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**Design of precast concrete elements and  
structures according to Eurocode 2**

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# The Eurocode system

## Overview

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1990    Basis of structural design

1991    Eurocode 1: Actions on structures

-1      General actions

-1-1    Densities, self-weight, imposed loads for buildings

-1-2    Actions on structures exposed to fire

-1-3    Snow loads

-1-4    Wind loads

-1-5    Thermal actions

-1-6    Actions during execution

-1-7    Accidental actions due to impact and explosions

-2      Traffic loads on bridges

-3      Actions induced by cranes and machinery

-4      Actions in silos and tanks

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1992	<b>Eurocode 2: Design of concrete structures</b>
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-1-1	General – Common rules for building and civil engineering structures
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-1-2	General – Structural fire design
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-2	Bridges
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-3	Liquid retaining and containment structures
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### 1993 Eurocode 3: Design of steel structures

-1-1	General rules	-2	Bridges
-1-2	Structural fire design	-3-1	Towers and masts
-1-3	Coldformed thin gauge membe	-3-2	Chimneys
-1-4	Structures in stainless steel	-4-1	Silos
-1-5	Strength and stability of planar p	-4-2	Tanks
-1-6	Strength and stability of shell s	-4-3	Pipe lines
-1-7	Strength of planar plated struct	-5	Piling
-1-8	Design of joints	-6	Crane supporting structures
-1-9	Fatigue strength		
-1-10	Fracture toughness assessment		
-1-11	Use of high strength cables		
-1-12	Additional rules for high strength steel		

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<b>1994</b>	<b>Eurocode 4: Design of composite steel and concrete structures</b>
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-1-1	General – Common rules and rules for buildings
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-1-2	General – Structural fire design
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-2	Bridges
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<b>1995</b>	<b>Eurocode 5: Design of timber structures</b>
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-1-1	General – Common rules and rules for buildings
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-1-2	General – Structural fire design
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-2	Bridges
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<b>1996</b>	<b>Eurocode 6: Design of masonry structures</b>
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-1-1	General – Rules for reinforced and unreinforced masonry
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-1-2	General – Structural fire design
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-2	Selection and execution of masonry
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-3	Simplified calculation methods and simple rules for masonry structures
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**1997    Eurocode 7: Geotechnical design**

- 1-1    General rules
  - 2      Design assisted by testing
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**1998    Eurocode 8: Design of structures for earthquake resistance**

- 1      General rules seismic actions and rules for buildings
- 2      Bridges
- 3      Strengthening and repair of buildings
- 4      Silos, tanks and pipelines
- 5      Foundations, retaining structures and geotechnical aspects
- 6      Towers, masts and chimneys

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**1999      Eurocode 9: Design of aluminium structures**

-1          General - Common rules

-1-2        Structural fire design

-1-3        Structures susceptible to fatigue

-1-4        Coldformed thin gauge members and sheeting

-1-5        Shell structures

**Totally 59 individual standards**

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# 10. Additional rules for precast concrete elements and structures

Headings are numbered 10 followed by the number of the corresponding main section

## 10.2 Basis of design, fundamental requirements

The following should be considered specifically:

- **transient situations**

- demoulding
- transport to the storage yard
- storage (supports and load conditions)
- transport to site
- erection
- construction (assembly)

- **bearings**; temporary and permanent

- **connections and joints** between elements

# 10.3 Materials

## Concrete strength

Tensile strength in **serviceability limit state** may, under certain conditions (quality control etc), be based on tests

**Intermediate strength classes** may be used

Effect of **heat curing** on

- Strength:

$$f_{cm}(t) = f_{cmp} + (f_{cm} - f_{cmp}) \frac{\log(t - t_p + 1)}{\log(28 - t_p + 1)}$$

- Creep:

$$t_T = \sum_{i=1}^n \Delta t_i \cdot e^{-[4000/(273+T(\Delta t_i))-13,65]}$$

- Relaxation:

$$t_{eq} = \frac{1,14^{T_{max}-20}}{T_{max}-20} \cdot \sum_{i=1}^n (T_{(\Delta t_i)} - 20) \cdot \Delta t_i$$

# 10.5 Structural analysis

## 10.5.1 (1)P The analysis shall account for

- the behaviour at **all stages**, w.r.t. geometry and properties and the interaction with in-situ concrete and other precast units
- the effect of **connections** between elements w.r.t. strength and deform. prop.
- **uncertainties** concerning restraints and force transmission w.r.t. deviations

## (2) Beneficial effects of friction due to the weight of supported elements should not be utilised

- in **seismic** zones
- as the **only means** for taking horizontal forces for overall stability
- if accumulation of **irreversible sliding** can occur in bearings (e.g. due to temp.)
- if significant **impact** loading can occur

## (3) The effect of **horizontal movements** should be considered w.r.t. resistance of the structure and the integrity of connections

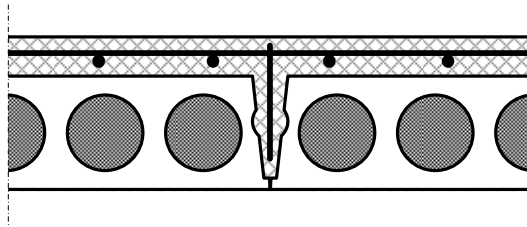
## 10.5.2 Prestress loss, **heat curing**: $\Delta P_e = 0,5 A_p E_p \alpha_c (T_{\max} - T_0)$

# 10.9 Particular rules for design and detailing

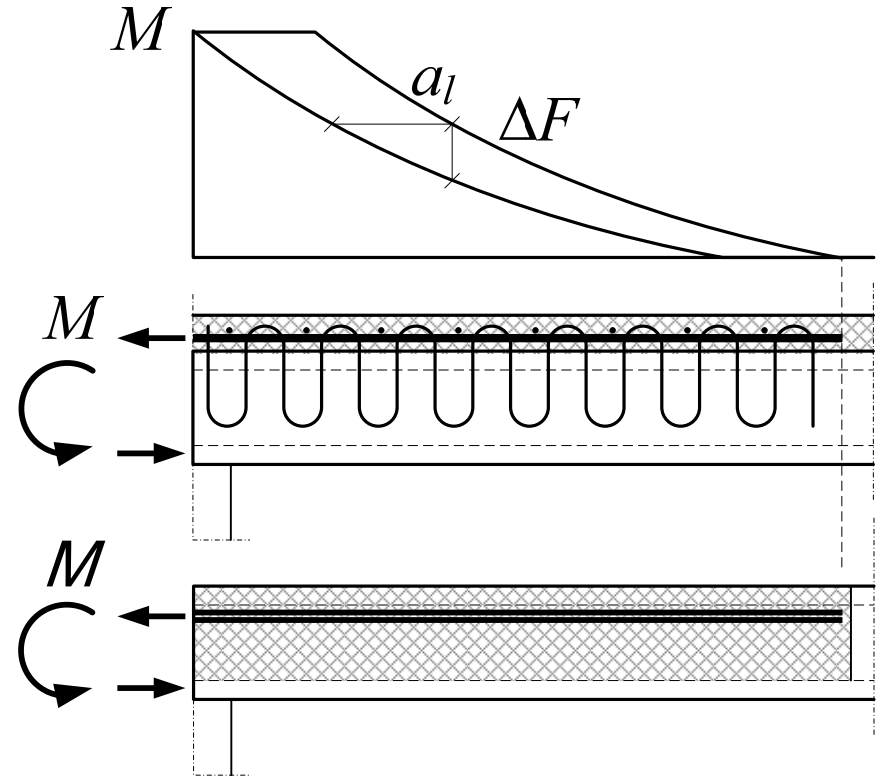
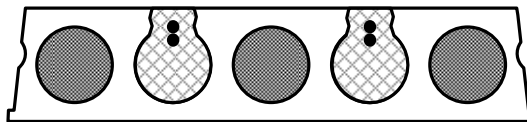
## 10.9.1 Restraining moments in slabs

Can be resisted by top reinforcement

a) In topping



b) In cores



Length of top reinforcement according to 9.2.1.3

Force transfer top reinforcement – topping – h.c. slab acc. to 6.2.5

May require reinforcement for shear transfer, example in figure

# 10.9 Particular rules for design and detailing

## 10.9.2 Wall to floor connections

$$V/hf_{cd} \leq 0,5:$$

No particular reinforcement required

$$0,5 < V/hf_{cd} \leq 0,6:$$

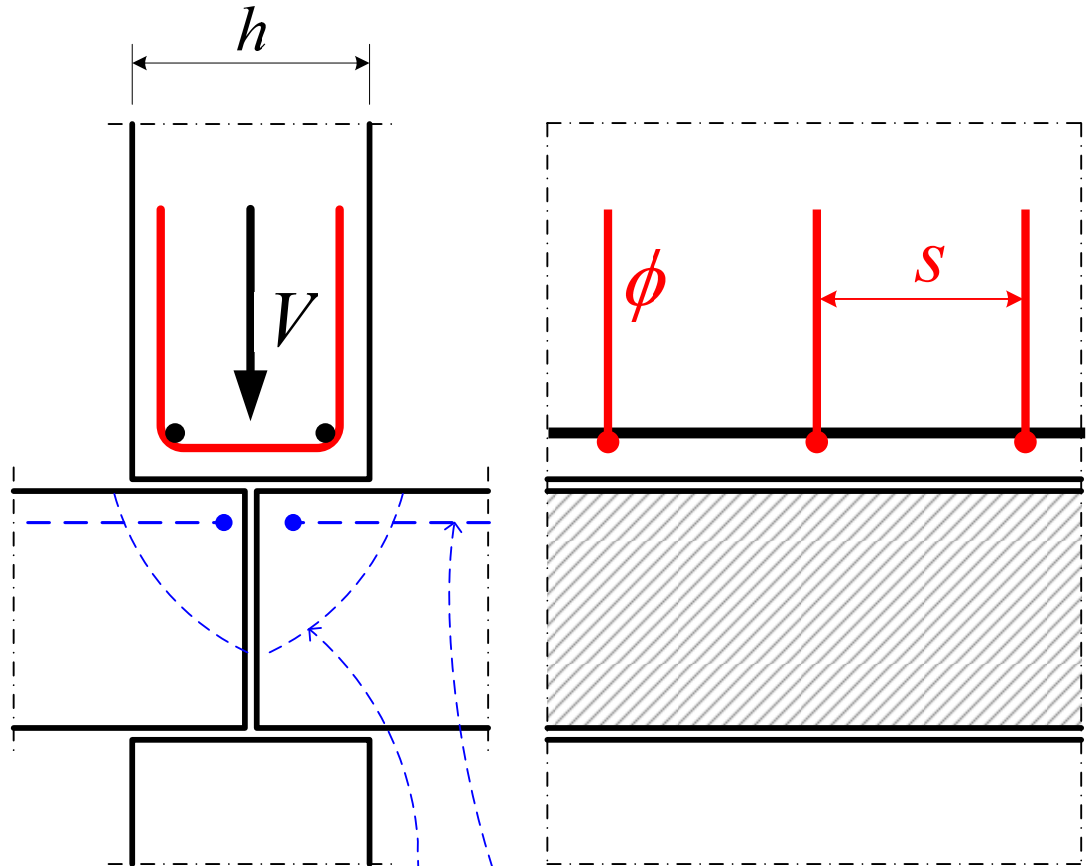
Reinforcement acc. to fig.

$$\phi \geq 6 \text{ mm}$$

$$s \leq \min\{h, 200 \text{ mm}\}$$

$$V/hf_{cd} > 0,6:$$

Reinforcement designed with regard to eccentricities and load concentrations



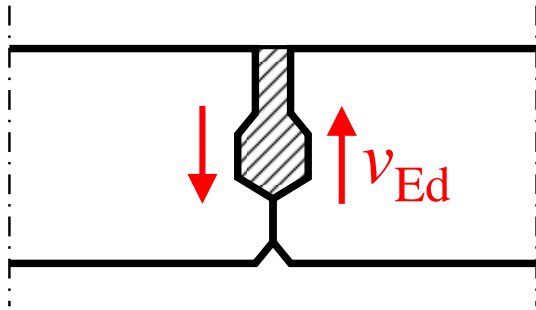
Reinforcement for  
unintentional restraint

Recess to avoid  
unintentional restraint

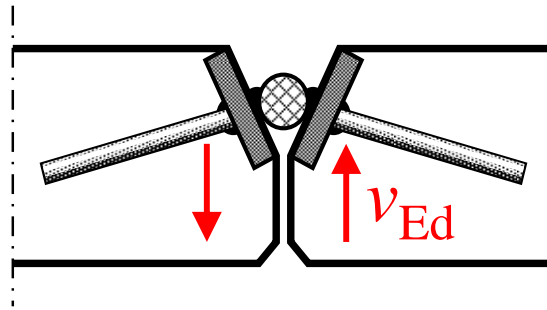
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## 10.9.3 Floor systems

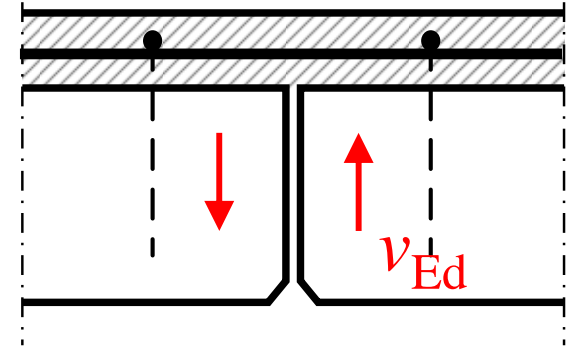
Ex. of connections for the transfer of vertical shear between floor elements



Concreted or grouted connection



Mechanical connection (Here: weld)



Reinforced topping  
Vertical connectors if necessary

Vertical shear force per unit length,  $v_{Ed}$ :

For uniformly distributed load, in the absence of a more accurate analysis:

$$v_{Ed} \approx q_{Ed} b_e / 3 \quad \text{where } q_{Ed} = \text{variable load, } b_e = \text{element width}$$

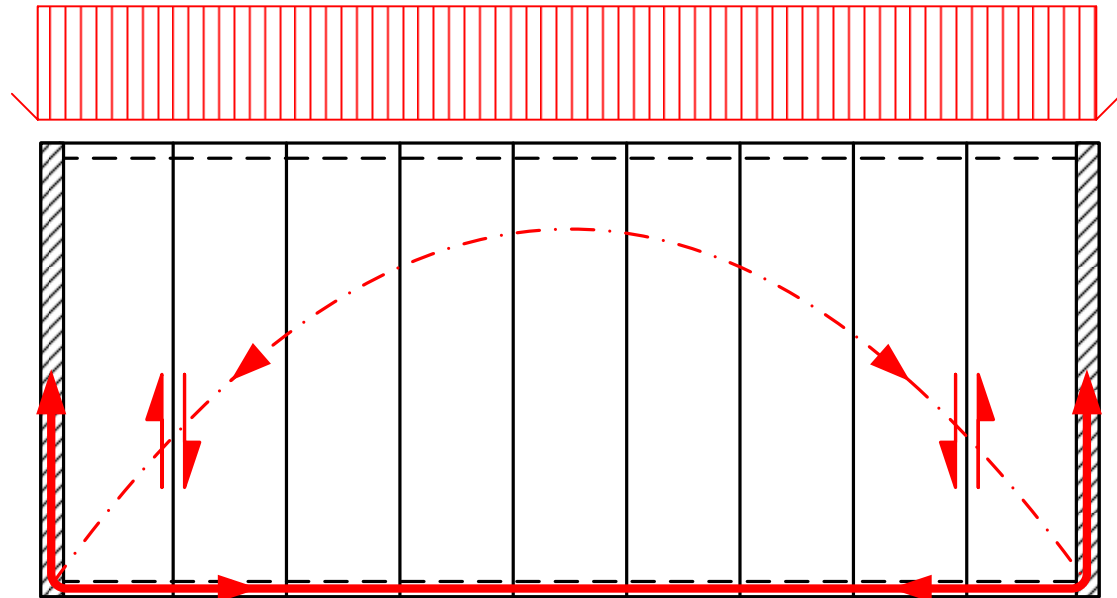


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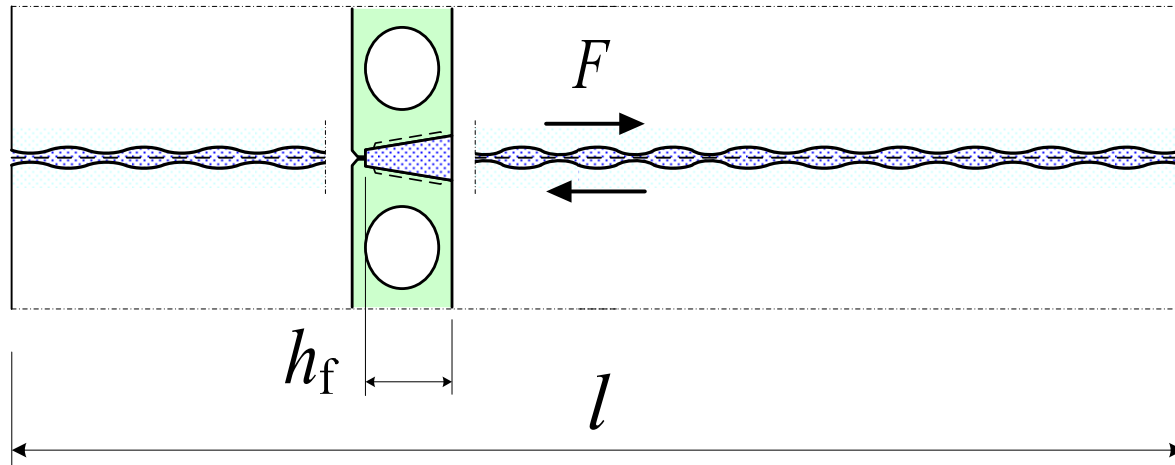
### Diaphragm action for the transfer of horizontal loads:

- realistic structural model, deformation compatibility with bracing units
- take into account horizontal deformations for all parts of structure involved in transfer of horizontal loads
- reinforcement for tensile forces
- stress concentrations at openings and connections
- reinforcement for transfer of shear in connections may be concentrated along supports
- may be placed in topping, if existing



# 10.9 Particular rules for design and detailing

## 10.9.3 Floor systems



Average longitudinal shear in diaphragm action between slab units with concreted or grouted connections (e.g. hollow core slabs):

$$\tau = \frac{F}{h_f l} \leq \begin{cases} 0,10 \text{ MPa for very smooth surfaces} \\ 0,15 \text{ MPa for smooth and rough} \ll \end{cases}$$

## 10.9 Particular rules for design and detailing

### 10.9.4 Connections and supports for precast elements

**Materials** used for connections shall be:

- stable and durable for the design working life of the structure
- chemically and physically compatible
- protected against adverse chemical and physical influences
- fire resistant to match the fire resistance of the structure

**Supporting pads** shall have strength and deformation properties according to design assumptions

**Metal fastenings** for cladding shall be of corrosion resistant material or coated (unless in X0 or XC1 or protected)

Before **welding, annealing or cold forming**: suitability of material shall be verified

# 10.9 Particular rules for design and detailing

## 10.9.4 Connections and supports for precast elements

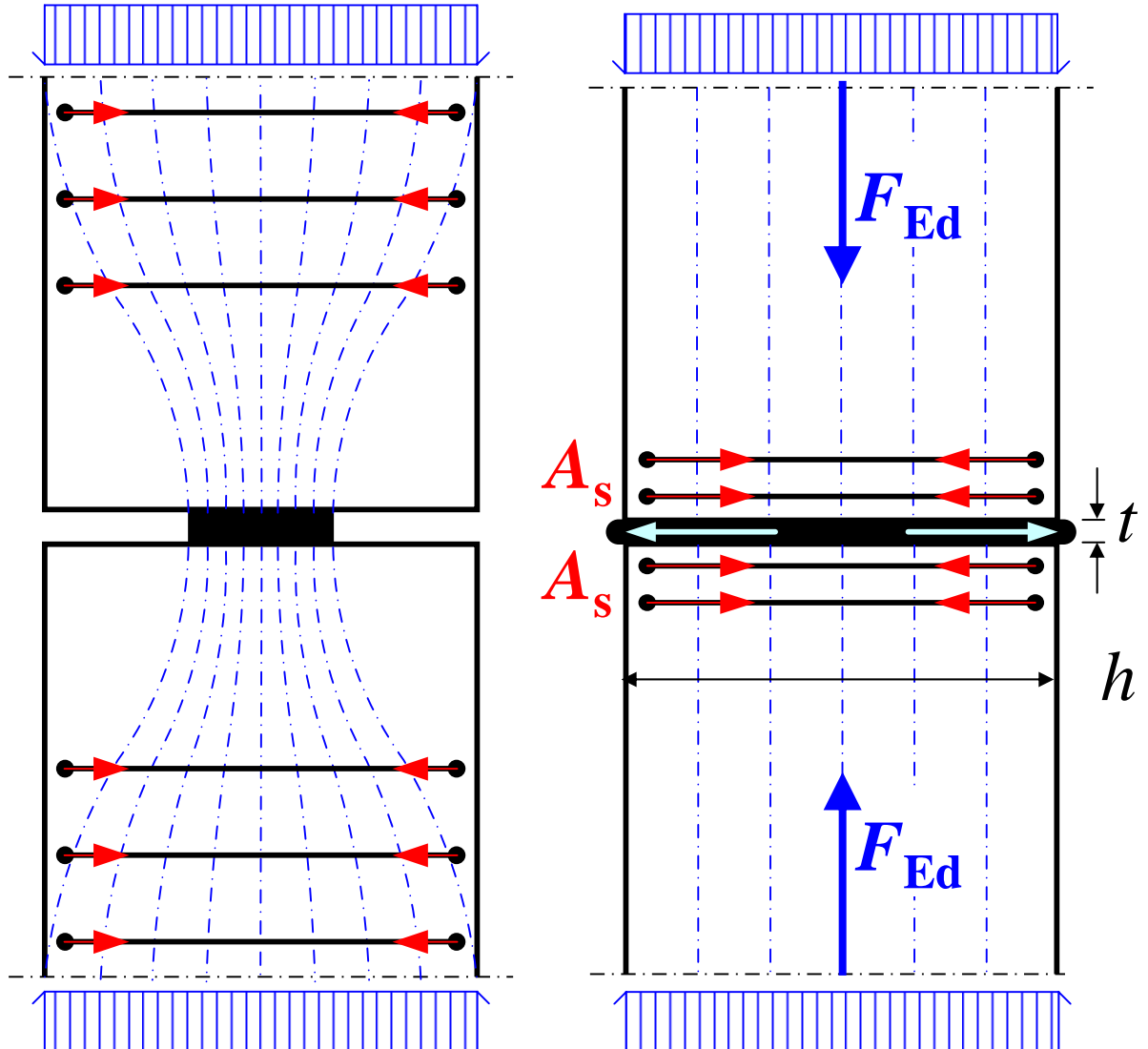
Connections transmitting compressive force

a) Partially loaded areas, 6.5 and 6.7

b) Soft padding

In the absence of more accurate models:

$$A_s = 0,25 \frac{t}{h} \frac{F_{Ed}}{f_{yd}}$$

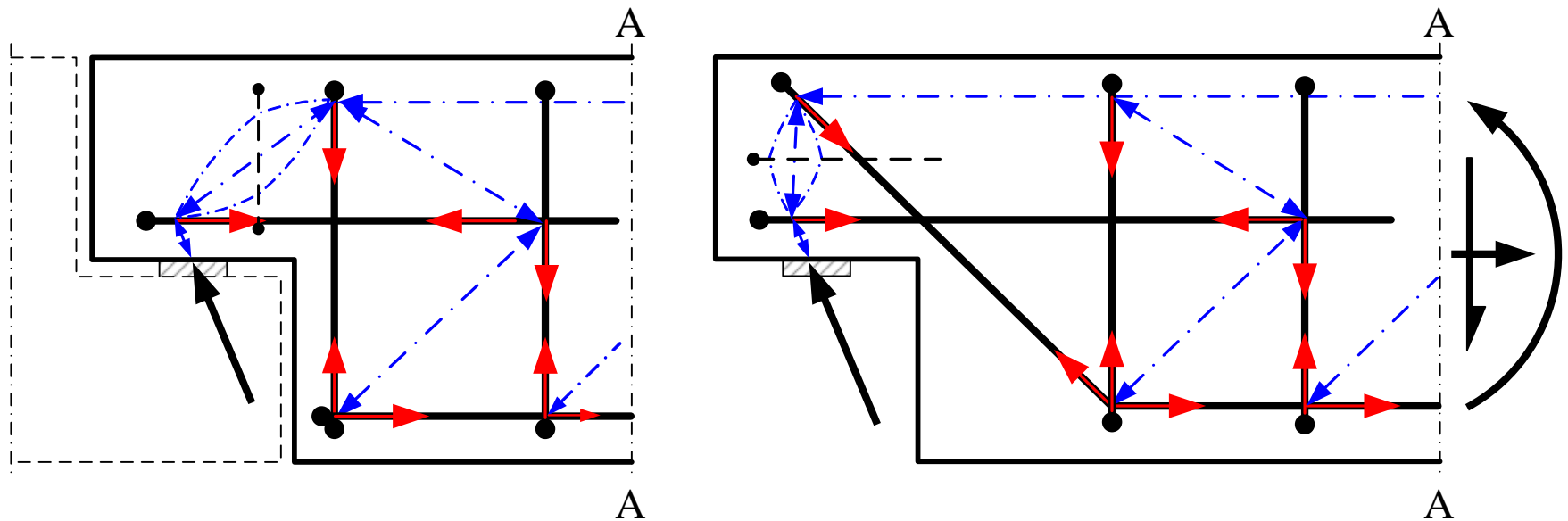


# 10.9 Particular rules for design and detailing

## 10.9.4 Connections and supports for precast elements

### Half joints

Alternative strut-and-tie models:



Figures show only the main features of strut-and-tie models.

The two models may be combined.

# 10.9 Particular rules for de

## 10.9.4 Connections and supp

### Anchorage of reinfor- cement at supports

$a_1$  = required length wrt strength

Horizontal loop or other-  
wise end anchored bars:

$$d_i = c_i + \Delta a_i$$

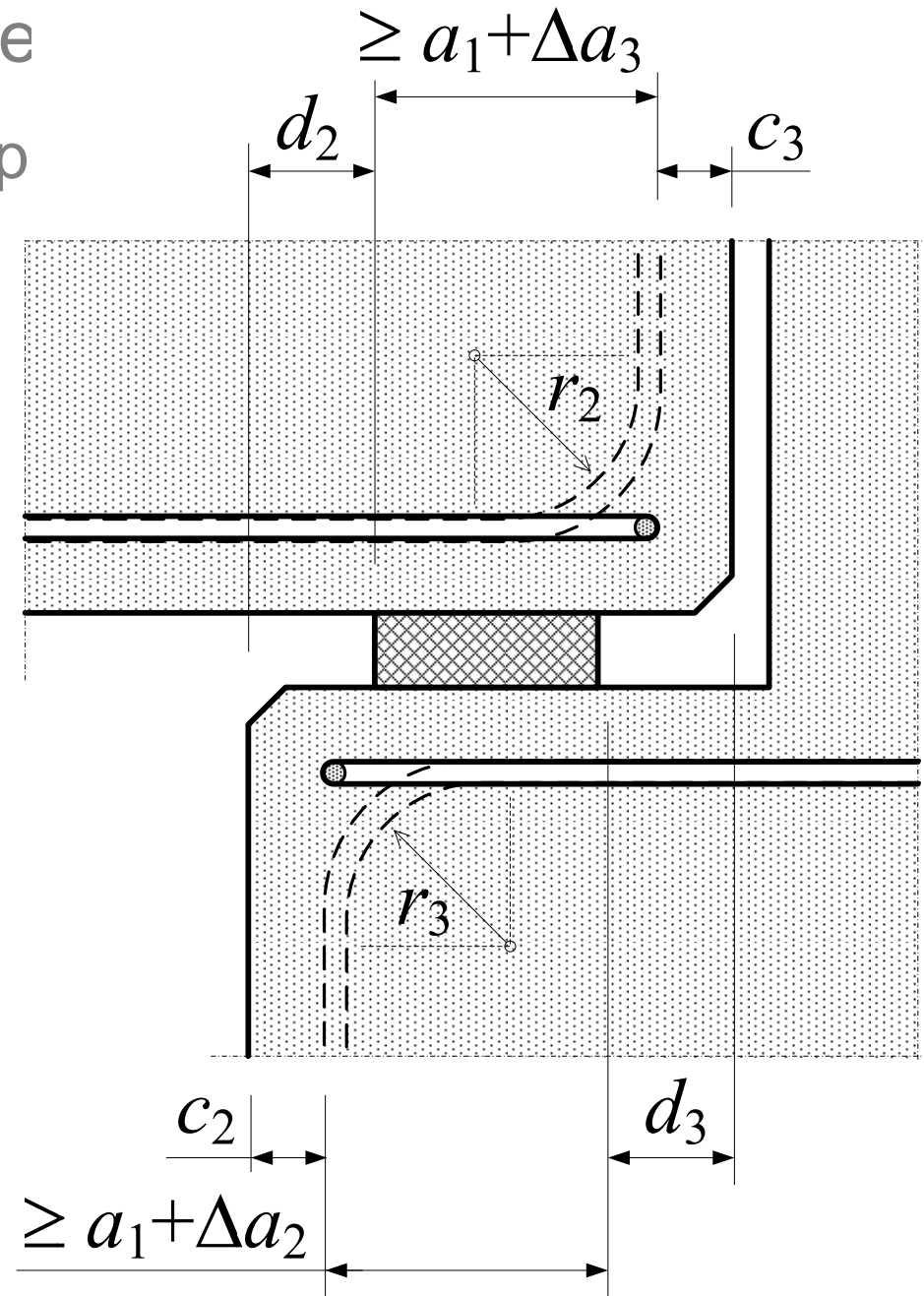
$c_i$  = concrete cover

$\Delta a_i$  = allowance for deviation

Vertically bent bars:

$$d_i = c_i + \Delta a_i + r_i$$

$r_i$  = bend radius



## 10.9 Particular rules for d

### 10.9.5 Bearings

Available nominal bearing length:

$$a = a_1 + a_2 + a_3 + \sqrt{\Delta a_2^2 + \Delta a_3^2}$$

Required bearing length:

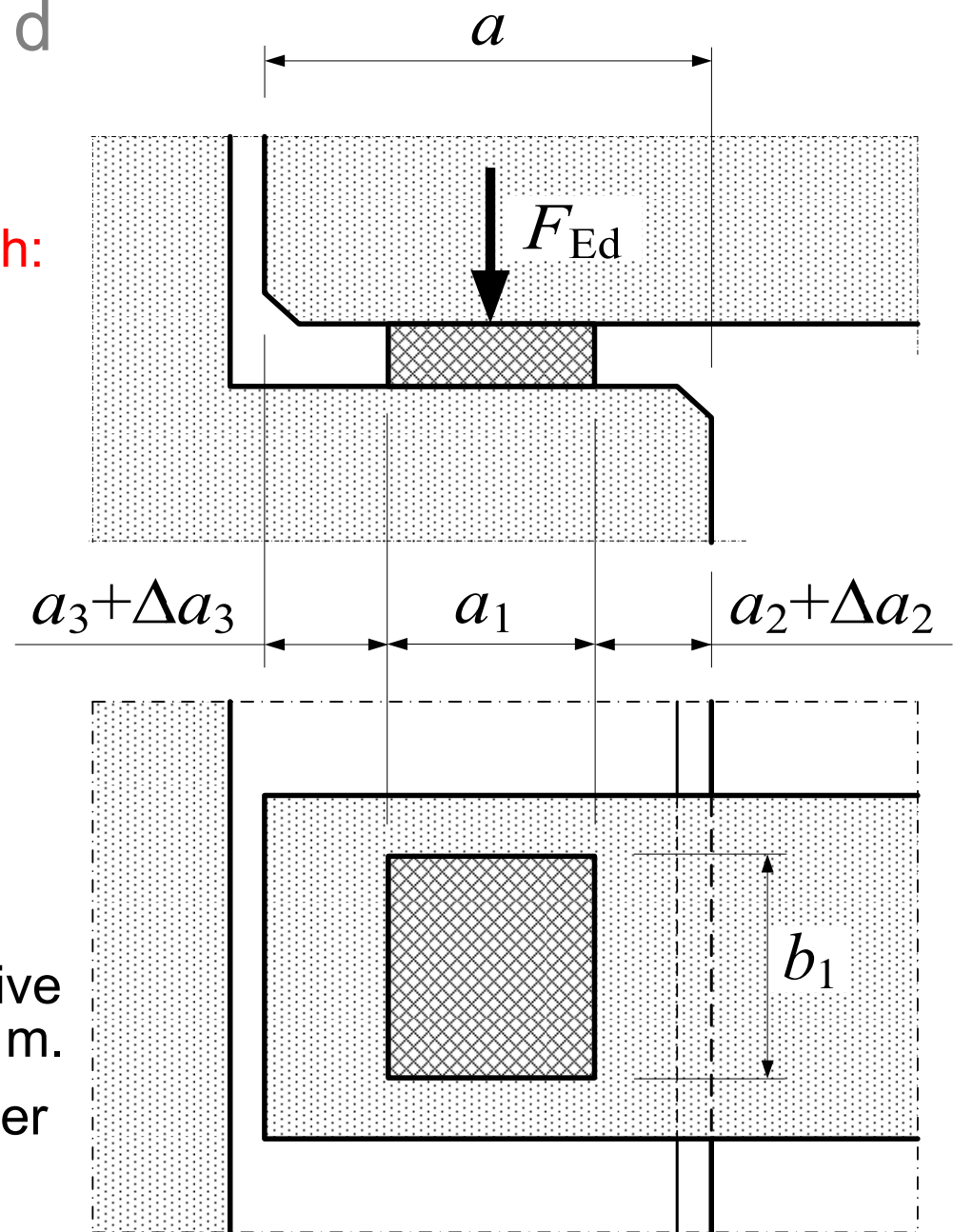
$$a_1 = F_{Ed} / (b_1 f_{Rd})$$

$f_{Rd}$  = design value of bearing strength

$a_2$  = distance assumed ineffective at outer end of supporting m.

$a_3$  = same for supported member

$\Delta a_i$  = allowance for deviation



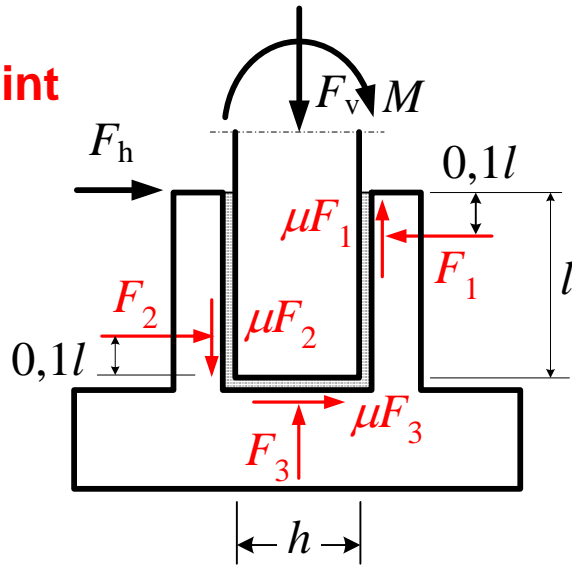
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## 10.9.6 Pocket foundations

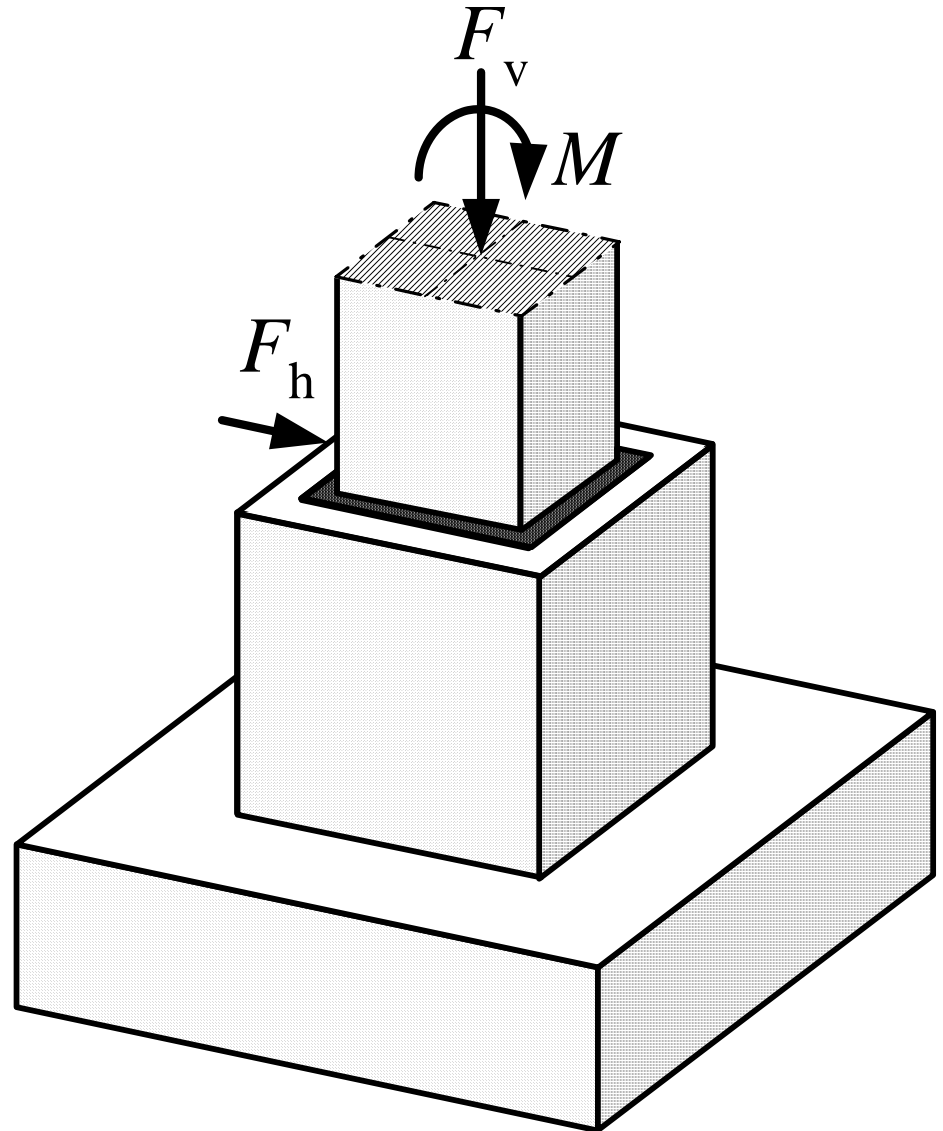
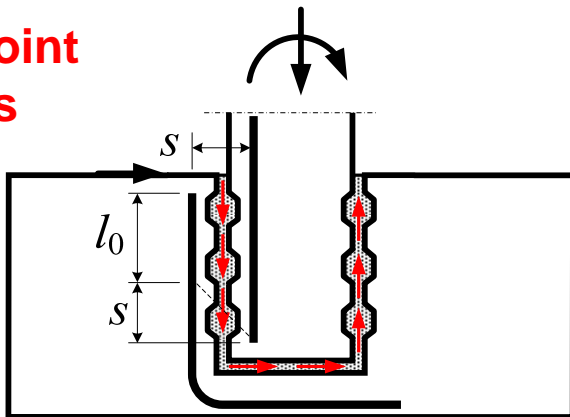
### Smooth joint surfaces

$$\mu \leq 0,3$$

$$l \geq 1,2h$$



### Keyed joint surfaces





# 10.9 Particular rules for design and detailing

## 10.9.7 Tying systems ( $\Rightarrow$ 9.9)

Peripheral ties:

$$F_{\text{tie,per}} = l_2 \cdot 10 \leq 70 \text{ kN}$$

Internal ties:

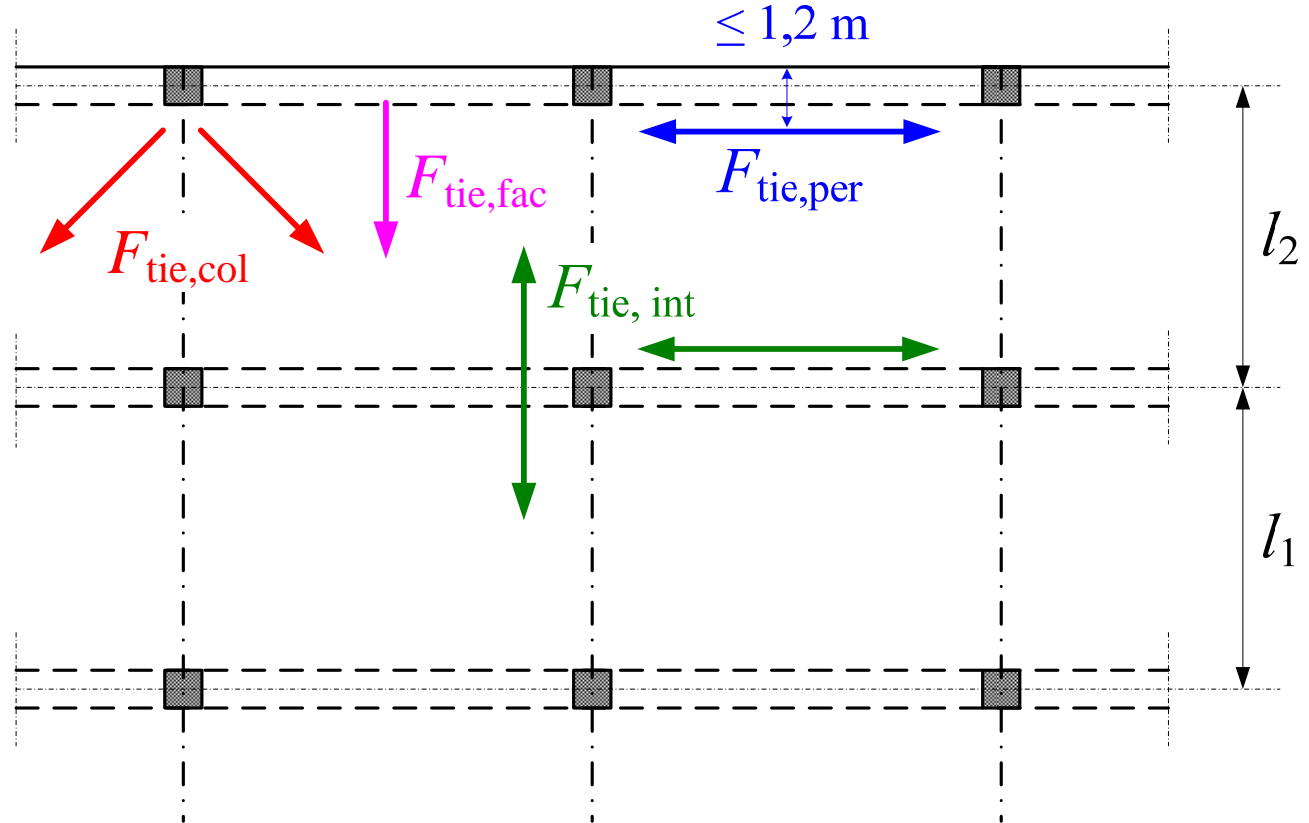
$$F_{\text{tie,int}} = 20 \text{ kN/m}$$

$$[ = (l_1 + l_2) \cdot 10 \leq 70 \text{ kN if concentrated along a beam line } ]$$

Horizontal ties to edge columns and/or walls:

$$F_{\text{tie,col}} = 150 \text{ kN}$$

$$F_{\text{tie,fac}} = 20 \text{ kN/m}$$



Panel build.  $\geq 5$  storeys: Vertical ties, or alternative structural system

## 2.7 Requirements for fastenings

Technical Specification "Design of Fastenings for Use in Concrete" gives the requirements.

Deals with the following types of fasteners:

**Cast-in** fasteners such as

- headed anchors
- channel bars

**Post-installed** fasteners such as

- expansion anchors
- undercut anchors
- concrete screws
- bonded anchors
- bonded expansion anchors
- bonded undercut anchors

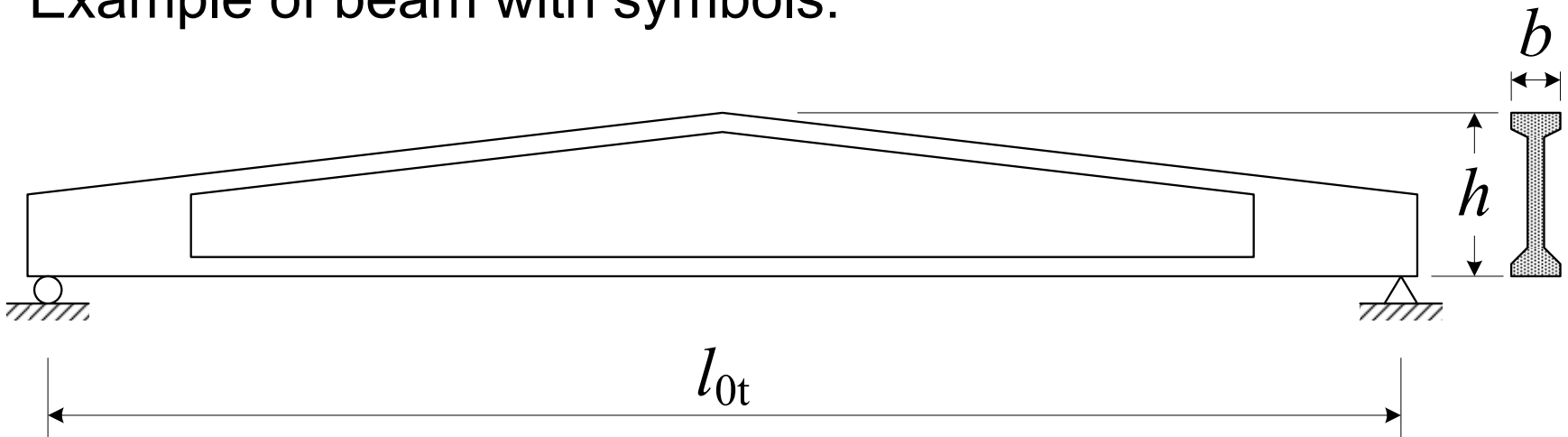
## 5.9 Lateral instability of slender beams

Second order effects in connection with lateral instability may be ignored if

$$\frac{l_{0t}}{b} \leq \frac{50}{(h/b)^{1/3}} \quad \text{and} \quad h/b \leq 2,5 \quad \text{in persistent situations}$$

$$\frac{l_{0t}}{b} \leq \frac{70}{(h/b)^{1/3}} \quad \text{and} \quad h/b \leq 3,5 \quad \text{in transient situations}$$

Example of beam with symbols:



## 5.10 Prestressed members and structures

**Maximum prestressing force:**

$$P_{\max} = A_p \sigma_{p,\max}$$

$$\sigma_{p,\max} = \begin{cases} 0,8 f_{pk} \\ 0,9 f_{p0,1k} \end{cases} \quad 0,8 \text{ and } 0,9 \text{ are NDP}$$

**Temporary overstressing** (e.g. in long-line pretensioning):

$$\sigma_{p,\max} \leq 0,95 f_{p0,1k} \quad 0,95 \text{ is NDP}$$

**Maximum concrete stress** at tensioning or release of prestress:

$$\sigma_c \leq 0,6 f_{ck}(t)$$

**At transfer of prestress** in pretensioning, if justified by tests or experience:

$$\sigma_c \leq 0,7 f_{ck}(t) \quad 0,95 \text{ is NDP}$$

## 5.10 Prestressed members and structures

Time dependent loss of prestress:

$$\Delta P_{c+s+r} = A_p \cdot \Delta \sigma_{p,c+s+r}$$

$$= A_p \cdot \frac{\overbrace{\frac{E_p}{E_{cm}} \varphi(t, t_0) \cdot \sigma_{c,QP}}^{\text{Creep}} + \underbrace{\varepsilon_{cs} E_p}_{\text{Shrinkage}} + \underbrace{0,8 \Delta \sigma_{pr}}_{\text{Relaxation}}}{1 + \frac{E_p}{E_{cm}} \frac{A_p}{A_c} \left( 1 + \frac{A_c}{I_c} z_{cp}^2 \right) [1 + 0,8 \varphi(t, t_0)]}$$

## 6.2.2 (2) Shear capacity w.r.t. diagonal tension

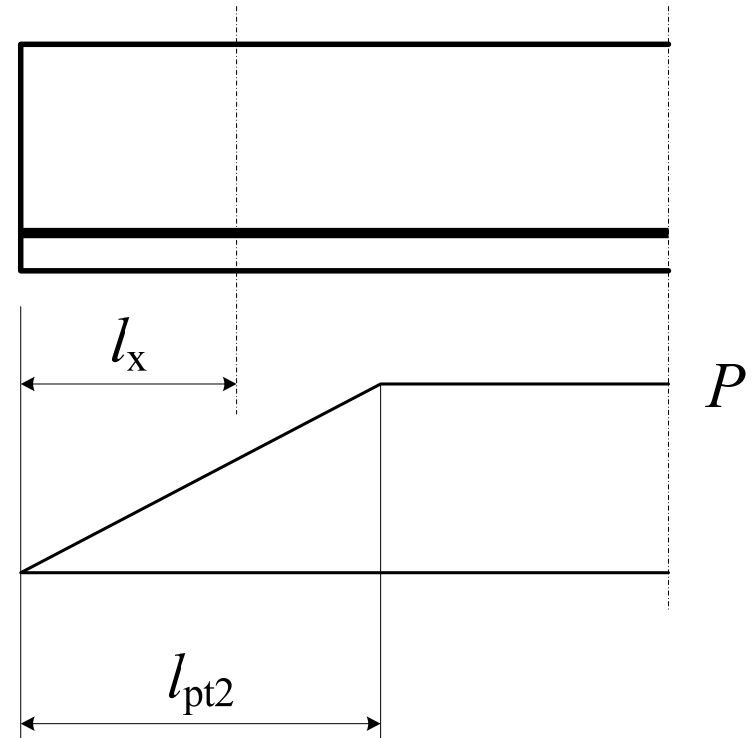
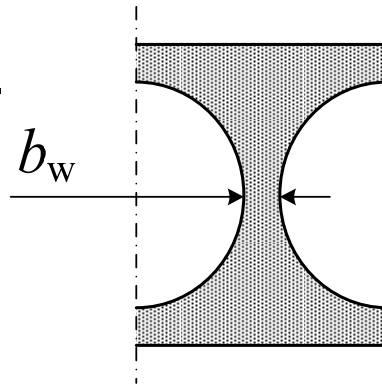
Shear capacity in members without shear reinforcement in regions uncracked in bending:

$$V_{Rd,c} = \frac{I \cdot b_w}{S} \cdot \sqrt{f_{ctd}^2 + \alpha_l \sigma_{cp} f_{ctd}}$$

$$\alpha_l = l_x / l_{pt2} \leq 1,0$$

$l_{pt2}$  = upper bound value  
of transmission length

$b_w$  = width of cross  
section at cen-  
troidal axis



for h.c. slab normally the minimum width (but not always)

## 6.2.5 Shear at interface between different concretes

Shear **stress** in interface for an element with topping:

$$v_{Edi} = \beta \cdot V_{Ed} / (b_i z) \quad \beta = \text{part of longitudinal force acting within topping}$$

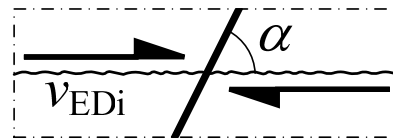
$b_i$  = Interface width  
 $z$  = internal lever arm

Shear **resistance** in interface:

$$v_{Rdi} = c \cdot f_{ctd} \quad \text{bond}$$

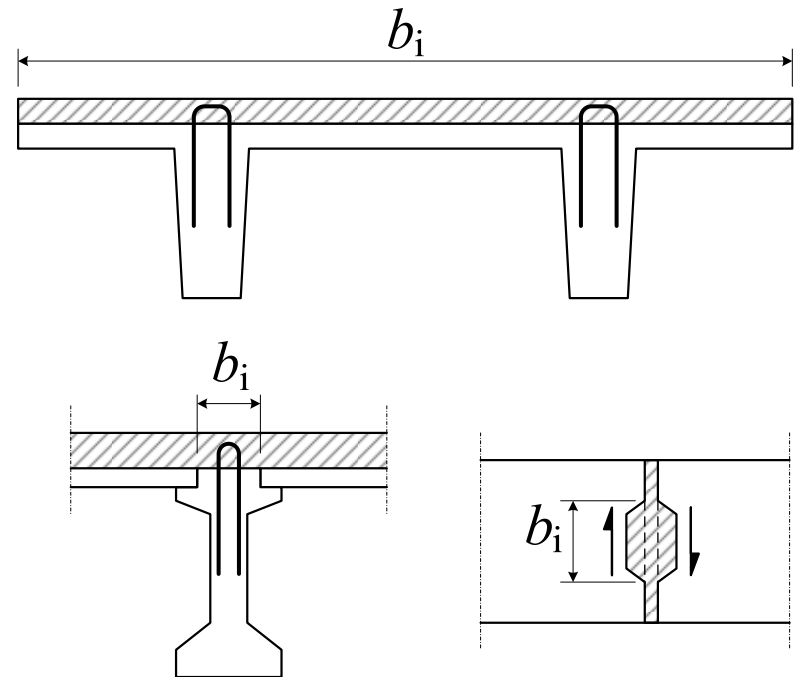
$$+ \mu \cdot \sigma_{cn} \quad \text{external compression}$$

$$+ \rho \cdot f_{yd} \cdot (\mu \cdot \sin \alpha + \cos \alpha) \quad \text{reinf.}$$



Upper limit:

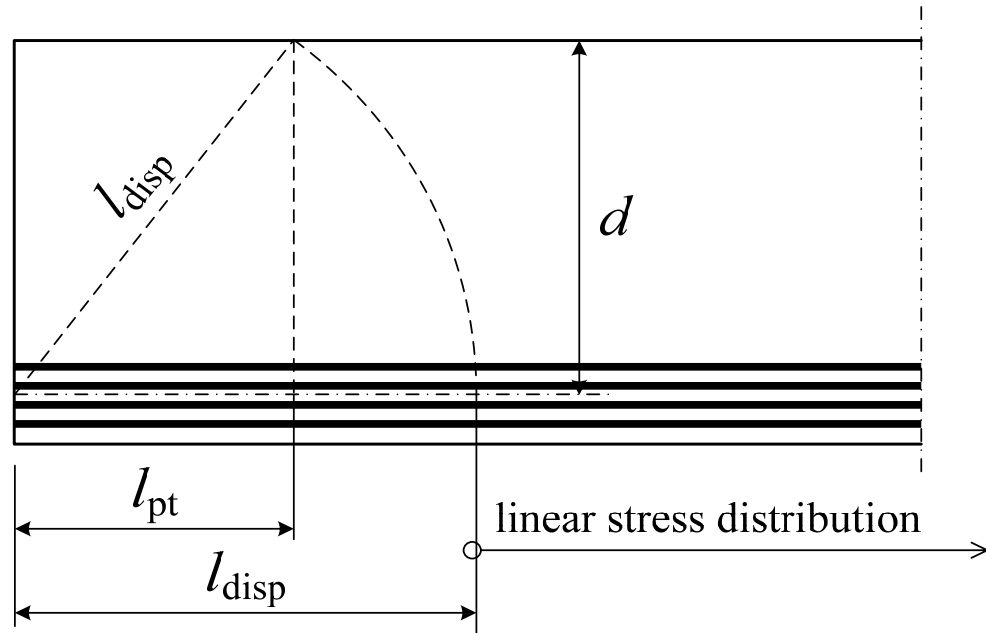
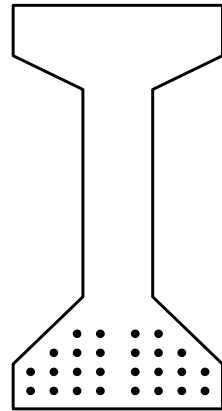
$$v_{Rdi} \leq 0,5v \cdot f_{cd} \quad v = 0,6(1 - f_{ck}/250)$$



## 8.10.2

### Anchorage of pre-tensioned tendons

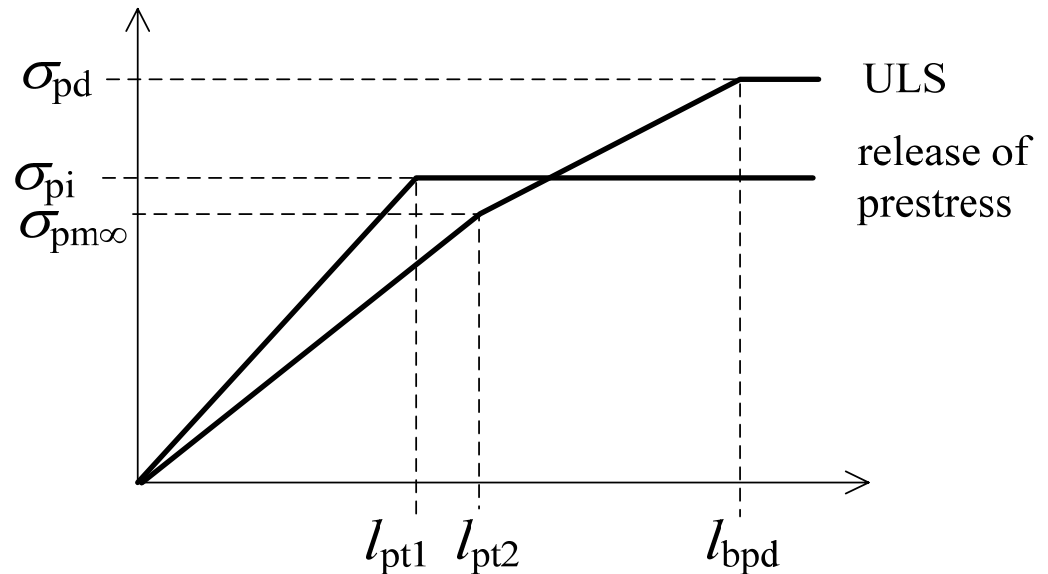
#### 8.10.2.1 General



$l_{pt}$  = transmission length  
for prestressing force

$l_{disp}$  = dispersion length

$l_{bpd}$  = anchorage length for  
tendon force in ULS





## 8.10.2 Anchorage of pre-tensioned tendons

### 8.10.2.2 Transfer of prestress

#### (1) Bond stress

$$f_{bpt} = \eta_{p1} \eta_1 f_{ctd}(t)$$

$\eta_{p1} = 2,7$  for indented wires, 3,2 for strands  
 $\eta_1 = 1,0$  for "good" bond conditions, 0,7 otherwise  
 $f_{ctd}(t)$  = design value of concrete's tensile strength at time of release

#### (2) Transmission length

$$l_{pt} = \alpha_1 \alpha_2 \phi \frac{\sigma_{pm0}}{f_{bpt}}$$

$\alpha_1 = 1,0$  for gradual, 1,25 for sudden release  
 $\alpha_2 = 0,25$  for circular units, 0,19 for strands  
 $\phi$  = nominal diameter  
 $\sigma_{pm0}$  = tendons stress just after release





# Annex A. Modification of partial factors for materials

Reduction based on quality control and reduced deviations

Dimension $b \setminus h$	Reduced tolerances (mm)	
	Cross-sectional dimension	Effective depth
$\leq 150$	5 (10)	5 (10)
400	10 (15)	10 (15)
$\geq 2500$	30 (30)	20 (20)

$$\gamma_{S,red,1} = 1,1 \quad (1,15)$$

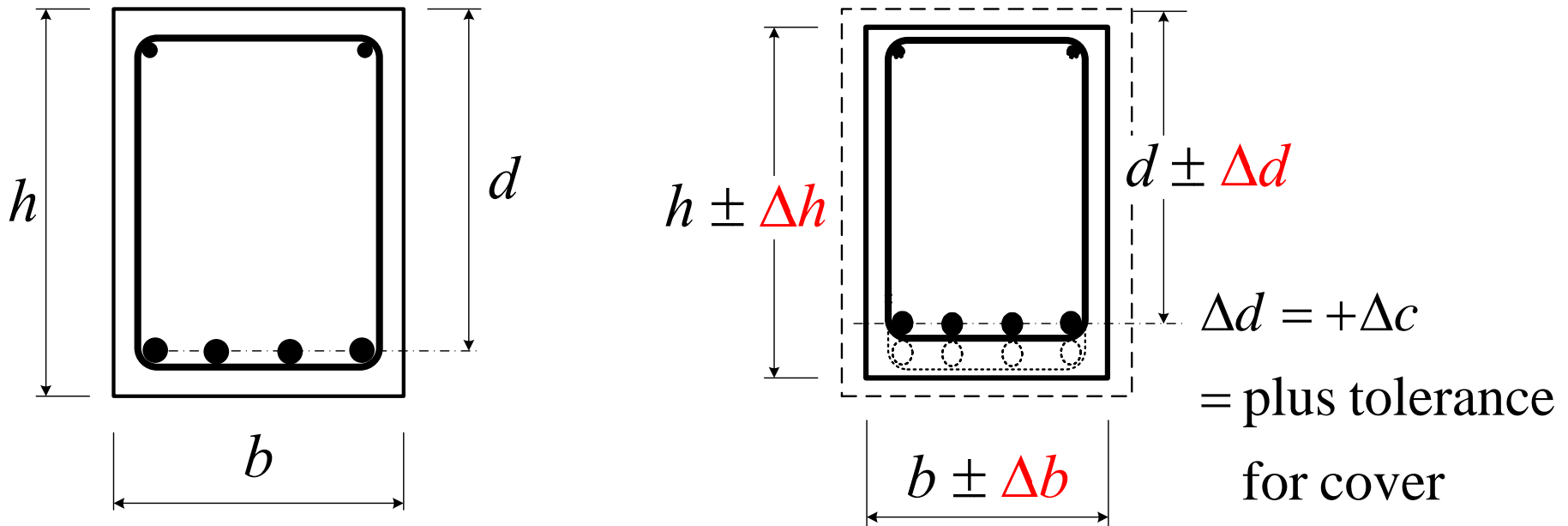
$$\gamma_{C,red,1} = 1,4 \quad (1,5)$$

NDP

(normal tolerance)

# Annex A. Modification of partial factors for materials

Reduction based on using reduced or measured geometrical data in design



$$\gamma_{S,\text{red},2} = 1,05 \quad (1,15)$$

$$\gamma_{C,\text{red},2} = 1,45 \quad (1,5)$$

NDP

Applicable also if dimensions are measure in finished structure

# Annex A. Modification of partial factors for materials

## Reduction based on assessment of concrete strength in finished structure

For concrete strength values based on testing in finished structure or element,  $\gamma_c$  may be reduced by the conversion factor  $\eta$ :

$$\gamma_{C,red,3} = \eta \cdot \gamma_{C,(red)} \geq \gamma_{C,red,4}$$

$\gamma_{C,(red)}$  can be reduced according to previous criteria

$\eta = 0,85$           NDP

$\gamma_{C,red,4} = 1,3$           -          «          -

Precast elements – same rules as for in-situ