

## On Ductility and Timber Structure Connections

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## Maximum Resistance

- Failure takes place when max resistance is passed:

$$F = F_{\max}$$

$$dF = 0$$

- For an axial loaded element:

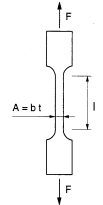
$$dF = \frac{\partial F}{\partial A} dA + \frac{\partial F}{\partial \sigma} d\sigma = 0$$

$$F = A\sigma = bt\sigma$$

- Max resistance is reached when:

"the increase of material resistance is offset by the change in geometry"

$$\frac{\partial \sigma}{\sigma} = - \frac{\partial A}{A}$$



## Maximum Resistance

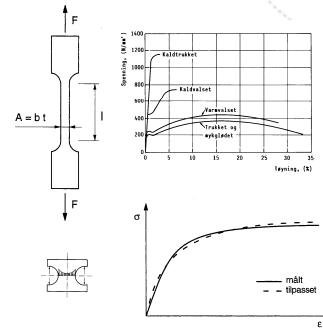
- Not solely a material property
- Geometry and geometry changes inevitable



- Max resistance and ductility are **component properties**
- For timber structure components:
  - Steel material properties and loaded components
  - Wooden material properties and loaded parts

## Steel properties

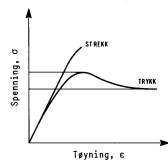
- Hot finished?
- Cold worked?



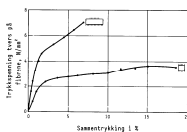
- Localized

## Ductility of wood?

- Fiber direction (0 or L)



- Normal direction (90 or T, R)



## Wood Shear

(K. Dahl: Test results)

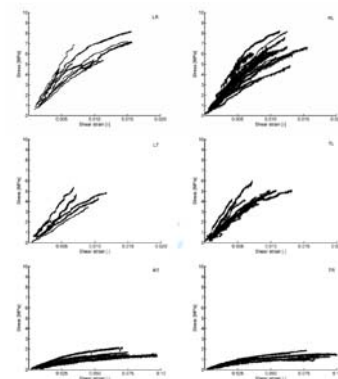


Fig. 5 Experimental stress-strain curves for the various configuration types (j)

## Evaluation of ductility

- Removal of elastic deformation:

- Strain and curvature:

$$\varepsilon_p = \varepsilon - \varepsilon_e = \varepsilon - \frac{\sigma}{E}$$

$$\kappa_p = \kappa - \kappa_e = \kappa - \frac{M}{EI}$$

- Deformation and rotation:

$$u_p = u - u_e = u - \frac{F}{AE}$$

$$\theta_p = \theta - \theta_e = \theta - \frac{M \cdot l}{EI}$$

## Removal of elastic deformation

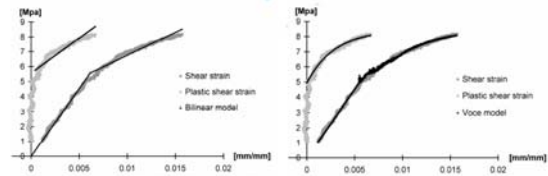


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## Ductility:

- A measure of ductility:

$$D_p = \frac{u_u - u_e}{u_e}$$

$u_u$  = ultimate deformation at  $F_{\max}$

$u_e$  = elastic deformation

- A purely elastic material has no ductility (brittle):

$$u_u = u_e \quad D_p = 0$$

## Ductility from shear test example:

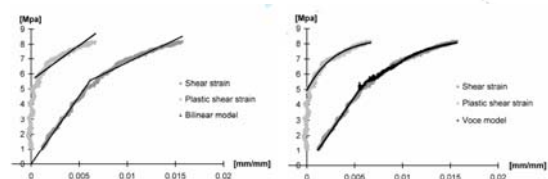


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$$D_p = \frac{u_u - u_e}{u_e} = \frac{0.07}{0.06} = 1.15$$

## Ductility and Robustness

- Ductility of wooden structures can be achieved through:
  - Compression normal to grains
  - Compression locally around fasteners
  - Yielding of metallic fasteners
- The strength of wood is not ductility!
- Ductility may not be sufficient to achieve ROBUSTNESS
- Overstrength (may be) needed
- Working loads in the elastic domain

## Proposal: Robustness Index

$$RI = \frac{F_{\max}}{F_{ref}} (1 + r \cdot D_p)$$

- Where:

$F_{\max}$  = maximum resistance

$F_{ref}$  = reference load

$r$  = weight parameter for ductility (0..1)

$$D_p = \frac{u_u - u_e}{u_e}$$

### Parameters:

- Required Robustness Index  $RI = \frac{F_{\max}}{F_{ref}}(1 + r \cdot D_p) \geq 1.0..?$
- Overstrength:  $\frac{F_{\max}}{F_{ref}} \geq 1$
- Reference
  - load (external)?  $F_{ref} = F_d$  or  $F_k$
  - or resistance?  $F_{ref} = F_e = R_e$
- Ductility weight factor  $r \geq > 0.? \dots 1.?$ 
  - Calibration through probabilistic evaluation?

### Robustness Index for shear test example:

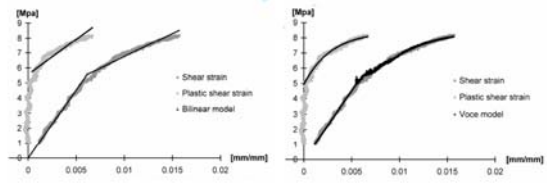


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$$D_p = \frac{u_p - u_e}{u_e} = \frac{0.07}{0.06} = 1.15$$

$$r = 0.5$$

$$F_{ref} = F_e = 5$$

$$RI = \frac{F_{\max}}{F_{ref}}(1 + r \cdot D_p) = \frac{8}{5}(1 + 0.5 \cdot 1.15) = 2.5$$