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# **Buckling of Beam-Columns – I**

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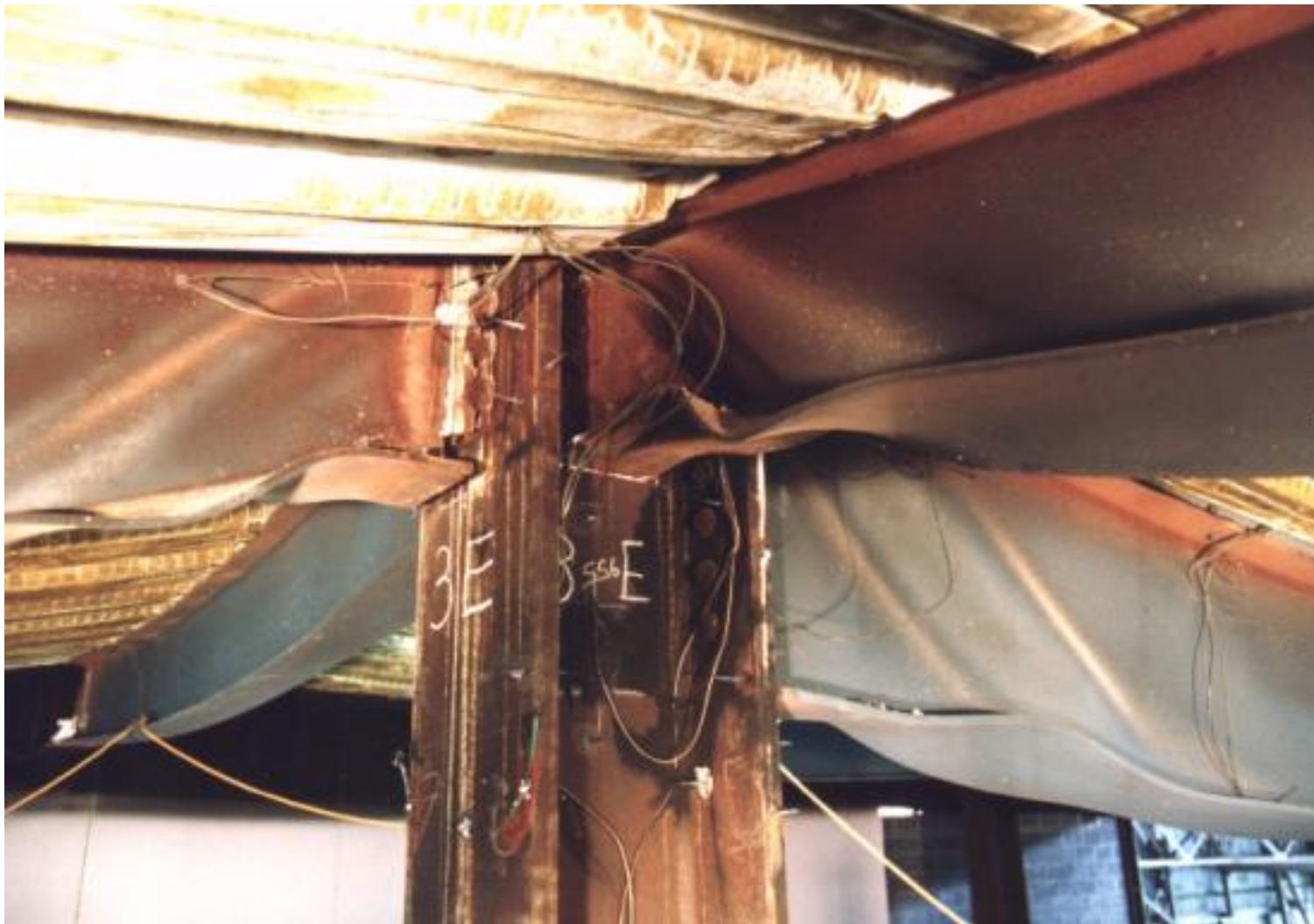
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Buckling of a steel beam-column

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# Outline

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- Beam-columns with various loading conditions
  - Uniformly distributed lateral load,  $w(x)$
  - A concentrated lateral load,  $Q(x=a)$
  - End moments,  $M_A$  and  $M_B$ 
    - single curvature
    - double curvature
- Summary

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- **Uniformly distributed lateral load:  $w(x)$** 
  - 2<sup>nd</sup>-order D.E. approach
  - Governing equation:
  - Solution:  $y = y_c + y_p$

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- Maximum deflection:  $y_{max}$
- Primary and secondary effects:
- Critical load:

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- Interactions among  $P$ ,  $w(x)$ , and  $y_{max}$ :
  - At constant  $P$ ,  $w(x)$  and  $y_{max}$  are proportional to each other.
  - At constant  $w(x)$ ,  $P$  and  $y_{max}$  are **NOT** proportional to each other.

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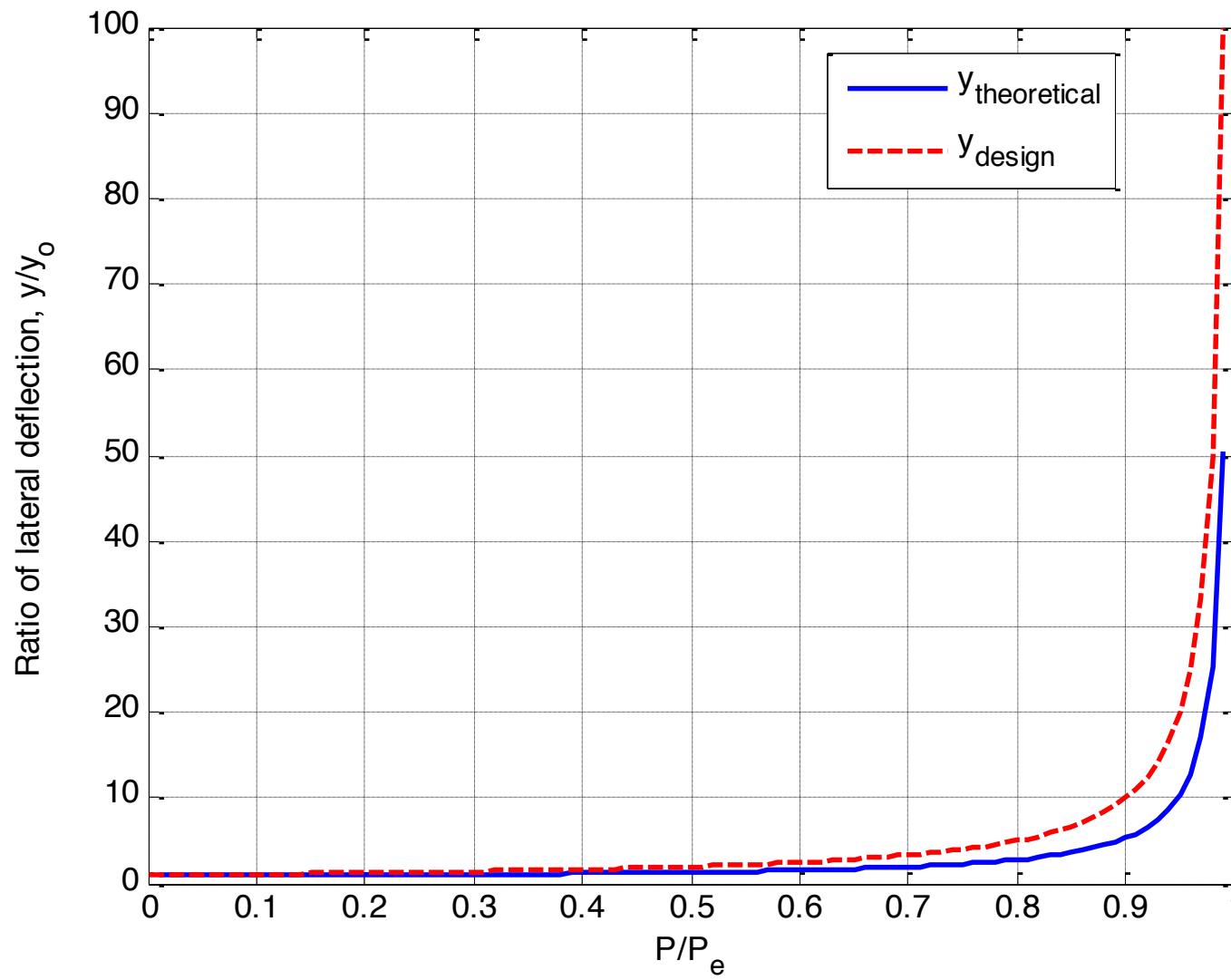
- Maximum **internal** bending moment:  $M_{max}$
- Primary and secondary effects:

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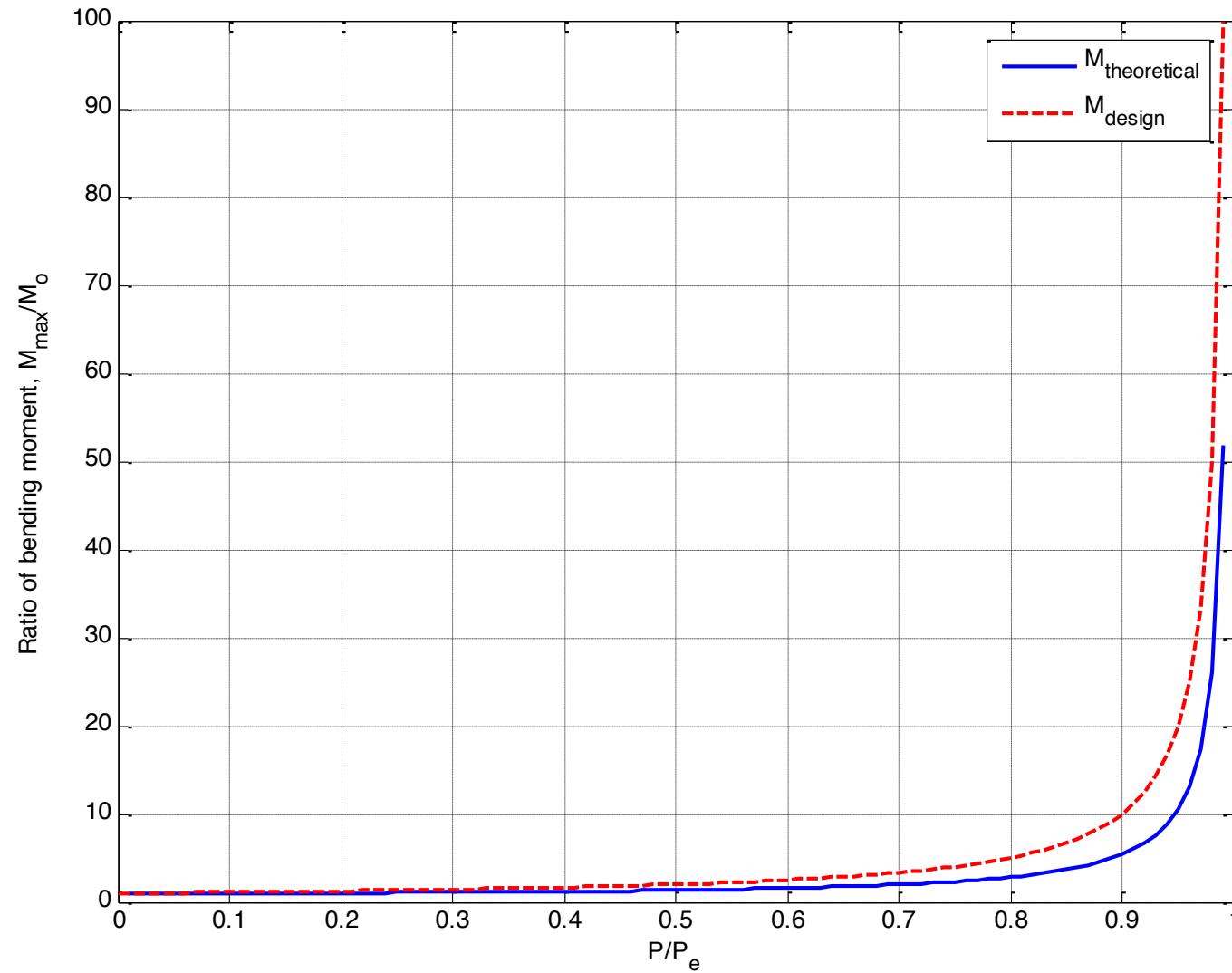
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- Theoretical and design values:
  - Maximum deflection:  $y_{max}$
  - Maximum **internal** bending moment:  $M_{max}$

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- Note: Taylor series expansion

$$e^x = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{n!} = 1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^3}{3!} + \dots \text{ for all } x$$

$$\sin x = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{(2n+1)!} x^{2n+1} = x - \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^5}{5!} - \dots \text{ for all } x$$

$$\cos x = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{(2n)!} x^{2n} = 1 - \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} - \dots \text{ for all } x$$

$$\tan x = x + \frac{x^3}{3} + \frac{2x^5}{15} + \dots \text{ for } |x| < \frac{\pi}{2}$$

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- A concentrated lateral load:  $Q(x=a)$ 
  - 2<sup>nd</sup>-order D.E. approach
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  - Solution:  $y = y_c + y_p$

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- Maximum deflection:  $y_{max}$
- Primary and secondary effects:
- Critical load,  $P_{cr}$

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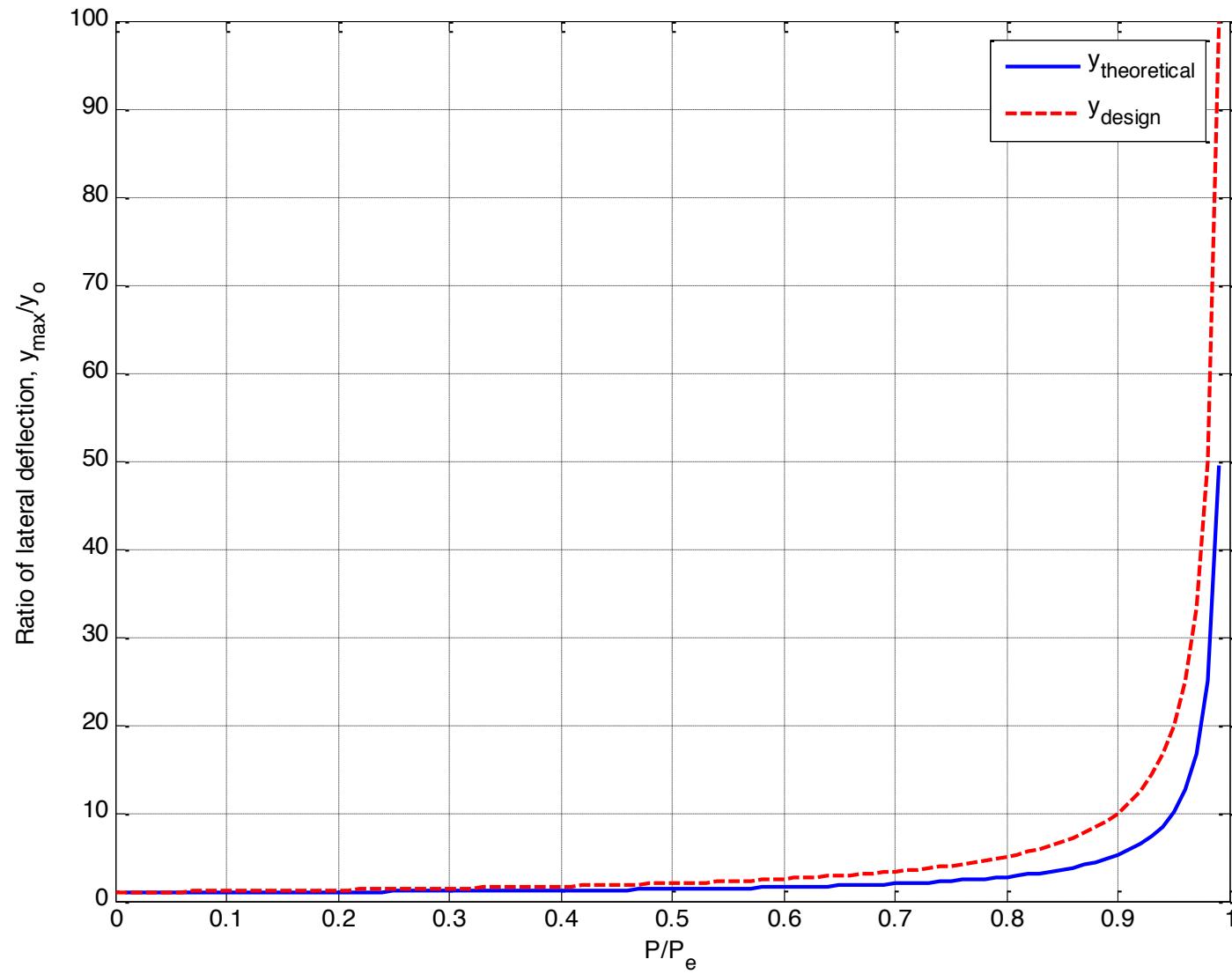
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- Primary and secondary effects:

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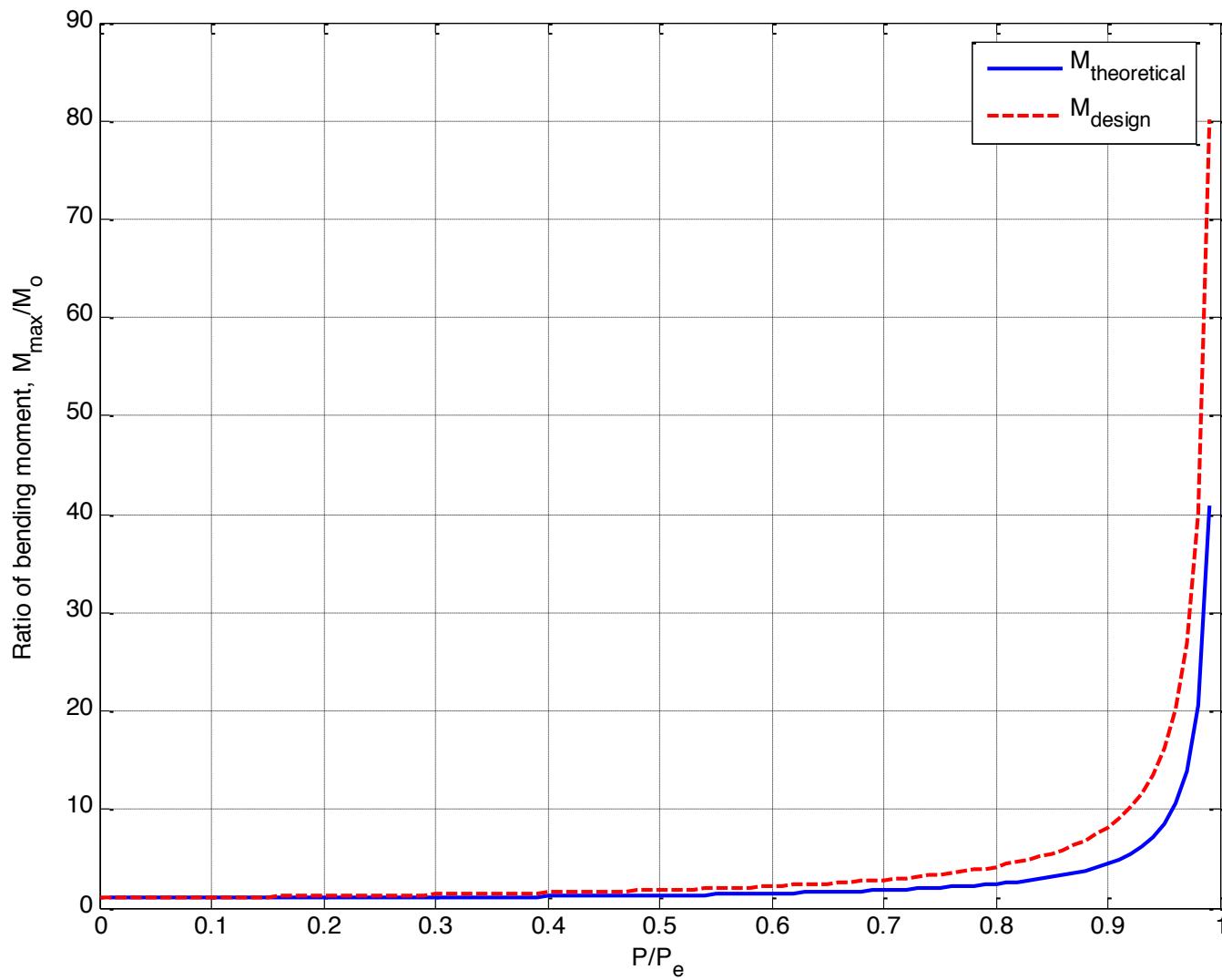
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- **End moments:  $M_A$  and  $M_B$** 
  - 2<sup>nd</sup>-order D.E. approach
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- Theoretical and design values:
  - Maximum deflection:  $y_{max}$
  - Maximum **internal** bending moment:  $M_{max}$

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- Concept of equivalent moment (Equivalent moment factor,  $C_m$ )

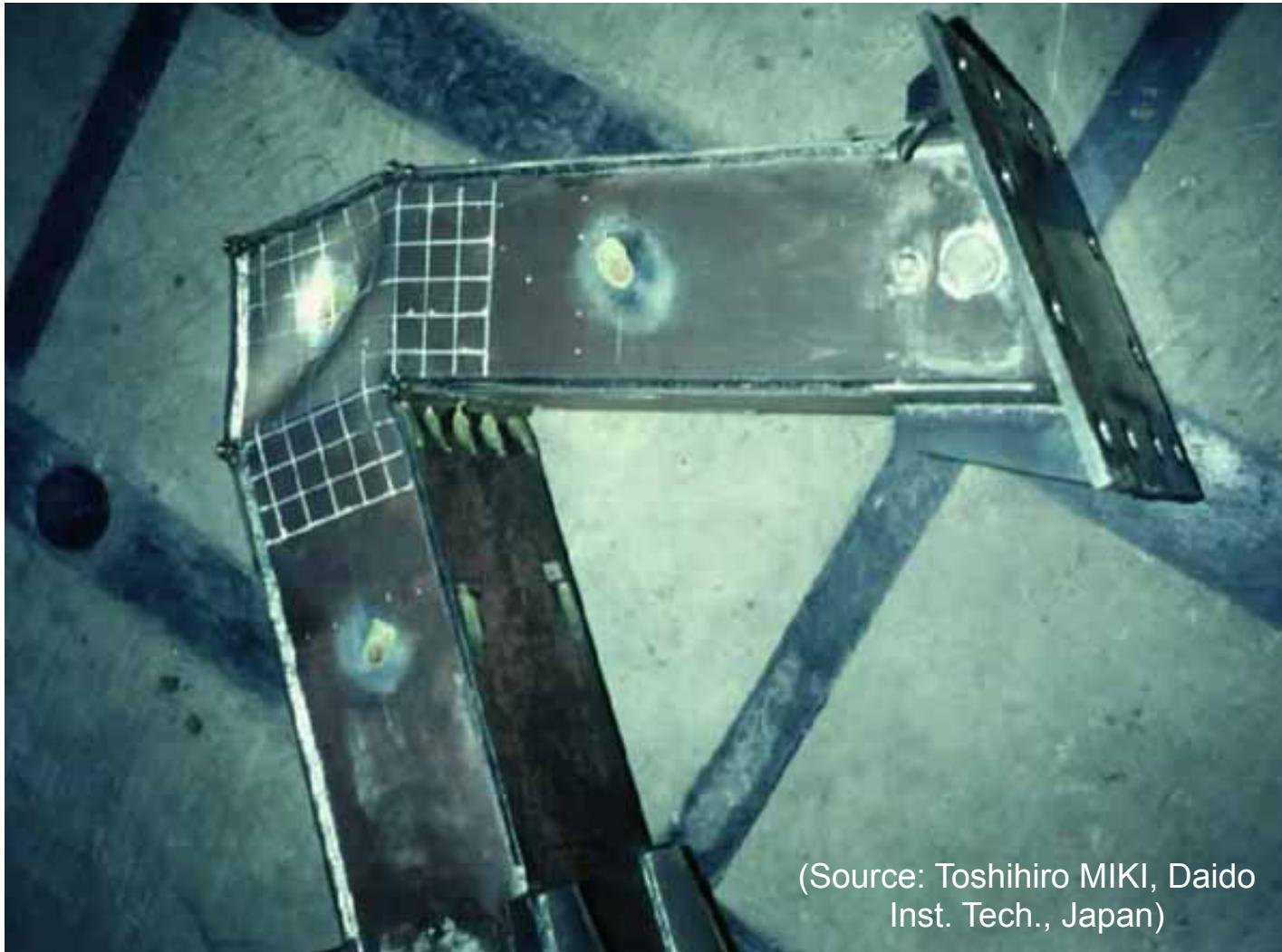
**Table 3.9** Values for  $\psi$  and  $C_m$

Case	$\psi$	$C_m$
1	0	1.0
2	-0.4	$1-0.4 P/P_{ek}$
3	-0.4	$1-0.4 P/P_{ek}$
4	-0.2	$1-0.2 P/P_{ek}$
5	-0.3	$1-0.3 P/P_{ek}$
6	-0.2	$1-0.2 P/P_{ek}$

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- Failure modes – Beam-column joint failed in **shear**



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- Failure modes – Beam-column joint failed in **bending**

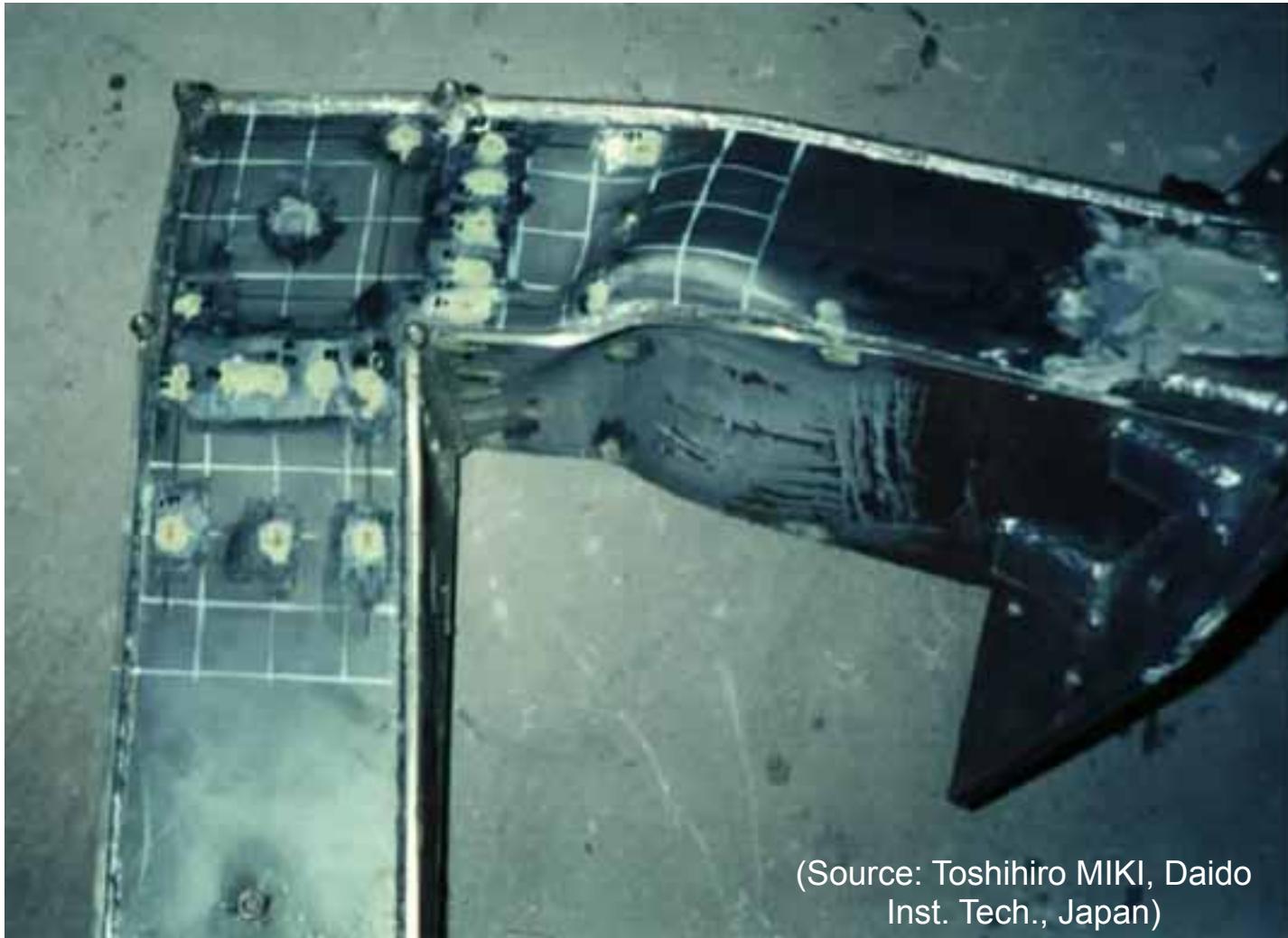


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- Failure modes – Beam-column joint failed in **torsion**



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# Summary

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- In reality, all members in a frame are beam-columns.
- When analyzing beam-columns, the primary effect (bending moment and deflection) is due to bending moment and the secondary effect (bending moment and deflection) is due to axial force; however, the secondary bending moment and deflection can be more significant than the primary ones.
- At constant  $P$ ,  $w(x)$  and  $y_{max}$  are proportional to each other; however, at constant  $w(x)$ ,  $P$  and  $y_{max}$  are **NOT** proportional to each other.
- For beam-columns subjected to end moments,  $\frac{M_A}{M_B} > 0$  : Double curvature;  
 $\frac{M_A}{M_B} < 0$  : Single curvature