

# Design of Beam-Columns

# Beam-Column - Outline

- Beam-Columns
- Moment Amplification Analysis
- Second Order Analysis
- Compact Sections for Beam-Columns
- Braced and Unbraced Frames
- Analysis/Design of Braced Frames
- Analysis/Design of Unbraced Frames
- Design of Bracing Elements

# Design for Flexure – LRFD Spec.

- Commonly Used Sections:
  - I – shaped members (singly- and doubly-symmetric)
  - Square and Rectangular or round HSS

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## INTRODUCTION

Members subject to  $P \& M \& V$



axial tension +  
bending  
(simple - no need  
for 2nd order  
analysis)

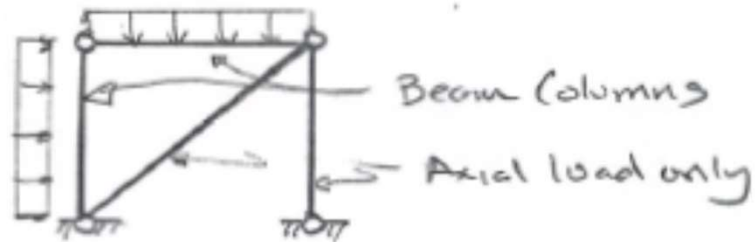


axial compression +  
bending =  
"BEAM COLUMN"  
(more difficult due  
to need for 2nd  
order analysis)

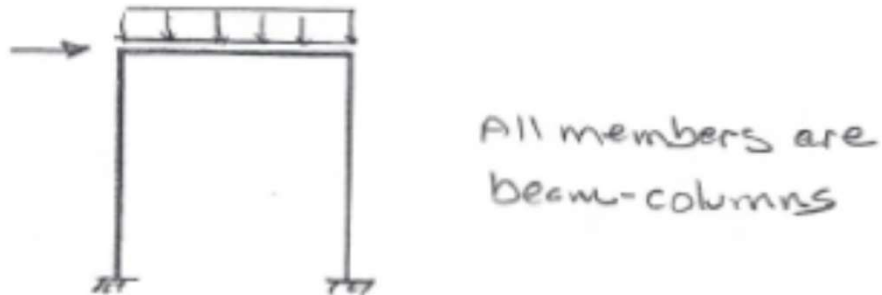
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## EXAMPLES OF BEAM COLUMNS

- Braced Frame

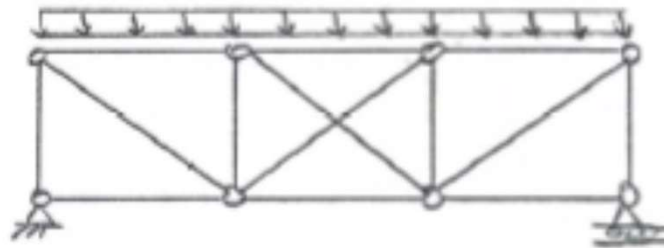


- Unbraced Frame



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- Truss with loads applied between panel points



Top chord members  
are beam-columns

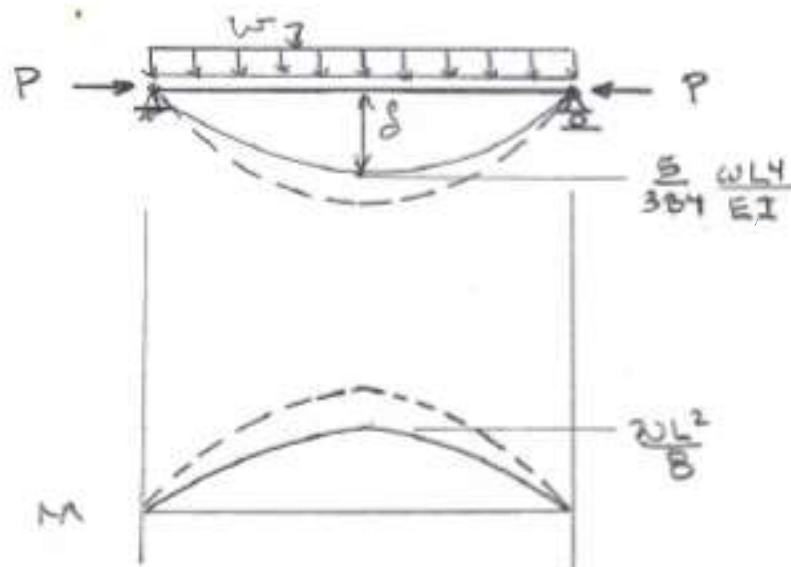
## Beam-Column Issues

- I. ANALYSIS - DETERMINE  $P$  &  $M$  IN MEMBER
- II. STRENGTH - WHAT IS  $P$  &  $M$  AT FAILURE?

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## ANALYSIS ISSUES

2nd order effects must be considered in the analysis



$$\frac{5}{384} \frac{wL^4}{EI}$$

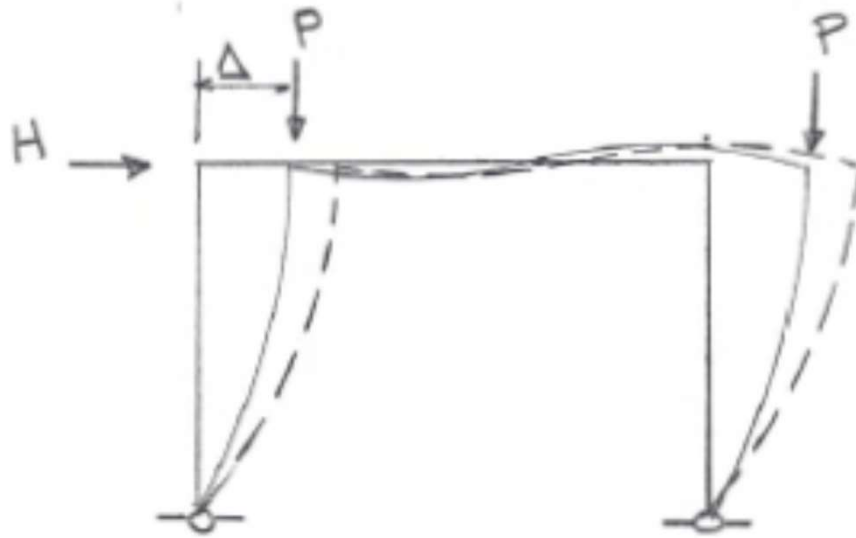
———— = first order response

----- = 2nd order response

The load  $P$  acting through the deflection  $\delta$  produces additional deflection  $\delta$  and additional moment.

i.e. "P- $\delta$ " effects amplify the first order response

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The load  $P$  acting through the deflection  $\Delta$  (i.e. "P- $\Delta$ " effects) amplify the first order deflections & moments.



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## STRENGTH OF BEAM-COLUMNS

Limit states for beam-columns:

- Fully yielded cross-section
- Instability
  - (a) local buckling (check b/t limits)
  - (b) overall member buckling
    - in-plane buckling  
(instability involves only bending of member - no twist)
    - lateral-torsional buckling  
(instability involves bending & twist)

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Likely failure modes due to combined bending and axial forces:

- Bending and Tension: usually fail by yielding
- Bending (uniaxial) and compression: Failure by buckling in the plane of bending, without torsion
- Bending (strong axis) and compression: Failure by LTB
- Bending (biaxial) and compression (torsionally stiff section): Failure by buckling in one of the principal directions.
- Bending (biaxial) and compression (thin-walled section): failure by combined twisting and bending
- Bending (biaxial) + torsion + compression: failure by combined twisting and bending

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- ❑ Structural elements subjected to combined flexural moments and axial loads are called *beam-columns*
- ❑ The case of beam-columns usually appears in structural frames
- ❑ The code requires that the sum of the load effects be smaller than the resistance of the elements

$$\frac{\sum \gamma_i Q_i}{\phi R_n} \leq 1.0$$

- ❑ Thus: a column beam interaction can be written as

$$\frac{P_u}{\phi_c P_n} + \left[ \frac{M_{ux}}{\phi_b M_{nx}} + \frac{M_{uy}}{\phi_b M_{ny}} \right] \leq 1.0$$

- ❑ This means that a column subjected to axial load and moment will be able to carry less axial load than if no moment would exist.

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- AISC code makes a distinct difference between lightly and heavily axial loaded columns

$$\text{for } \frac{P_u}{\phi_c P_n} \geq 0.2$$

$$\frac{P_u}{\phi_c P_n} + \frac{8}{9} \left[ \frac{M_{ux}}{\phi_b M_{nx}} + \frac{M_{uy}}{\phi_b M_{ny}} \right] \leq 1.0$$

*AISC Equation*

$$\text{for } \frac{P_u}{\phi_c P_n} \leq 0.2$$

$$\frac{P_u}{2\phi_c P_n} + \left[ \frac{M_{ux}}{\phi_b M_{nx}} + \frac{M_{uy}}{\phi_b M_{ny}} \right] \leq 1.0$$

*AISC Equation*

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- Definitions

$P_u$  = factored axial compression load

$P_n$  = nominal compressive strength

$M_{ux}$  = factored bending moment in the x-axis, including second-order effects

$M_{nx}$  = nominal moment strength in the x-axis

$M_{uy}$  = same as  $M_{ux}$  except for the y-axis

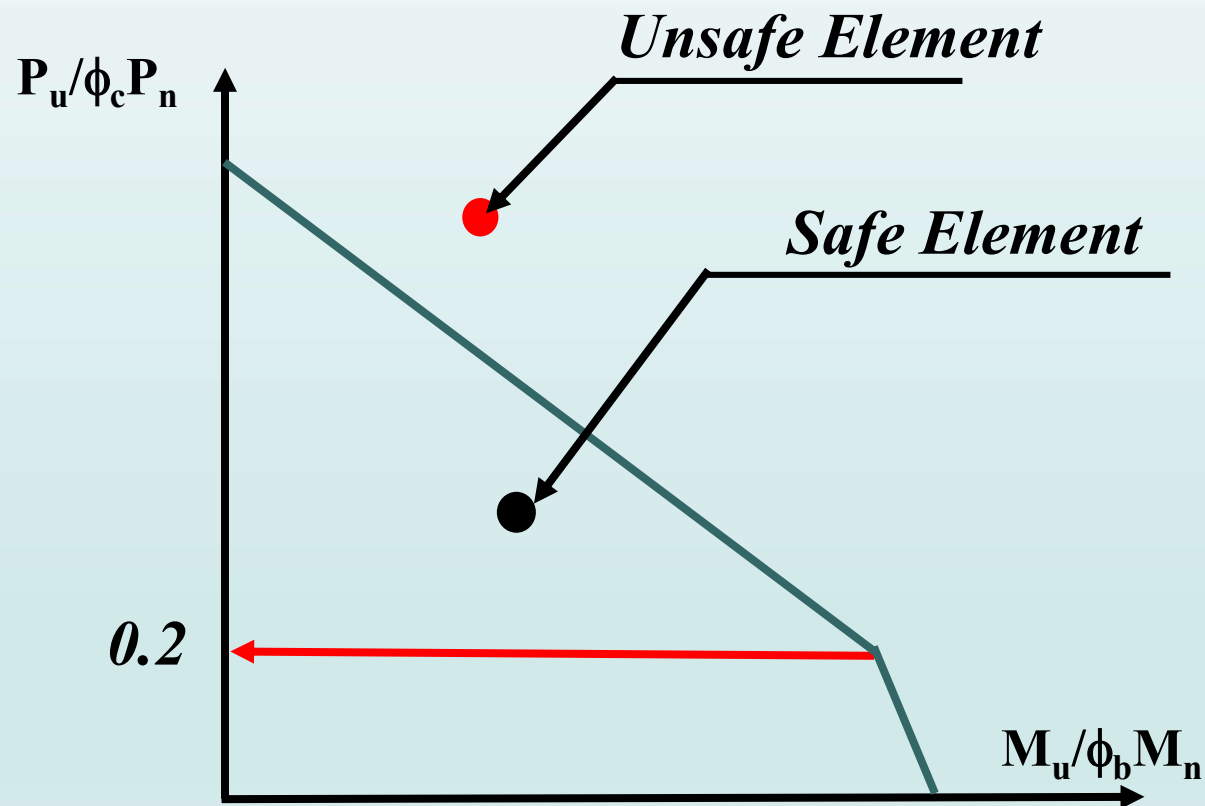
$M_{ny}$  = same as  $M_{nx}$  except for the y-axis

$\phi_c$  = Strength reduction factor for compression members = 0.90

$\phi_b$  = Strength reduction factor for flexural members = 0.90

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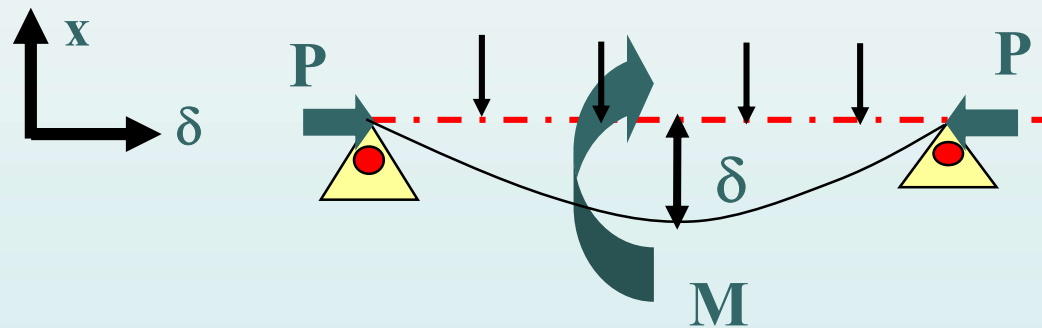
- The increase in slope for lightly axial-loaded columns represents the less effect of axial load compared to the heavily axial-loaded columns



*These are design charts that are a bit conservative than behaviour envelopes*

# Moment Amplification

- When a large axial load exists, the axial load produces moments due to any element deformation.



- The final moment “ $M$ ” is the sum of the original moment and the moment due to the axial load. The moment is therefore said to be amplified.
- As the moment depends on the load and the original moment, the problem is nonlinear and thus it is called second-order problem.