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SPACELINK TRUSSES DEMONSTRATION CALCULATIONS

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INTRODUCTORY STATEMENT

The following sections outline demonstration calculations for the Spacelink prototype truss frame that was tested under four point loading arrangement. The calculations consider the frame behaviour under ultimate and service limit conditions. The calculations are broadly undertaken in accordance to the requirements of EUROCOMP Design code and closely follows the design procedure outlined in Fibrelite Composite Design Manual.

Sample proof calculations for the proposed series of truss configuration are also outlined. In this section, the calculation assumes that serviceability limit state criteria would govern the performance of the frames.

In the calculation of deflections, the Euler-Bernoulli beam equations are used. However, the contributions of shear and axial distortions are taken into account. This is done by including the reduced modulus of elasticity in the closed form equations. For a simply supported truss frames, three load cases are considered: uniformly distributed load (UDL), central point load (CPL) and point loads at third points.

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PROTOTYPE SPACELINK TRUSS-FRAME *DEMONSTRATION CALCULATIONS* **TEST FRAME**

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Table 1: Material properties taken from EUROCOMP Design Code and Handbook

Conform to the minimum values for grade E17 in the European Standard EN 13706-3:2002 
60 × 60 × 4.5 mm square profiles

Property	Units	Longitudinal	Transverse
Tensile Strength	N/mm ²	207	48
Tensile Modulus	kN/mm ²	17.2 (30)	5.5 (14)
Compressive Strength	N/mm ²	207 (200.7 [#])	103
Compressive Modulus	kN/mm ²	17.2	6.9
Shear Strength (in-plane)	N/mm ²	31	-
Shear Modulus (in-plane)	kN/mm ²	2.9 (4.5)	-
Flexural Strength	N/mm ²	207	69
Flexural modulus	kN/mm ²	13.8	5.5
Poisson's Ratio		0.33 (0.33)	0.11

Note: Values in brackets were obtained through resin burn-off tests and micromechanical modelling using the 60 × 60 × 4.5 mm square profile. Value marked with # was determined by the first author via axial compression tests on lengths for failure by flexural buckling.

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Table 2: Material properties taken from EUROCOMP Design Code and Handbook

Conform to the minimum values for grade E23 in the European Standard EN 13706-3:2002

76 × 76 × 6.35 mm and 102 × 102 × 6.35 square profiles

Property	Units	Longitudinal	Transverse
Tensile Strength	N/mm ²	410	44
Tensile Modulus	kN/mm ²	27	3.5
Compressive Strength	N/mm ²	270	-
Compressive Modulus	kN/mm ²	24	4.5
Shear Strength (in-plane)	N/mm ²	15	-
Shear Modulus (in-plane)	kN/mm ²	4.2	-
Flexural Strength	N/mm ²	400	115
Flexural modulus	kN/mm ²	14	8
Poisson's Ratio		0.2	0.1

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LOAD-BEARING CAPACITY OF COMPRESSION CHORD TO "EUROCOMP DESIGN GUIDE"

"Assumed pin-jointed"

(eccentric moment & secondary effects to chord continuity ignored)

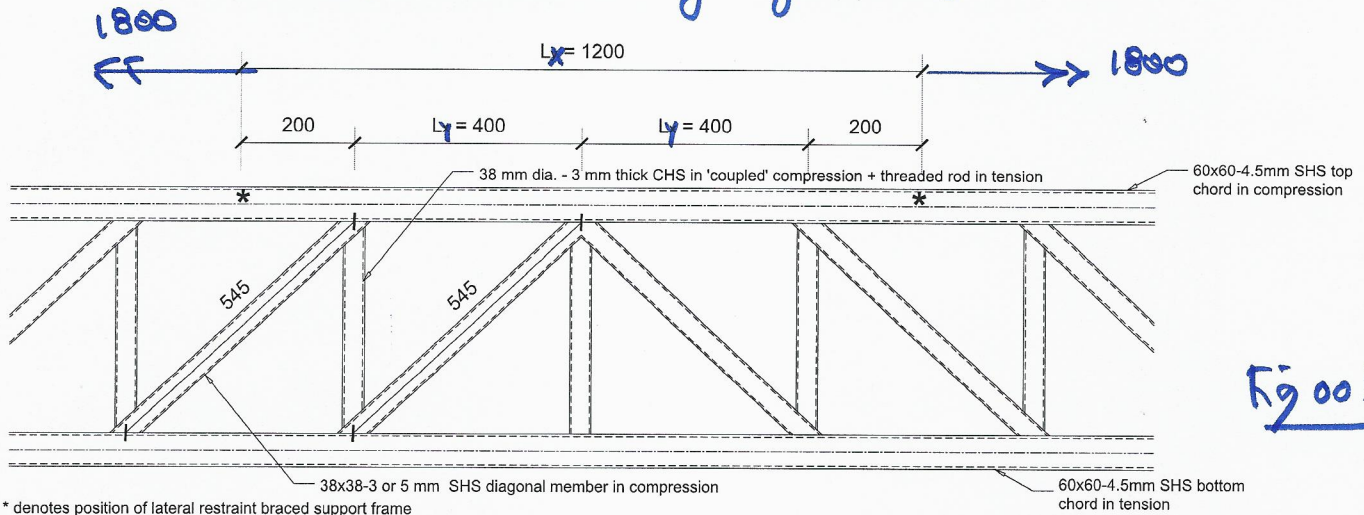


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All dimensions are in millimetres

(60x60x4.5 SHS)

PART ELEVATION OF TEST FRAME

60x60 - 4.5mm SHS.

$A = 999 \text{ mm}^2$

$I_{xx} = I_{yy} = 516233 \text{ mm}^4$

$E = 17200 \text{ mPa}$

$f_{c,0} = 200 \text{ mPa}$

$\gamma_{m,f} = 1.3 \text{ (assumed)}$

$f_{t,0} = 207 \text{ mPa}$

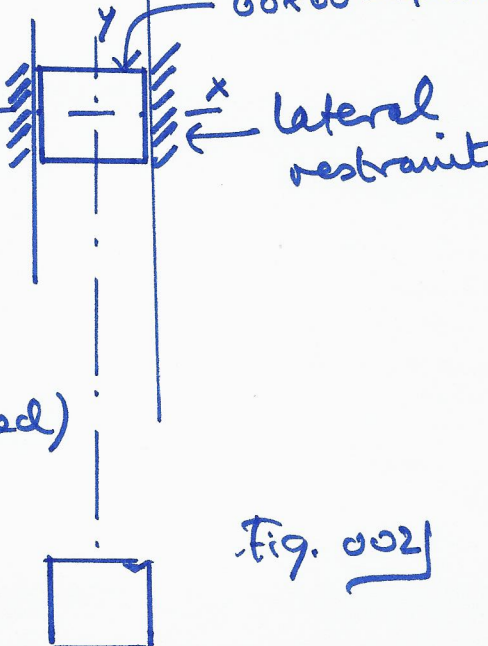


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	<p>Compressive load $F_d = \frac{A \cdot f_{c,0}}{\gamma_{m,f}}$</p> $= \frac{999 \times 200}{1.3} \times 10^{-3}$ $= \underline{153.7 \text{ kN}}$ <p>$N_{el,x} = \frac{\pi^2 \cdot E_{00} \cdot I_{xx}}{\gamma_{m,f} \cdot L_x^2}$</p> $= \frac{\pi^2 \times 17200 \times 516233}{1.3 \times 1800^2} \times 10^{-3}$ $= \underline{20.8 \text{ kN}}$ <p>$N_{cr,x} = \frac{F_d}{1 + F_d / N_{el,x}} = \frac{153.7}{1 + 153.7 / 20.8}$</p> $= \underline{18.3 \text{ kN}}$	

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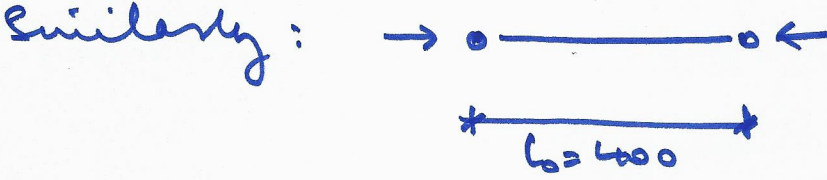
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	<p>Similarly: </p> $N_{el,y} = \frac{\pi^2 \times E_{00} \times I_{yy}}{\delta_{cr,f} \times L_y^2 (corr.)}$ <p style="text-align: center;">↳ 0.9L₀.</p> $= \frac{\pi^2 \times 17200 \times 516233}{1.3 \times (0.9 \times 400)^2}$ $= \underline{520.3 \text{ kN}}$ $N_{cr,y} = \frac{F_d}{1 + \frac{F_d}{N_{el,y}}}$ $= \frac{153.7}{\left(1 + \frac{153.7}{520.3}\right)}$ $= \underline{118.6 \text{ kN}}$	

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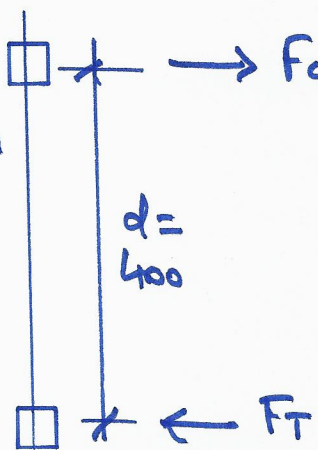
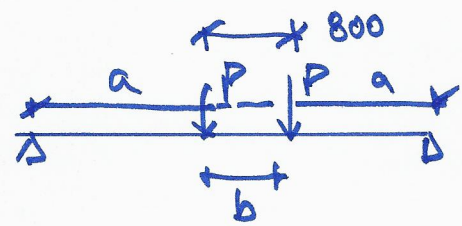
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	<p>From back analysis, ultimate load to cause failure of compression chord: thus,</p> <p>assuming frame compression chord is restrained at nodal points</p>  <p>$\therefore M_{cr,y} = N_{cr,x}$</p> <p>$= 118.6 \text{ kNm}$</p>  <p>$M = Pa = \frac{L}{2} P = F_c (d)$</p> <p>$\therefore P = \frac{118.6 (0.4)}{2} = 23.7 \text{ kN}$</p> <p>$2P = 47.4 \text{ kNm}$ RAM LOAD</p> <p>average $\gamma_f = 1.425$</p>	<p>$M = 47.4 \text{ kNm}$</p> <p>$F_T = F_c = 118.6 \text{ kN}$ applied.</p>

\therefore working load to cause failure = $\frac{47.4}{1.425} = 33.2 \text{ kNm}$

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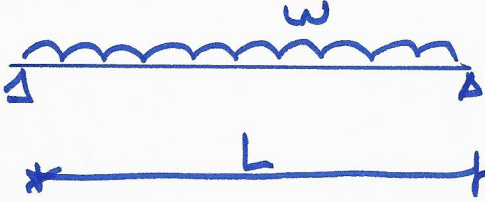
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	<p>Similarly: working udl to cause compression chord failure:</p>  $M = \frac{wl^2}{8} = F_c(d)$ $w = \frac{(118.6 \times 0.4) 8}{(4.8)^2}$ $w = 16.5 \text{ kN/m} / 1.425$ $\approx \underline{11.6 \text{ kN/m}}$	

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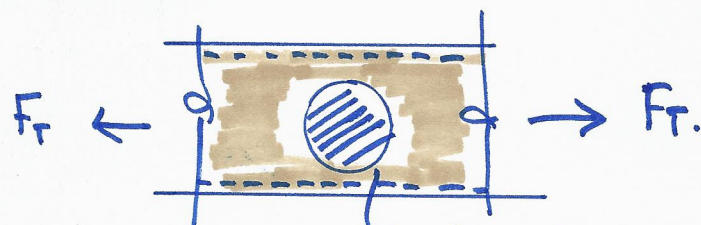
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	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>TENSILE CAPACITY OF TENSION CORD.</u></p> <p>Design tension resistance of cross-section</p> $N_{t,Rd} = \frac{A \cdot f_{t,0^{\circ}}}{\gamma_{m,f}}$ $= \frac{999 \times 207}{1.3}$ $= \underline{159.1 \text{ kN}}$ <p>Reduce tensile resistance of net cross-section at holes.</p>  <p>$A_{net} = A_{gross} - 2(d \cdot t)$ 32φ hole top & bottom</p> $= 999 - 2(32 \times 4.5)$ <p style="margin-left: 150px;">$t = 4.5m$</p> $N_{t,Rd(net)} = 0.9 A_{net} \cdot f_{t,0^{\circ}} / \gamma_{m} = 0.9 \times 711 \times 207 / 1.3$ $= \underline{101.9 \text{ kN}} < 118.6$	<p style="text-align: right;">$A_{net} = 711 \text{ mm}^2$</p>

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	$\frac{F_T}{N_{t,Rd(net)}} = \frac{118.6}{101.9}$ $= 1.16 > 1.0$ <p>Not satisfactory under tensile forces. @ ULS.</p> <p>For a large diameter hole ie 46mm dia. as suggested by Mark Singleton, on 14 Oct. 2016,</p> $N_{t,Rd(net)} = 0.9 \times A_{net} \times 207/1.3$ $= 0.9 \times 585 \times 207/1.3$ $= 83.8 \text{ kN}$ $\therefore 118.6/83.8 = 1.42 > 1.0$ <p>NOT SATISFACTORY</p> <p>however, it may be argued that this stress level will not be achieved as service loads will govern.</p>	

A_{net}
(46d)

= 999 -

$2(46 \times 4.5)$

= 585 mm²

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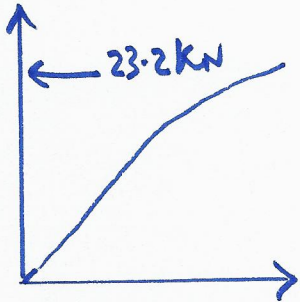
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	<p> \odot 83.8 kN $M_{46d} = 83.8 \times 0.4$ $= 33.5 \text{ kNm}$ $\therefore P = 33.5 / 2 = 16.8 \text{ kN}$ and working ram load = $2P / \gamma_f$ $= 23.52 \text{ kN}$ close to the failure load of the prototype. </p> 	

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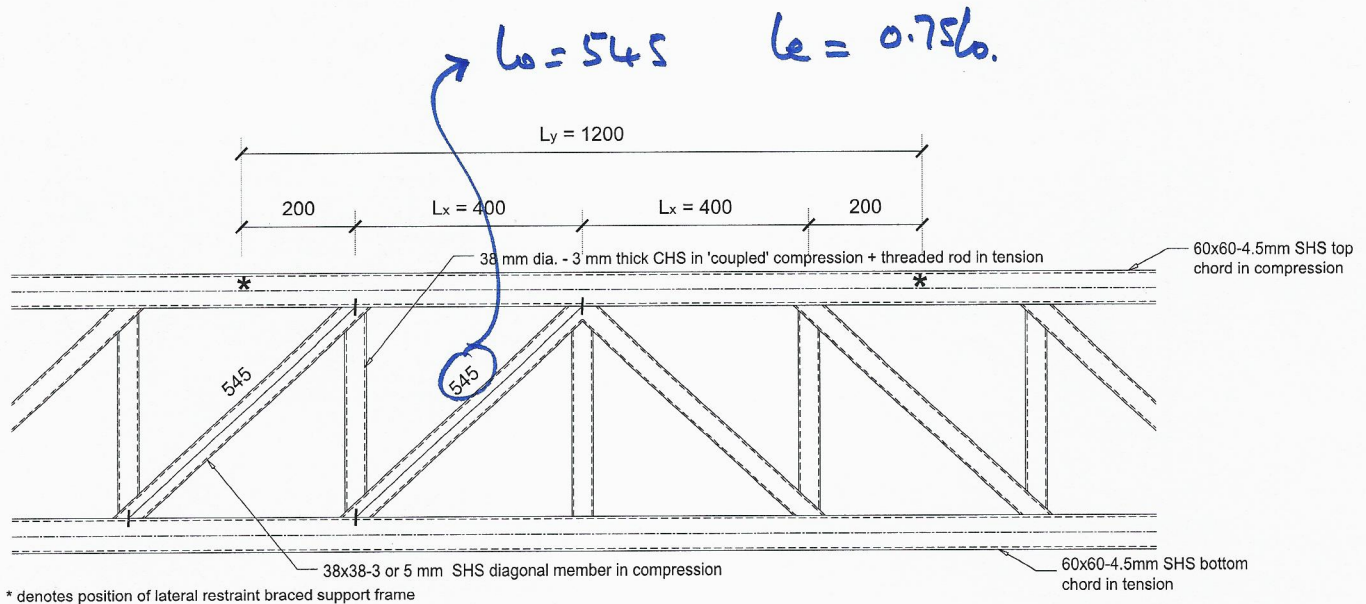
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CAPACITY CHECKS FOR
COMPRESSION BRANCH MEMBERS.
"DIAGONALS".



All dimensions are in millimetres

PART ELEVATION OF TEST FRAME

$38 \times 38 - 3 \text{ mm SHS. cr}$ $38 \times 38 - 5 \text{ mm SHS}$
 $A = 420 \text{ mm}^2$ $A = 660 \text{ mm}^2$
 $I = 86380. \text{ mm}^4$ $I = 122540 \text{ mm}^4$
 $E = 17200 \text{ MPa}$ $E = 17200 \text{ MPa}$
 $f_{c0} = 200 \text{ MPa}$
 $\gamma_{mf} = 1.3$

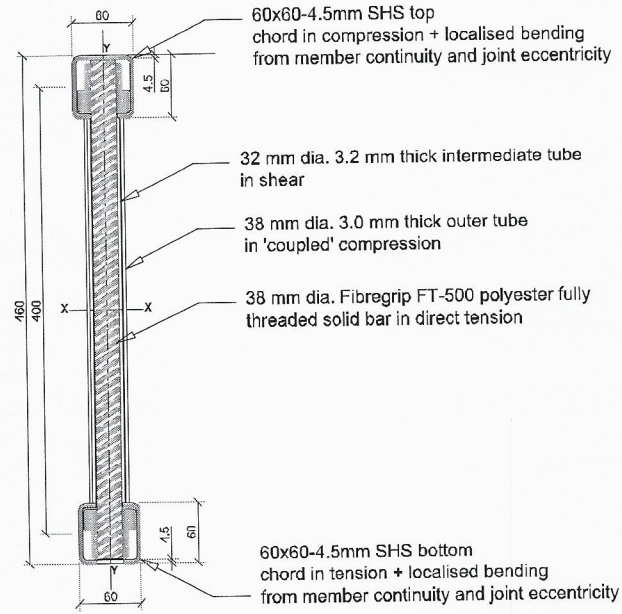
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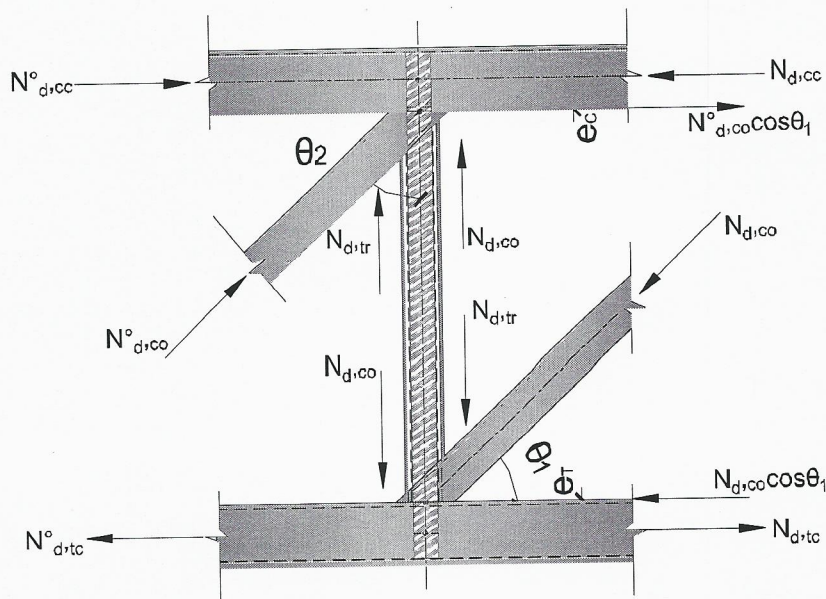
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TYPICAL SECTION OF FRAME



FORCE TRANSFER MECHANISM OF FRAME INTERNAL JOINT

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	<p style="text-align: center;">CAPACITY CHECKS FOR COMPRESSION DIAGONALS.</p> <p>Compression load $F_d = \frac{A \cdot f_{cd}}{\gamma_{m,f}}$</p> <p>for 38-3mm sts</p> $= \frac{420 \times 200}{1.3}$ $= \underline{64.6 \text{ kN}}$ <p><u>38-5mm sts</u></p> $= \frac{660 \times 200}{1.3} = 101.5 \text{ kN.}$ $N_{el, x, y} = \frac{\pi^2 \cdot E_0 \cdot I_{xx}}{\gamma_{m, f} \cdot (L_{eff})^2}$ <p>(38-3mm)</p> $= \frac{\pi^2 \times 17200 \times 86380}{1.3 \times (0.75 \times 545)^2}$ $N_{el} = 67.5 \text{ kN}$ <p>Similarly for 38-38-5mm</p> $N_{el, x, y} = \frac{\pi^2 \times 17200 \times 122540}{1.3 \times (0.75 \times 545)^2}$ $= \underline{95.8 \text{ kN}}$	

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	<p>critical buckling load</p> $N_{cr, x, y} = \frac{F_d}{1 + \frac{F_d}{N_{el, x, y}}}$ <p>for 38-3mm STS</p> $N_{cr, y, x} = \frac{64.6}{1 + \frac{64.6}{67.5}}$ $= \underline{33.0 \text{ kN}}$ <p>for 38-5mm STS</p> $N_{cr, x, y} = \frac{95.8}{1 + \frac{101.5}{95.8}}$ $= \underline{49.3 \text{ kN}}$ <p>From frame analysis using Oasys GSA. the maximum axial load registered in a diagonal strut = $14.62 \text{ kN} \times \gamma_f \leftarrow 1.425$</p>	

$= 20.8 \text{ kN} < N_{cr, x, y} (33 \text{ or } 49.3 \text{ kN})$
 \therefore SATISFACTORY.

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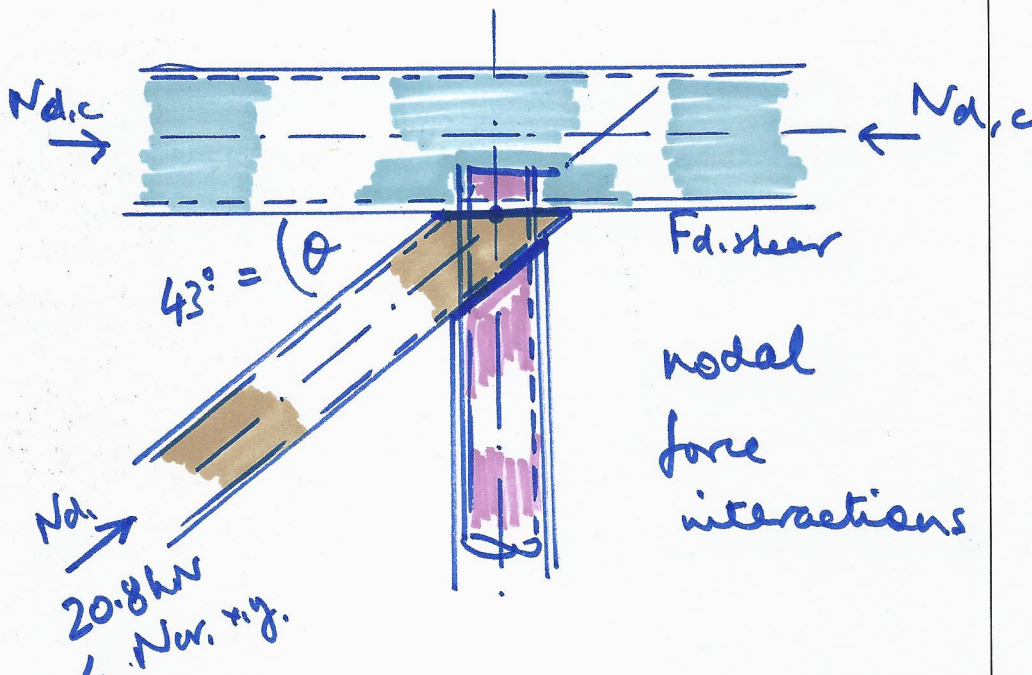
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	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>SHEAR CAPACITY CHECK.</u></p>  <p style="text-align: center;">Horizontal component of branch compression force = $20.8 \cos \theta$ = $20.8 \cos 43^\circ$ = 15.2 kN</p> <p>to be resisted by the intermediate tube</p> <p style="text-align: right;">72φ - 3.2mm thick</p>	

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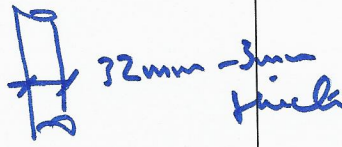
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	<p>design shear resistance</p> $V_{rd} = A_v \tau / \gamma_{ms}$ $A_v = 2A / \pi$  $A_v = 2 \times \left(\frac{\pi d_o^2}{4} - \frac{\pi d_i^2}{4} \right) / \pi$ $A_v = 174 \text{ mm}^2$ $\therefore V_{rd} = 174 \times 31 / 1.30 = 4.15 \text{ kN} < 15.2 \text{ kN.}$ <p>NOT SATISFACTORY</p> <p>@ u.s.</p>	

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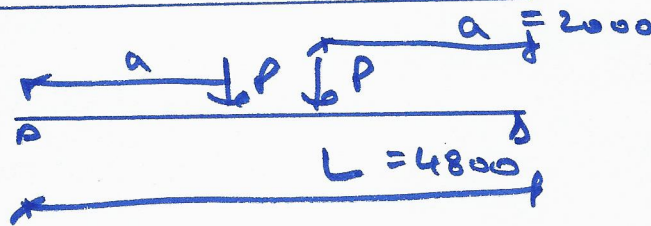
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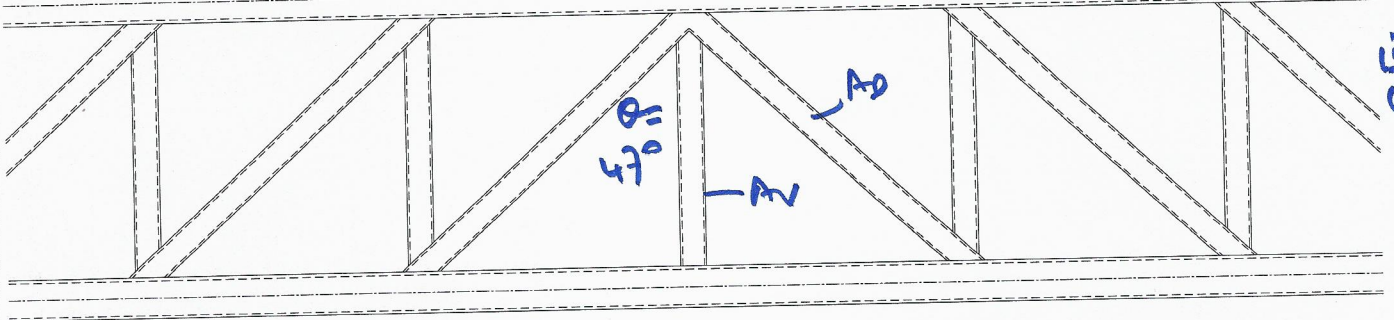
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FRAME DEFLECTION

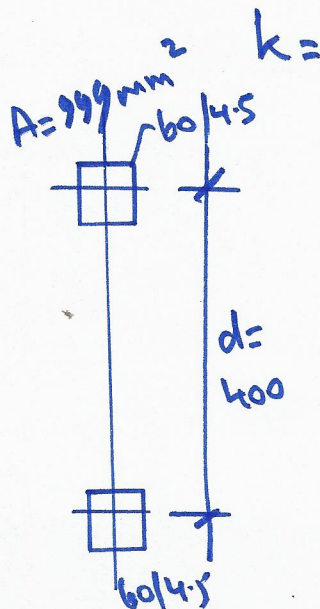


$$\delta = \frac{Pa}{24EI_0} (3L^2 - 4a^2)$$

To account for shear and axial distortion, a reduced modulus of elasticity KE is used



PART ELEVATION OF TEST FRAME



$$1 + \frac{4.93I_0}{A_D L^2 \cos^2 \theta \sin \theta} + \frac{4.93I_0}{A_V L^2 \tan \theta}$$

Ref. Roark's Formulas for Stress & Strain (2002) 7th Edition.

$$I_0 = \frac{Ad^2}{2}$$

$$= 999 \times 400^2 / 2$$

$$I_0 = 79920000 \text{ mm}^4 = 7.99E7 \text{ mm}^4$$

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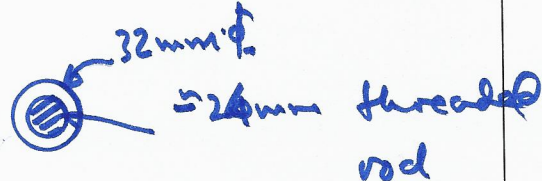
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	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>FRAME DEFLECTION (Based on Eq. 1)</u></p> <p>$A_g = 420 \text{ mm}^2$</p> <p>$A_v = 644 \text{ mm}^2$</p>  <p style="text-align: center;">$k = \frac{1}{1 + \frac{4.93 \times 7.99 \times 10^7}{420 \times 4800^2 \times \cos^2 47^\circ \sin 47^\circ} + \frac{4.93 \times 7.99 \times 10^7}{644 \times 4800^2 \times \tan^2 47^\circ}}$</p> <p style="text-align: center;">$k = \frac{1}{1 + 0.1198 + 0.025} = 0.874$</p> <p>$kE = 0.874 \times 17200 \text{ MPa} = 15027 \text{ MPa}$</p> <p>$\therefore \delta = \frac{Pa}{24 kEI_0} (3L^2 - 4a^2)$ limited to span/250</p> <p>$\therefore \frac{4800}{250} = \frac{P(2000)}{24(15027)I_0} ((3 \times 4800^2 - 4(2000^2)))$</p> <p>$\therefore P = 6.52 \times 10^{-5} I_0 = 5.2 \text{ kN (SL5)}$</p>	

$\cos^2 \theta = \frac{(\cos 2\theta + 1)}{2}$

Closed form can be used to predict the deformation of other frame configurations.

Compared to 20.8 mm recorded in exp. $\delta = 19.2 \text{ mm}$
 $2P = 10.4 \text{ kN}$

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	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>FRAME DEFLECTIONS (Based on Eq. 3)</u></p> $I_E = \frac{I_0}{\left(1 + \frac{k I_0}{A_s L^2}\right)}$ <p style="text-align: right;">$k = 12 \text{ factor}$ $\theta = 43^\circ$</p> $A_s = \left(\frac{\cos \theta}{\frac{1}{A_0 \sin^2 \theta} + \frac{\sin \theta}{A_v}} \right) = \frac{\cos 43^\circ}{\frac{1}{420 \times \sin^2(43^\circ)} + \frac{\sin 43^\circ}{644}}$ <p>$\sin^2(43^\circ) = 0.46$ $\sin(43^\circ) = 0.68$</p> $I_E = \frac{I_0}{1 + \frac{12 I_0}{117.3 \times (4800)^2}}$ <p>$I_E = 0.738 I_0$</p>	
	<p style="text-align: right;">$A_s = 0.731$</p> $A_s = \frac{0.731}{\frac{1}{420(0.46)} + \frac{0.68}{644}}$ <p>$A_s = 117.3 \text{ m}^2$</p>	

$\sin 2\theta = \frac{1}{2}(1 - \cos 2\theta)$

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	$\therefore \delta = \frac{Pa}{24kEI_0} (3L^2 - 4a^2)$ $\approx \frac{Pa}{24EI_E} (3L^2 - 4a^2) \equiv \frac{4800}{250}$ $\Rightarrow P = 4400 \text{ N} \approx 4.4 \text{ kN}$ $2P = 8.8 \text{ kN} \approx 8.9 \text{ kN rounded}$ <p>demonstrating that by adopting Eq. 3, a close agreement between Beam theory and experimental results.</p>	

- P(1) The deformation of a member shall be such that it does not adversely affect its proper function or appearance.
- P(2) The sum of all relevant deformations due to short and long term loading actions shall not exceed the maximum allowable deformation.
- (3) Deformations should not exceed those which can be accommodated by other connected elements such as partitions, glazing, cladding, services or finishes. In some cases limitation may be required to ensure the proper functioning of machinery or apparatus supported by the structure or to avoid ponding on flat roofs. Vibration may also require limitation as it can cause discomfort or alarm to users of a building and, in extreme cases, structural damage.
- P(4) Appropriate limiting values of deflection taking into account the nature of the structure, finishes, partitions and fixings, and the function of the structure shall be agreed with the client or taken from Table 4.2.
- (5) The conventional engineering equations for bending of isotropic, homogeneous beams may be used for composite materials. For simple beams they take the form:

$$\text{Deflection (bending)} = k_1 F_v L^3 / (EI) \quad (4.12)$$

where:

EI = appropriate flexural rigidity of the full section

F_v = total vertical load on the beam

k_1 = a factor depending on the type of loading and the end conditions. A set of factors is given in Table 4.3.

Table 4.2 Recommended limiting values for deflection.

<i>Typical conditions</i>	<i>Limits (see Figure 4.1)</i>	
	δ_{\max}	δ_2
Walkways for occasional non-public access	L/150	L/175
General non-specific applications	L/175	L/200
General public access flooring	L/250	L/300
Floors and roofs supporting plaster or other brittle finish or non-flexible partitions	L/250	L/350
Floors supporting columns (unless the deflection has been included in the global analysis for the ultimate limit state)	L/400	L/500
Where δ_{\max} can impair the appearance of the structure	L/250	—

Table 4.3 Selected values for k_1 and k_2 .

<i>End conditions</i>	<i>Loading type</i>	K_1	k_2
Cantilever	Point load at end	1/3	1
Cantilever	Uniformly distributed	1/8	1/2

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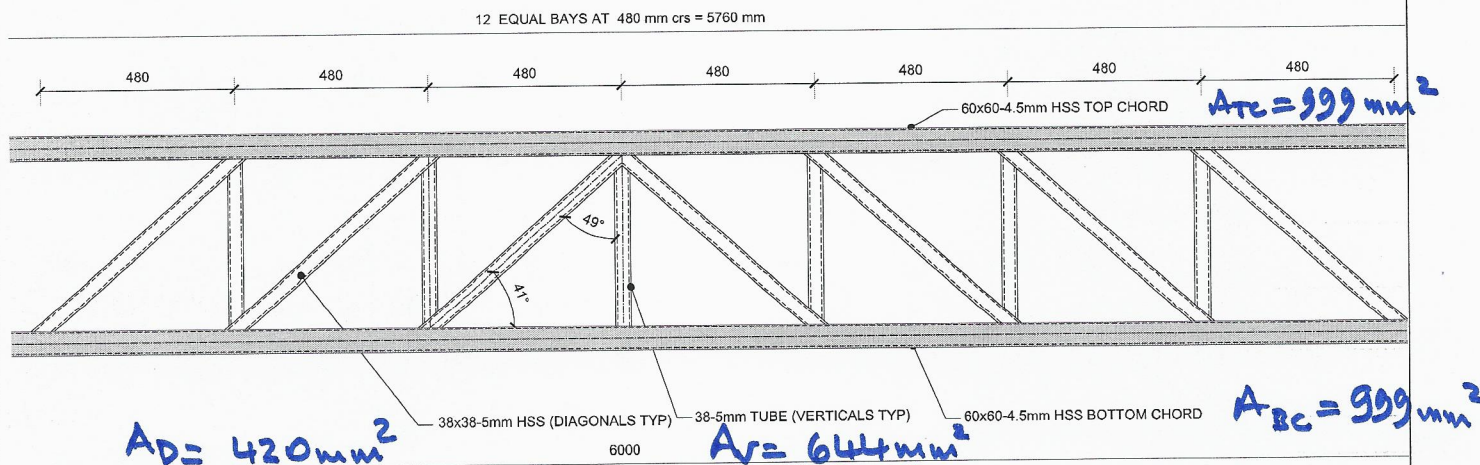
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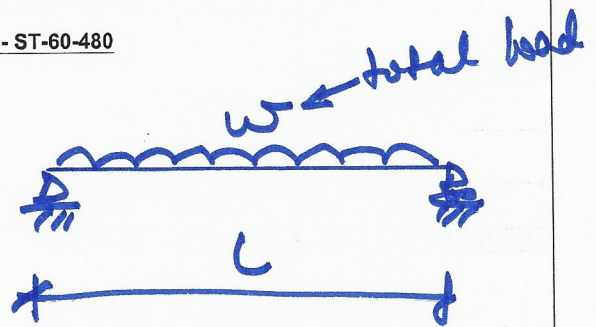
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GENERAL ARRANGEMENT OF SPACELINK TRUSS FRAME - ST-60-480

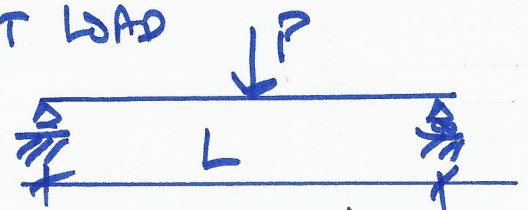
① LOAD CASE : UDL

$$S_{max} = \frac{5wL^4}{384E_kI_0}$$



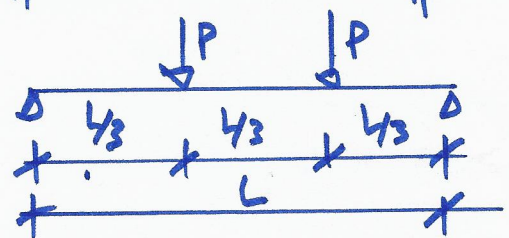
② LOADCASE : CENTRAL POINT LOAD

$$S_{max} = \frac{PL^3}{48E_kI_0}$$



③ LOADCASE : POINT LOADS @ 3RD POINTS

$$S_{max} = \frac{23PL^3}{648E_kI_0}$$



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	<p><u>For UDL CASE.</u></p> $\delta_{max} = \frac{5wl^4}{384 E_k I_0} = \frac{5WL^3}{384 E_k I_0}$ <p>For a limiting deflection of span/250</p> $\Rightarrow \frac{L}{250} = \frac{5WL^3}{384 E_k I_0}$ <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 10px auto;"> $\Rightarrow W \leq \frac{0.154 E_k A_c d^2}{L^2} \quad \dots [2]$ </div> <p>E_k = reduced modulus of elasticity to account for shear and axial distortions</p> <p>A_c = cross-section area of a chord member</p> <p>d = effective truss depth</p> <p>L = truss effective span.</p>	$I_0 = \frac{A_c d^2}{2}$ <p>A_c = area of chord member.</p>

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	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>SERIES ST-60-480</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>UDL ASSESSMENT</u></p> <p>Calculate the modulus reduction coefficient (k)</p> $k = \frac{1}{1 + \frac{4.93 I_0}{A_D L^2 \cos^2 \theta \sin \theta} + \frac{4.93 I_0}{A_V L^2 \tan \theta}}$ <p> $A_D = 420 \text{ mm}^2$ $A_V = 644 \text{ mm}^2$ (38-34g HS) $= 832 \text{ mm}^2$ (38-54g. HS) </p> <p> $\theta = 49^\circ$ $I_0 = A_c d^2 / 2 = 999 \times 480^2 / 2 = 1.15E8 \text{ mm}^4$ </p> $k = \frac{1}{1 + \frac{4.93 (1.15E8)}{420 \times (5760)^2 \cos^2 (49) \sin 49} + \frac{4.93 (1.15E8)}{832 \times (5760)^2 \tan 49}}$ $k = \frac{1}{1 + 0.125 + 0.018} = 0.875$	<p>L = 5760 mm i.e. 12 x 480 mm</p>

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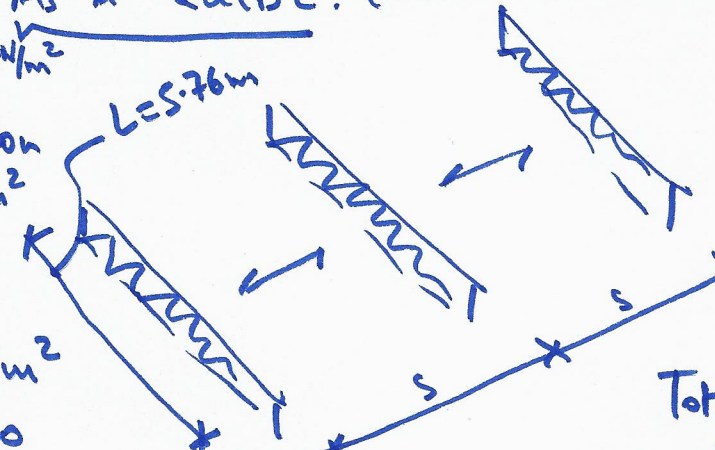
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	$\therefore F_k = 17200 \times 0.875 = 15050 \text{ mPa (E} \times k)$ $w_l = W_{limit} \leq \frac{0.154 \times 15050 \times 999 \times 480^2}{(5760)^2}$ $W \leq 16079 \text{ N} \approx 16.1 \text{ kN}$ $\therefore \text{UDL}_{limit} \text{ (total)} \leq \frac{16.1}{5.76}$ $\leq \underline{2.8 \text{ kN/m}}$	
	<p>AS A GUIDE: (ROOFING LIGHTWEIGHT LANDING)</p>  <p> Putris = 0.10 kN/m^2 Decking + insulation = 0.2 kN/m^2 ceiling + services = 0.30 kN/m^2 allow ST-60 own weight = 0.15 kN/m^2 <u>0.75 kN/m^2</u> </p> <p> Total roof dead load = 0.75 kN/m^2 Live load = 0.60 kN/m^2 Total udl (service only) = $(0.75 + 0.6) \times 5.76 \text{ m}$ = $1.35 \text{ kN/m} \leq 2.8 \text{ kN/m}$ </p> <p> Truss spacing/centres: $S \leq 2.8 / 1.35 = 2.07$ $\approx 2.1 \text{ m}$ </p>	

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	<p>FOR CENTRAL POINT LOAD CASE</p> $\Delta_{max} = \frac{PL^3}{48E_k I_0} \quad \text{limited to } \frac{L}{250}$ $\Rightarrow P = 0.048 E_k A c d^2 / L^2$ <p>or</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> $P_{limit} = \frac{E_k A c d^2}{20.8 L^2} \dots [3]$ </div> <p>\therefore For the same truss ST-60-480 service central point load allowable</p> $P_{allowable} = \frac{15550 \times 999 \times 480^2}{20.8 \times (5760)^2}$ $\leq 5 \text{ kN (unfavourable to apply point loads)}$	

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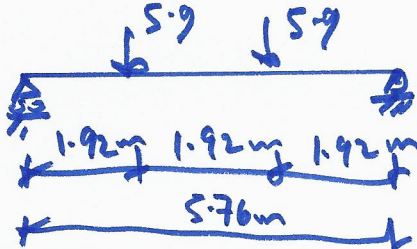
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	<p style="text-align: center;">FAR POINT LOADS AT THIRD POINTS.</p> $S_{max} = \frac{23 PL^3}{648 E_k I_o} \quad \text{limited to } \frac{L}{250}$ $\therefore P \leq \frac{E_k A c d^2}{17.8 L^2}$ <p>For the same truss ST-60-480</p> <p>allowable load @ third points</p> $P_{allowable}^{(3)} \leq \frac{15050 \times 999 \times 480^2}{17.8 \times (5760)^2}$ $\leq 5.9 \text{ kN}$ 	

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	<p><u>SUMMARY EQUATIONS</u></p> <p>DEFLECTION LIMIT TO $\frac{SPAN}{250}$</p>	
	LOAD CASE	VALUES REQUIRED
	<p>UNIFORMLY DISTRIBUTED LOAD (UDL) (W) in $[kN] \times 10^{-3}$</p>	$\frac{0.154 E_k A c d^2}{L^2}$ $\frac{0.131 E A c d^2}{L^2} *$
	<p>CENTRAL POINT LOAD (P) in $[kN] \times 10^{-3}$</p>	$\frac{0.048 E_k A c d^2}{L^2}$ $\frac{0.041 E A c d^2}{L^2}$
	<p>POINT LOADS AT 3RD POINTS (P) in $[kN] \times 10^{-3}$</p>	$\frac{0.056 E_k A c d^2}{L^2}$ $\frac{0.048 E A c d^2}{L^2}$
	<p>from parametric analysis, it is appropriate to adopt a general modulus reduction coefficient $k = 0.85$ * for preliminary design, hence $E_k (17.2) \text{ GPa} = 0.85 \times 17.2 = 14.62 \text{ GPa} = 60 \times 60 \text{ SHS}$ $E_k (27) \text{ GPa} = 22.95 \text{ GPa} = 76 \times 76 \text{ SHS}$ $102 \times 102 \text{ SHS}$</p>	
	<p>* denotes reduction allowed for α</p>	

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	<p>SUMMARY EQUATIONS (L/250)</p>	
	<p><u>LIMITING LOADS</u></p>	
	<p>UDL</p>	<p>EQN. MODIFIED * EQN.</p> $\frac{0.154 E_k A_c d^2}{L^2} = 0.114 E A_c \left(\frac{d}{L}\right)^2$
	<p>C.P.L</p>	$\frac{0.048 E A_c d^2}{L^2} = 0.035 E A_c \left(\frac{d}{L}\right)^2$
	<p>(P.L) ^{3rd pt.}</p>	$\frac{0.056 E A_c d^2}{L^2} = 0.041 E A_c \left(\frac{d}{L}\right)^2$
	<p>* assumes a coefficient of 0.74 applicable to E to account for shear and axial load distortion.</p>	
	<p>* THIS IS ADOPTED IN EXCEL SPREADSHEET ANALYSIS.</p>	

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<p>REF TO EXCEL SPREAD SHEET FOR CROSS- SECTION PARAMETERS</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">APPLICATION OF LIMITING LOAD EQUATIONS:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>LOAD CASE (VDL).</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">SERIES <u>ST-60-580</u> (L = 12 x 580) = 6960</p> $W_{LIMIT} \leq \frac{0.131 E A_c d^2}{L^2}$ $\leq \frac{0.131 \times 17200 \times 999 \times 580^2}{(6960)^2}$ $W_{LIMIT} \leq 15,632 \text{ N} \leq 15.6 \text{ kN.}$ $W \leq 15.6 / 6.96 = \underline{2.24 \text{ kN/m}}$	

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	<p><u>SERIES ST-75-580</u> ($L = 12 \times 580 = 6960$)</p> $W_{limit} \leq \frac{0.131 EA_c d^2}{L^2}$ <p>$E = 27000 \text{ MPa}$ (see table 2) $A_c = 1769 \text{ mm}^2$</p> $W_{limit} \leq \frac{0.131 \times 27000 \times 1769 \times 580^2}{(6960)^2}$ $W_{limit} \leq 43,456 \text{ N} \leq 43.5 \text{ kN.}$ $w_{limit} \leq 43.5 / 6.96 \leq 6.24 \text{ kN/m}$ <p><u>Frame spacing/centres</u></p> $s = \frac{\text{Roof total load (1.15 kN/m}^2)}{w_{limit}}$ $s = 135 / 6.24$ $s = 4.62 \text{ m} \approx 4.6 \text{ m}$ 