

## PRODUCT INFORMATION

### BACKGROUND

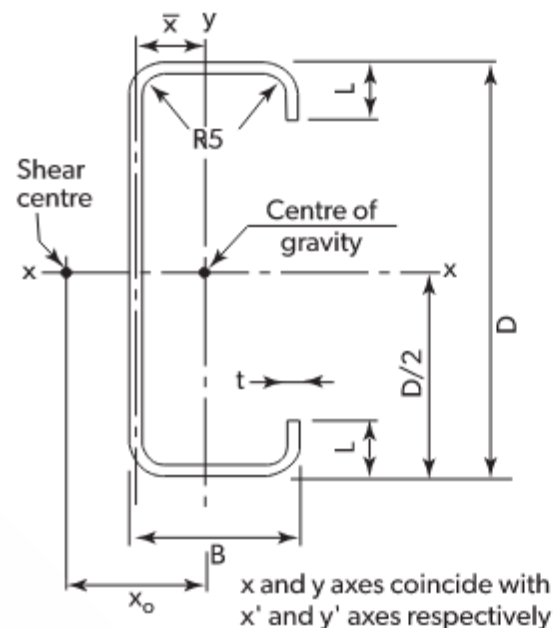
Pursuing the commitment of Lysaght to constant improvement, this edition of LYSAGHT® Zeds and Cees Users Guide reflects the move to limit state design principles.

Since 1987, in conjunction with the University of Sydney, we have intensively researched the behaviour of purlin and girt systems using the vacuum test rig at the University, which is the only one of its type in Australia and the largest in the world. In our NATA-registered laboratory we have tested full-scale purlin and girt systems on single, double and lapped continuous configurations for both inward and outward loading.

It has been possible to gain a sound understanding of their behaviour. This knowledge allows us to remain at the forefront of technology, in Australia and overseas.

Since the last edition of this manual, the results of this research has been used in the development of AS/NZS 4600.

### Cee section



Lysaght C20015 example. Simply supported 4.8m span. No bridging.

### DIMENSIONS OF ZEDS & CEES

Catalogue number	t mm	D mm	Mass per unit length kg/m	Zeds			Cees	
				E mm	F mm	L mm	B mm	L mm
Z/C10010	1.0	102	1.78	53	49	12.5	51	12.5
Z/C10012	1.2	102	2.10	53	49	12.5	51	12.5
Z/C10015	1.5	102	2.62	53	49	13.5	51	13.5
Z/C10019	1.9	102	3.29	53	49	14.5	51	14.5
Z/C15012	1.2	152	2.89	65	61	15.5	64	14.5
Z/C15015	1.5	152	3.59	65	61	16.5	64	15.5
Z/C15019	1.9	152	4.51	65	61	17.5	64	16.5
Z/C15024	2.4	152	5.70	66	60	19.5	64	18.5
Z/C20015	1.5	203	4.49	79	74	15.0	76	15.5
Z/C20019	1.9	203	5.74	79	74	18.5	76	19.0
Z/C20024	2.4	203	7.24	79	73	21.5	76	21.0
Z/C25019	1.9	254	6.50	79	74	18.0	76	18.5
Z/C25024	2.4	254	8.16	79	73	21.0	76	20.5
Z/C30024	2.4	300	10.09	100	93	27.0	96	27.5
Z/C30030	3.0	300	12.76	100	93	31.0	96	31.5
Z/C35030	3.0	350	15.23	129	121	30.0	125	30.0

## Template

SFIA section: 162S125-18[33]

Cross-section ☒ C ☐ ZDimensions: ☐ centerli... ☒ Out-to-...Corner modeling: ☐ sharp ☒ roundmaterial (steel) ☐ kip&in. ☒ N&mm

## Section Dimensions:

H 203 t 1.5

B1 76 B2 76

D1 15.5 D2 15.5

Theta1 90 Theta2 90

ri1 5 ri3 5

ri2 5 ri4 5

## Element Discretization:

nh 4

nb1 4 nb2 4

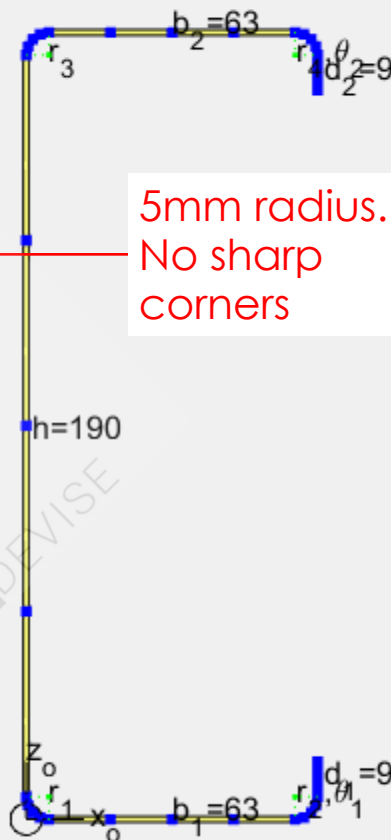
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nrcL1 4 nrcL3 4

nrcL2 4 nrcL4 4

C20015 is modelled in CUFSM.

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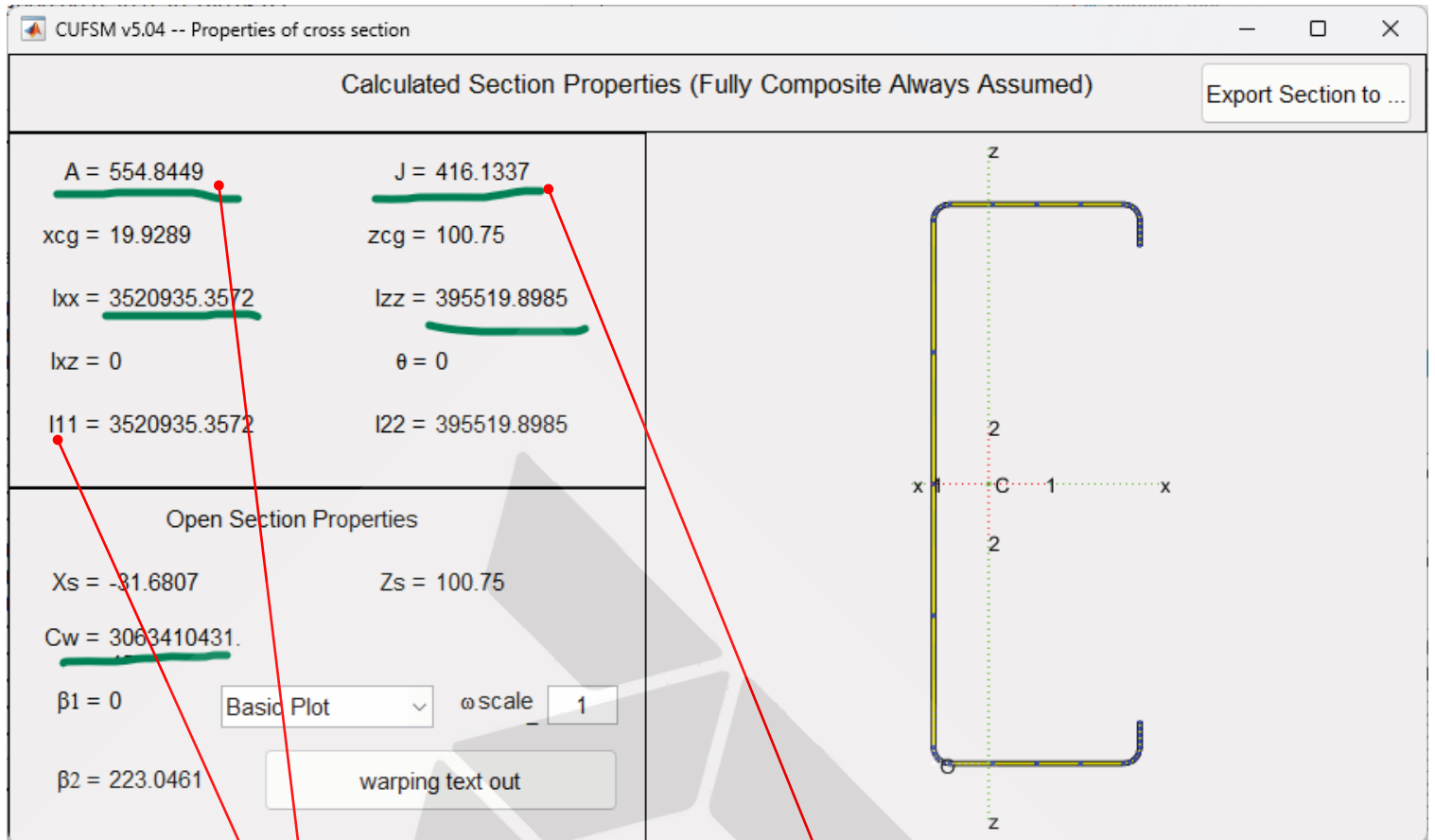
5mm radius.  
No sharp  
corners

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Save Section

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Note, template is one-way, i.e. for model creation only (centerline



Modelled section properties are similar to Lysaght actual properties

#### LYSAGHT® CEES

Product Code	Area	Full Section Properties						Column Properties					Effective Section Properties At Yield Stress	
		Second Moment Of Area		Section Modulus		Radius Of Gyration		Centroid	Shear Centre	Torsion Constant	Warping Constant	Monosymmetry Section Constant	Section Modulus In Bending	Area In Compression
	A mm²	I <sub>x</sub> 10⁶mm⁴	I <sub>y</sub> 10⁶mm⁴	Z <sub>x</sub> 10³mm³	Z <sub>y</sub> 10³mm³	r <sub>x</sub> mm	r <sub>y</sub> mm	$\bar{x}$ mm	x <sub>0</sub> mm	J mm⁴	I <sub>w</sub> 10⁶mm⁶	b <sub>y</sub> mm	Z <sub>xe</sub> 10³mm³	A <sub>e</sub> mm²
C10010	216	0.364	0.0755	7.13	2.19	41.1	18.7	16.1	39.9	71.9	160	123	5.37	113
C10012	258	0.432	0.0892	8.48	2.59	41.0	18.6	16.0	39.7	124	188	123	6.74	153
C10015	323	0.537	0.112	10.5	3.29	40.8	18.7	16.1	40.1	242	241	122	8.73	217
C10019	409	0.673	0.142	13.2	4.21	40.6	18.7	16.2	40.4	492	311	122	12.3	329
C15012	354	1.29	0.188	17.0	4.17	60.4	23.1	18.3	46.5	170	842	171	11.8	165
C15015	443	1.61	0.237	21.1	5.29	60.2	23.1	18.4	46.9	332	1070	171	17.1	244
C15019	567	2.02	0.300	26.6	6.74	60.0	23.1	18.5	47.1	675	1370	170	21.8	340
C15024	772	2.54	0.386	33.5	8.79	59.8	23.3	18.9	48.0	1370	1810	169	30.9	527
C20015	555	3.53	0.396	34.7	7.7	79.7	26.7	19.9	51.6	416	3060	223	24.1	251
C20019	713	4.51	0.531	44.4	9.77	79.6	27.3	20.8	53.6	858	4240	221	36.6	381
C20024	904	5.69	0.681	56.0	12.7	79.3	27.4	21.1	54.4	1740	5540	219	47.5	541
C25019	808	7.62	0.561	60.0	9.86	97.1	26.4	18.1	48.5	972	6860	276	46.2	381
C25024	1020	9.62	0.721	75.7	12.8	96.9	26.5	18.4	49.3	1970	8920	274	64.9	543

## Reference Applied Loads

for stress generation

P = 0

B = 0

☒ principal☐ geometric☒ restrained

M11 = 34947.2492

Mxx = 0

M22 = 0

Mzz = 0

Generate from Stress

Read from Mastan

Submit Stress to input

## First Yield Calculator

Fy = 1

Py = 551.8449

By = 523733.4527

principal:

M11y = 34947.2492

geometric:

Mxxy = 34947.2492

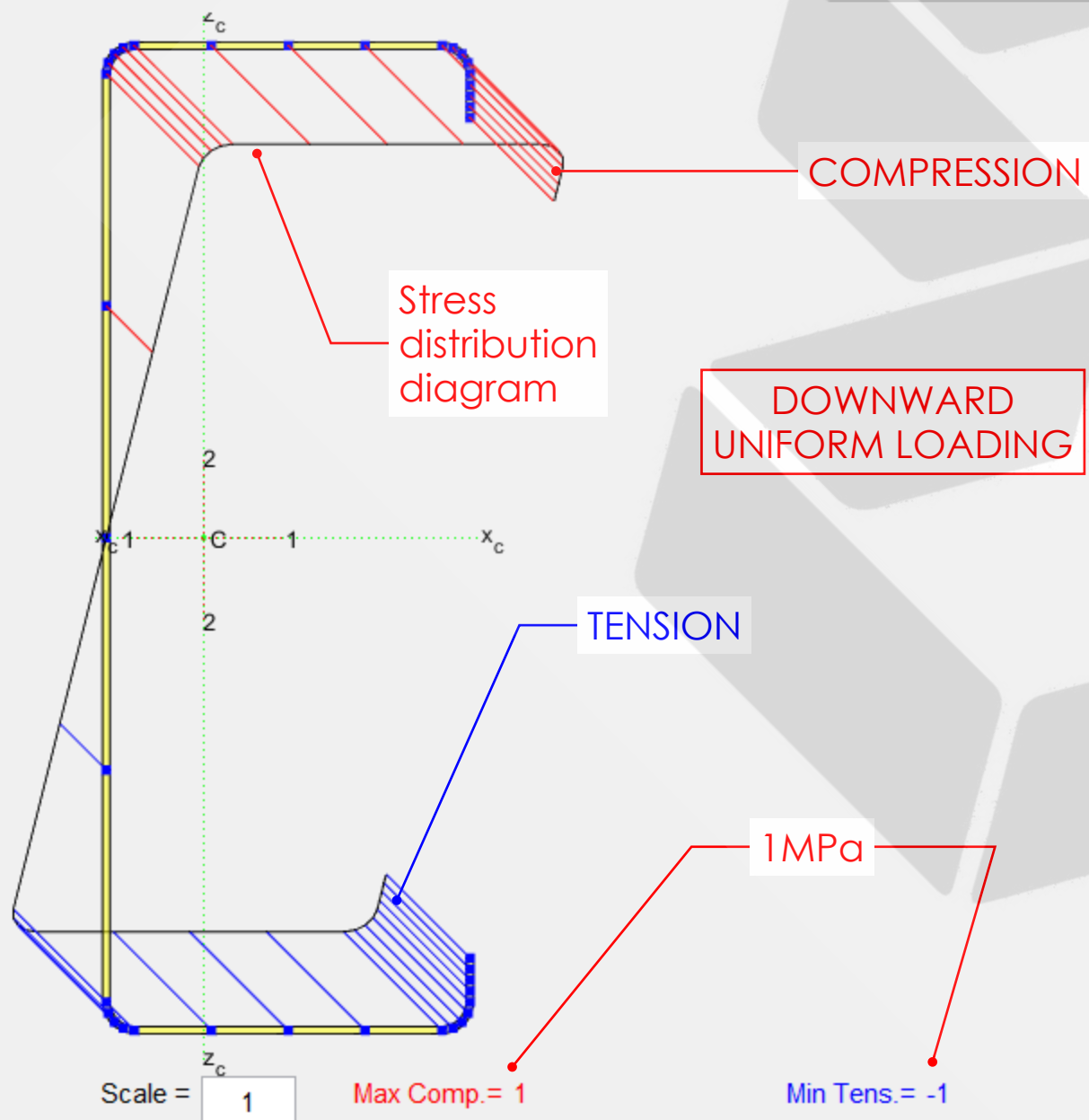
M22y = 7247.7963

Mzzy = 7247.7963

Push buttons to use first yield as demand

Plot Options:

## Reference Cross-section Stress



1 MPa yield stress is applied in the major principal direction. No other directions considered.

## Boundary Condition Selection

Solution type:

☒ Signature curve (traditional)☐ General boundary condition solution

Boundary Conditions

Number of eigenvalues

Half-wavelengths and Default longitudinal term  $m=1$ 

Length

4200.00  
4220.00  
4240.00  
4260.00  
4280.00  
4300.00  
4320.00  
4340.00  
4360.00  
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4700.00  
4720.00  
4740.00  
4760.00  
4780.00  
4800.00

simple-simple (S-S)

20

Simply  
supported  
condition with  
4.8m span

## Longitudinal Shape Function Viewer

lengths

length = 20

longitudinal terms

1

Highlight the shape of selected longitudinal term

 $m = 1$  $Y_m = \sin(m\pi y/L), m=1$ 

← 4.8m

Material Properties

mat# | Ex | Ey | vx | vy | Gxy

100 200000.00 200000.00 0.30 0.30 7850.00

$\nu = 0.30$

$E = 200,000 \text{ MPa}$

Nodes

node# | x | z | xdof | zdof | ydof | qdof | stress

21	0.0000	193.7500	1	1	1	0.943	
22	0.4377	197.9504	1	1	1	0.965	
23	1.6841	199.8159	1	1	1	0.983	
24	3.5496	201.0623	1	1	1	0.996	
25	5.7500	201.5000	1	1	1	1.000	
26	21.5000	201.5000	1	1	1	1.000	
27	37.2500	201.5000	1	1	1	1.000	
28	53.0000	201.5000	1	1	1	1.000	
29	68.7500	201.5000	1	1	1	1.000	
30	70.9504	201.0623	1	1	1	0.996	
31	72.8159	199.8159	1	1	1	0.983	
32	74.0623	197.9504	1	1	1	0.965	
33	74.5000	195.7500	1	1	1	0.943	
34	74.5000	193.5000	1	1	1	0.921	
35	74.5000	191.2500	1	1	1	0.898	
36	74.5000	189.0000	1	1	1	0.876	
37	74.5000	186.7500	1	1	1	0.854	

Elements

elem# | nodei | nodej | thickness | mat#

1	1	2	1.500000	100
2	2	3	1.500000	100
3	3	4	1.500000	100
4	4	5	1.500000	100
5	5	6	1.500000	100
6	6	7	1.500000	100
7	7	8	1.500000	100
8	8	9	1.500000	100
9	9	10	1.500000	100
10	10	11	1.500000	100
11	11	12	1.500000	100
12	12	13	1.500000	100
13	13	14	1.500000	100
14	14	15	1.500000	100

Modify

Double Elem.

Divide Elem.

Delete Elem.

Trans. Node

Move/Rot Model

Duplicate

Springs

spring# | nodei | nodej | ku | kv | kw | kq | local | discrete | y/L

0

No springs applied.

General Constraints

node#e | DOFe | coeff. | node#k | DOFk

0

COMPRESSION

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TENSION

0 degree of freedom in X-direction at Note 27. Prevents translation under downward loading (screwed to roof sheet)



Plot Shape

separate window

in-plane mode

☐ 3D
 ☐ solid 3D
 ☒ Undef.
 Scale:
 

1

BC: S-S
 Cross section position y/L (2D):
 

0.5

length =
 

←

4800

→

?

mode =
 

←

1

→

?

file =
 

←

CUFSM results

→

?

loaded files:

Load another file

1 = CUFSM results

Plot Curve

?

dump to text

☐ classify

xmin

0

xmax

4800

ymin

0

ymax

2500

☒ load factor vs length
 

☒ minima
 

Modes to be plotted

1

?

☒ log scale
 

files to be plotted

1

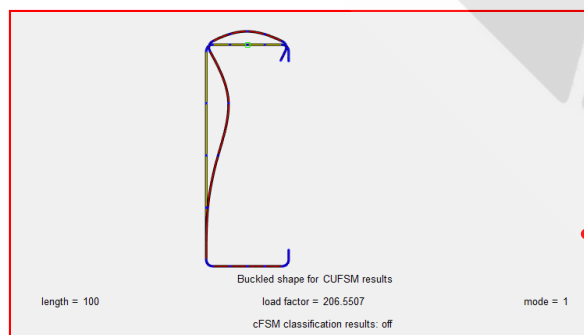
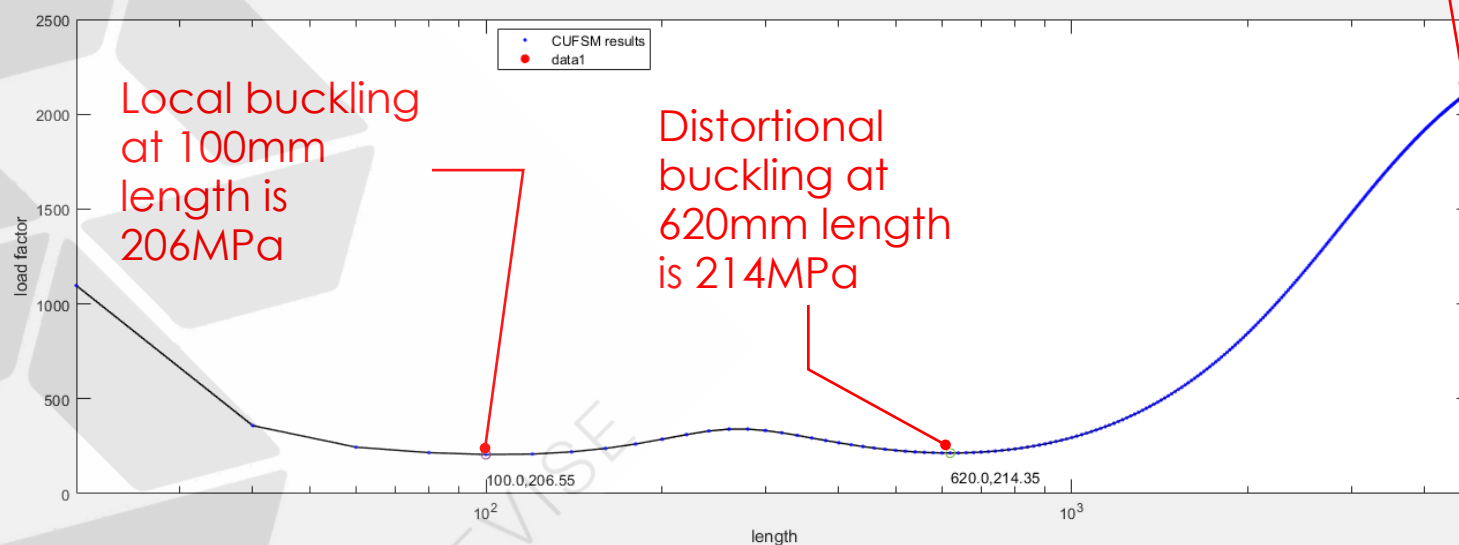
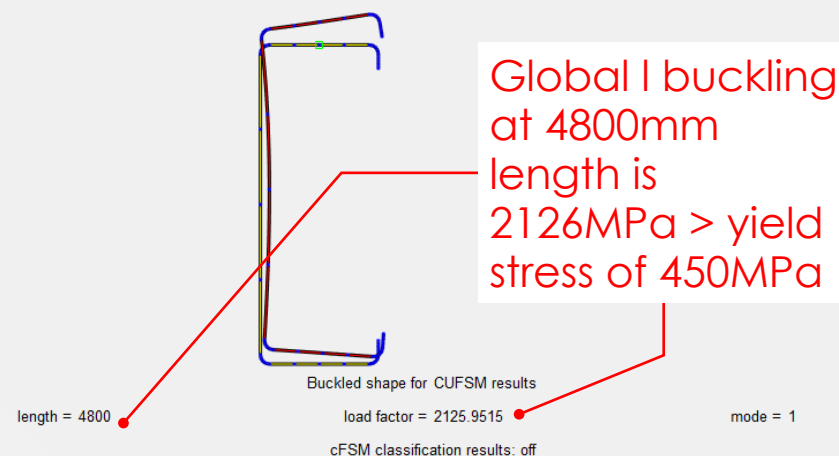
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☐ load factor vs mode number

cFSM Modal Classification

Classify   

cFSM analysis is off



Therefore, min. strength is 206MPa (local buckling)

Local buckling  
- at 100mm  
length 206MPa

Lysaght gives capacities as ultimate udl in kN/m.

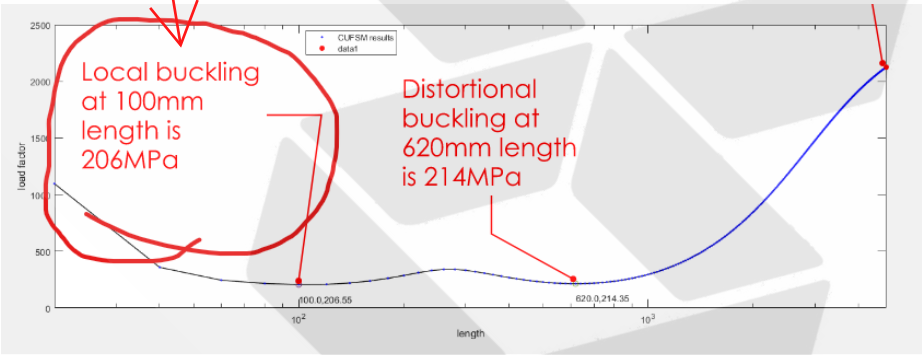
Max. downward capacity is 2.88kN/m from the table.

This is equal to 8.29kN.m moment ( $wl^2/8$ ).

This is equal to bending stress of  $M/S = 8.29/34.7 = 239MPa$

### SINGLE SPANS

Bridging > Span mm	Z/C 20015 (kN/m)						
	INWARD		OUTWARD				L/150
	0	1, 2, 3	0	1	2	3	
3000	7.38	7.38	7.28	7.38	7.38	7.38	10.60
3300	6.10	6.10	5.47	6.10	6.10	6.10	7.96
3600	5.13	5.13	4.10	5.13	5.13	5.13	6.28
3900	4.33	4.37	3.13	4.37	4.37	4.37	5.07
4200	3.69	3.77	2.44	3.77	3.77	3.77	4.15
4500	3.17	3.28	1.86	3.28	3.28	3.28	3.45
4800	2.75	2.88	1.51	2.88	2.88	2.88	2.88



Therefore, min. strength is 206MPa (local buckling)

Lysaght result is 16% higher (239MPa) vs CUFSM (206MPa) as we only restricted the lateral movement and not torsional rotation.

### LYSAGHT® CEES

Product Code	Area	Full Section Properties				
		Second Moment Of Area		Section Modulus		R
		I <sub>x</sub> 10 <sup>6</sup> mm <sup>4</sup>	I <sub>y</sub> 10 <sup>6</sup> mm <sup>4</sup>	Z <sub>x</sub> 10 <sup>3</sup> mm <sup>3</sup>	Z <sub>y</sub> 10 <sup>3</sup> mm <sup>3</sup>	
C10010	216	0.364	0.0755	7.13	2.19	4
C10012	258	0.432	0.0892	8.48	2.59	4
C10015	323	0.537	0.112	10.5	3.29	4
C10019	409	0.673	0.142	13.2	4.21	4
C15012	354	1.29	0.188	17.0	4.17	6
C15015	443	1.61	0.237	21.1	5.29	6
C15019	561	2.02	0.300	26.6	6.74	6
C15024	712	2.54	0.386	33.5	8.79	5
C20015	555	3.53	0.396	34.7	7.7	7



This affect can also be demonstrated using 100,000 Nmm/mm translational restraint instead of degree of freedom.

## Roof Sheeting

Roof sheeting exists

Minor axis rotation restraint  $k_{ry} = 1.000E+5$  Nmm/mm

Torsion restraint  $k_{rz} = 0.0$  Nmm/mm

### Roof Sheeting Restraints

The roof sheeting attached to the purlin is assumed to provide a continuous diaphragm shear restraint against minor axis rotation  $k_{ry}$  and a continuous torsion restraint  $k_{rz}$ . An appropriate value for  $k_{ry}$  is 100,000 Nmm/mm for screw-fastened sheeting. The magnitude of this restraint is appropriate but not excessive, and it enhances the load carrying capacities of purlins for which flexural-torsional buckling is the governing mode of failure. The value of  $k_{rz}$  can be determined by testing.

Purlins with clip-fastened sheeting can be designed by putting the values of  $k_{ry}$  and  $k_{rz}$  equal to zero. Zed sections with clip-fastened sheeting should have one or more rows of bridging which prevent lateral deflection and twisting of the cross-section.

Material Properties

mat# | Ex | Ey | Ez | vx | vy | vz

100 200000.00 200000.00 0.30 0.30 7850.00

Nodes

node# | x | y | z | u | v | w | p | q | r | s | t | stress

1	74.5000	14.7500	1.111	-0.854							
2	74.5000	12.5000	1.111	-0.876							
3	74.5000	10.2500	1.111	-0.898							
4	74.5000	8.0000	1.111	-0.921							
5	74.5000	5.7500	1.111	-0.943							
6	74.5000	3.5000	1.111	-0.965							
7	72.8159	1.8841	1.111	-0.983							
8	70.9504	0.4377	1.111	-0.996							
9	68.7500	0.0000	1.111	-1.000							
10	53.0000	0.0000	1.111	-1.000							
11	37.2500	0.0000	1.111	-1.000							
12	21.5000	0.0000	1.111	-1.000							
13	5.7500	0.0000	1.111	-1.000							
14	3.5000	0.4377	1.111	-0.996							
15	1.8841	1.8841	1.111	-0.983							
16	0.4377	3.5000	1.111	-0.965							
17	0.0000	5.7500	1.111	-0.943							

Elements

element | node1 | node2 | thickness | mat#

1	1	2	1.5000000	100
2	2	3	1.5000000	100
3	3	4	1.5000000	100
4	4	5	1.5000000	100
5	5	6	1.5000000	100
6	6	7	1.5000000	100
7	7	8	1.5000000	100
8	8	9	1.5000000	100
9	9	10	1.5000000	100
10	10	11	1.5000000	100
11	11	12	1.5000000	100
12	12	13	1.5000000	100
13	13	14	1.5000000	100
14	14	15	1.5000000	100

Modify

Double Elem.  
Divide Elem.  
Delete Elem.  
Trans. Node  
Move/Rot Model  
Duplicate

Springs

spring# | node1 | node2 | ku | kv | kw | kq | local | discrete | y/L

1 27 27 100000.000000 0.000000 0.000000 0.000000 1 0 0.000

General Constraints

node# | DOPe | coeff | node#k | DOPk

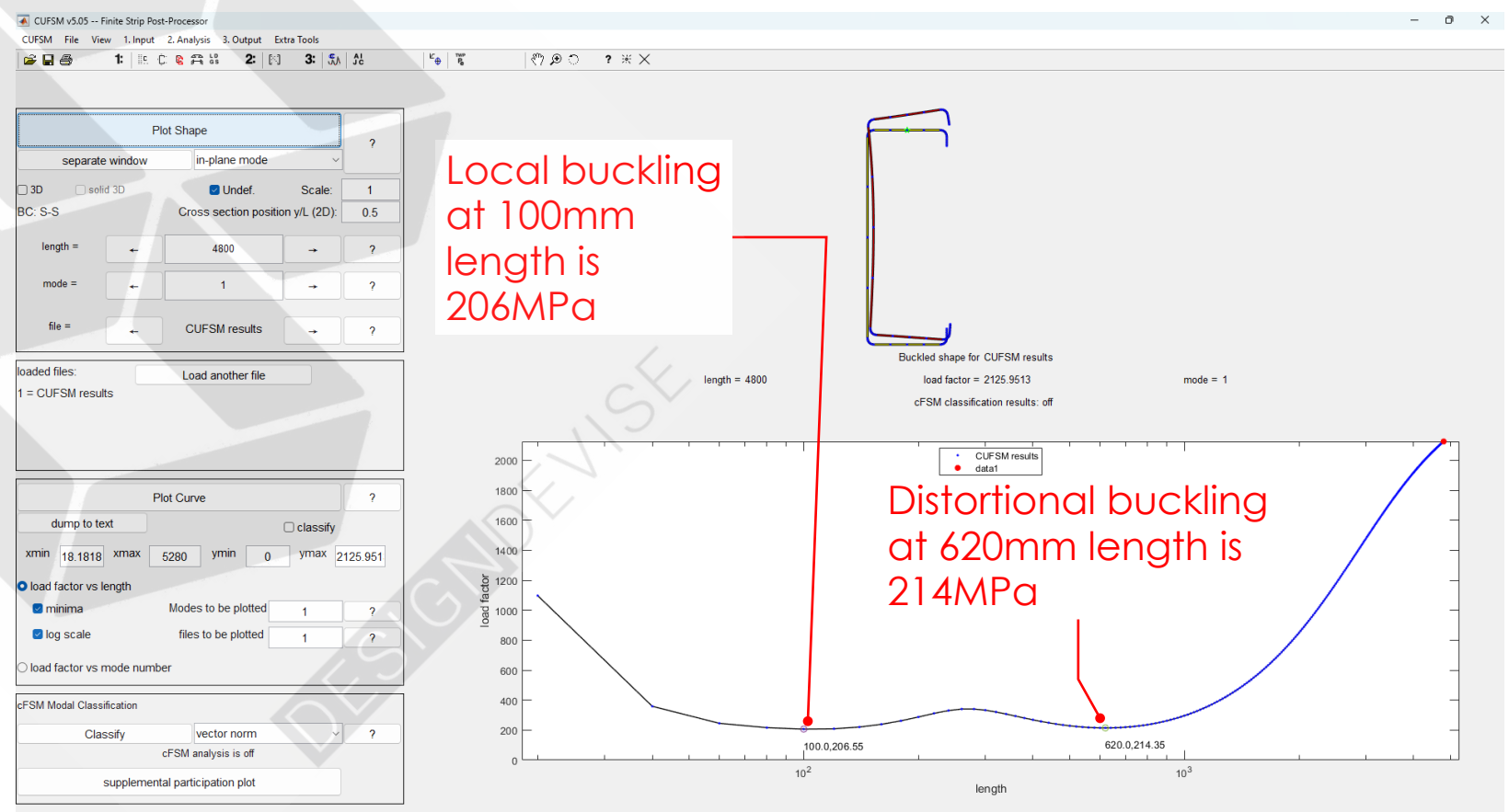
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Instead of restraining lateral translation, we used x-direction point spring with a value of 100,000 Nmm/mm throughout the length

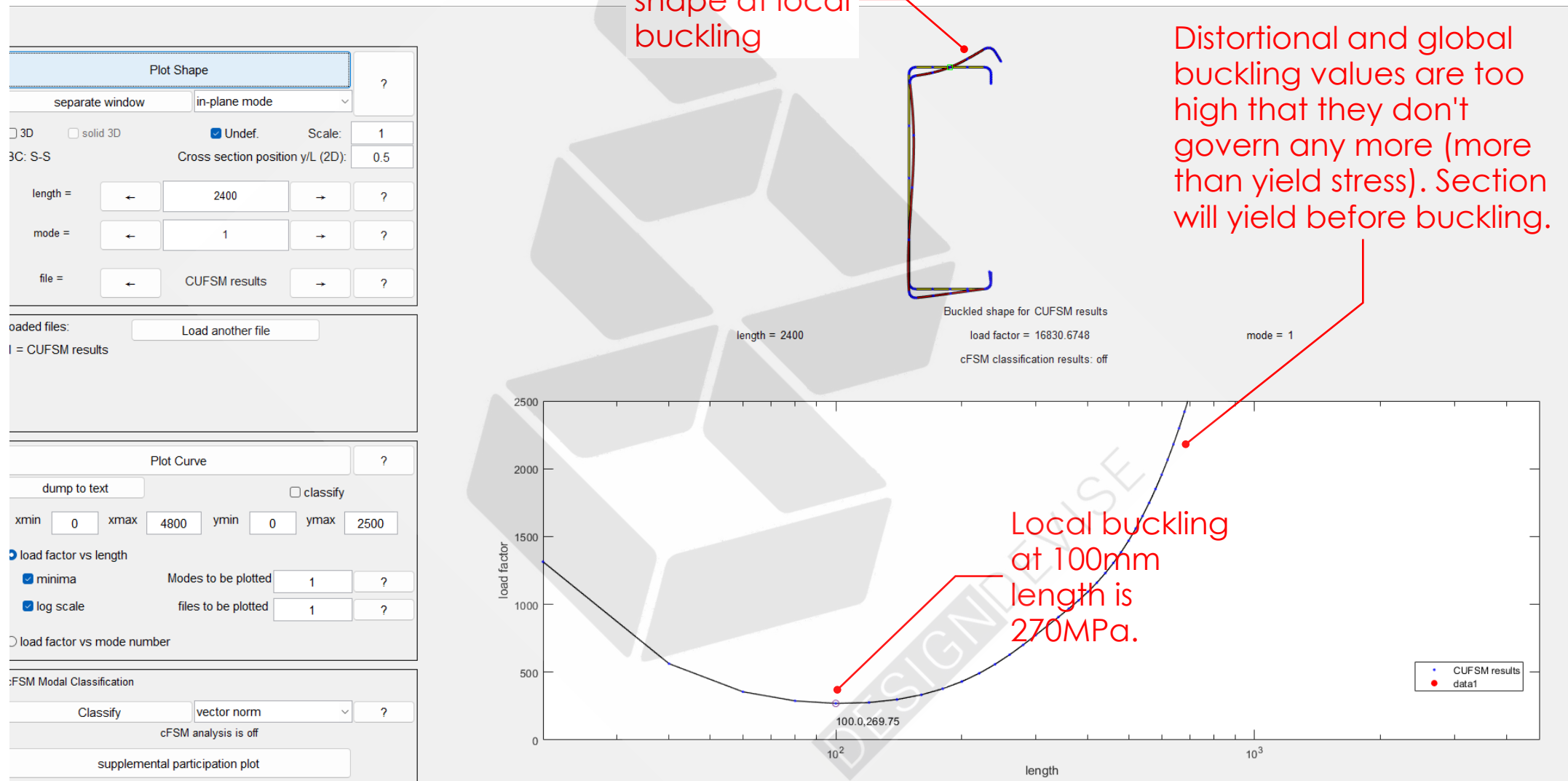
### Springs

spring#	node1	node2	ku	kv	kw	kq	local	discrete	y/L
1	27	27	100000.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	1	0	0.000

SAME RESULTS AS WITH DEGREE OF FREEDOM RESTRAINT



What happens if we also restrain the vertical movement in addition to horizontal at node 27 (middle of top flange) under downward loading?

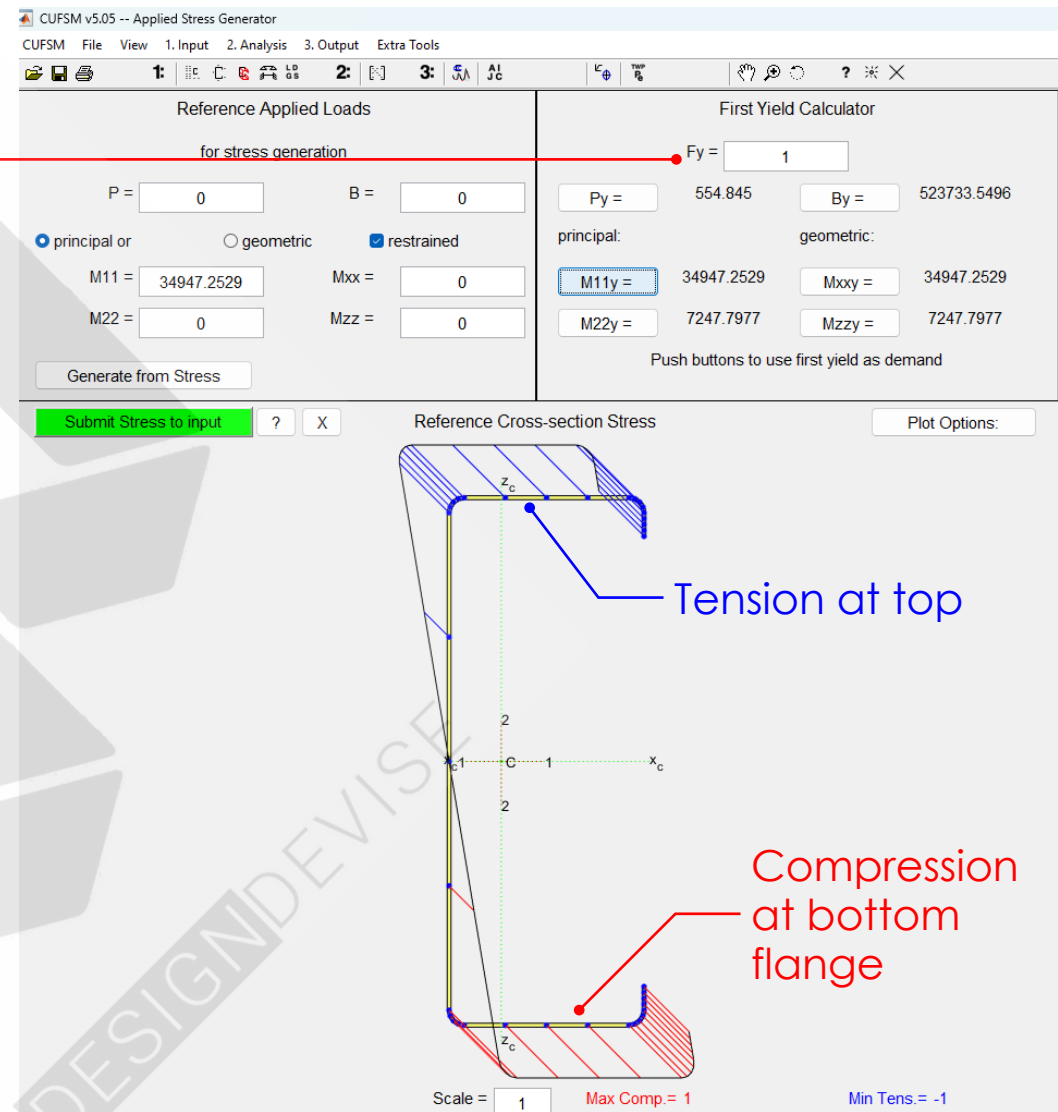


Interestingly, average of 206MPa (with lateral restraint only) and 270MPa (with torsional restraint only), is 238MPa, very close to 239MPa of Lysaght brochure capacity, for this purlin.

Values of rotational restraint commonly vary from around 200 N/rad to around 4000 N/rad. Within this range of values, both the channel and zed section purlins are sensitive to changes in rotational stiffness. Therefore, a standard value of rotational stiffness cannot be adopted and a procedure for determining the stiffness must be developed.

Now, let's go back to restraining the lateral freedom only at Node 27 but reverse the loading for uplift.

Instead of  
-1MPa we  
applied  
+1MPa for  
uplift loading.



## Buckling diagram changed

Upward capacity with 0 bridging 1.51kN/m from the table.

This is equal to 4.35kN.m moment ( $wl^2/8$ ).

This is equal to bending stress of  $M/S = 125\text{MPa}$ .

Lysaght capacity 125MPa is about 47% higher than CUFSM (85MPa) because we only considered lateral restraint at top flange.

## SINGLE SPANS

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Bridging > Span mm	Z/C 20015 (kN/m)					
	INWARD			OUTWARD		
	0	1, 2, 3	0	1	2	3
3000	7.38	7.38	7.28	7.38	7.38	7.38
3300	6.10	6.10	5.47	6.10	6.10	6.10
3600	5.13	5.13	4.10	5.13	5.13	5.13
3900	4.33	4.37	3.13	4.37	4.37	4.37
4200	3.69	3.77	2.44	3.77	3.77	3.77
4500	3.17	3.28	1.86	3.28	3.28	3.28
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Buckled shape for CUFSM results

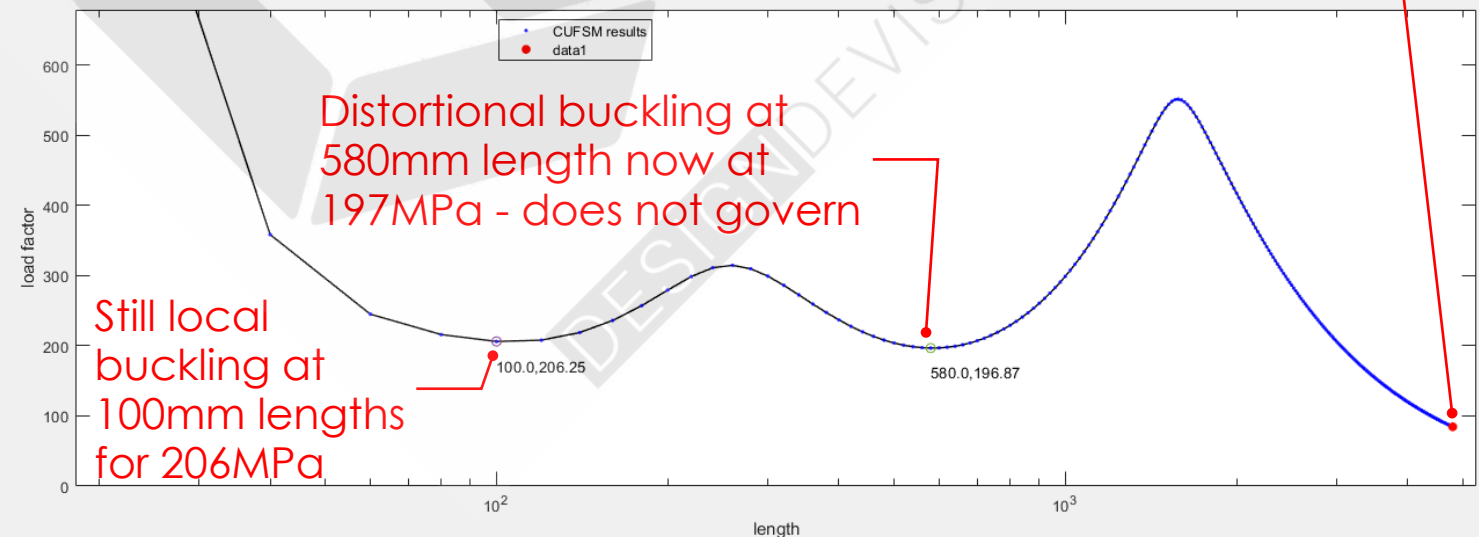
length = 4800

load factor = 84.549

mode = 1

cFSM classification results: off

Global buckling at full span length of 4.8m is now only 85MPa



separate window in-plane mode

3D ☐ solid 3D ☒ Undef. Scale: 1

BC: S-S Cross section position y/L (2D): 0.5

length = 4800

mode = 1

file = CUFSM results

loaded files: Load another file

= CUFSM results

Plot Curve

dump to text ☐ classify ☐

xmin 18.1818 xmax 5280 ymin 0 ymax 679.2002

load factor vs length

☒ minima Modes to be plotted 1

☒ log scale files to be plotted 1

load factor vs mode number

FSM Modal Classification

Classify vector norm

cFSM analysis is off

supplemental participation plot

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## Modeling of Cold-formed Purlins-sheeting Systems

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## PURLIN

Analysis and Design of Cold-Formed Purlins  
According to AS/NZS 4600

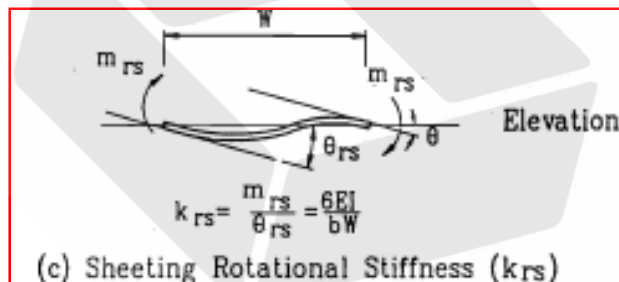
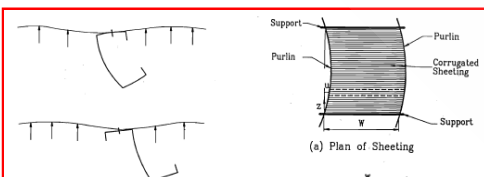


Fig. 2: Sheeting restraint

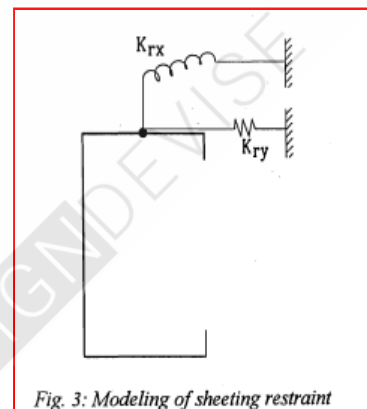


Fig. 3: Modeling of sheeting restraint

Options

Font: Times New Roman  
Text Size: 10  
Sub/Superscript Size: 8  
☐ Bold  
☐ Italic  
Preview: Moment Capacity  $M_s = Z_e f_y = 12.5 \text{ kNm}$

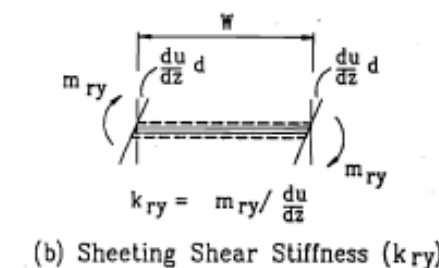
Display  
☐ Display Effective Width Calculations

Deflection  
Span/Deflection Ratio: 150  
☐ Gross Section Properties  
☐ Effective Section Properties  
☒ Average of Gross and Effective Section Properties

Roof Sheeting Restraints  
Minor axis rotation  $k_{ry}$ : 100000 Nmm/mm  
Torsion restraint  $k_{rz}$ : 0 Nmm/mm

Standard  
☐ Design According to AS/NZS 4600:1996

Flexural-Torsional Buckling  
☐ Ignore Flexural-Torsional Buckling for Hat sections



(b) Sheeting Shear Stiffness ( $k_{ry}$ )



Using a torsional restraint of 200N/rad in addition to 100,000 Nmm/mm translational restraint at top of middle flange (Node 27) provided similar values to Lysaght 131MPa for uplift global buckling.

Plot Shape

separate window

in-plane mode

3D

☐ solid 3D

☒ Undef.

Scale: 1

C: S-S

Cross section position y/L (2D): 0.5

length =

←

4700

→

?

mode =

←

1

→

?

file =

←

CUFSM results

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?

aded files:

Load another file

= CUFSM results

Plot Curve

dump to text

☐ classify

xmin 18.1818

xmax 5280

ymin 0

ymax 697.8187

load factor vs length

☒ minima

Modes to be plotted 1

☒ log scale

files to be plotted 1

load factor vs mode number

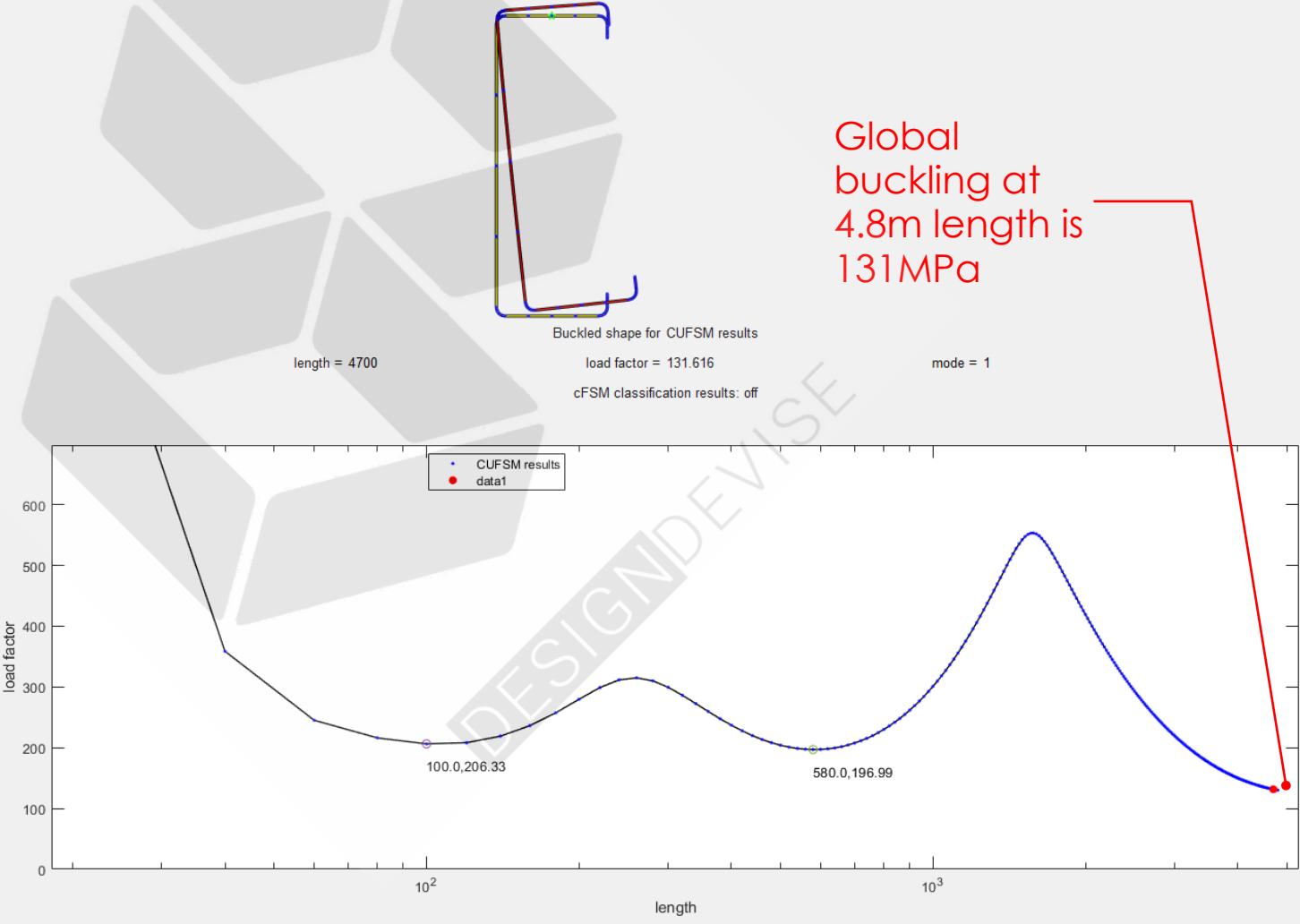
FSM Modal Classification

Classify

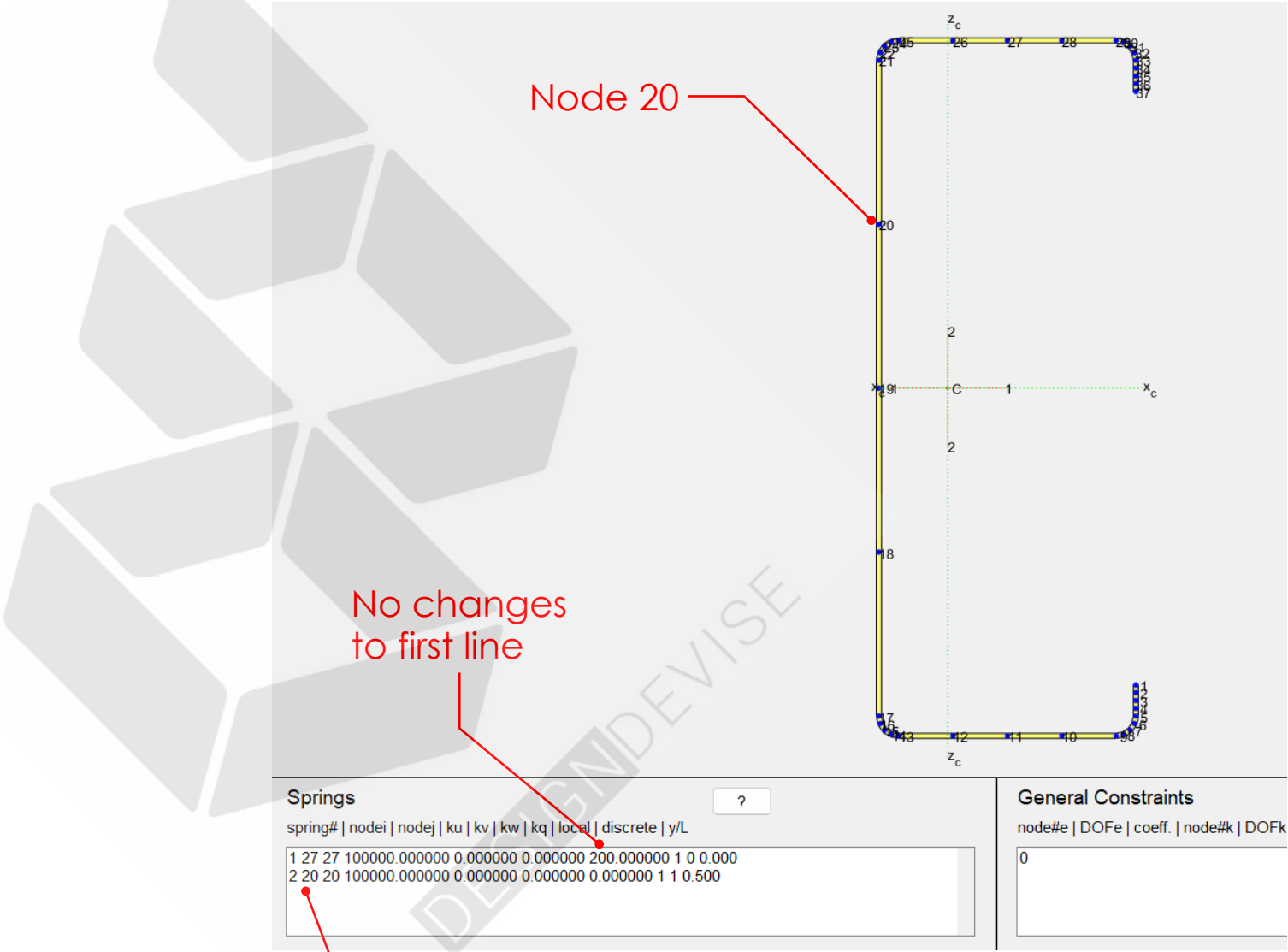
vector norm

cFSM analysis is off

supplemental participation plot



Let's see if this combination gives close capacities for uplift with 1 bridging to that of Lysaght.



Added lateral restraint at half span to simulate 1 bridging

Min. is 207MPa local buckling (similar to downward loading of 206MPa). Lysaght is 239MPa.

SINGLE SPANS

	Z/C 20015 (kN/m)							
	INWARD		OUTWARD				L/150	
Bridging > Span mm	0	1, 2, 3	0	1	2	3		
3000	7.38	7.38	7.28	7.38	7.38	7.38	10.60	
3300	6.10	6.10	5.47	6.10	6.10	6.10	7.96	
3600	5.13	5.13	4.10	5.13	5.13	5.13	6.28	
3900	4.33	4.37	3.13	4.37	4.37	4.37	5.07	
4200	3.69	3.77	2.44	3.77	3.77	3.77	4.15	
4500	3.17	3.28	1.86	3.28	3.28	3.28	3.45	
4800	2.75	2.88	1.51	2.88	2.88	2.88	2.88	

Plot Shape

separate window

in-plane mode

3D

☐ solid 3D

☒ Undef.

Scale:

1

C: S-S

Cross section position y/L (2D):

0.5

length =

←

4800

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?

mode =

←

1

→

?

file =

←

CUFSM results

→

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loaded files:

Load another file

= CUFSM results

Plot Curve

dump to text

☐ classify

xmin

18.1818

xmax

5280

ymin

0

ymax

1096.997

load factor vs length

☒ minima

Modes to be plotted

1

?

☒ log scale

files to be plotted

1

?

load factor vs mode number

FSM Modal Classification

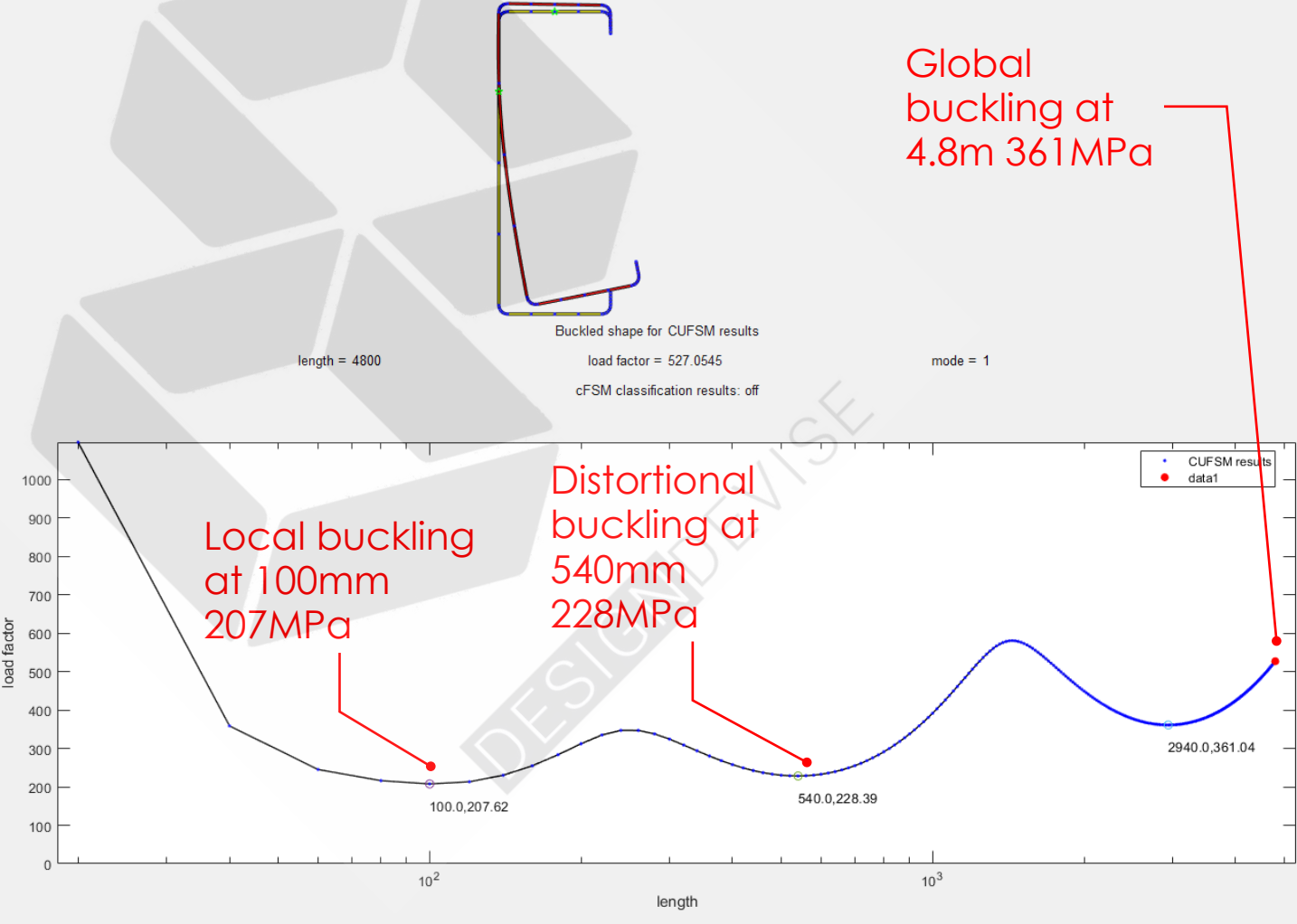
Classify

vector norm

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cFSM analysis is off

supplemental participation plot



**What does this very crude example tells?**

1. if we model any shape in CUFSM using these concepts, the software capacities will be a close match to the real capacities.
2. Torsional restraint should be chosen with caution. Can solar panels provide torsional restraint to rails/purlins?
3. Buckling reduces capacity. Sections buckle well before yielding if restraints are not available.
4. A translational restraint of 100,000 Nmm/mm was equivalent to 0 degree of freedom in the the lateral X direction.
5. For C20015 purlin:  
Global buckling for uplift loading with 1 row of bridging was equal to local buckling under downward loading without bridging (also confirmed from Lysaght brochure)

Let's now model LC90 profile with same concept with no bridging. Simply supported 3m span and sharp corners.

Translational  
restraint applied to  
Node 15

**Material Properties**

mat#	Ex	Ey	vx	vy	Gxy
100	200000.00	200000.00	0.30	0.30	80000.00

**Nodes**

node#	x	z	xdof	zdof	ydof	qdof	stress
1	37.0000	9.0000	1	1	1	-0.850	
2	37.0000	0.0000	1	1	1	-1.000	
3	25.3023	0.0000	1	1	1	-0.916	
4	18.5000	2.6700	1	1	1	-0.823	
5	11.6977	0.0000	1	1	1	-0.819	
6	0.0000	0.0000	1	1	1	-0.735	
7	0.0000	10.6077	1	1	1	-0.558	
8	6.0000	21.0000	1	1	1	-0.427	
9	0.0000	31.3923	1	1	1	-0.211	
10	0.0000	56.6077	1	1	1	0.211	
11	-6.0000	67.0000	1	1	1	0.427	
12	0.0000	77.3923	1	1	1	0.558	
13	0.0000	88.0000	1	1	1	0.735	
14	-11.6977	88.0000	1	1	1	0.819	
15	-18.5000	85.3300	1	1	1	0.823	
16	-25.3023	88.0000	1	1	1	0.916	
17	-37.0000	88.0000	1	1	1	1.000	

**Elements**

elem#	nodei	nodej	thickness	mat#
1	1	2	2.000000	100
2	2	3	2.000000	100
3	3	4	2.000000	100
4	4	5	2.000000	100
5	5	6	2.000000	100
6	6	7	2.000000	100
7	7	8	2.000000	100
8	8	9	2.000000	100
9	9	10	2.000000	100
10	10	11	2.000000	100
11	11	12	2.000000	100
12	12	13	2.000000	100
13	13	14	2.000000	100
14	14	15	2.000000	100

**Modify**

Double Elem.  
Divide Elem.  
Delete Elem.  
Trans. Node  
Move/Rot Model  
Duplicate

**Springs**

spring#	nodei	nodej	ku	kv	kw	kq	local	discrete	y/L
1	15	15	100000.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	1	0	0.000

**General Constraints**

node#e	DOFe	coeff.	node#k	DOFk
0				

**Plot Options:**

Buckling does not govern under downward loading.

Plot Shape

separate window in-plane mode ?

3D ☐ solid 3D ☒ Undef. Scale: 1

C: S-S Cross section position y/L (2D): 0.5

length = 300 ?

mode = 1 ?

file = CUFSM results ?

loaded files: Load another file

= CUFSM results

Plot Curve

dump to text ☐ classify

xmin 0 xmax 3000 ymin 0 ymax 2500

load factor vs length

☒ minima Modes to be plotted 1 ?

☒ log scale files to be plotted 1 ?

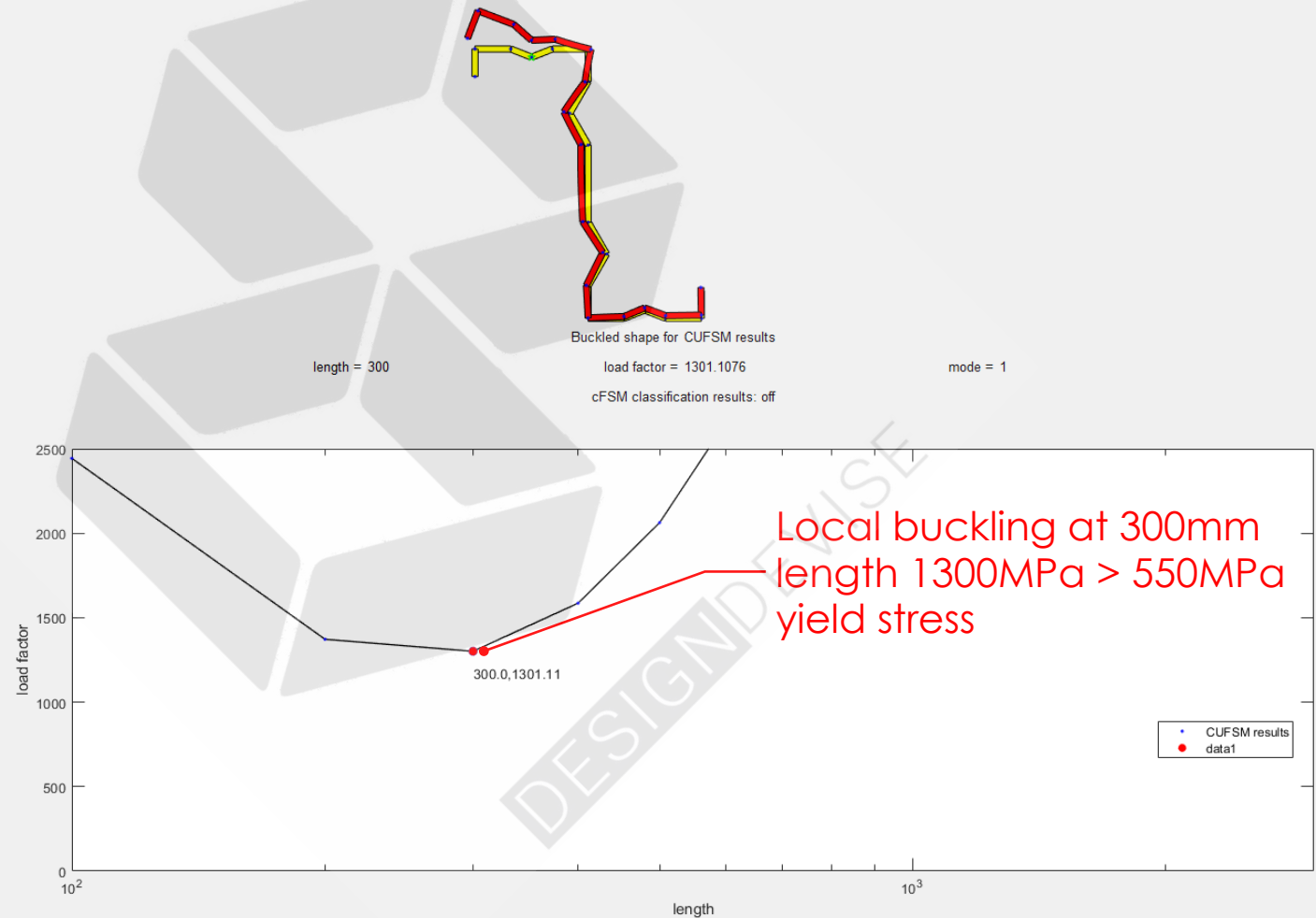
load factor vs mode number

CUFSM Modal Classification

Classify vector norm ?

cFSM analysis is off

supplemental participation plot





Global buckling is still less than Yield stress

TOP LATERAL + TORSIONAL  
RESTRAINT

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Global buckling at 3m is  
243MPa (about half of  
550MPa yield stress)

Local buckling at 200mm  
length 1047MPa > 550MPa  
yield stress

Plot Shape

separate window in-plane mode

☐ 3D ☐ solid 3D ☒ Undef. Scale: 1

BC: S-S Cross section position y/L (2D): 0.5

length = 3000

mode = 1

file = CUFSM results

loaded files: Load another file

1 = CUFSM results

Plot Curve

dump to text ☐ classify

xmin 0 xmax 3000 ymin 0 ymax 1800

☒ load factor vs length

☒ minima Modes to be plotted 1

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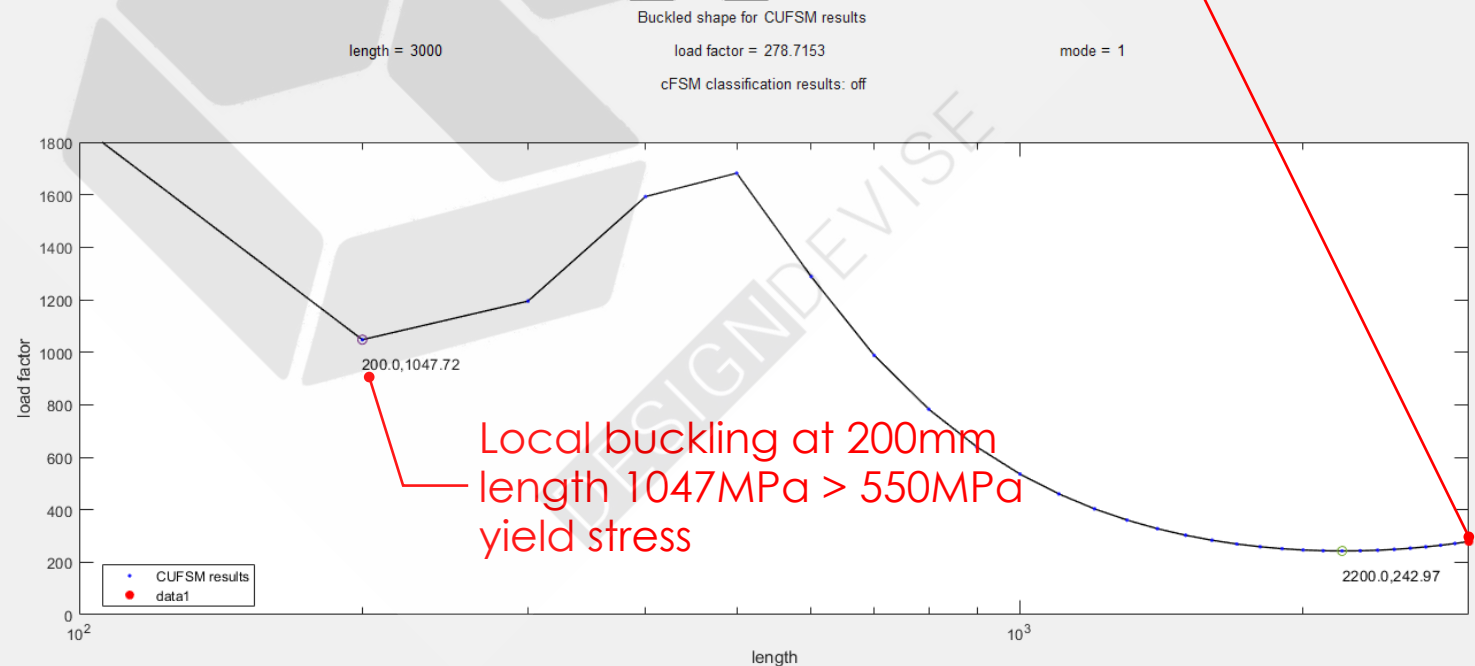
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cFSM Modal Classification

Classify vector norm

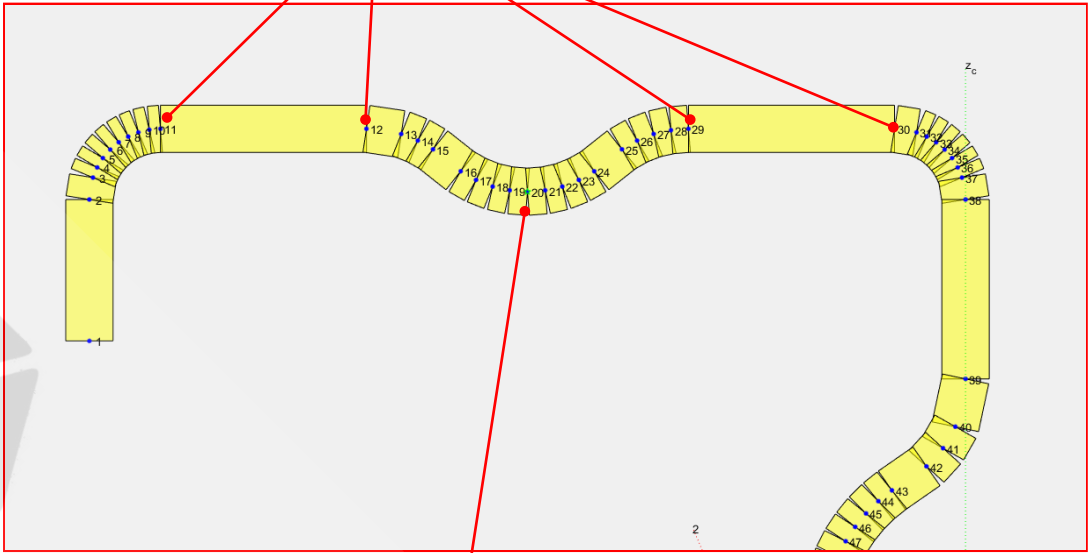
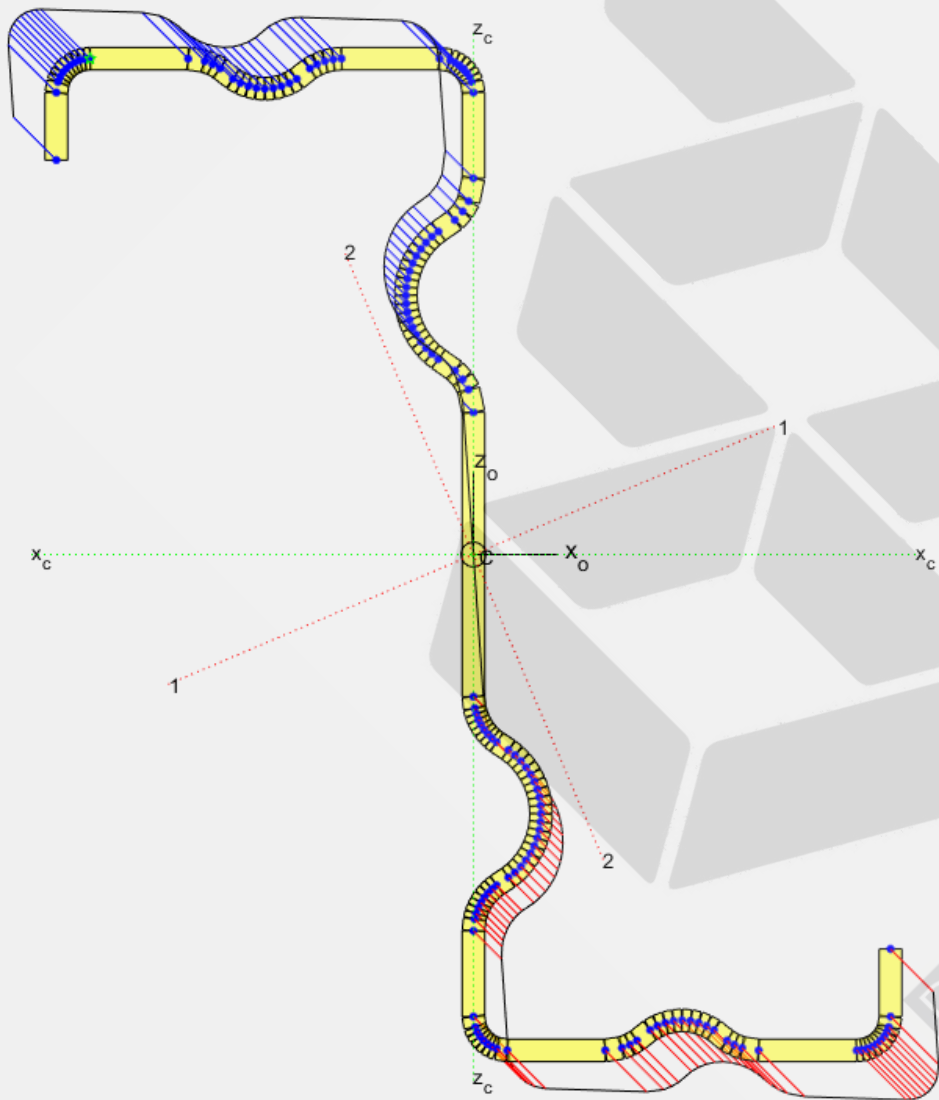
cFSM analysis is off

supplemental participation plot



Let's refine the profile to avoid sharp corners, for that we subdivided the shape into 153 elements capturing x and y coordinate for each point in CAD through a custom in house LISP

Let's apply restraints to four points: Node 11, 12, 29 & 30



Restraint applied at mid-flange width did not improve results

Apply excessive restraint at four top points immensely helped. Local and Global buckling is not governing, however now, distortional buckling governs with a wavelength of 1600mm with a value of 349MPa.

Plot Shape

separate window

in-plane mode

☐ 3D

☐ solid 3D

☒ Undef.

Scale: 1

3C: S-S

Cross section position y/L (2D): 0.5

length = 3000

mode = 1

file = CUFSM results

loaded files:

Load another file

l = CUFSM results

Plot Curve

dump to text

☐ classify

xmin 0

xmax 3000

ymin 0

ymax 1500

load factor vs length

☒ minima

Modes to be plotted 1

☒ log scale

files to be plotted 1

load factor vs mode number

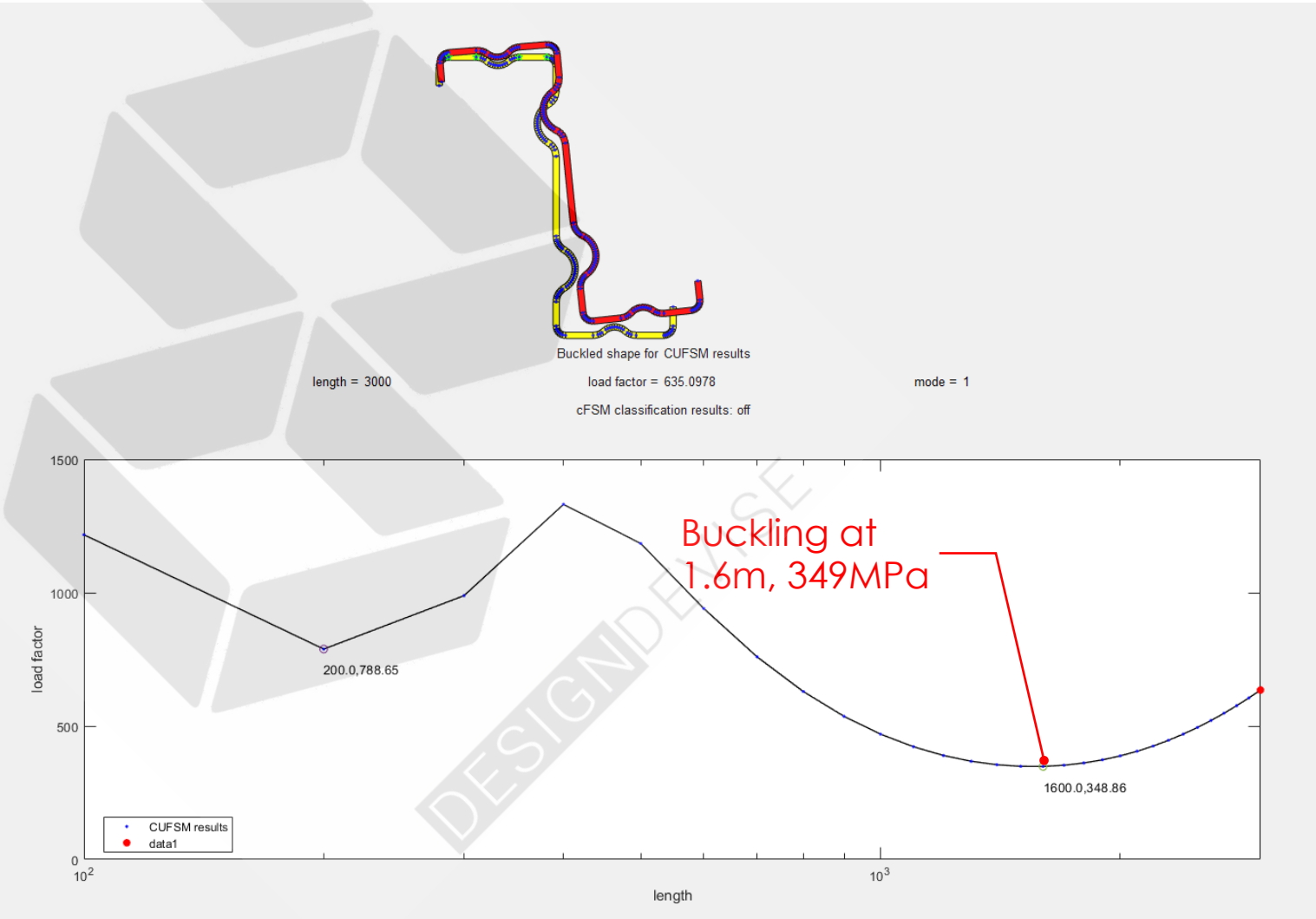
FSM Modal Classification

Classify

vector norm

cFSM analysis is off

supplemental participation plot

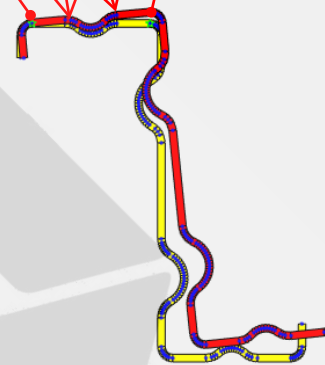


In this example, instead of four, only two points were restrained (Node 11 & 30)

Similar results if restraints are applied to Node 12 & 29

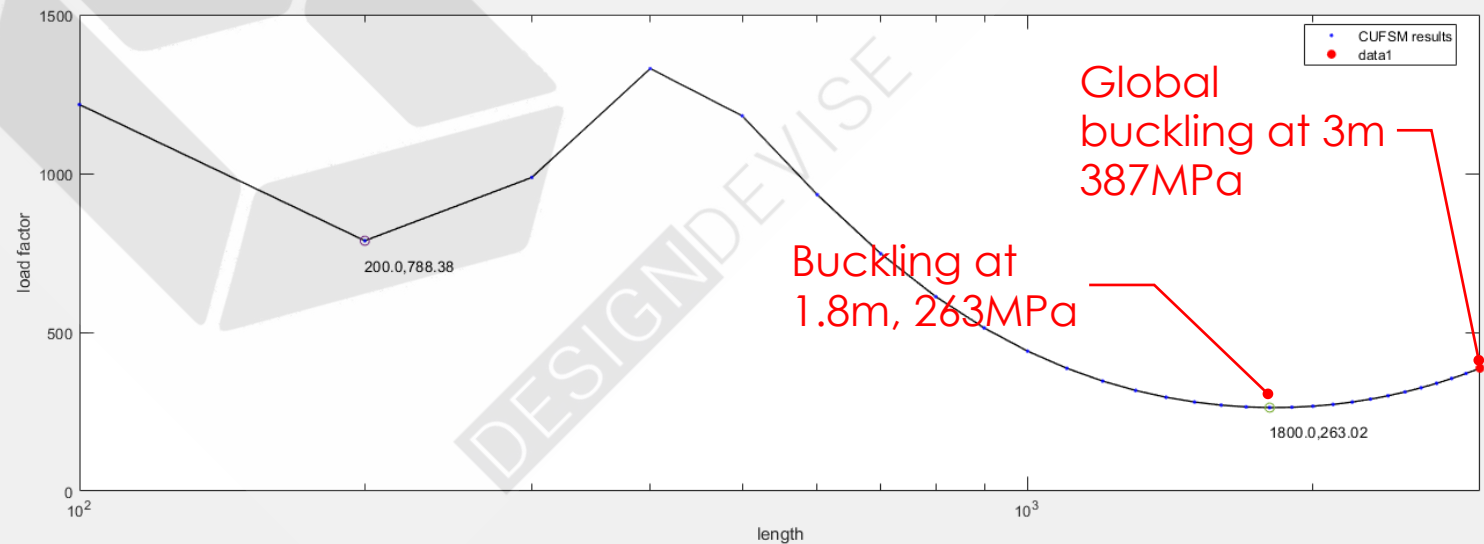
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Node 11 Node 30



Buckled shape for CUFSM results  
length = 3000  
load factor = 386.9654  
cFSM classification results: off

mode = 1



Global buckling at 3m 387MPa

Buckling at 1.8m, 263MPa

CUFSM results  
data1

Plot Shape

separate window in-plane mode

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3D ☐ solid 3D ☒ Undef. Scale: 1  
C: S-S Cross section position y/L (2D): 0.5

length = 3000

mode = 1

file = CUFSM results

Load another file  
= CUFSM results

Plot Curve

?

dump to text ☐ classify

xmin 0 xmax 3000 ymin 0 ymax 1500

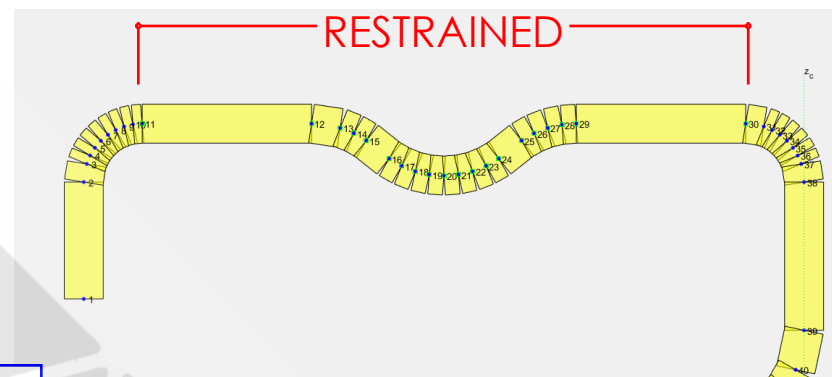
load factor vs length  
☒ minima Modes to be plotted 1 ?  
☒ log scale files to be plotted 1 ?

load factor vs mode number

cFSM Modal Classification  
Classify vector norm ?  
cFSM analysis is off

supplemental participation plot

In this last example, we applied 0 degree of X-direction freedom (full lateral restraint) on the top flange from Node 10 to 30, but no torsional restraint, no buckling mode governs.



However, major difference in restraining the top flange of this section vs Lysaght C20015 which offered no improvement.

We compared this concept with the sharp corner profile example and found that sharp corners yielded better results. In summary there was no need for the rounded corners refinement in this software.

Plot Shape

separate window in-plane mode

3D solid 3D ☒ Undef. Scale: 1

BC: S-S Cross section position y/L (2D): 0.5

length = 3000

mode = 1

file = CUFSM results

loaded files: Load another file

1 = CUFSM results

Plot Curve

dump to text ☐ classify

xmin 0 xmax 3000 ymin 0 ymax 2500

☒ load factor vs length

☒ minima Modes to be plotted 1

☒ log scale files to be plotted 1

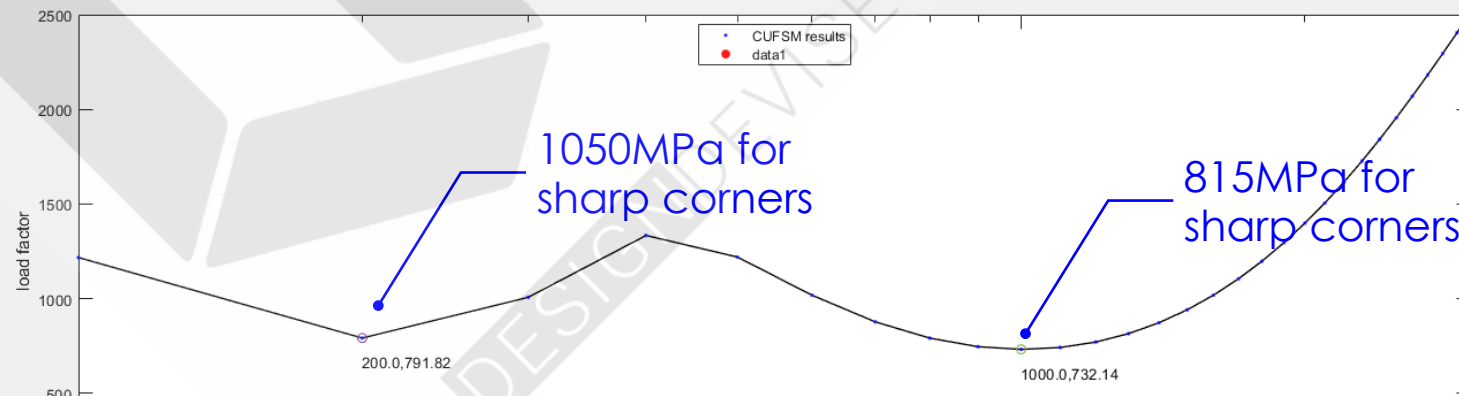
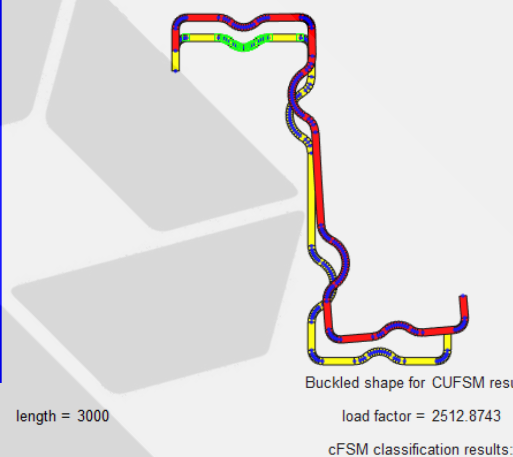
☐ load factor vs mode number

cFSM Modal Classification

Classify vector norm

cFSM analysis is off

supplemental participation plot



**So the Final Question: Is this assumption correct that solar panels can restrain the full top flange? As under partial restraint flange, buckling still governs. And if the answer is YES, then can solar panels handle that much compression? (X-drection restraining forces from two purlins)???**