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## Slim floor construction with hollowcores



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# How to design...

The image shows handwritten mathematical formulas on graph paper. The primary formula is:

$$S_{cz}(x) = \frac{\frac{H}{\tan(35^\circ)}}{0.1 \text{ mm}} \int_0^z z \cdot b_w(z) dz - \frac{x \cdot \tan(35^\circ)}{0.1 \text{ mm}} \int_0^z z \cdot b_w(z) dz$$

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First moment of area for shear calculation according to EN1168

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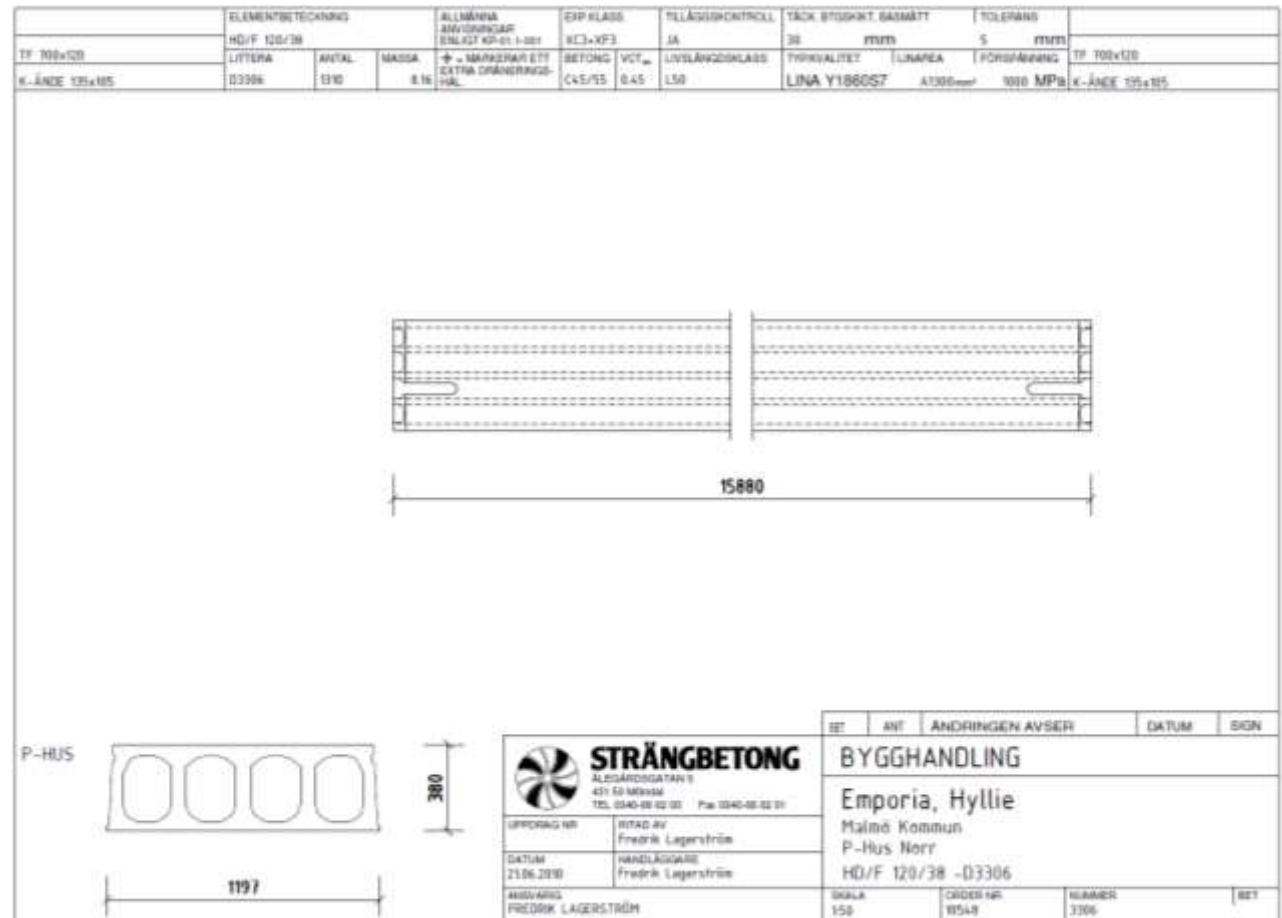


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  - Focus on the difficult areas and let the bulk calculations be done faster.
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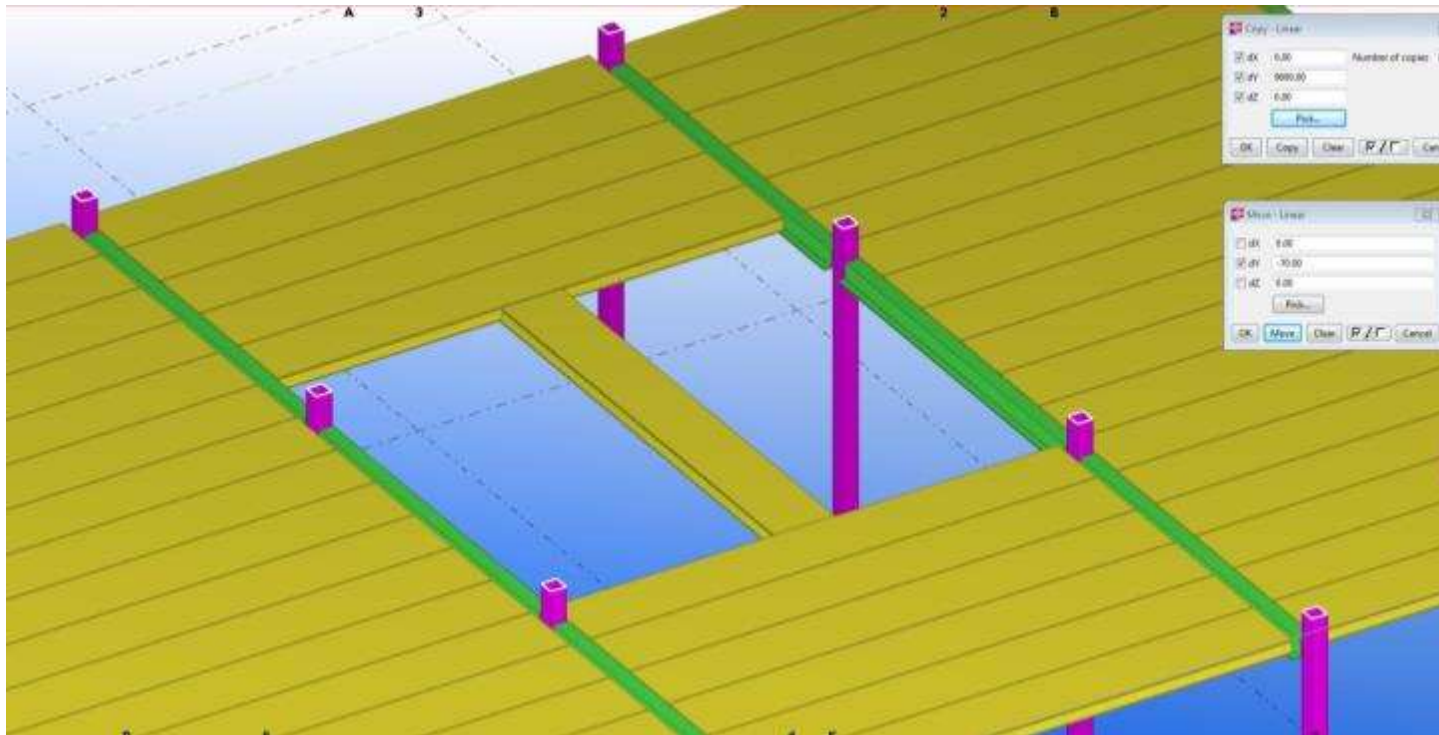
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Emporia, Malmö, Sweden (Strängbetong 2008-2011)

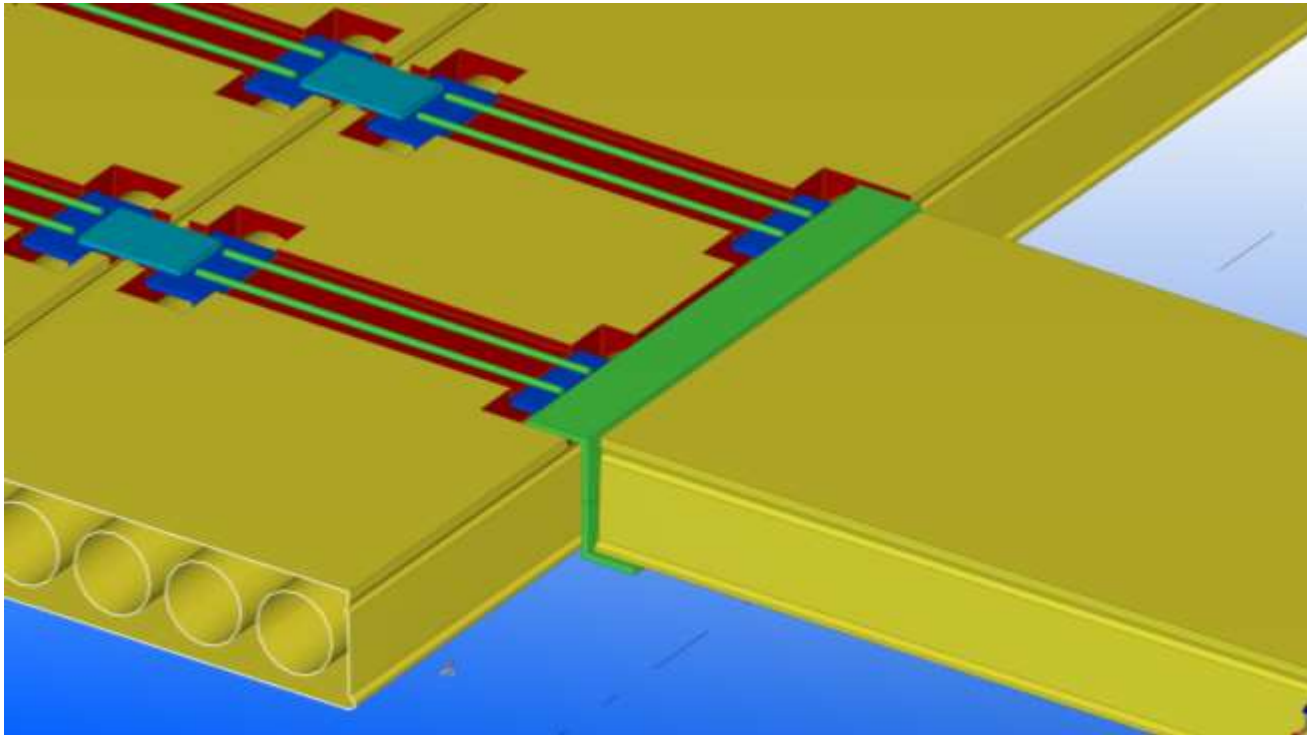
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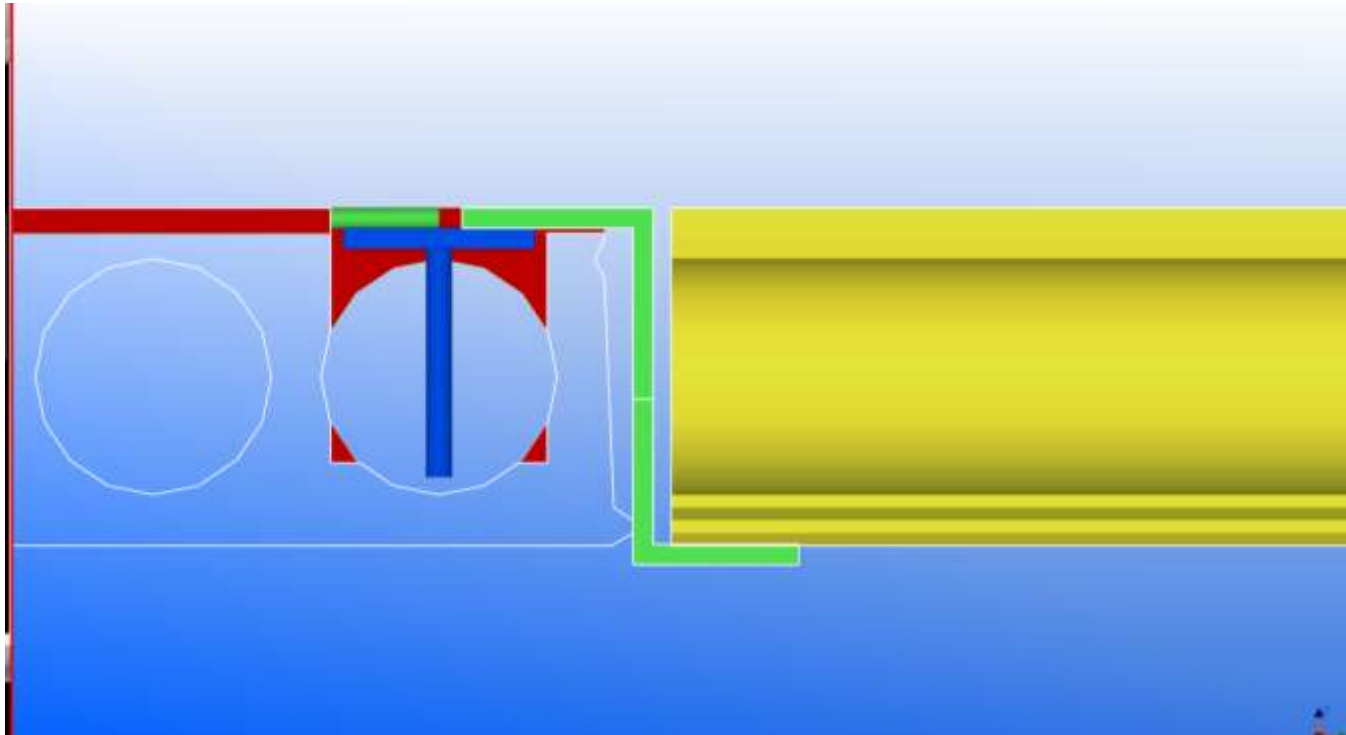
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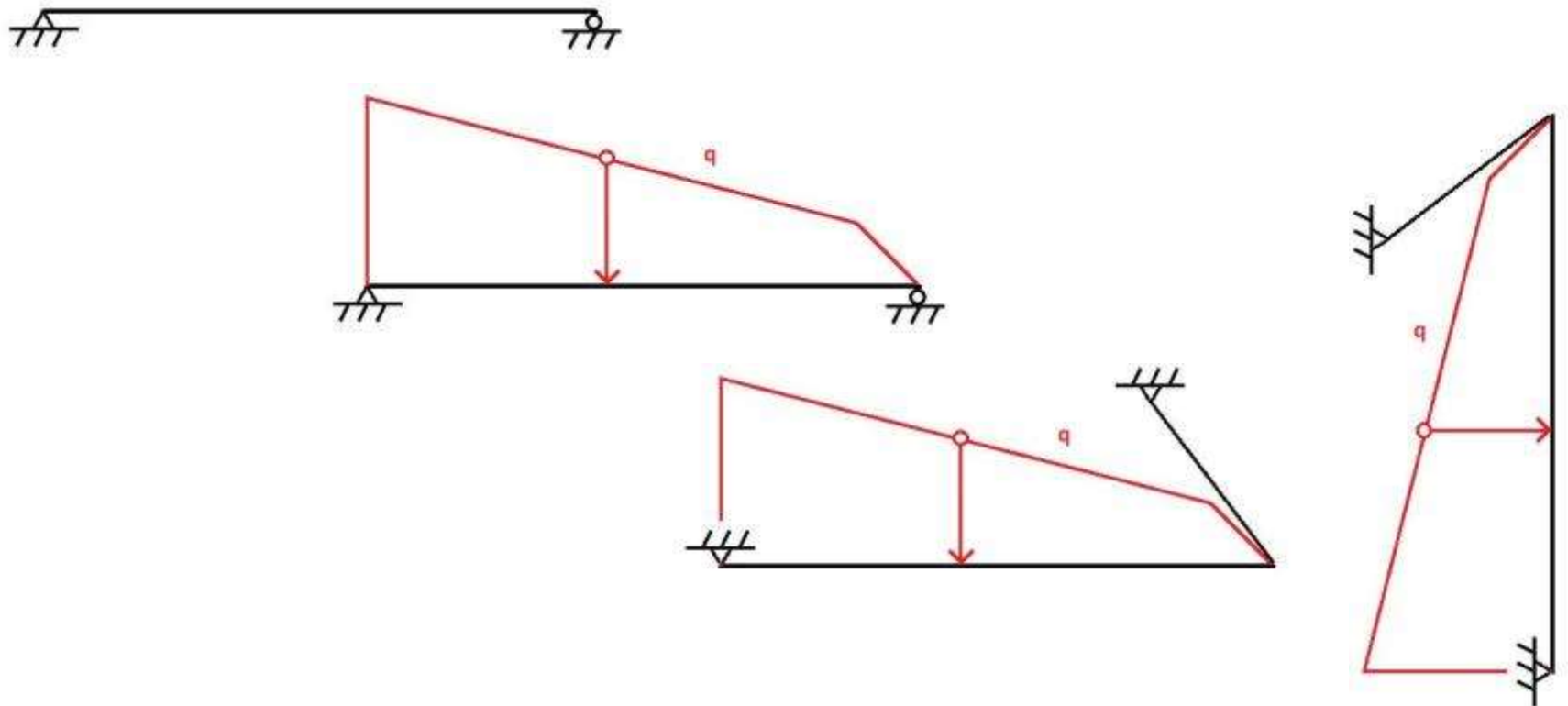
- **Oriels or glassed in balconies**
  - In Sweden we very rarely use prestressing wires in the top!



Kv. Kronolotsen 2, Malmö, Sweden (Strängbetong 2007-2008)

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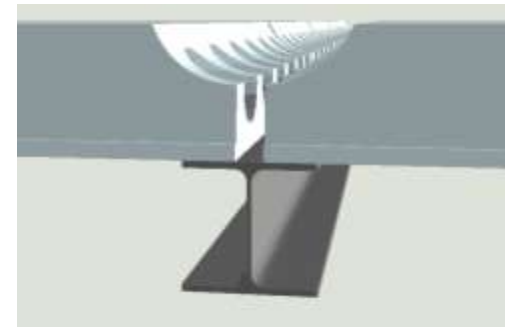
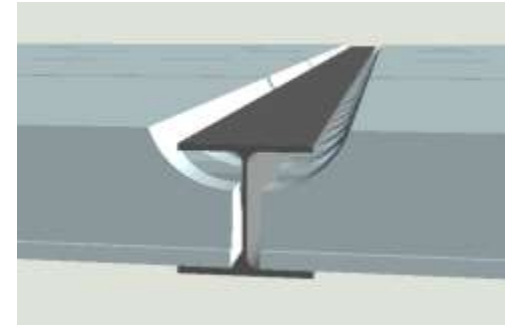


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# Different types of steel beams in use

- Regular hot rolled steel sections



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- Flange beam that is filled with concrete in-situ
- Connections to the hollowcores are welded to the beam web



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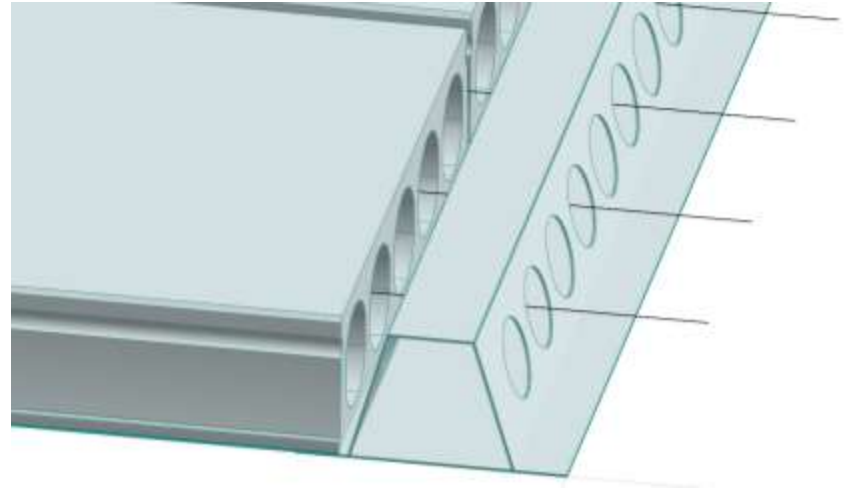
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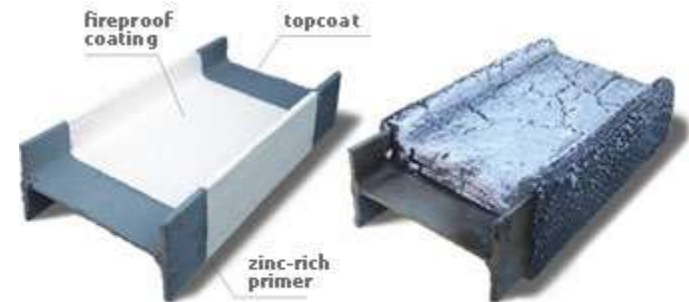




# Using the knowledge of IPHA seminars in the design

## - Fire design

- EN1168 and EN1992-1-2
- IPHA technical seminar 2013 in Epernon, France
- Fire protection of exposed steel
  - Concrete cast in and around the steel
  - Gypsum
  - Fire paint



Fireproof coating system  
before and after fire exposure

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**Hollow-Core Slab on Steel Beams**  
(Slim-floor)

Additional stress of slabs has determined for each individual

Section I-I:

Transverse bending + lateral tension

The diagram illustrates a cross-section of a hollow-core slab supported on steel beams. It shows the distribution of forces: a downward load  $Q$ , reaction forces  $R_1$  and  $R_2$ , and shear forces  $V$ . A red arrow points to a specific location on the slab, indicating the area of interest for stress analysis.

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This block contains a photograph of a physical hollow-core slab specimen under load, showing its curved shape and the positions of the circular voids. It is overlaid with a presentation slide from IMB RWTH Aachen University, which includes the text '1. Analysis of', 'Prof. Hegger: very low', and 'Further actions?'. The slide also features the logos of IMB RWTH Aachen University and OPHA.

**impacts on flexible supports**

outermost web

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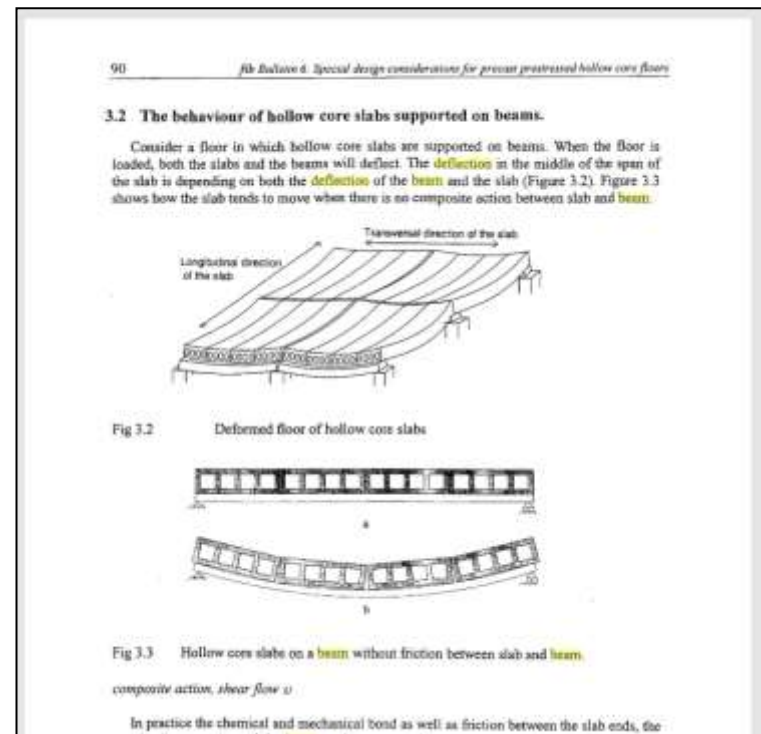
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This block contains a technical diagram titled 'impacts on flexible supports'. It shows a cross-section of a hollow-core slab with various stress distributions and force diagrams. The diagram includes a 3D view of the slab, a 2D view of the cross-section with stress components  $\sigma_x$ ,  $\tau_{xy}$ , and  $\tau_{yz}$ , and three diagrams showing the distribution of moment  $M$ , shear force  $V$ , and normal force  $N = V_x$  along the length of the slab. The diagrams also show the distribution of stress components  $\sigma_x$ ,  $\tau_{xy}$ , and  $\tau_{yz}$  across the cross-section. The diagram is labeled 'outermost web' and 'transverse shear' and 'transverse bending'. It also features the logos of Hogger + Partner, IMB RWTH Aachen University, and OPHA.

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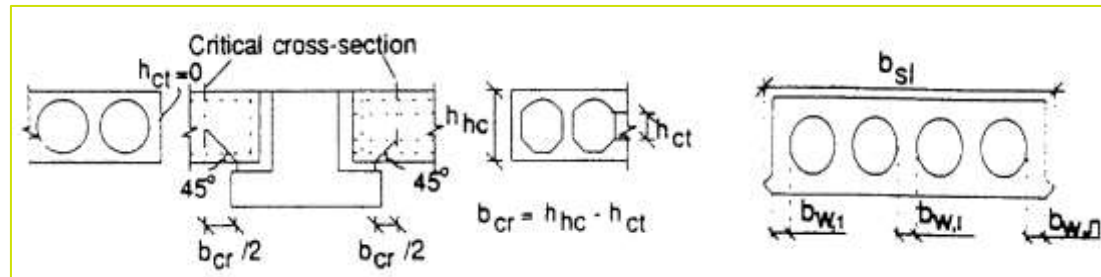
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- EN 1168, soon?



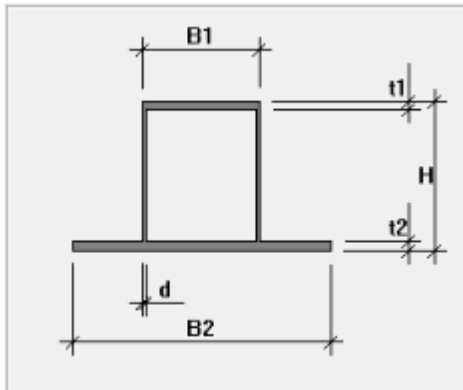
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  - Beam, hollowcore, joint- and topping concrete



$$I_1 = \frac{B2 \cdot t2^3}{12} + (B2 \cdot t2) \cdot \left(\frac{t2}{2} - Y_1\right)^2 + \frac{B1 \cdot t1^3}{12} + (B1 \cdot t1) \cdot \left(H - \frac{t1}{2} - Y_1\right)^2 + \frac{2 \cdot d \cdot (H - t1 - t2)^3}{12} + 2 \cdot d \cdot (H - t1 - t2) \cdot \left(t2 + \frac{H - t2 - t1}{2} - Y_1\right)^2$$

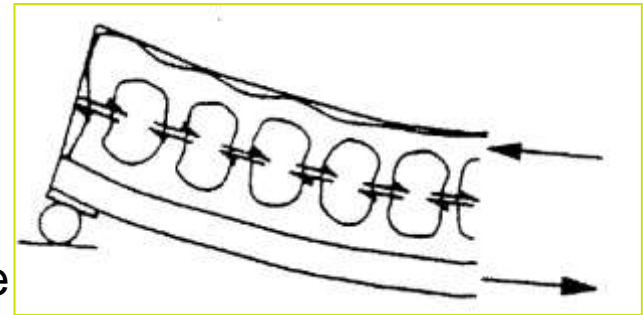
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- **Calculate forces due to geometry and loading**

- **Local effects such as prestressed strand slip and anchorage**

- **Combine into a principal stress in the web**

$$\tau_{2,top} = \frac{3 * S_{f,top} * b_2}{4 * b_{cr} * b_{w,2}}$$

$$\tau_{2,imp} = \frac{3 * S_{f,imp} * b_2}{4 * b_{cr} * b_{w,2}}$$

$$\sigma_1 = \frac{-\alpha * \gamma_p * \sigma_p * A_p}{A_c} \quad \tau_1 = \frac{V_{d,g,2} * S_{2x}}{I_{2x} * b_{w,2}} + \frac{V_{d,imp,2} * S_{top,2x}}{I_{top,2x} * b_{w,2}}$$

$$\sigma_{ps} = \frac{\sigma_1}{2} + \sqrt{\frac{\sigma_1^2}{4} + \tau_1^2 + \left( \beta_f * (\tau_{2,top} + \beta_{top} * \tau_{2,imp}) \right)^2}$$

$$\eta_{ULS} = \frac{\sigma_{ps}}{f_{ctd,hc}}$$

# Design with regards of flexible support

## ■ Serviceability limit state

- Check of crack width
  - Check against allowed crack width and exposure class (EN 206)
- Check of curvature of the beam
  - Compare with allowed curvature limit

Table 7.1N Recommended values of  $w_{max}$  (mm)

Exposure Class	Reinforced members and prestressed members with unbonded tendons	Prestressed members with bonded tendons
	Quasi-permanent load combination	Frequent load combination
X0, XC1	0,4 <sup>1</sup>	0,2
XC2, XC3, XC4	0,3	0,2 <sup>2</sup>
XD1, XD2, XS1, XS2, XS3		Decompression

**Note 1:** For X0, XC1 exposure classes, crack width has no influence on durability and this limit is set to guarantee acceptable appearance. In the absence of appearance conditions this limit may be relaxed.

**Note 2:** For these exposure classes, in addition, decompression should be checked under the quasi-permanent combination of loads.

$$\kappa = \frac{M_{imposed\ load}}{EI_{composite\ beam.k}}$$



# Summary

- **Enter design stage early to influence architects**
  - ... to suit your production (efficiency in time and cost)
  - Reduce number of elements
    - Many small can become fewer long elements?
  - Explore possibilities to use hollowcores in other fields
    - Try to influence contractor with a type of structure that suits your production
- **Earlier research are now on the way into the standards**
  - Previous presentations are available at [Hollowcore.org](http://Hollowcore.org)
  - Fire design is a major field for designers, flexible supports are the next?

**...this is the last slide, I promise!**



**Thank you for your attention!**

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