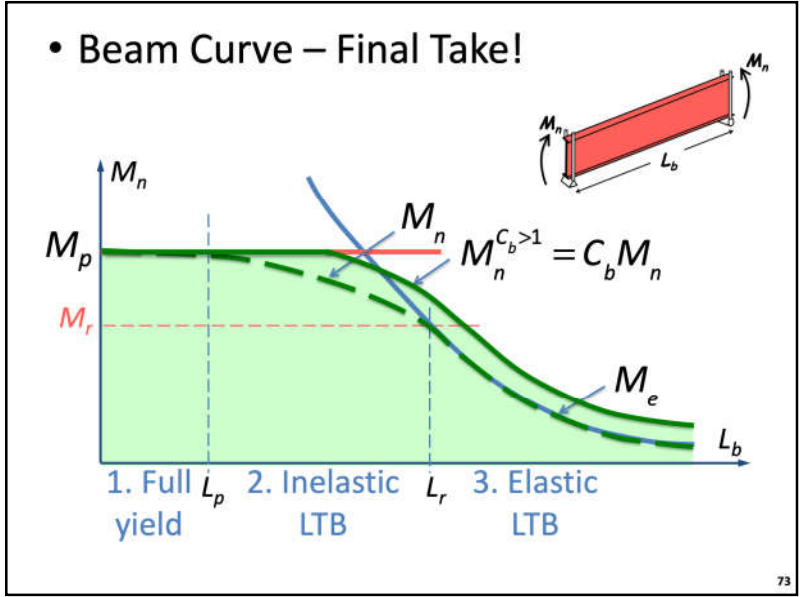
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### LTB Moment Gradient Factor, $C_b$

- In/elastic LTB  $M_n$  can be adequately approximated by scaling the uniform moment in/elastic LTB solution
 
$$M_n = C_b M_n^{C_b=1} \leq M_p$$
- Under no conditions can  $M_n$  exceed  $M_p$ , regardless of moment gradient
- Many possibilities for  $C_b$ , AISC uses
 
$$C_b = \frac{12.5 |M_{\max}|}{2.5 |M_{\max}| + 3 |M_{L_b/4}| + 4 |M_{L_b/2}| + 3 |M_{3L_b/4}|}$$
- See 2010 AISC EJ paper by Wong and Driver!



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### Providing Additional Brace Points

- Not vertical supports!
- Braces should restrain
  - twist
  - lateral movement
- All rules apply with  $L_b$  reduced to distance between brace points
- Must confirm strength within each unbraced span
- Design of braces!

$L_b^A, C_b^A \Rightarrow M_n^A$        $L_b^B, C_b^B \Rightarrow M_n^B$   
 $M_u^A \leq \phi M_n^A$        $M_u^B \leq \phi M_n^B$

W24x68  
 L = 24 ft. (288 in.)

Case 1: Braces at ends  
 Case 2: Braces at ends and mid-span

M-distribution:	$M_{cr}$ (kip-in)	Case 1	Case 2
$M_{cr}$ (uniform)	$M_1/M_2 = -1$		
(nonuniform) $M_{cr}$	$M_1/M_2 = +1$		

**Observations:**

$M_{cr}$ (kip-in)	Case 1	Case 2
$M_1/M_2 = -1$		
$M_1/M_2 = +1$		

LBA for 20 modes

Deflected Shape: Elastic Critical Load, Mode # 1, Applied Load Ratio = 2.2654

$$M_{cr} = \frac{\pi}{L} \sqrt{EI_y GJ + \left(\frac{\pi E}{L}\right)^2 I_y C_w} = 2,265 \text{ kip-in}$$

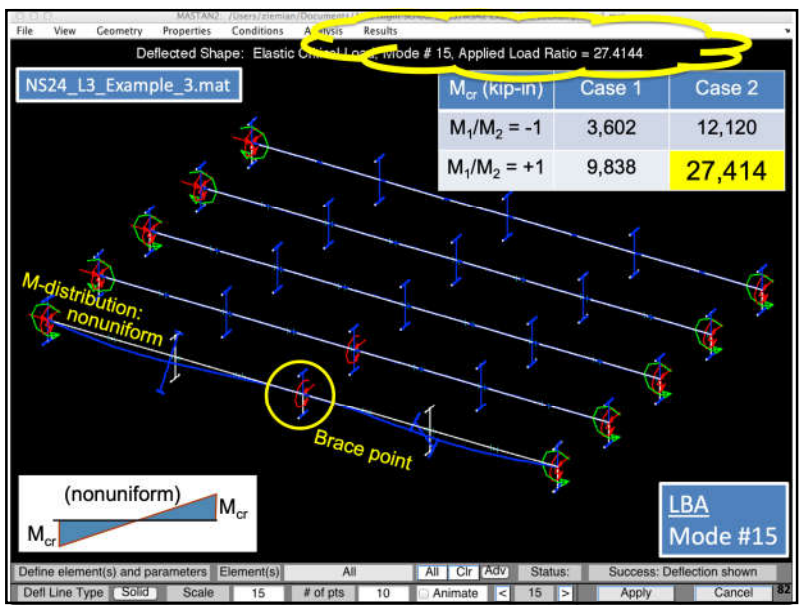
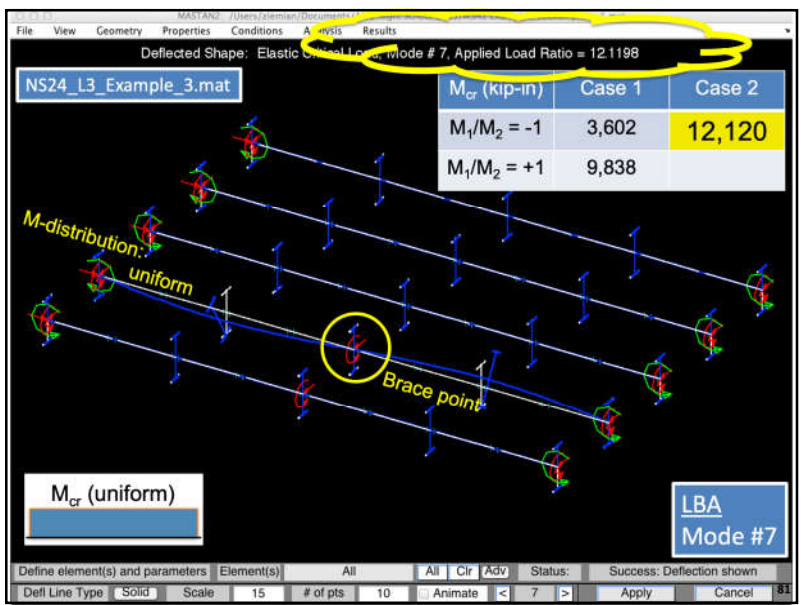
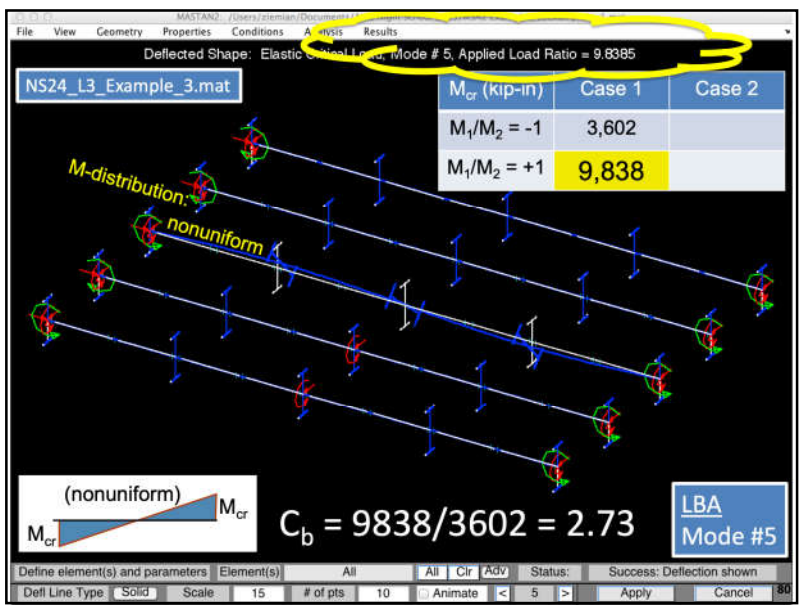
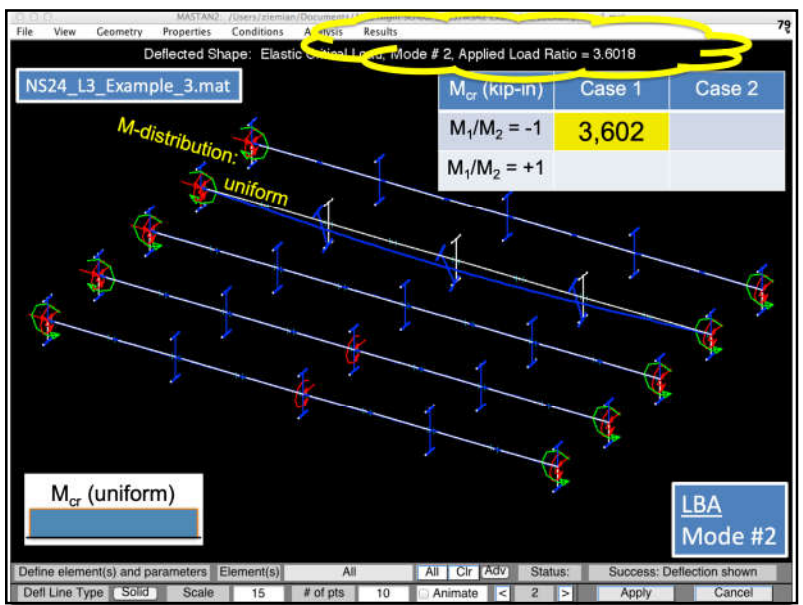
Warping resistance included in analysis

Warping resistance not included in analysis

$$M_{cr} = \frac{\pi}{L} \sqrt{EI_y GJ + \left(\frac{\pi E}{L}\right)^2 I_y C_w} = 300 \text{ kip-ft}$$

LBA Mode #1





W24x68  
 L = 24 ft. (288 in.)

Case 1: Braces at ends  
 Case 2: Braces at ends and mid-span

$M_{cr}$ (kip-in)	Case 1	Case 2
$M_1/M_2 = -1$	3,602	12,120
$M_1/M_2 = +1$	9,838	27,414

Observations:

- $M_{cr}$  increases as  $L_b$  is reduced
- $M_{cr}$  increases as moment gradient increases
- An inflection point is not a brace point!

Inflection point (I.P.) at mid-span  
 $C_b = 2.27$   
 $L_b = L$   
 $M_{cr} = 319 \text{ kip-ft}$

I.P. and brace point at mid-span  
 $C_b = 1.67$   
 $L_b = \frac{L}{2}$   
 $M_{cr} = 677 \text{ kip-ft}$

W24x68  
 $L = 40'-0''$

$M_{cr} = C_b \frac{\pi}{L_b} \sqrt{EI_y GJ + \left(\frac{\pi E}{L_b}\right)^2 I_y C_w}$

Much larger!

FEA Results

Inflection point at mid-span  
 $M_{cr} = 382 \text{ kip-ft}$

Top View  
 End View

Inflection point and brace point at mid-span  
 $M_{cr} = 911 \text{ kip-ft}$

Top View  
 End View

Inflection point at mid-span  
 I.P. and brace point at mid-span

Inflection point is not a brace point!

Why does FEA give a significantly higher  $M_{cr}$  for I.P. and B.P. case?  
 $M_{cr}^{AISC} = 677$  vs.  $M_{cr}^{FEA} = 911$



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Undone

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### Lateral Torsional Buckling

- Theoretical bifurcation
  - solution
  - assumptions
- Undoing those assumptions (approaching reality)
  - not fully elastic, partial yielding
  - alternative loading and support conditions

- Beam curves
  - AISC
  - others

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### AISC Flexural Strength (compact I-shapes)

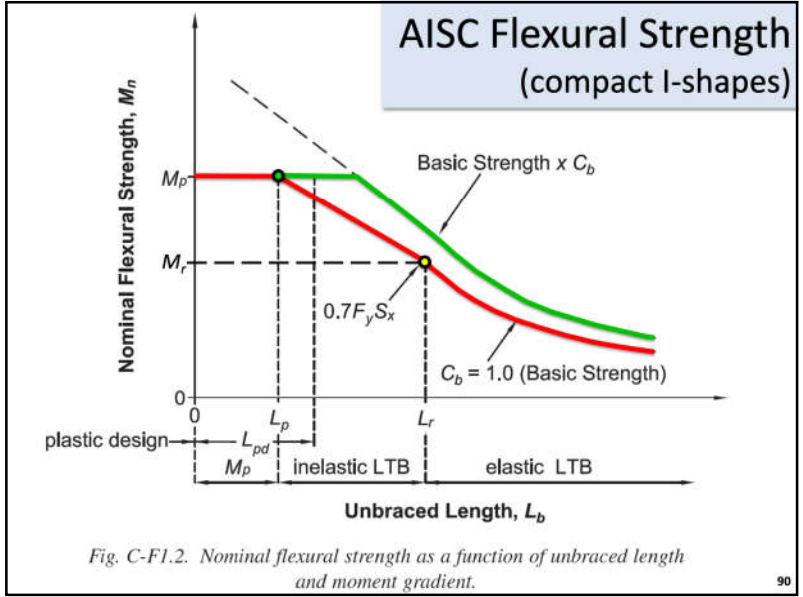
- Initial yield
  - Moment,  $M_r = S(\sigma_y - \sigma_{res}) = 0.7S\sigma_y = 0.7M_y$
  - setting  $M_r = M_e$ , back solve for unbraced length  $L_r$
- For shorter unbraced lengths (full yielding)
 

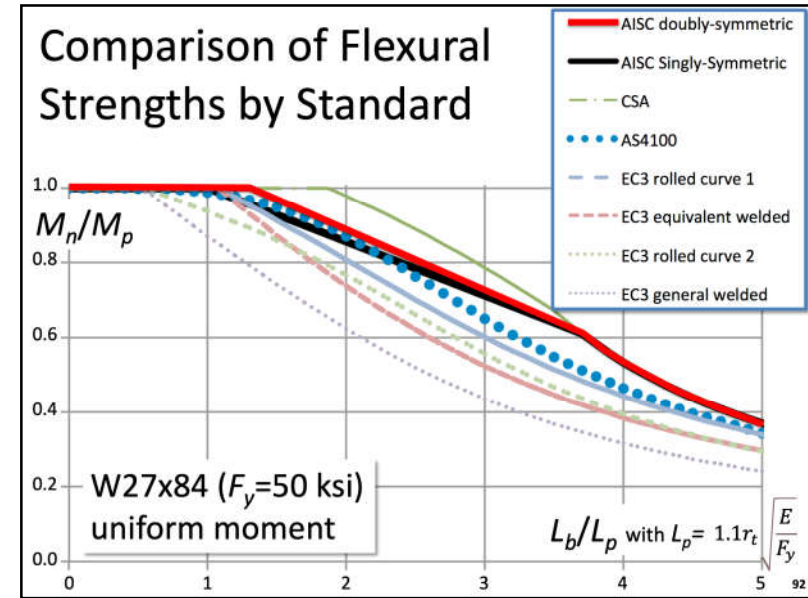
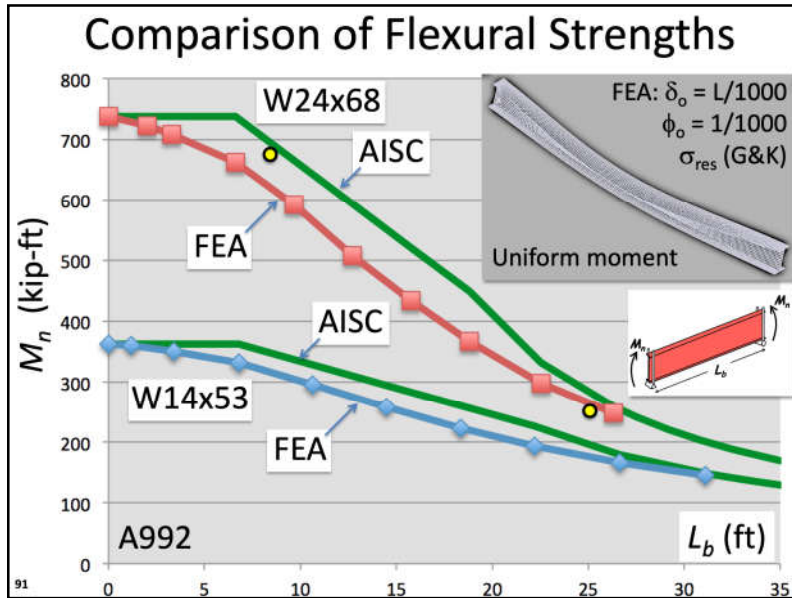
$$L_b \leq L_p, M_n = Z\sigma_y = M_p$$
- For longer unbraced lengths (elastic LTB)
 

$$L_b \geq L_r, M_n = C_b M_e = C_b \frac{\pi}{L_b} \sqrt{EI_y GJ + (\pi E/L_b)^2 I_y C_w} \leq M_p$$
- For intermediate unbraced lengths (inelastic LTB)
 

$$L_p < L_b < L_r, M_n = C_b \left[ M_p - (M_p - M_r) \left( \frac{L_b - L_p}{L_r - L_p} \right) \right] \leq M_p$$

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### Summary – Flexure

- Limit states of flexural members with focus on full yielding and lateral torsional buckling
- LTB Theory -to- Flexural Strength Beam Curve
- Beam curve accounts for:
  - full yielding
  - bending due to initial imperfection (out-of-straightness)
  - partial yielding accentuated by presence of residual stresses
  - moment gradient and brace points

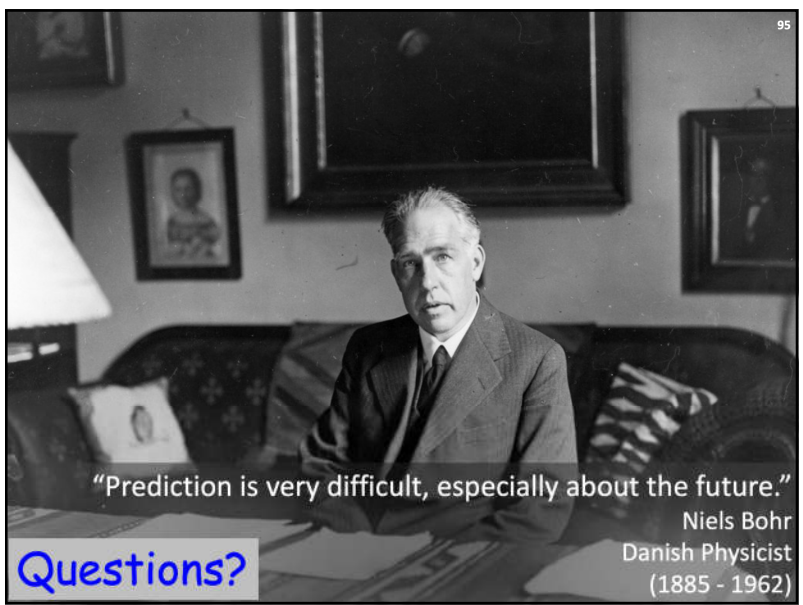
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### Summary – Flexure (cont.)

- AISC and other standards
- Your virtual laboratory assignment...
  - Try to recreate examples from this lecture
  - Try to recreate Learning Module 5 results presented in this lecture ( $C_b$  fun!)
  - Complete a portion of Learning Module 4


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**Thank You!**

**Hope you enjoyed this lecture!**

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