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### Course Description

**Second-Order Elastic Analysis – Getting it Right**  
February 23, 2015

Various methods of second-order elastic frame analysis, ranging from intelligent application of amplification factors with first-order analysis to three-dimensional matrix structural analysis models, are reviewed. Emphasis is on the sufficiency of the methods for different problems, methods of sanity checking and ensuring that the analysis is correct, and various essential concepts important for design application.



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## Learning Objectives

- Apply amplification factors in ways to obtain their best possible performance.
- Understand some of the limits of amplified 1<sup>st</sup>-order analysis.
- Calculate accurate 2<sup>nd</sup>-order elastic moments between element nodal locations.
- Understand the fundamental underpinnings of the  $B_2$  sidesway amplifier and its terms.
- Avoid cases where simplified methods of applying  $B_2$  can give grossly incorrect results.
- Use a proper number of elements per member in general purpose matrix structural analysis solutions.
- Avoid “gotcha’s” in a general purpose matrix structural analysis due to torsional stiffness approximations.



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## Stability Design of Steel Structures – Applying Modern Methods of Structural Analysis

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### Session 4 Second-Order Elastic Analysis – Getting it Right

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## Course Overview

- Eight Sessions
  - Course Intro. and Modern Analysis (1 & 2)
  - Resources for Learning Stability by Analysis (3)
  - **Second-Order Elastic Analysis (4)**
  - Direct Analysis Method (5)
  - Low- and Medium-Rise Steel Buildings (6)
  - Advanced Application of Stability Design (7)
  - Design by Inelastic Analysis (8)
- Presented by members of the Structural Stability Research Council (SSRC)
  - Don White and Ron Ziemian
  - Great to join AISC in this effort!

## Second-Order Elastic Analysis – Getting it Right

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| Topic 4.1 | P- $\delta$ Amplification, Basic Equations                                                                              |
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| Topic 4.4 | P- $\Delta$ Amplification, Fundamentals                                                                                 |
| Topic 4.5 | Intelligent Application of B1 & B2 Amplification Factors                                                                |
| Topic 4.6 | Accuracy Considerations for the Design Engineer when using General Purpose 2 <sup>nd</sup> -Order Analysis Methods      |

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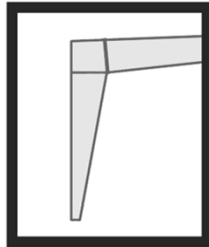
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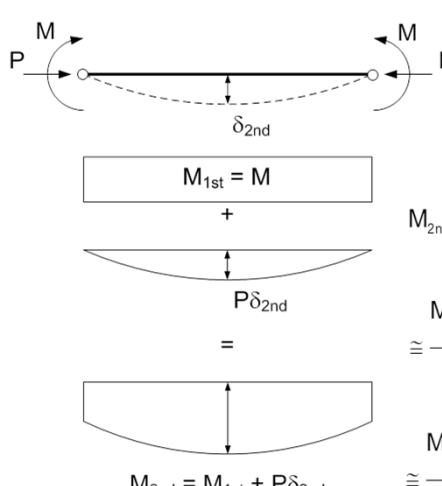
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## TOPIC 4.1

**P- $\delta$  AMPLIFICATION  
BASIC EQUATIONS**

## Simply-Supported Members

### Uniform Primary Bending



$M_{1st} = M$

+

$P\delta_{2nd}$

=

$M_{2nd} = M_{1st} + P\delta_{2nd}$

$\delta_{2nd} \cong \frac{\delta_{1st}}{1 - P/P_{e1}}$

$$P_{e1} = \frac{\pi^2 EI^*}{L^2} \quad \text{EQ. (A-8-5)}$$

Accurate to within 3 % of analytical solution for  $P/P_{e1} \leq 0.95$

$$M_{2nd} \cong M_{1st} + \frac{P\delta_{1st}}{1 - P/P_{e1}} \cong \frac{M_{1st}(1 - P/P_{e1}) + P\delta_{1st}}{1 - P/P_{e1}}$$

$$\cong \frac{M_{1st} \left( 1 - \frac{P}{P_{e1}} + \frac{P\delta_{1st}}{M_{1st}} \right)}{1 - P/P_{e1}} \cong \frac{M_{1st} \left( 1 + \left( \frac{P_{e1}\delta_{1st}}{M_{1st}} - 1 \right) \frac{P}{P_{e1}} \right)}{1 - P/P_{e1}}$$

$$\cong \frac{M_{1st} \left( 1 + \psi \frac{P}{P_{e1}} \right)}{1 - P/P_{e1}} \cong \frac{C_m}{1 - P/P_{e1}} M_{1st} = B_1 M_{1st} \quad \begin{matrix} \text{EQS.} \\ \text{(A-8-1)} \\ \text{(A-8-3)} \end{matrix}$$

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## Definitions

- $B_1$  = P- $\delta$  amplification factor on the member moment
- $C_m$  = modifier in the numerator of the equation for  $B_1$
- $EI^*$  = flexural rigidity used in the analysis ( $0.8\tau_b EI$  for the Direct Analysis Method;  $EI$  for the Effective Length Method)
- $L$  = member length
- $M_{1st}$  = member maximum 1<sup>st</sup>-order moment (constant in this case)
- $M_{2nd}$  = member maximum 2<sup>nd</sup>-order moment
- $P$  = member axial load
- $P_{e1}$  = theoretical member elastic buckling strength in the plane of bending (equal to the member Euler buckling strength w/  $K_1 = 1$  in this case)

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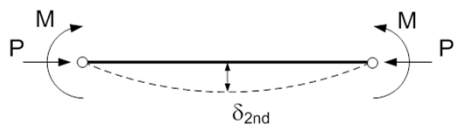
## Definitions (continued)

- $K_1$  = effective length factor in the plane of bending based on the assumption of no lateral translation of the member ends
- $\delta_{1st}$  = maximum 1<sup>st</sup>-order transverse displacement relative to the chord between the member ends
- $\delta_{2nd}$  = maximum 2<sup>nd</sup>-order transverse displacement relative to the chord between the member ends

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## Simply-Supported Members

### Uniform Primary Bending



$$M_{1st} = M$$

$$P\delta_{2nd}$$



$$M_{2nd} = M_{1st} + P\delta_{2nd}$$

$$M_{2nd} \cong B_1 M_{1st} \quad B_1 = \frac{C_m}{1 - P/P_{e1}} \quad \begin{matrix} \text{Eqs.} \\ \text{(A-8-1)} \\ \text{(A-8-3)} \end{matrix}$$

$$C_m = 1 + \psi \frac{P}{P_{e1}} \quad \text{EQ. (C-A-8-2)}$$

$$\psi = \frac{P_{e1}\delta_{1st}}{M_{1st}} - 1 = \frac{\pi^2 EI M_{1st} L^2}{L^2 8EI^*} - 1 = +0.23$$

The AISC Spec. uses  $\psi = 0$  for this case;  $\psi = +0.23$  is a more accurate approx. of the analytical solution

$$M_{2nd} = \sec \left[ \frac{\pi}{2} \sqrt{\frac{P}{P_{e1}}} \right] M_{1st}$$

(2% vs 15% error at  $\frac{P}{P_{e1}} = 0.7$ )

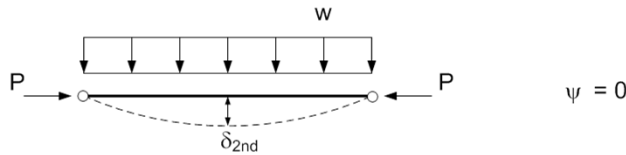
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## Simply-Supported Members

Transversely loaded

$$\delta_{2nd} \cong \frac{\delta_{1st}}{1 - P/P_{e1}} \quad \text{and} \quad M_{2nd} = M_{1st} + P\delta_{2nd} \dots \quad \text{still works well...}$$



**TABLE  
(C-A-8.1)**

... at least for symmetrical loading, where the maximum M &  $\delta$  are at the same location

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## Fixed-Fixed & Propped Cantilever Beams

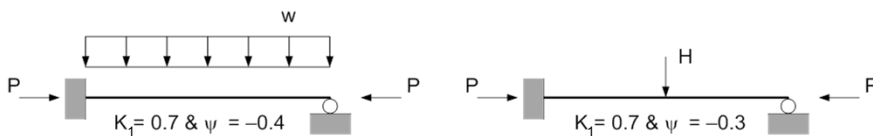
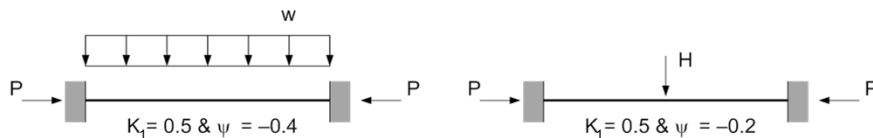
The following modified form works well...

$$M_{2nd,max} \cong \frac{C_m}{1 - P/P_{e1}} M_{1st,max} \quad C_m = \left(1 + \psi \frac{P}{P_{e1}}\right) \quad P_{e1} = \frac{\pi^2 EI^*}{(K_1 L)^2}$$

Eqs.  
(A-8-1)  
(A-8-3)  
(C-A-8-2)  
(A-8-5)

where  $K_1 < 1$ ) ... however,  $\psi$  must be determined generally as a curve-fit

→ AISC (2010) TABLE C-A-8.1 ...



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## General End–Restrained Members

Transversely loaded, moment–connected to other framing or flexible supports

Forget it !...

e.g., constant  $\psi$  doesn't work all that well

Generally speaking:

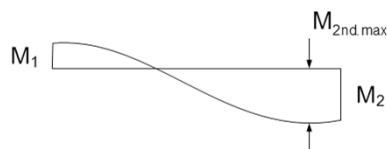
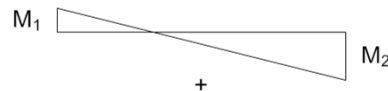
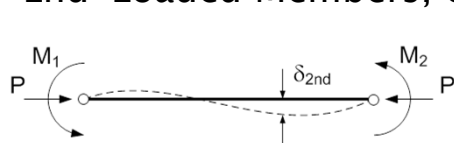
$C_m = 1$  is accurate to conservative

$$\therefore \text{Use } B_1 = \frac{1}{1 - P/P_{e1}} \quad P_{e1} = \frac{\pi^2 EI^*}{(K_1 L)^2} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{Eqs.} \\ \text{(A-8-3)} \\ \text{(A-8-5)} \end{array}$$

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## Simply–Supported Members

End–Loaded Members, Unequal End Moments



$$M_{2nd,max} \cong \frac{C_m B_1}{1 - P/P_{e1}} M_2 \geq M_2 \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{Eqs.} \\ \text{(A-8-1)} \\ \text{(A-8-3)} \end{array}$$

< 1.0 in many practical situations

$$C_m = 0.6 - 0.4 (M_1/M_2) \quad \text{Eq. (A-8-4)}$$

Conservative for combined

- large  $M_1/M_2$  (double-curvature) &
- large  $P/P_{e1}$

Unconservative by as much as 15 % at  $P/P_{e1} = 0.7$  for

- small  $M_1/M_2$  (single-curvature)

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## General End–Restrained Members

End–loaded with no internal transverse loads,  
moment–connected to other framing

Given a member’s maximum 1st-order end moment ( $M_2$ ), the maximum internal 2<sup>nd</sup>-order moment may be estimated using...

$$M_{2nd,max} \cong \frac{C_m B_1}{1 - P/P_{e1}} M_2 \geq M_2$$

$$P_{e1} = \frac{\pi^2 EI^*}{(K_1 L)^2}$$

Eqs.  
(A-8-1)  
(A-8-3)  
(A-8-5)

$$K_1 \leq 1, C_m = 0.6 - 0.4 M_1/M_2$$

Eq.  
(A-8-4)

However...

There is much more to the 2<sup>nd</sup>-order interactions between adjacent members than this equation implies

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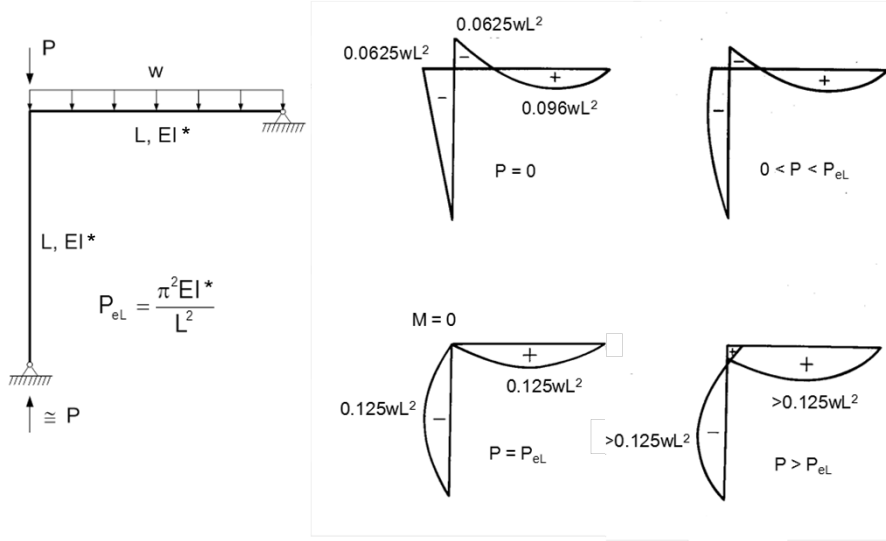
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## TOPIC 4.2

P-δ AMPLIFICATION  
SYSTEM EFFECTS

### Illustrative Braced Frame

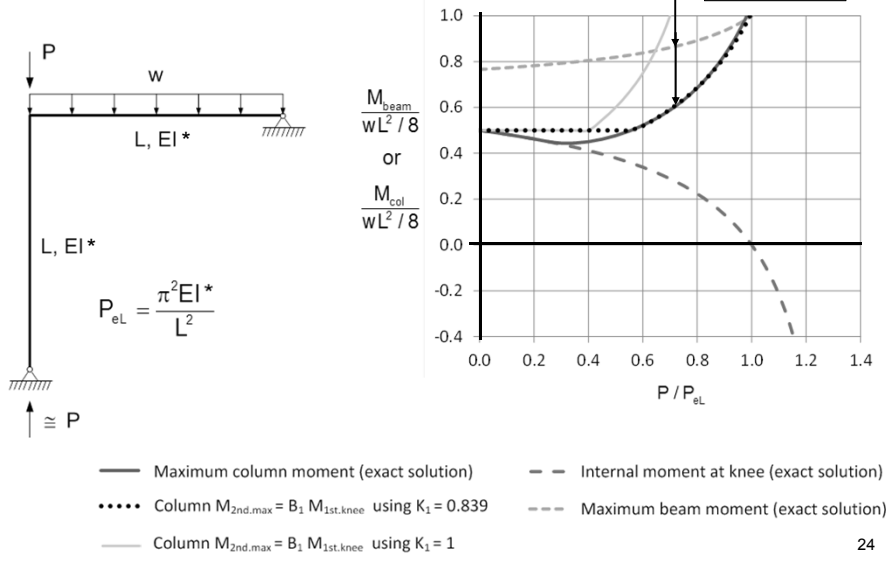
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### Illustrative Braced Frame

adapted from Chen & Lui (1987)



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## Recommended Limits

... on the Use of  $B_1$

For moment frames where  $B_1 > 1.2$  in members that have a significant effect on the response of the overall structure, the AISC Commentary recommends a “rigorous” (i.e., general purpose) 2<sup>nd</sup>-order analysis

... This is because

- $B_1$  can be relatively inaccurate in general at larger  $B_1$  values
- For sidesway restrained frames, the reduction in the overall member flexural stiffness due to the P- $\delta$  moments can actually lead to:
  1. A decrease in the 2<sup>nd</sup>-order moments attracted to the columns (within redundant systems, less stiff members attract less force)
  2. An increase in the overall 2<sup>nd</sup>-order moments attracted to the beams (since the stiffness of the axially-loaded beam-columns decreases relative to the beam members)
- It is impossible to account for these effects by using a column  $B_1$  amplifier

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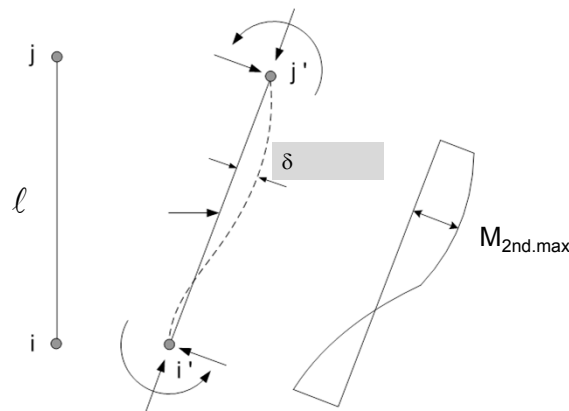
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## TOPIC 4.3

P- $\delta$  AMPLIFICATION  
CALCULATION OF ELEMENT INTERNAL MOMENTS IN A  
GENERAL PURPOSE 2<sup>ND</sup>-ORDER ANALYSIS

## Recommended Calculation of $M_{2nd.max}$

within frame elements, given accurate 2nd-order element end nodal moments and nodal rotations (discussed subsequently)



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## Recommended Hand Estimate

$$M_{2nd.max} \cong \frac{C_m B_1}{1 - P/P_{e\ell}} M_{o,max} \geq M_{o,max} \quad P_{e\ell} = \frac{\pi^2 EI^*}{\ell^2}$$

where:  $\ell$  = element length

$M_{o,max}$  = maximum 1<sup>st</sup>-order moment between the nodes, based on the **2<sup>nd</sup>-order nodal** (element end) moments + any internal element loads, neglecting the internal P- $\delta$  moments between the nodes

For the calculation of  $C_m$ :

- Use **Eq. (A-8-4)** for elements with no internal transverse loads
- Otherwise, use  $C_m = 1$  for elements having internal transverse loads

**This approach is accurate to conservative for all cases  
(It can be extremely conservative for large  $P/P_{e\ell}$ )**

Use AISC **TABLE C-A-8.1** only with 1<sup>st</sup>-order analysis of members having internal transverse loads, and when the boundary conditions are close to ideally pinned or fixed

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## Recommended Calculation

In *structural analysis software*...

1. Use enough elements to ensure accuracy of the 2<sup>nd</sup>-order nodal (element end) rotations (discussed subsequently)
2. Calculate  $\delta_{1st}$  at several positions along the element length due to the 2<sup>nd</sup>-order nodal rotations relative to the chord + the applied internal element loads
  - Calculate at close enough spacing “s” such that  $P/P_{es} \leq 0.02$
3. Calculate  $\delta_{2nd} \cong \frac{\delta_{1st}}{1 - P/4P_{ef}}$  at each sampling point
4. Calculate  $M_{2nd} = M_o + P\delta_{2nd}$  at each sampling point, where  $M_o$  is the 1<sup>st</sup>-order moment due to the nodal rotations + the applied element internal loads

**This approach ensures less than 3% unconservative error and less than 6% conservative error in the internal moments ... far better accuracy than other similar methods (Guney and White, 2009)**

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## Definitions

$\ell$  = element length

s = spacing of sampling points along the element length

$M_o$  = 1<sup>st</sup>-order internal moment at a given sampling point, generated by the element internal loads plus the element end rotations relative to its rotated (deflected) chord (calculated from the overall frame 2<sup>nd</sup>-order analysis)

$M_{2nd}$  = 2<sup>nd</sup>-order internal moment at a given sampling point

$$P_{ef} = \frac{\pi^2 EI^*}{\ell^2}$$

$$P_{es} = \frac{\pi^2 EI^*}{s^2}$$

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## Definitions (continued)

$\delta_{1st}$  = 1<sup>st</sup>-order transverse displacement relative to the chord between the element end nodes, calculated considering any element internal loads as well as the element end rotations relative to the chord, obtained from the overall 2<sup>nd</sup>-order analysis

$\delta_{2nd}$  = 2<sup>nd</sup> -order transverse displacement relative to the chord between the element end nodes

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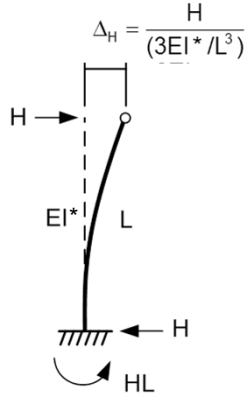
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## TOPIC 4.4

P- $\Delta$  AMPLIFICATION  
FUNDAMENTALS



## First-Order Sidesway Stiffness ( $P_{Lstory}$ )



$$P_{Lstory} = \frac{H}{(\Delta_H/L)} = \frac{3EI^*}{L^2}$$

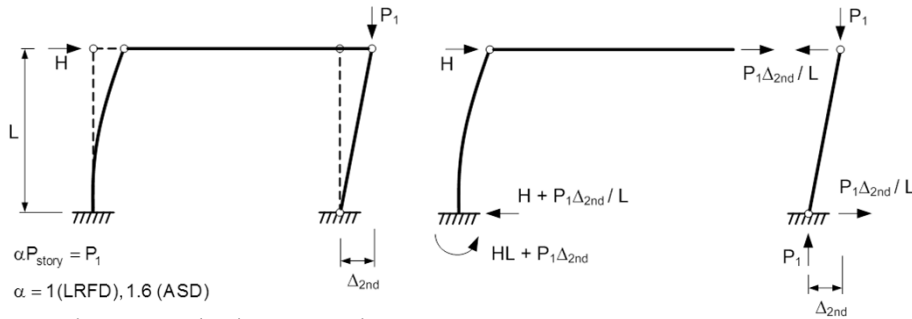
$$\frac{\Delta_H}{L} = \frac{H}{P_{Lstory}} = \text{1st-order story drift ratio (due to H)}$$

$$H = P_{Lstory} \frac{\Delta_H}{L} = \text{total story shear force}$$

$EI^*$  = flexural rigidity used in the analysis  
( $0.8\tau_b EI$  for the Direct Analysis Method;  
 $EI$  for the Effective Length Method)

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## P-Δ Effect on Drift Ratio



$$\alpha P_{story} = P_1$$

$$\alpha = 1 \text{ (LRFD)}, 1.6 \text{ (ASD)}$$

$$\Delta_{2nd} = \frac{\left( H + \alpha P_{story} \frac{\Delta_{2nd}}{L} \right)}{3EI^*/L^3} = \frac{\left( H + \alpha P_{story} \frac{\Delta_{2nd}}{L} \right)}{P_{Lstory}/L}$$

$$\frac{\Delta_{2nd}}{L} = \frac{\left( H + \alpha P_{story} \frac{\Delta_{2nd}}{L} \right)}{P_{Lstory}}$$

$$(P_{Lstory} - \alpha P_{story}) \frac{\Delta_{2nd}}{L} = H$$

$$(P_{Lstory} - \alpha P_{story}) \frac{\Delta_{2nd}}{L} = P_{Lstory} \frac{\Delta_H}{L}$$

$$\frac{\Delta_{2nd}}{L} = P_{Lstory} \frac{\Delta_H}{L} \frac{1}{(P_{Lstory} - \alpha P_{story})}$$

$$\frac{\Delta_{2nd}}{L} = \frac{\Delta_H}{L} \frac{1}{\left( 1 - \frac{\alpha P_{story}}{P_{Lstory}} \right)}$$

Buckling occurs at  $\gamma_{story} (\alpha P_{story}) = P_{Lstory}$

$$\gamma_{story} = \frac{P_{Lstory}}{\alpha P_{story}} \quad \frac{\Delta_{2nd}}{L} = \frac{\Delta_H}{L} \frac{1}{\left( 1 - \frac{1}{\gamma_{story}} \right)}$$

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### P-Δ Effect on Sway Moments

$$\gamma_{\text{story}} = \frac{P_{\text{Lstory}}}{\alpha P_{\text{story}}}$$

$$\frac{\Delta_{2\text{nd}}}{L} = \frac{\Delta_H}{L} \frac{1}{\left(1 - \frac{1}{\gamma_{\text{story}}}\right)}$$

$$M_{2\text{nd}} = HL + \alpha P_{\text{story}} \Delta_{2\text{nd}} = HL + \alpha P_{\text{story}} \Delta_H \frac{1}{\left(1 - \frac{\alpha P_{\text{story}}}{P_{\text{Lstory}}}\right)}$$

$$= HL \left[ 1 + \frac{\alpha P_{\text{story}}}{H} \frac{\Delta_H}{L} \frac{1}{\left(1 - \frac{\alpha P_{\text{story}}}{P_{\text{Lstory}}}\right)} \right]$$

$$M_{2\text{nd}} = HL \left[ 1 + \frac{\alpha P_{\text{story}}}{P_{\text{Lstory}}} \frac{\Delta_H}{L} \frac{1}{\left(1 - \frac{\alpha P_{\text{story}}}{P_{\text{Lstory}}}\right)} \right]$$

$$= HL \frac{1}{\left(1 - \frac{\alpha P_{\text{story}}}{P_{\text{Lstory}}}\right)} = HL \frac{1}{\left(1 - \frac{1}{\gamma_{\text{story}}}\right)}$$

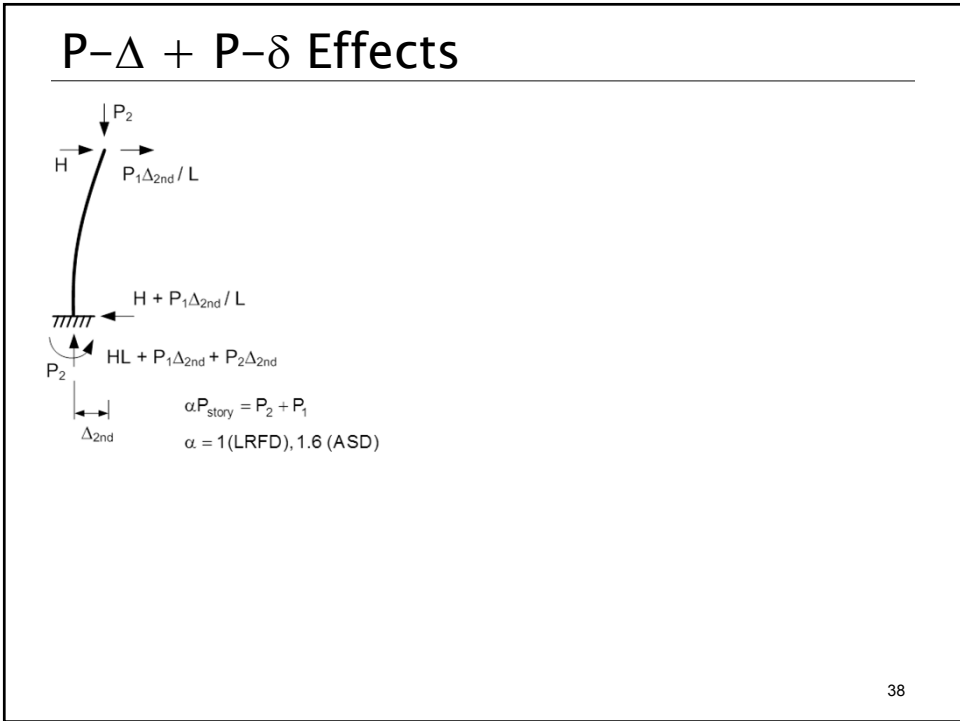
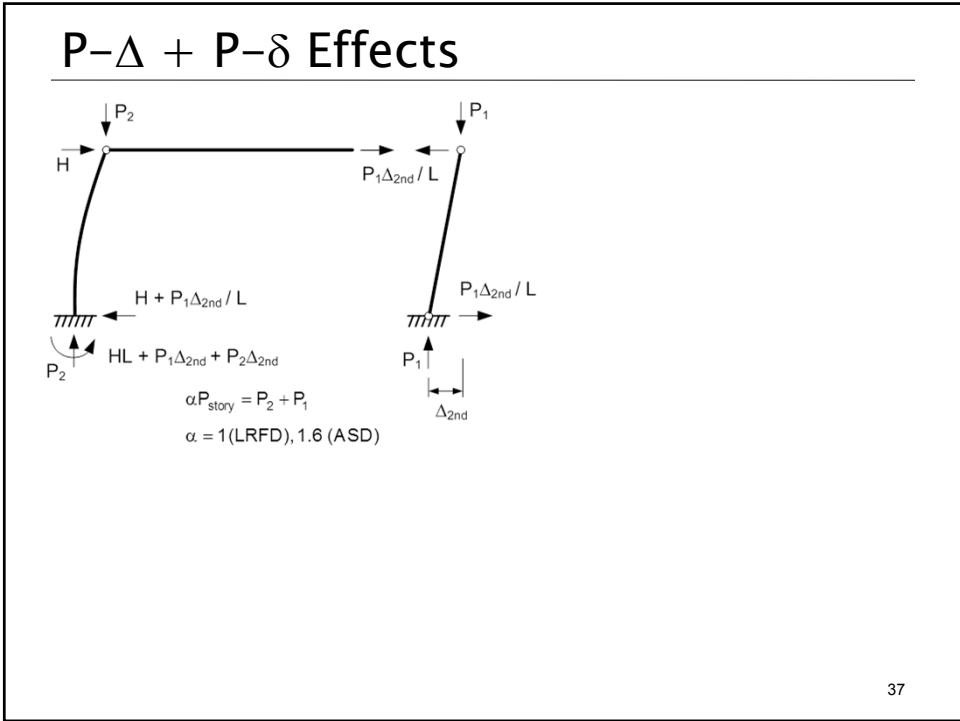
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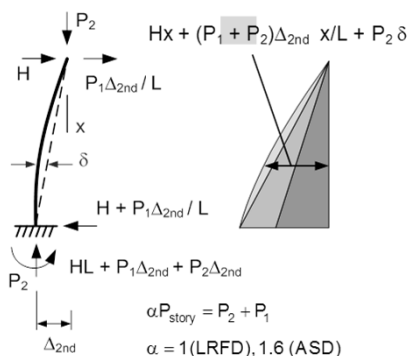
- H = total story shear force
- L = story height
- M<sub>2nd</sub> = 2<sup>nd</sup>-order sidesway moment
- P<sub>1</sub> = vertical load supported by the leaning column
- P<sub>Lstory</sub> = 1<sup>st</sup>-order story sidesway stiffness, also equal to story elastic buckling load when the P-δ effects on drift are negligible
- P<sub>story</sub> = total vertical load supported by the story
- α = AISC factor to convert required loads to strength load levels = 1.6 in ASD, 1.0 in LRFD
- Δ<sub>H</sub> = 1<sup>st</sup>-order story drift due to the story shear H
- Δ<sub>2nd</sub> = 2<sup>nd</sup>-order story drift
- γ<sub>story</sub> = ratio of the theoretical story elastic sidesway buckling load to αP<sub>story</sub>

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### P-Δ + P-δ Effects on Drift Ratio



Assume  $\delta = \Delta_{2nd} \left[ \sin\left(\frac{\pi x}{2L}\right) - \frac{x}{L} \right]$

$$\Delta_{2nd} = \frac{1}{EI} \int_0^L \left[ Hx + (P_1 + P_2) \Delta_{2nd} \frac{x}{L} + P_2 \delta \right] x \, dx$$

$$\frac{\Delta_{2nd}}{L} = \frac{H + (P_1 + P_2) \frac{\Delta_{2nd}}{L}}{3EI^*/L^2} + P_2 \frac{\Delta_{2nd}}{L} \frac{1}{3EI^*/L^2} \left[ \frac{3}{(\pi/2)^2} - 1 \right]$$

$$\frac{\Delta_{2nd}}{L} = \frac{H + \alpha P_{story} \frac{\Delta_{2nd}}{L}}{P_{Lstory}} + P_2 \frac{\Delta_{2nd}}{L} \frac{C_{L2}}{P_{Lstory}} \quad C_{L2} = 0.216$$

$$\frac{\Delta_{2nd}}{L} = \frac{H + \alpha P_{story} (1 + C_{Lavg}) \frac{\Delta_{2nd}}{L}}{P_{Lstory}}$$

$$\frac{\Delta_{2nd}}{L} = P_{Lstory} \frac{\Delta_H}{L} \frac{1}{\left[ P_{Lstory} - \alpha P_{story} (1 + C_{Lavg}) \right]} = \frac{\Delta_H}{L} \frac{1}{\left( 1 - \frac{\alpha P_{story} (1 + C_{Lavg})}{P_{Lstory}} \right)}$$

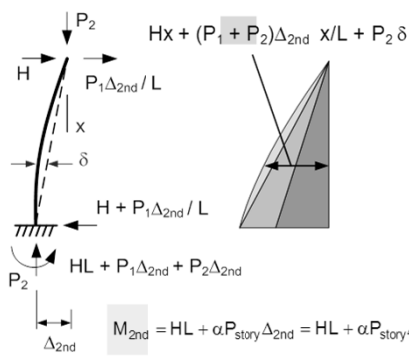
$$\left[ P_{Lstory} - \alpha P_{story} (1 + C_{Lavg}) \right] \frac{\Delta_{2nd}}{L} = H$$

$$\frac{\Delta_{2nd}}{L} = \frac{\Delta_H}{L} \frac{1}{\left( 1 - \frac{\alpha P_{story}}{R_M P_{Lstory}} \right)} \quad \frac{1}{1 + C_{Lavg}} = R_M \cong 1 - 0.15 \frac{P_{mf}}{P_{story}}$$

$$\left[ P_{Lstory} - \alpha P_{story} (1 + C_{Lavg}) \right] \frac{\Delta_{2nd}}{L} = P_{Lstory} \frac{\Delta_H}{L}$$

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### P-Δ + P-δ Effects on Sway Moments



$$\frac{\Delta_{2nd}}{L} = \frac{\Delta_H}{L} \frac{1}{\left( 1 - \frac{\alpha P_{story}}{R_M P_{Lstory}} \right)} \quad R_M \cong 1 - 0.15 \frac{P_{mf}}{P_{story}}$$

Eqs.  
(A-8-1)  
(A-8-6)  
(A-8-7)  
(A-8-8)

Buckling occurs at  $\gamma_{story} (\alpha P_{story}) = R_M P_{Lstory}$

$$\gamma_{story} = \frac{R_M P_{Lstory}}{\alpha P_{story}} \quad \frac{\Delta_{2nd}}{L} = \frac{\Delta_H}{L} \frac{1}{\left( 1 - \frac{1}{\gamma_{story}} \right)}$$

$$M_{2nd} = HL + \alpha P_{story} \Delta_{2nd} = HL + \alpha P_{story} \Delta_H \frac{1}{\left( 1 - \frac{\alpha P_{story}}{R_M P_{Lstory}} \right)} = HL \left[ 1 + \frac{\alpha P_{story}}{H} \frac{\Delta_H}{L} \frac{1}{\left( 1 - \frac{\alpha P_{story}}{R_M P_{Lstory}} \right)} \right]$$

$$= HL \left[ 1 + \frac{\alpha P_{story}}{P_{Lstory}} \frac{\Delta_H}{L} \frac{1}{\left( 1 - \frac{\alpha P_{story}}{R_M P_{Lstory}} \right)} \right] = HL \left[ 1 + R_M \frac{\alpha P_{story}}{R_M P_{Lstory}} \frac{1}{\left( 1 - \frac{\alpha P_{story}}{R_M P_{Lstory}} \right)} \right] = HL \frac{1 + (R_M - 1) \frac{\alpha P_{story}}{R_M P_{Lstory}}}{\left( 1 - \frac{\alpha P_{story}}{R_M P_{Lstory}} \right)} = HL \frac{1 + (R_M - 1) \frac{1}{\gamma_{story}}}{\left( 1 - \frac{1}{\gamma_{story}} \right)}$$

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## Additional Definitions

- x = coordinate from the top of the lateral load resisting column (the cantilever column)
- $B_2$  = story sidesway amplification factor
- $C_{L2}$  = coefficient associated with the contribution of the lateral load resisting column  $P\delta$  moments to the 2<sup>nd</sup>-order story drift
- $C_{Lavg}$  = weighted average  $C_L$  for the entire story
- $P_2$  = vertical load supported by the lateral load resisting system (the cantilever column)
- $P_{mf}$  = total vertical load supported by the lateral load resisting columns in the story
- $R_M$  = coefficient quantifying the influence of column  $P\delta$  moments on the 2<sup>nd</sup>-order story drift
- $\delta$  = deflection of column relative to the chord between its top and bottom, due to bending

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## Column Sidesway Eff. Len. Factor, $K_2$

**Fundamental relationship** → Axial load at incipient buckling =  $\gamma_{story} \alpha P_r = \frac{\pi^2 EI}{(K_2 L)^2}$

$$\text{Solve for } K_2 \rightarrow K_2 = \sqrt{\frac{\pi^2 EI / L^2}{\gamma_{story} \alpha P_r}}$$

$$\text{Substitute equation for } \gamma_{story} \rightarrow K_2 = \sqrt{\frac{\alpha P_{story} \pi^2 EI / L^2}{R_M P_{Lstory} \alpha P_r}} = \sqrt{\frac{P_{story} \pi^2 EI / L^2}{P_r R_M P_{Lstory}}}$$

$$K_2 = \sqrt{\frac{P_{story} \pi^2 EI}{P_r L^2} \frac{1}{R_M} \frac{\Delta_H}{H}} \geq \sqrt{\frac{\pi^2 EI \Delta_H / L}{L^2 1.7 H_r}} \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{P_r}{P_{story}} \leq \frac{1.7 H_r}{R_M H} \quad \text{EQ. (C-A-7-5)}$$

(The above inequality is a limit developed by LeMessurier to ensure sufficient accuracy in determining the buckling load for stories with one or more relatively light columns, subjected to high axial load, compared to the other lateral-load resisting components... **It is acceptable to use  $K_2 \geq 1$  as a simplification.**)

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## Additional Definitions

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$EI$  = nominal flexural rigidity of the column under consideration

$H_r$  = portion of the story shear force  $H$  resisted by the column under consideration

$P_r$  = axial force in the column under consideration

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## Sidesway Effective Length Factor, $K_2$

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**Note:**

**$K = 1$  for leaning columns**

**Also ...  $K = 1$  in the  
Direct Analysis Method (the DM)**

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## TOPIC 4.5

INTELLIGENT APPLICATION OF B1 & B2  
AMPLIFICATION FACTORS

### Summary: Amplified 1<sup>st</sup>-Order Methods

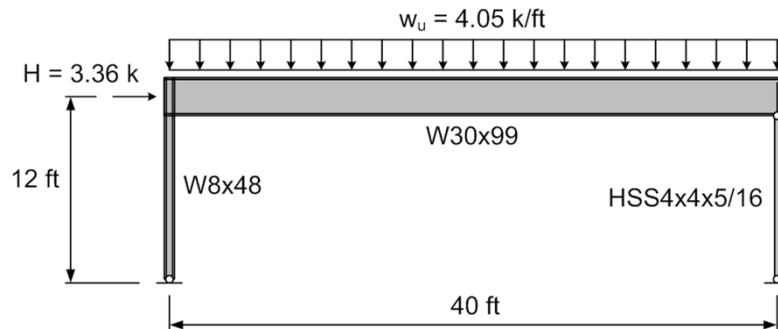
- AISC Appendix 8 NT-LT  
(No Translation - Lateral Translation) Analysis  
 $(M_r = B_1 M_{nt} + B_2 M_{lt}; \quad P_r = P_{nt} + B_2 P_{lt})$
- AISC Manual Section 2 Simplification (modified)  
 $(M_r = \max(B_1, B_2) M_{1st}; \quad P_r = P_{1st})$
- Another often used estimate  
 $(M_r = B_1 M_{gravity} + B_2 M_{lateral}; \quad P_r = P_{1st})$   
(neglecting sidesway under gravity load)
- Amplified Story Drift Method  
(White et al. 2007a & b)  
 $(\Delta_{2nd} = B_2 (\Delta_o + \Delta_{1st}); \quad H_{P\Delta} = \alpha P_{story} \Delta_{2nd}/L)$ 
  - Perform 1<sup>st</sup>-order analysis for  $H_{P\Delta}$  forces
  - Add  $H_{P\Delta}$  force effects to  $M_{1st}$  &  $P_{1st}$
  - Multiply resulting member forces by  $B_1$

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## Comparison of Amplified 1<sup>st</sup>-Order Methods

Consider the analysis of LeMessurier's (1977) Example 3 for  $1.2D + 1.6L_r + 0.5W$  (LRFD)

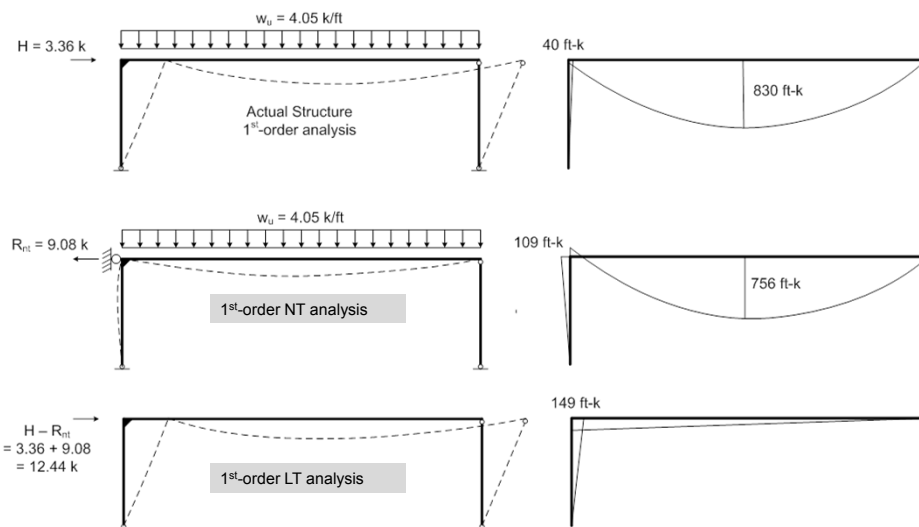


Using the DM, define a reduced elastic stiffness of  $0.8E = 23,200$  ksi

Assume that the sidesway amplification is less than 1.7 (1.5 based on the unreduced stiffness); thus, out-of-plumbness effects need not be considered

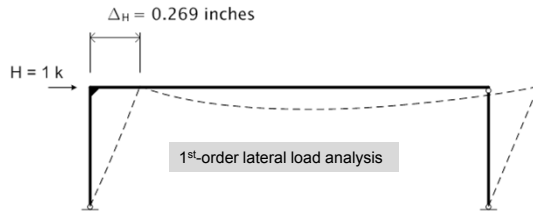
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## AISC Appendix 8 NT-LT Analysis



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## AISC Appendix 8 NT-LT Analysis



$$P_{L\text{story}} = \frac{HL}{\Delta_H} = \frac{1(144)}{0.269} = 535 \text{ k/in} \quad \alpha P_{\text{story}} = 4.05(40) = 162 \text{ k}$$

$$R_M = 1 - 0.15 \frac{P_{mf}}{P_{\text{story}}} = 1 - 0.15 \frac{1}{2} = 0.925$$

Eq.  
(A-8-8)

$$B_2 = \frac{1}{1 - \frac{\alpha P_{\text{story}}}{R_M P_{L\text{story}}}} = \frac{1}{1 - \frac{162}{0.925(535)}} = 1.49$$

Eqs.  
(A-8-6)  
(A-8-7)

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## AISC Appendix 8 NT-LT Analysis

W8x48 →  $I_x = 184 \text{ in}^4$ ,  $K_1 = 1$  (conservative)

$$P_{e1} = \frac{\pi^2(0.8E)I_x}{(K_1L_x)^2} = \frac{\pi^2(23,200)(184)}{144^2} = 2030 \text{ k}$$

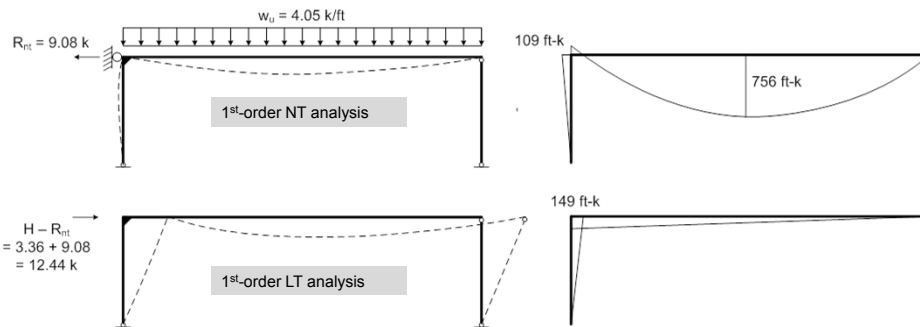
$$B_1 = \frac{C_m}{1 - \frac{P_u}{P_{e1}}} = \frac{0.6}{1 - \frac{81}{2030}} = 0.62$$

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Eqs.  
(A-8-3)  
(A-8-4)  
(A-8-5)

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## AISC Appendix 8 NT-LT Analysis



Moment at top of column & end of beam:

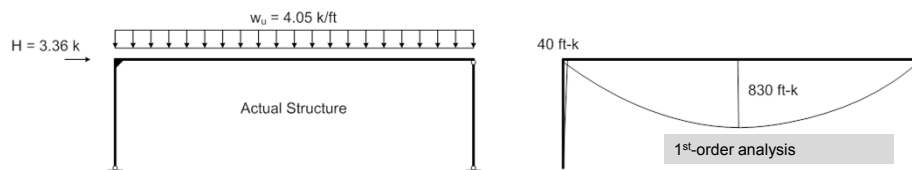
$$M_U = B_1 M_{nt} + B_2 M_{lt} = 1.0 (-109) + 1.49 (149) = 113 \text{ ft-k} \quad \text{OK} \quad 104 \text{ ft-k (exact)} \quad \text{Eq. (A-8-1)}$$

Moment at beam mid-span:

$$M_U = 4.05 (40)^2 / 8 + 113/2 = 866 \text{ ft-kips} \quad \text{OK} \quad 862 \text{ ft-k (exact)}$$

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## AISC Section 2 Procedure (modified)



Moment at top of column & end of beam:

$$M_U = \max(B_1, B_2) M_{1st} = 1.49 (40) = 60 \text{ ft-k} \quad \text{X} \quad 104 \text{ ft-k (exact)}$$

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## Another Often Used Estimate

Actual Structure

830 ft-k

1<sup>st</sup>-order Gravity Load analysis

810 ft-k

1<sup>st</sup>-order Lateral Load analysis

40 ft-k

Moment at top of column & end of beam:

$$M_U = B_1 M_{gravity} + B_2 M_{lateral} = 1.0 (0) + 1.49 (40) = 60 \text{ ft-k}$$

X

104 ft-k (exact)

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## Amplified Story Drift Method

Actual Structure  
1<sup>st</sup>-order analysis

$\Delta_{1st} = 3.35 \text{ inches}$      $\Delta_{2nd} = B_2 \Delta_{1st} = 1.49 (3.35) = 4.99 \text{ inches}$

$H_{P\Delta} = \alpha P_{story} \Delta_{2nd} / L = 162 (4.99) / 144 = 5.62 \text{ k}$

830 ft-k

1<sup>st</sup>-order analysis of PΔ sidesway effects

67 ft-k

Actual Structure  
2<sup>nd</sup>-order  
Amplified Story Drift Solution

107 ft-k vs. 104 ft-k (exact) 😊

864 ft-k vs. 862 ft-k (exact)

$B_1 = 1.0$

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## Amplified Story Drift Method

### Advantages:

- $B_2$  is applied just to the story drifts
- All the 2<sup>nd</sup>-order beam, connection, brace, panel zone & beam-column forces are obtained by direct addition of the  $H_{P\Delta}$  force effects to the 1<sup>st</sup>-order analysis forces  
*(superposition is applicable)*
- No separate mucking around with applying amplifiers to different 1<sup>st</sup>-order force effects
- No separate NT & LT analyses
- Improved accuracy of 2<sup>nd</sup>-order force estimates
- The method is simply a traditional P- $\Delta$  analysis ...  
but using amplified story drifts directly (no iteration)

### Disadvantages:

- A separate 1<sup>st</sup>-order analysis is necessary to determine the 2<sup>nd</sup>-order sidesway effects

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## or ... for greatest simplicity of application

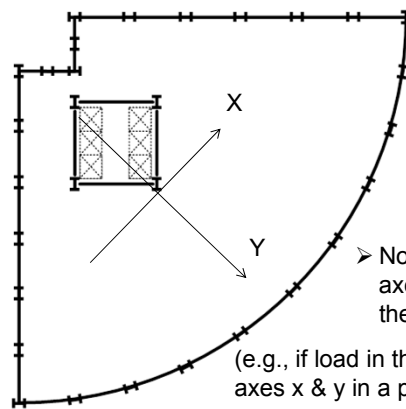
- Use a general purpose 2<sup>nd</sup>-order analysis



- Use  $B_1$  and  $B_2$  as approximate indices to gage where the structure is relative to the intensity of the 2<sup>nd</sup>-order effects

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## Proper 3D Application of $B_1$ & $B_2$



- Select orthogonal  $X$  &  $Y$  directions
- Apply separate  $B_2$  values (e.g.,  $B_{2X}$  &  $B_{2Y}$ ) for each story & each direction of lateral translation
- $B_{2X}$  is applicable to all forces produced by story translation in the  $X$  direction
- Similar for  $B_{2Y}$
- Note:  $B_{2X}$  &  $B_{2Y}$  are associated with the global axes  $X$  &  $Y$ ; they are completely unrelated to the direction of bending of individual members
- Apply separate  $B_1$  values ( $B_{1X}$  &  $B_{1Y}$ ) for the  $x$  &  $y$  axis bending of every member subjected to compression & flexure
- $B_{1X}$  is applicable to  $M_x$  regardless of the load that causes that moment
- Similar for  $B_{1Y}$

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## TOPIC 4.6

ACCURACY CONSIDERATIONS FOR THE DESIGN ENGINEER  
WHEN USING GENERAL PURPOSE 2ND-ORDER ANALYSIS  
METHODS

## Let's Consider Three Different Commonly-Used Methods

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- Stability function based elements
- Cubic Hermitian elements
- P- $\Delta$  elements

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## Stability Function Based Element

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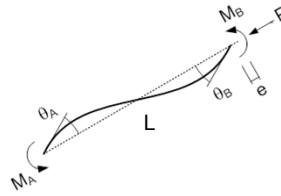
- Based on analytical solution of governing differential equations for a beam-column member
- Assumptions:
  - Elastic behavior
  - Prismatic geometry
  - Euler-Bernoulli kinematics (no shear deformation)
  - Finite displacements, but  $\sin \theta \cong \theta$ , where  $\theta$  is the rotation relative to the element chord

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### Stability Function Element, Stiffness Eqs.

$$\begin{Bmatrix} P \\ M_A \\ M_B \end{Bmatrix} = \frac{EI^*}{L} \begin{bmatrix} A/I & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & s_{ii} & s_{ij} \\ 0 & s_{ij} & s_{ii} \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} e \\ \theta_A \\ \theta_B \end{Bmatrix}$$



$$s_{ii} = s_{jj} = (kL \sin kL - (kL)^2 \cos kL) / (2 - 2 \cos kL - kL \sin kL)$$

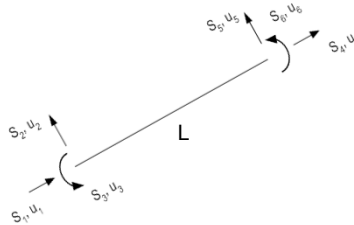
$$s_{ij} = s_{ji} = [ (kL)^2 - kL \sin kL ] / (2 - 2 \cos kL - kL \sin kL)$$

$$kL = \sqrt{\frac{P}{EI^*}} L = \pi \sqrt{\frac{P}{P_e}}$$

$$P_e = \frac{\pi^2 EI^*}{L^2}$$

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### Stability Function Element, Stiffness Eqs.

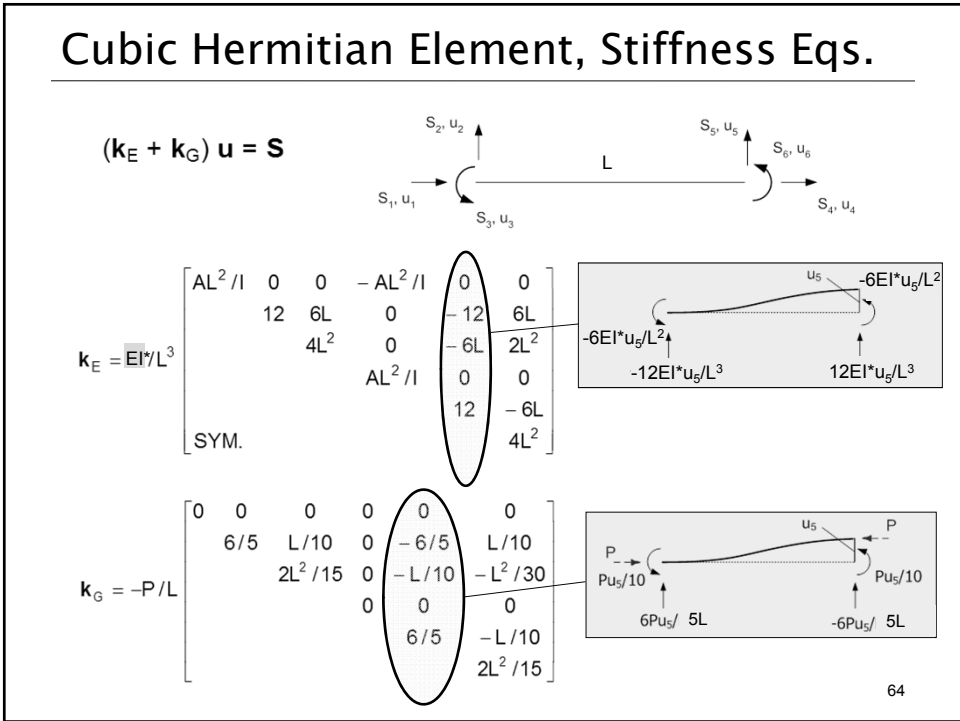
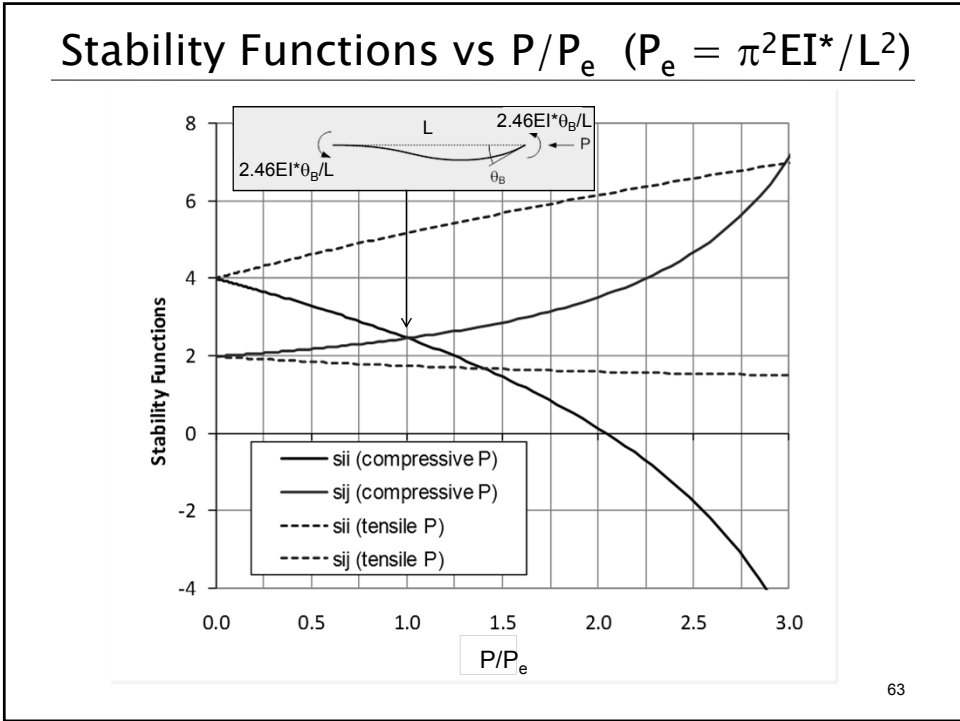


$$\begin{Bmatrix} S_1 \\ S_2 \\ S_3 \\ S_4 \\ S_5 \\ S_6 \end{Bmatrix} = \frac{EI^*}{L} \begin{bmatrix} A/I & 0 & 0 & -A/I & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{2(s_{ii} + s_{ij}) - (kL)^2}{L^2} & \frac{(s_{ii} + s_{ij})}{L} & 0 & \frac{-2(s_{ii} + s_{ij}) + (kL)^2}{L^2} & \frac{(s_{ii} + s_{ij})}{L} \\ 0 & \frac{(s_{ii} + s_{ij})}{L} & s_{ii} & 0 & \frac{(s_{ii} + s_{ij})}{L} & s_{ij} \\ \text{Sym} & 0 & A/I & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{-2(s_{ii} + s_{ij}) + (kL)^2}{L^2} & \frac{(s_{ii} + s_{ij})}{L} & 0 & \frac{2(s_{ii} + s_{ij}) - (kL)^2}{L^2} & \frac{-(s_{ii} + s_{ij})}{L} \\ 0 & \frac{(s_{ii} + s_{ij})}{L} & s_{ij} & 0 & \frac{-(s_{ii} + s_{ij})}{L} & s_{ii} \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \\ u_3 \\ u_4 \\ u_5 \\ u_6 \end{Bmatrix}$$

$$kL = \pi \sqrt{\frac{P}{P_e}} \quad P_e = \frac{\pi^2 EI^*}{L^2}$$

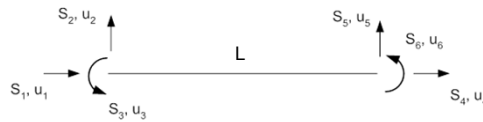
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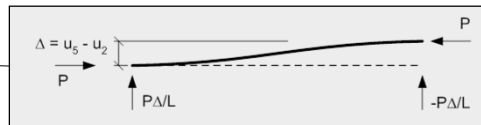
### P-Δ Element, Stiffness Equations

$$(k_E + k_G) u = S$$



$k_E$  = same as in Cubic Hermitian Element

$$k_G = -P/L \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$



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### Example P-Δ Analysis Sidesway Error

$P_u = 452$  kips

$H = H_u + N_i =$   
1.254 kips +  
0.002 (452 kips) =  
2.158 kips

W10x60  
 $L = 15$  ft  
 $F_y = 50$  ksi  
Fully braced out-of-plane  
 $A = 17.6$  in<sup>2</sup>  
 $I_x = 341$  in<sup>4</sup>

$\phi_c P_n = 704$  kip  
 $\phi_b M_n = 3360$  in-kip

$P_u/P_y = 0.514, \tau = 0.999 \cong 1.0$   
 $P_{eL} = \pi^2 EI_x / L^2 = 3012$  kips  
 $P_u/P_{eL} = 0.15, P_u/P_{cr} = 0.60$   
 $0.8\tau E = 23,200$  ksi  
 $u^2 = P_u L^2 / (0.8\tau EI_x) = 1.361$   
Exact Moment Amplification =  $\tan u / u = 3.45$   
Exact Displacement Amplification =  $3(\tan u - u) / u^3 = 3.97$   
1<sup>st</sup> order drift  $\Delta_{1st} = 0.531$  in (using reduced stiffness)

Exact 2<sup>nd</sup>-order drift  $\Delta_{2nd} = 2.11$  in  
Exact  $M_u = 1340$  kip-in  
Exact  $P_u / \phi_c P_n + 8/9 M_u / \phi_b M_n = 1.0$

$HL / \Delta_{1st} = 731.9$  kips  
Single element P-Δ Moment & Displacement Amplification =  
 $1 / [1 - P_u / (HL / \Delta_{1st})] = 2.61$

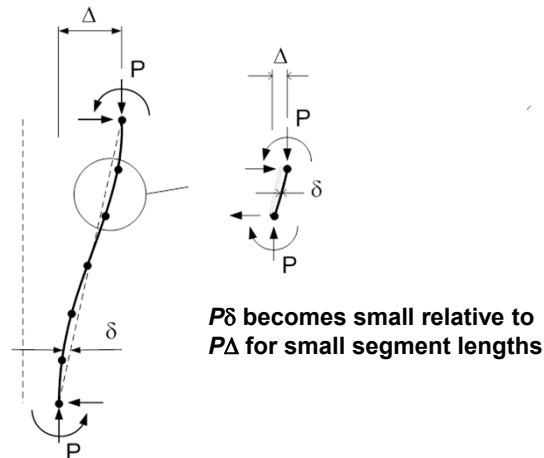
P-Δ Estimate of 2<sup>nd</sup>-order drift = 1.39 in (-34 % error)  
P-Δ Estimate of  $M_u = 1013$  kip-in (-24 % error)  
P-Δ Estimate of  $P_u / \phi_c P_n + 8/9 M_u / \phi_b M_n = 0.912$  (-9 % error)

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## Capture of P- $\delta$ by a P- $\Delta$ Analysis

- General purpose P- $\Delta$  analysis methods can capture P- $\delta$  effects sufficiently in members with significant P- $\delta$  effects if enough elements are used



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## Required # Elements / Member

(from AISC Design Guide 25)

- Criteria:
  - 5 % accuracy in the member end displacements and internal member max nodal displacements
  - 5 % accuracy in the member end rotations
  - 3 % accuracy in maximum internal forces

for

  - $\alpha P_r / P_{cr}$  up to 0.7  
( $P_{cr}$  = maximum member axial force at theoretical elastic buckling)
  - Comprehensive range of member end conditions

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## Required # Elements / Member

- Caveats:
  - The element internal moments are determined accurately, e.g., using the  $(M_o + P\delta_{2nd})$  method discussed previously
  - The accuracy estimates are based on:
    - The best achievable theoretical solutions
    - The worst-case member boundary conditions (causing the largest error for a given category)
  - The actual accuracy depends on
    - Solution algorithms
    - Implementation details
    - Similarity of the actual boundary conditions to the worst-case boundary conditions

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## Required # Elements / Member

- Definition of terms:
  - $\ell$  = element length
  - L = member length
  - s = spacing of “sampling points,” where element internal moments are evaluated

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## Required # Elements / Member

### Stability Function Based Elements

- Generally, one element/member is sufficient
- The element internal moments must be determined analytically, or using the  $M_o + P\delta_{2nd}$  procedure, ... sampling at an interval “s” such that  $P/P_{es} \leq 0.02$

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## Required # Elements / Member

### For Cubic Displacement-Based Elements

(e.g., Mastan, Fastrak, ETABS, GT-Strudl, LARSA, SAP, RAM Elements)

- End-loaded members with sidesway unrestrained  
→ Generally, one element/member is sufficient
- Non-sway members  
→ Generally, two elements/member are sufficient  
→ One element is sufficient if  $P/P_{eL} \leq 0.17$
- To avoid the need for element internal ( $M_o + P\delta_{2nd}$ ) calculations, one must satisfy  $P/P_{eL} \leq 0.02$
- Special case: when torsional warping is included (14 dof elem.), use 8 elem. in ea. unbraced length

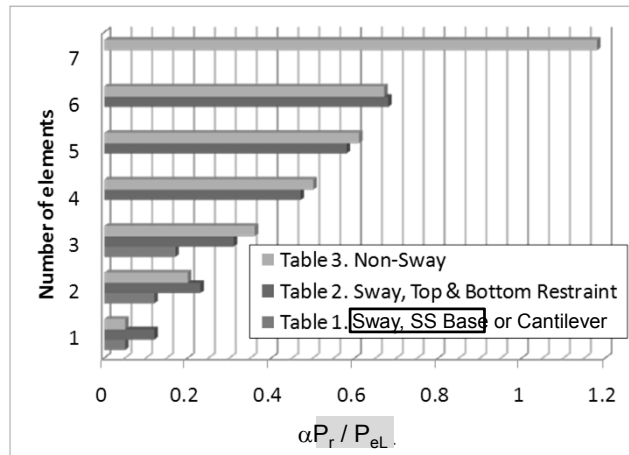
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## Required # Elements / Member

For P-Δ Elements (see prev. slide for cubic elem.)

- Generally, many more elements are required compared to cubic displacement-based elements



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## Conditional Upper-Bound on P-Δ Analysis Sidesway Error

If  $\frac{P_{mf}}{P_{story}} \leq \frac{1}{3}$  and  $B_2 \leq 1.7$ ,

the error in neglecting P-δ effects on Δ is generally less than 4 %

$$R_M = 1 - 0.15 \frac{P_{mf}}{P_{story}} = 1 - 0.15 \left( \frac{1}{3} \right) = 0.95$$

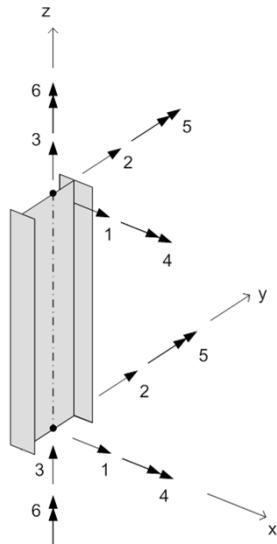
$$B_2 = \frac{1}{1 - \frac{\alpha P_{story}}{P_{Lstory}}} = 1.7 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \frac{\alpha P_{story}}{P_{Lstory}} = 0.412$$

$$\Rightarrow B_2 = \frac{1}{1 - \frac{\alpha P_{story}}{R_M P_{Lstory}}} = 1.766 \quad \Rightarrow \quad 100 \frac{1.766 - 1.7}{1.766} = 3.7\%$$

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### 3D Frame Element Torsional Stiffness Gotchas

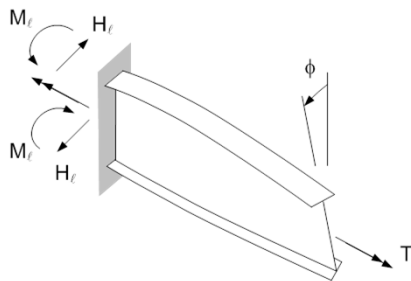


Typical 3D Frame Element ...

... what about the torsional stiffness due to restraint of warping?

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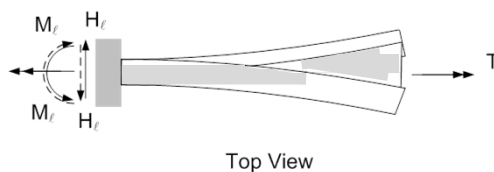
### Torsion of an I-Section Member



W14x22, L = 10 ft, T = 2 in-k,  
J = 0.208 in<sup>4</sup>, C<sub>w</sub> = 314 in<sup>6</sup>

$$\phi = \frac{T}{GJ} \left[ L - \frac{\sinh(pL)}{p \cosh(pL)} \right] = 0.052 \text{ rad}$$

$$p = \sqrt{\frac{GJ}{EC_w}}$$



Using an analysis that does not include warping stiffness...

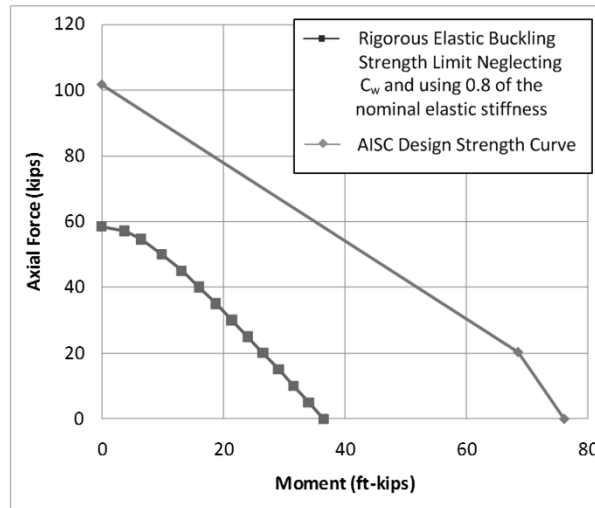
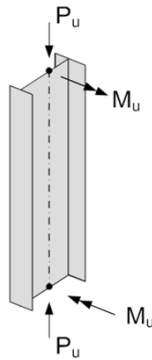
$$\phi = \frac{TL}{GJ} = 0.103 \text{ rad}$$

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## Example Problem Case

W14x22, simply-supported flexurally & torsionally,  
 $L_b = L_r = 10.4$  ft,  $K_x = K_y = K_z = 1.0$



## Recommendation

For open-section members where the model indicates buckling at small load levels (because the warping rigidity ( $EC_w$ ) is neglected in the analysis):

- Consider using a larger “effective” member  $GJ$ 
  - Option available in RISA 3D
  - Suggested for grid analysis of curved & skewed bridges in the AASHTO LRFD Specifications
- or
- Ideally... use an analysis that correctly models both the St. Venant & member warping and torsional rigidities (both  $EC_w$  &  $GJ$ )

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**The AISC Direct Analysis Method  
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