

**STRUCTURAL BEHAVIOR OF
BARRIER-OVERHANG CONNECTION IN
CONCRETE BRIDGES
USING AASHTO LRFD METHOD**

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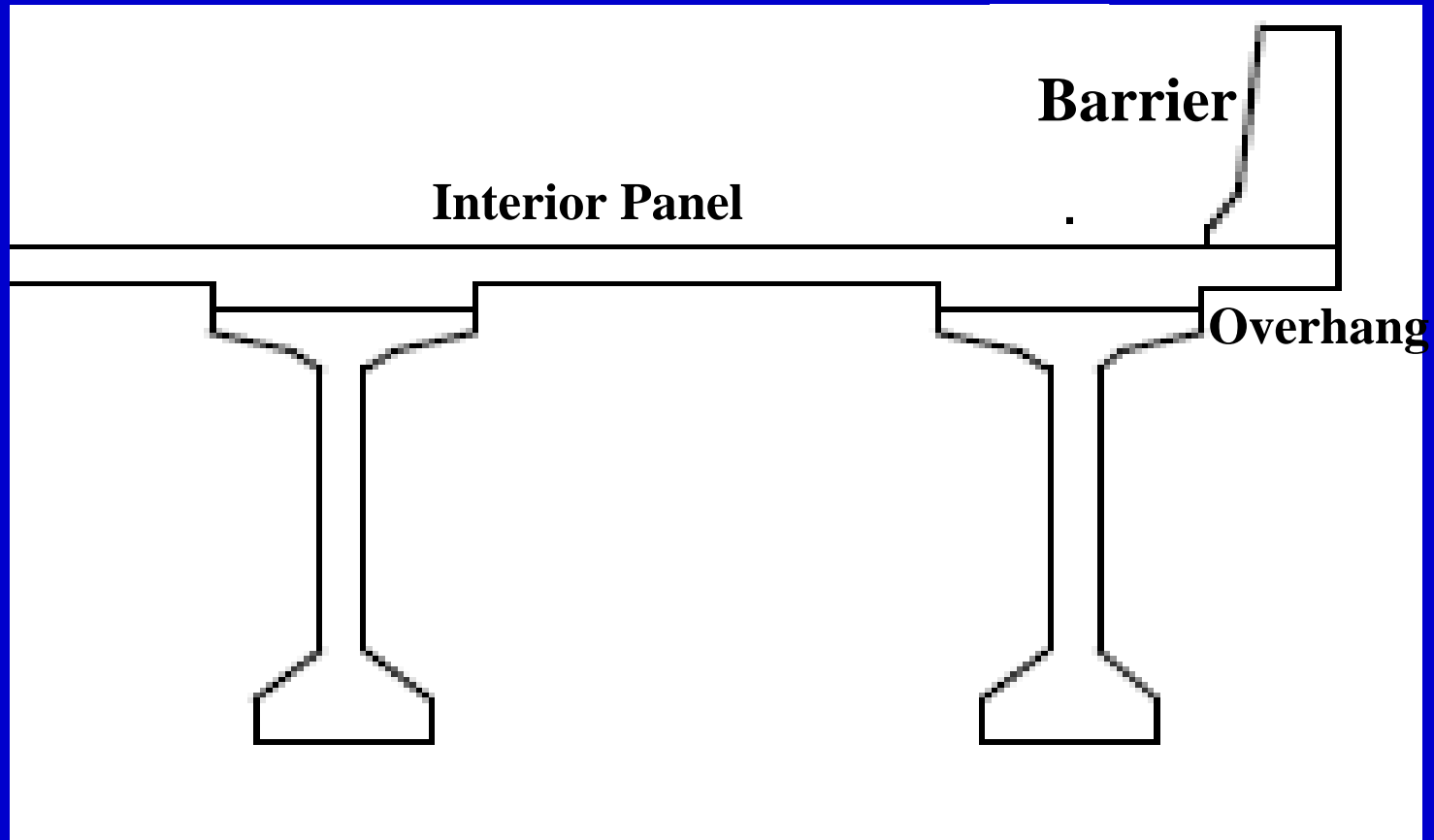
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CONCRETE DECK

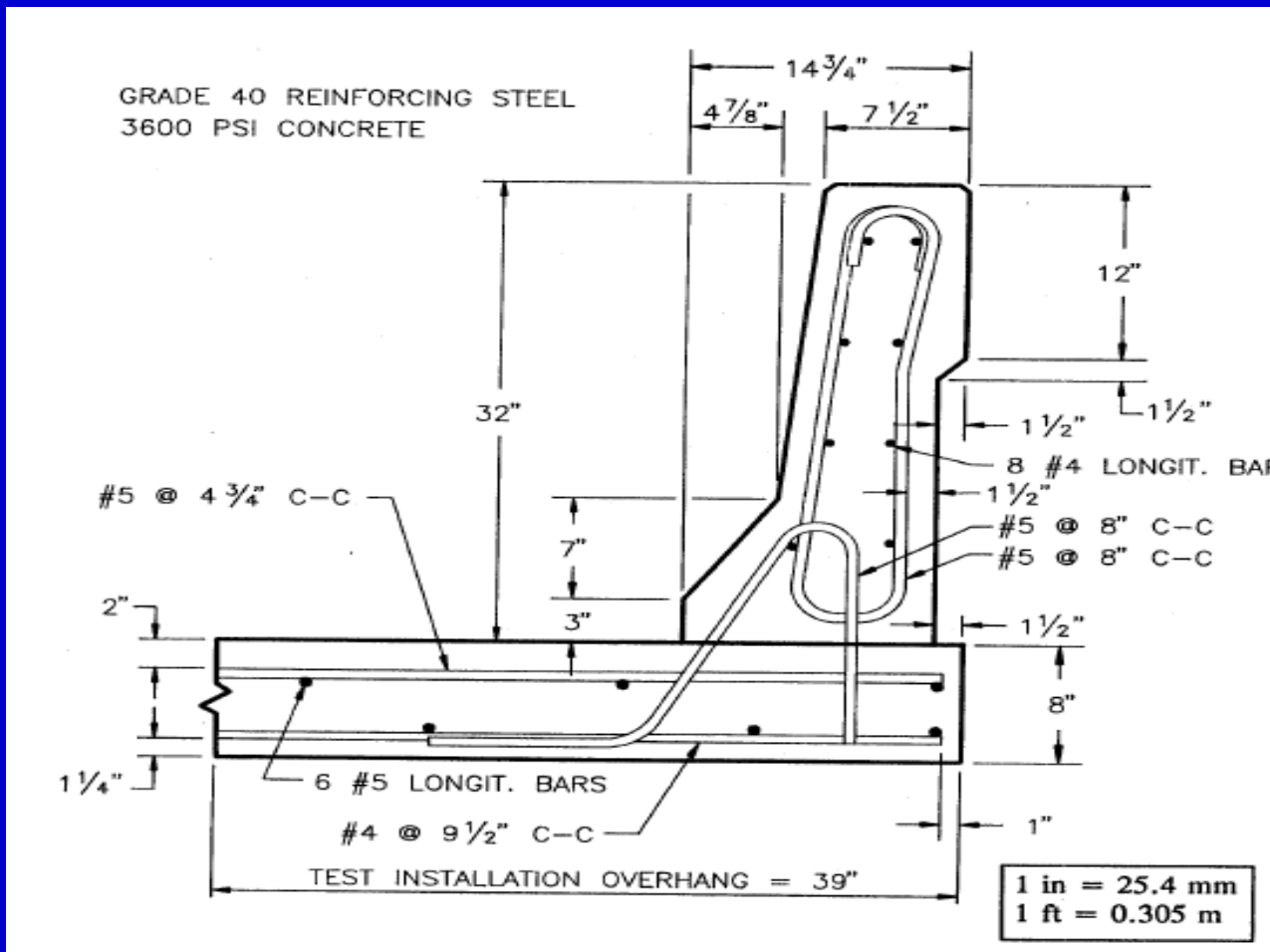


AAHTO LRFD
(NCHRP-350)
BARRIER TEST LEVEL
REQUIREMENT



BARRIER DESIGN CHECK PROCESS

(1) SELECT THE BARRIER TEST LEVEL, GEOMETRY AND REINFORCEMENT



(2) CALCULATE BARRIER CRASH RESISTANCE BY LRFD YIELD ANALYSIS:

At Continuous Locations

$$R_w = \left(\frac{2}{2L_c - L_t} \right) \left(8M_b + 8M_w H + \frac{M_c L_c^2}{H} \right) \quad L_c = \frac{L_t}{2} + \sqrt{\left(\frac{L_t}{2} \right)^2 + \frac{8H(M_b + M_w)}{M_c}}$$

At Ends or Joint Locations

$$R_w = \left(\frac{2}{2L_c - L_t} \right) \left(M_b + M_w H + \frac{M_c L_c^2}{H} \right) \quad L_c = \frac{L_t}{2} + \sqrt{\left(\frac{L_t}{2} \right)^2 + H \left(\frac{M_b + M_w}{M_c} \right)}$$

R_w = Transverse resistance of the barrier (kip)

M_c = Flexural resistance of the barrier about its longitudinal axis (kip-ft/ft)

M_w = flexural resistance of the barrier about its vertical axis (k-ft/ft)

M_b = additional flexural resistance (in addition to M_w , if any), not applicable here

L_c = critical length of yield line pattern (ft)

L_t = longitudinal distribution length (ft)

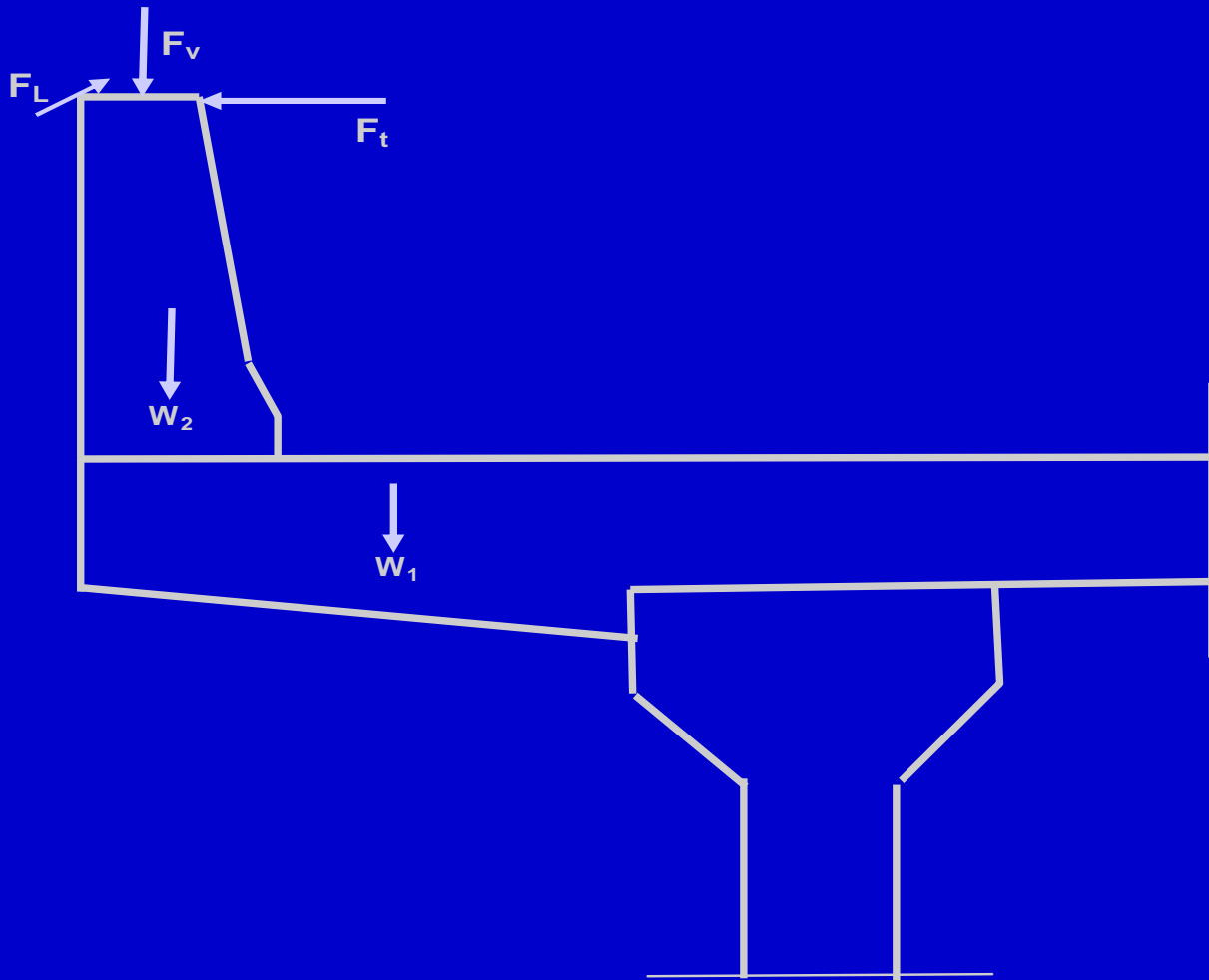
H = barrier height (ft)

(3) Compare the Calculated Resistance With the Required LRFD Crash Values (Table)

(4) Modify The Design Details if Required

Design Forces and Designations	Railing Test Levels							
	TL-1	TL-2	TL-3	TL-4	TL-5A	TL-5	TL-6	
F_t Transverse (KIP)	13.5	27	54	54	116	124	175	
F_L Longitudinal (KIP)	4.5	LRFD CRASH TEST LEVEL REQUIREMENT					1	58
F_v Vertical (KIP) Down	4.5						0	80
L_t and L_L (FT)	4.0	4.0	4.0	3.5	8.0	8.0	8.0	
L_v (FT)	18.0	18.0	18.0	18.0	40.0	40.0	40.0	
H_o (min) (IN)	18	20	24	32	40	42	56	
Minimum H Height of Rail (IN)	27	27	27	32	40	54	90	

BARRIER-DECK OVERHANG INTERACTION



DESIRED LRFD
FAILURE SEQUENCE
in a Crash Event

First: BARRIER

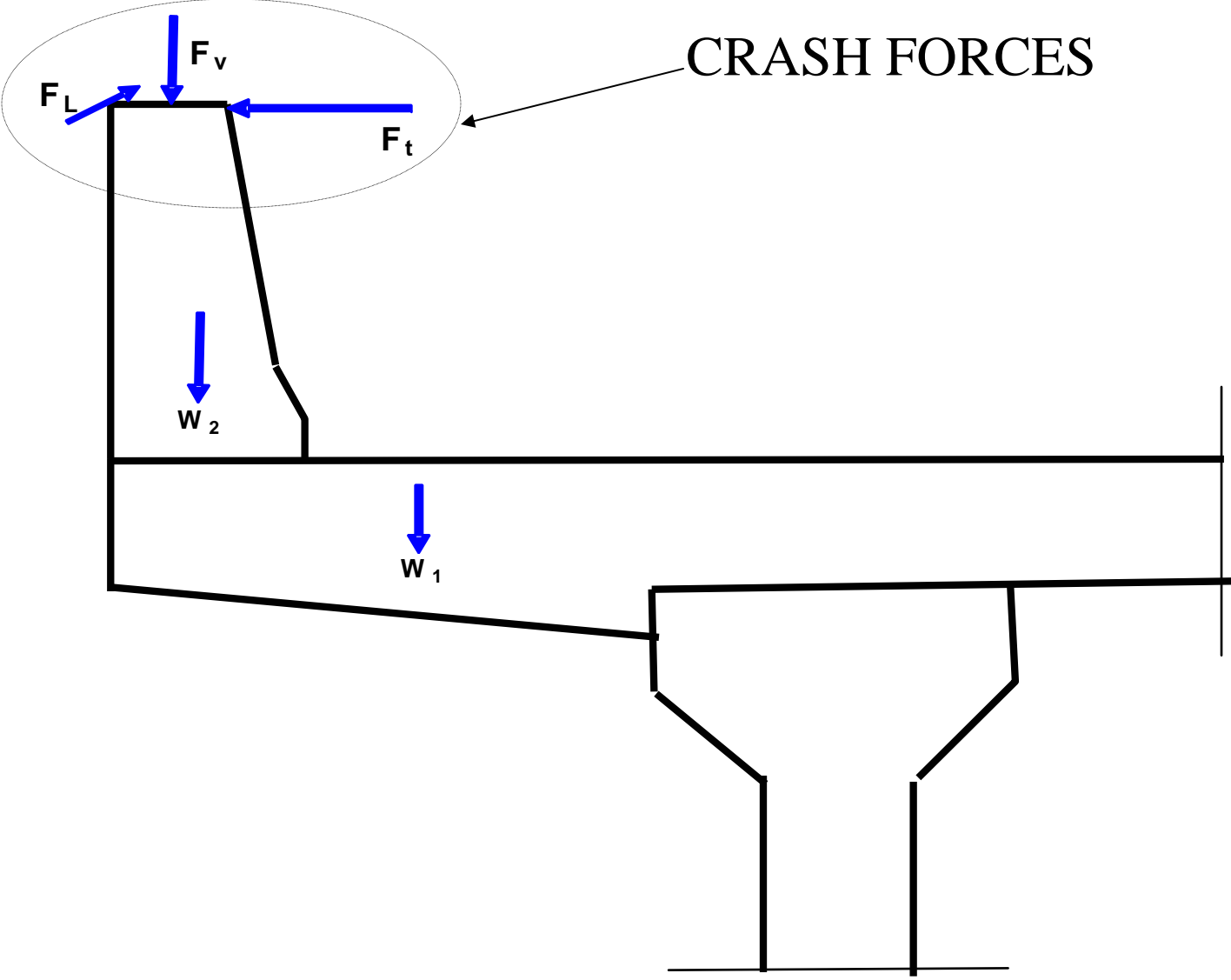
Second: OVERHANG

- *Overhang Safely Resists the Crash*
- *Barrier is Easier to Repair*

OVERHANG DESIGN

The Problem?

**OVERHANG CANTILEVER SHOULD ALSO
RESIST
THE CRASHING FORCES FROM THE BARRIER**



CRASH FORCES

F_L

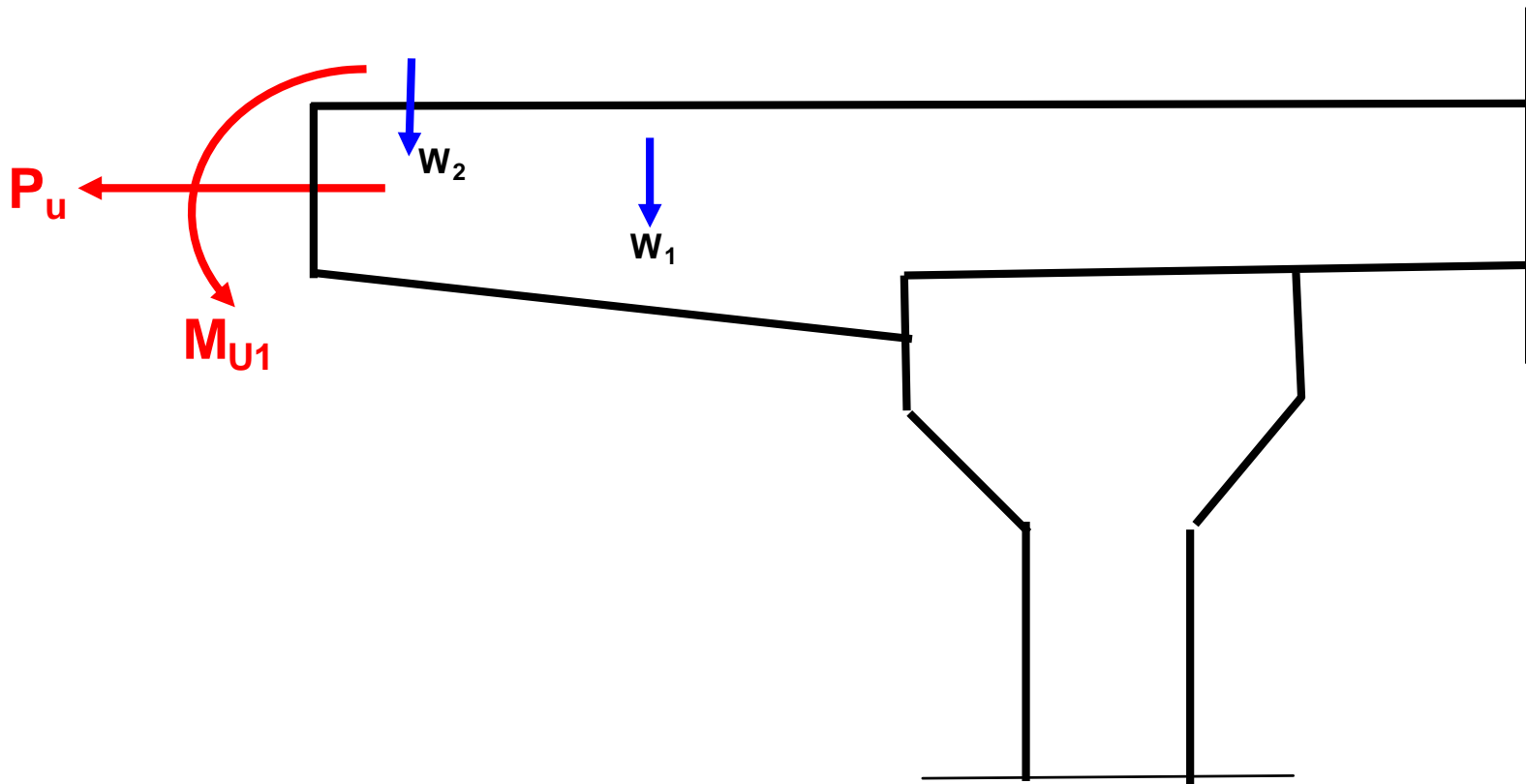
F_v

F_t

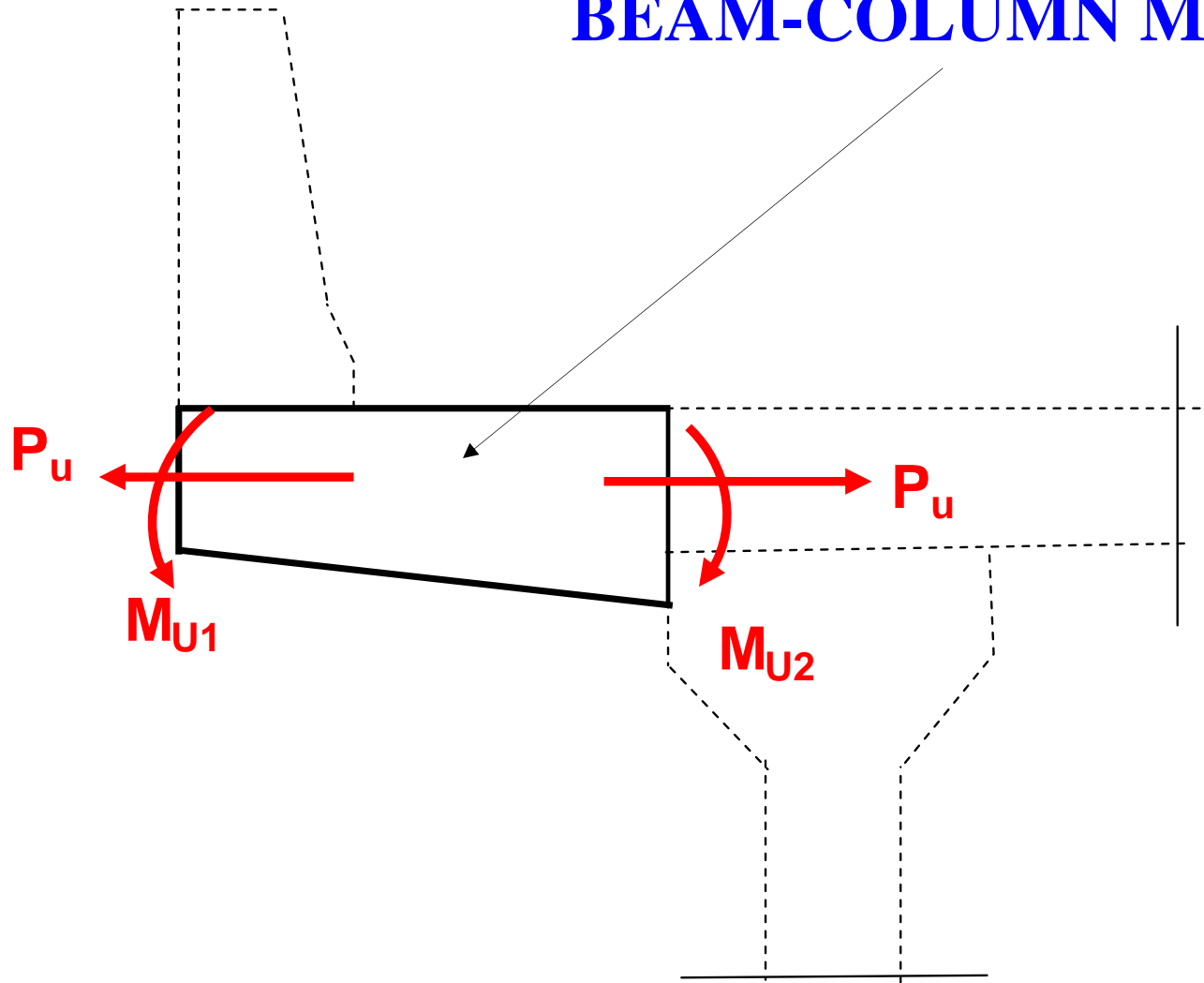
W_2

W_1

M_{u1} , P_u = CRASH FORCE REACTIONS TO OVERHANG

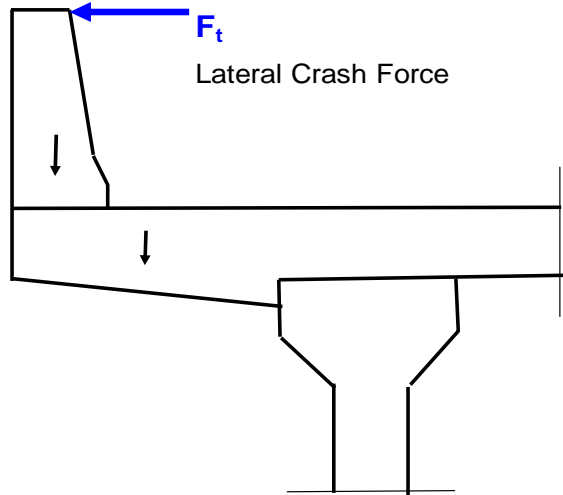


BEAM-COLUMN MODEL



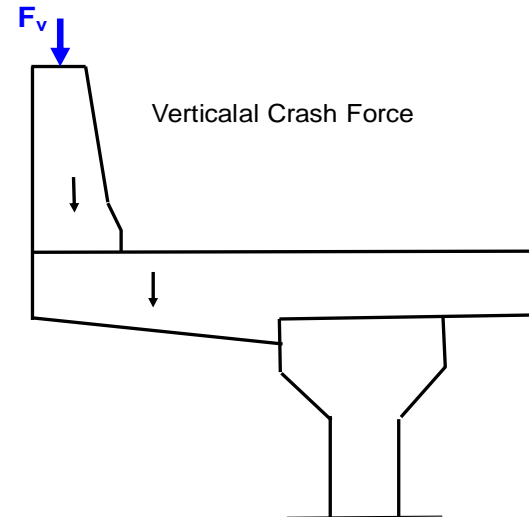
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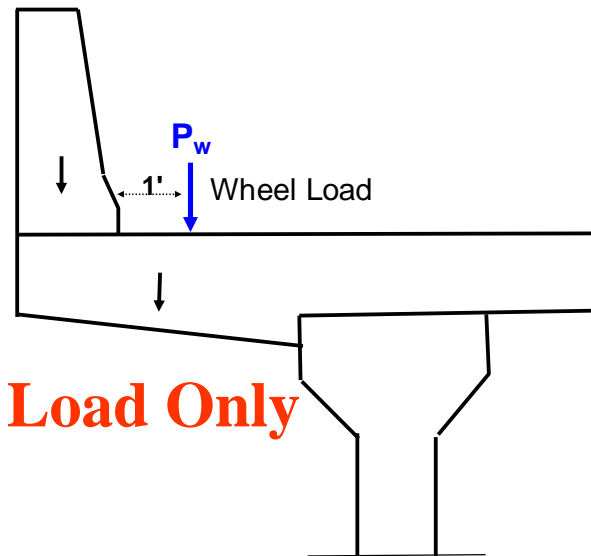
Lateral Crash Force

Extreme Event II for F_t
(Continuous or Joint Location)



Verticalal Crash Force

Extreme Event II for F_v
(Continuous or Joint Location)



Strength I, Wheel Load Only

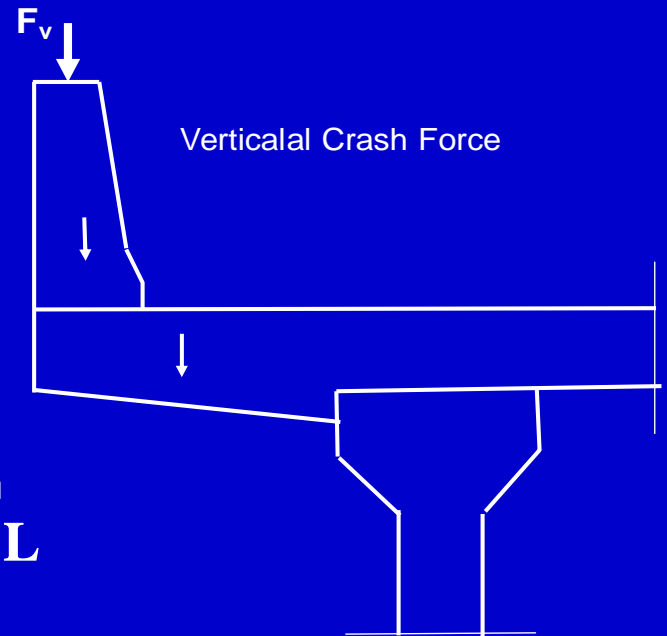
Extreme Event II for F_v

(All Load Factors=1)

Forces:

- Vertical Crash Force, F_v
- Longitudinal Crash Force F_L
- Dead Loads, FWS

Overhang Subject to Moment Only



Strength I

Wheel Load (LL)

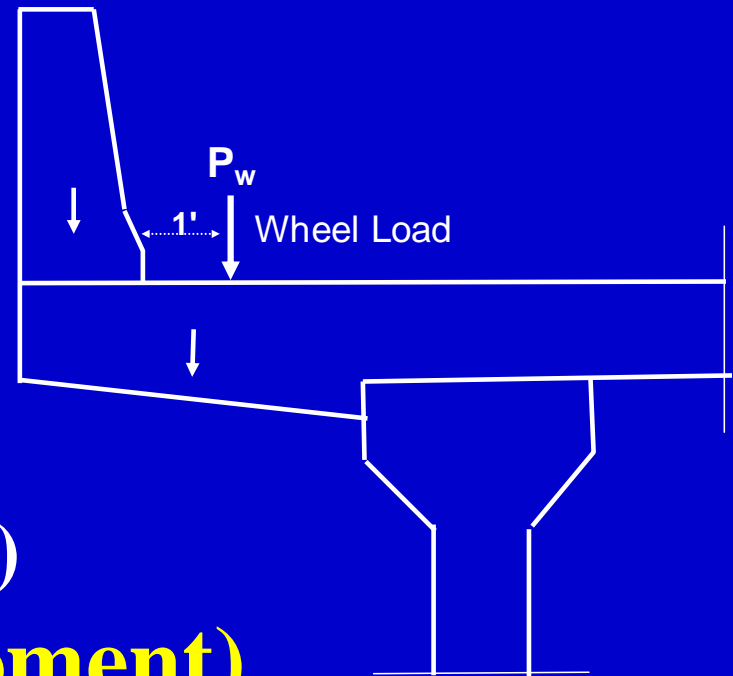
Dead Loads (DC)

FWS Load (DW)

$1.25(DC)+1.5(DW)+1.75(LL)$

(Overhang Subject to Moment)

Conventional Wheel Load Method

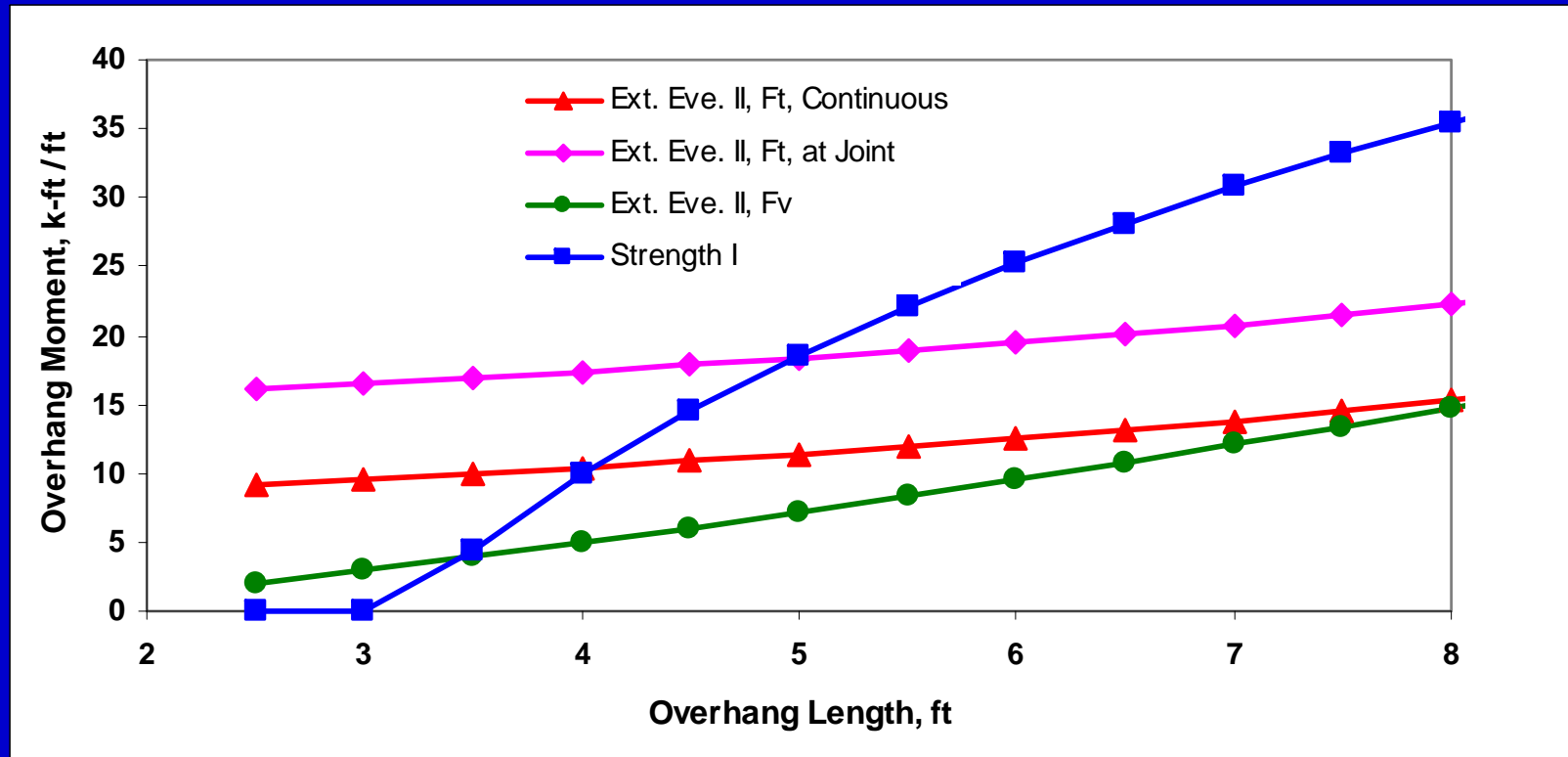


Example Design Forces For Overhang

(5' Overhang with TL-4 Crash Force)

LOAD COMBINATION	Tensile Force, P_u Kip (per foot)	Bending Moment, M_u K-ft (per foot)
Extreme Event II, F_t , Continuous	3.2	11.1
Extreme Event II, F_t , Ends or Joint	5.2	18.1
Extreme Event II, F_v , Continuous Location	0	8.0
Strength I, Wheel Load Only	0	12.2

OVERHANG LOAD COMBINATION COMPARISON

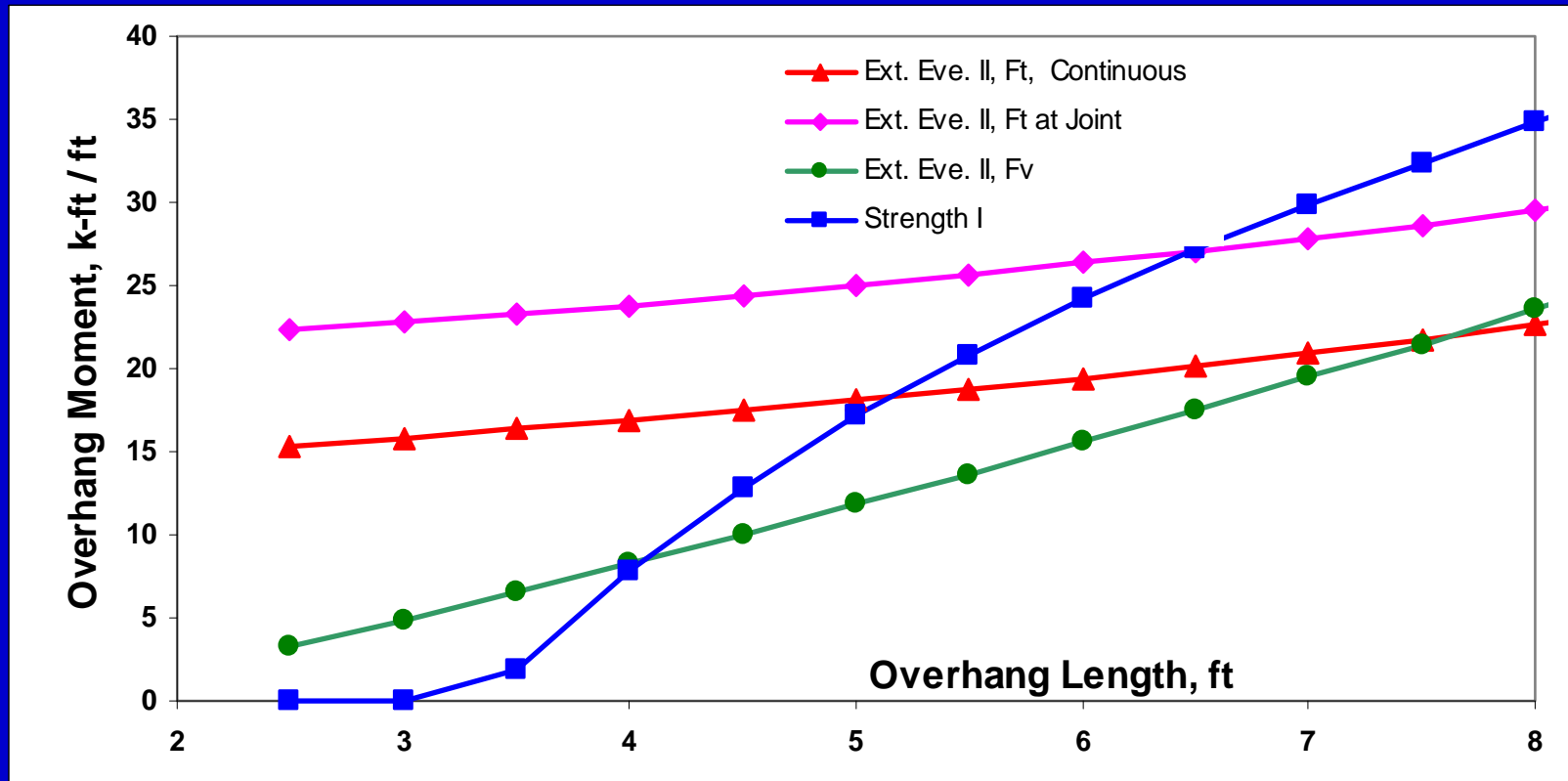


32" Barrier with TL-4

Note:

**The First Two Combinations are
Associated with Axial Tension F_t**

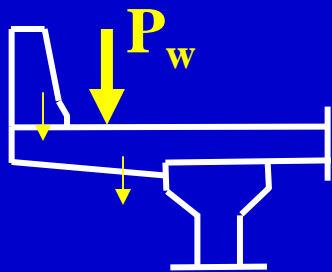
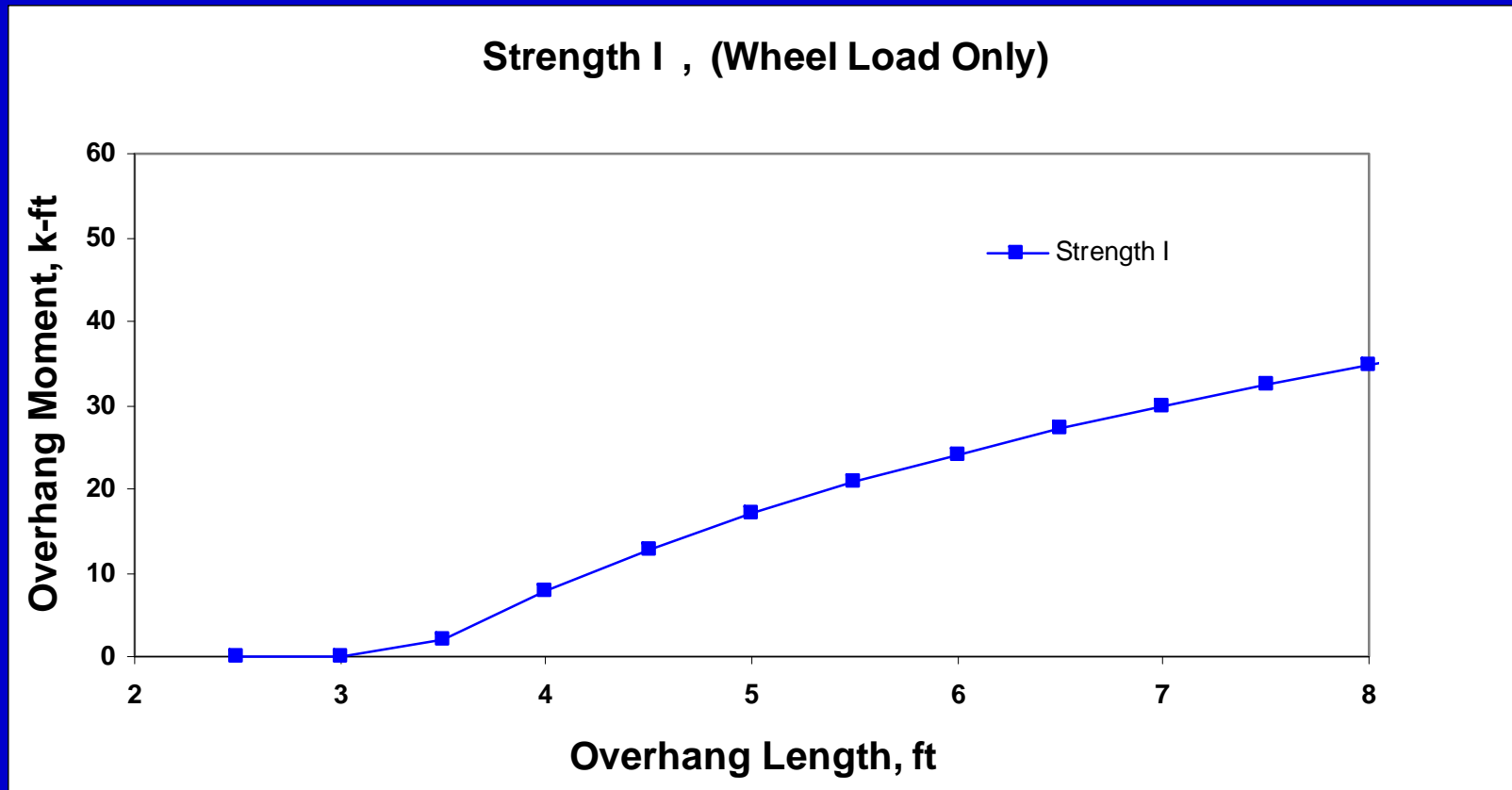
OVERHANG LOAD COMBINATION COMPARISON



42" Barrier with TL-4

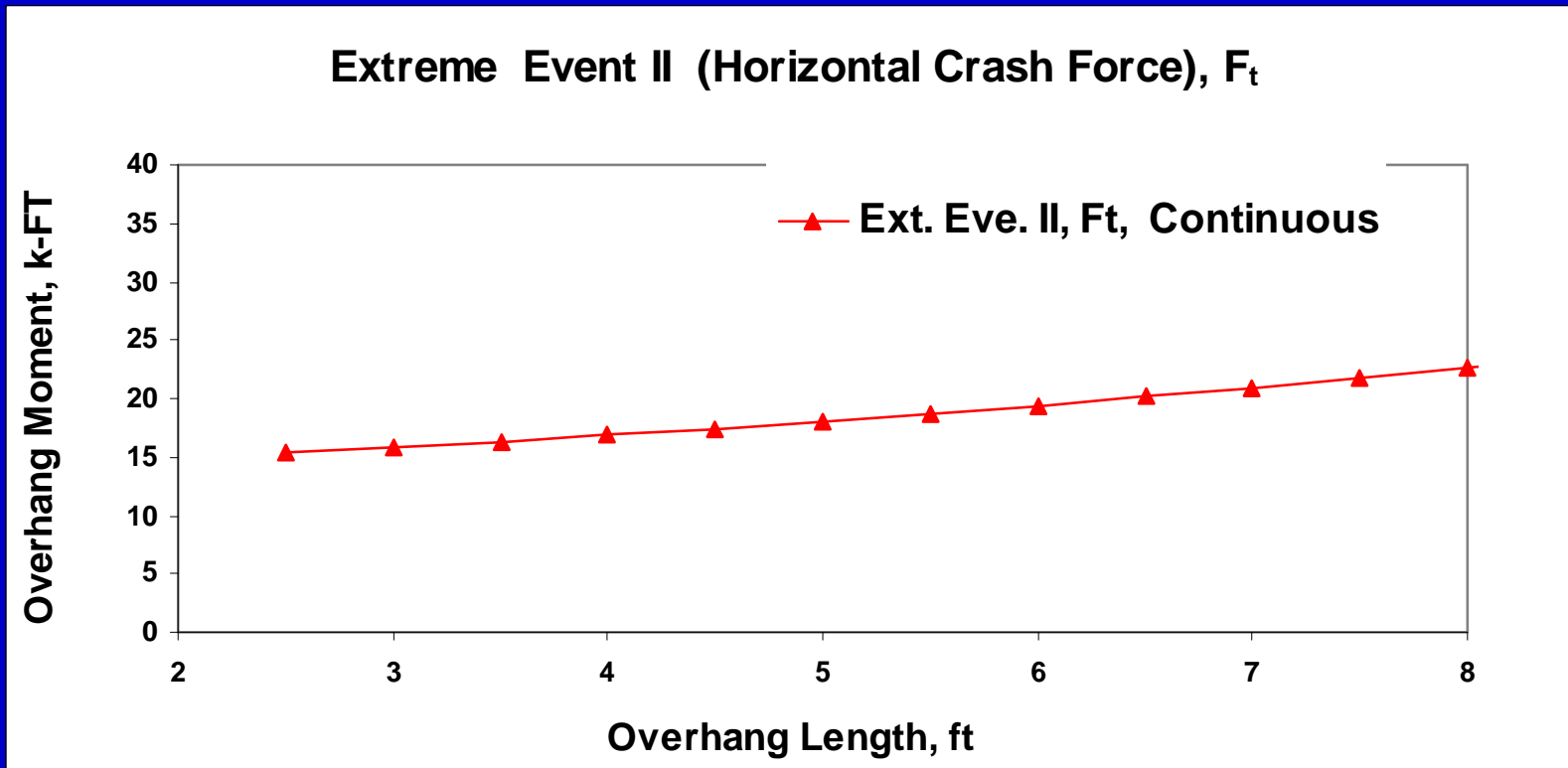
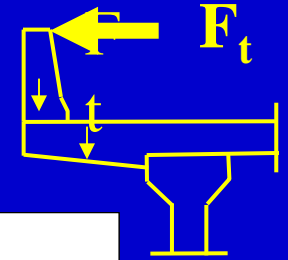
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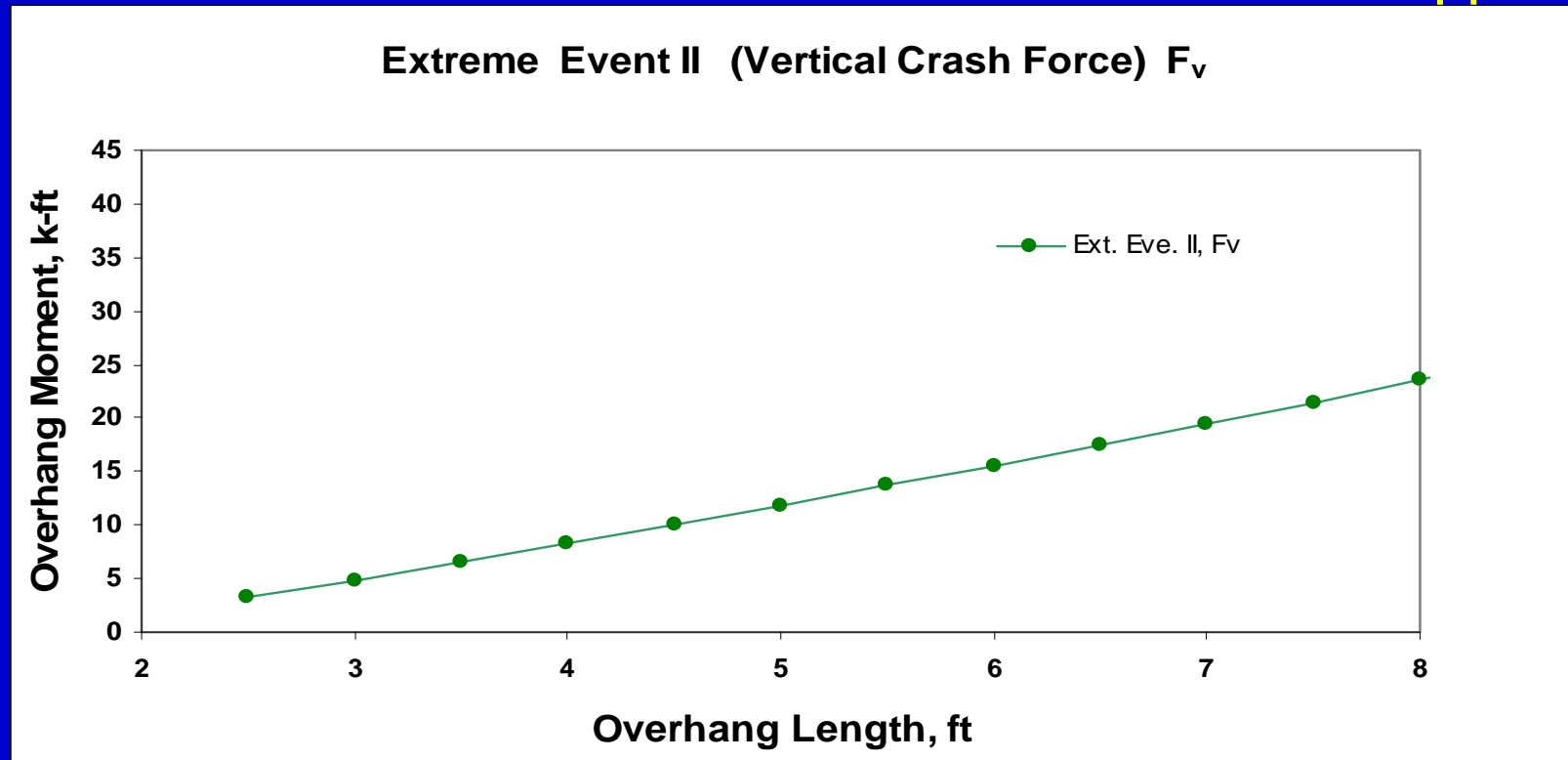
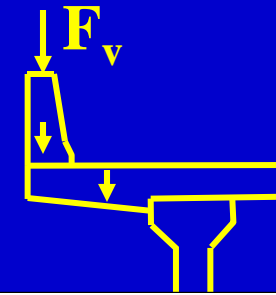
**OLD (STANDARD) METHOD:
DESIGN THE OVERHANG FOR
WHEEL LOAD MOMENT**

LRFD Extreme Event With CRASH HORIZONTAL FORCE

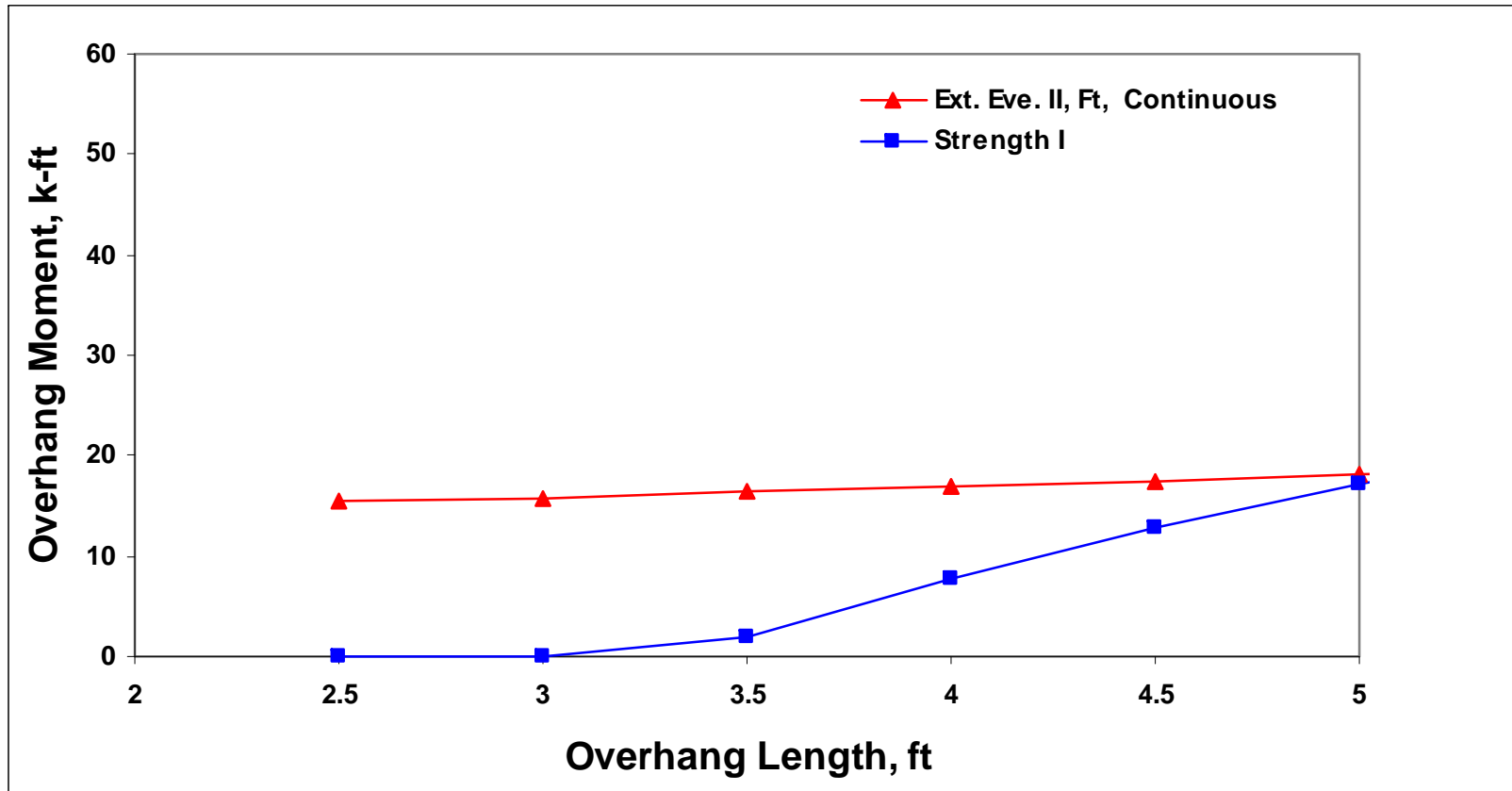


Overhang Subject to Moment +Tension
Moment is Almost Constant Along Overhang
A Hunch can not Optimize the Design

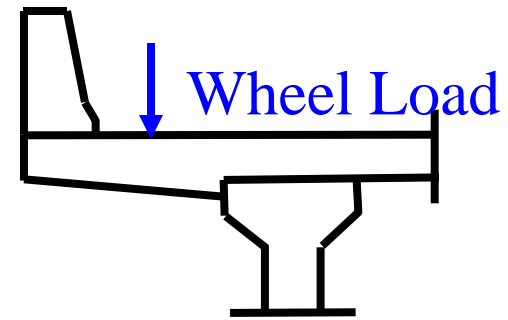
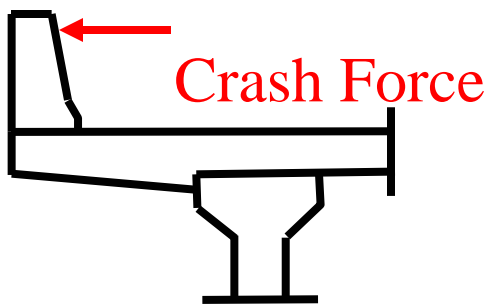
LRFD Extreme Event With CRASH VERTICAL FORCE



**OVERHANG IS SUBJECT TO:
MOMENT ONLY**

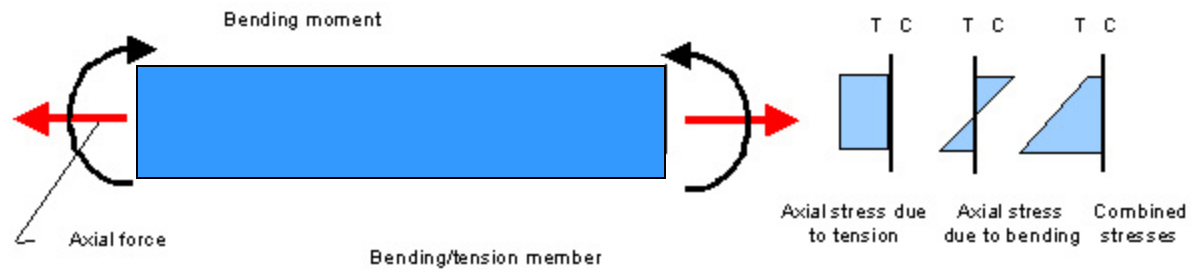
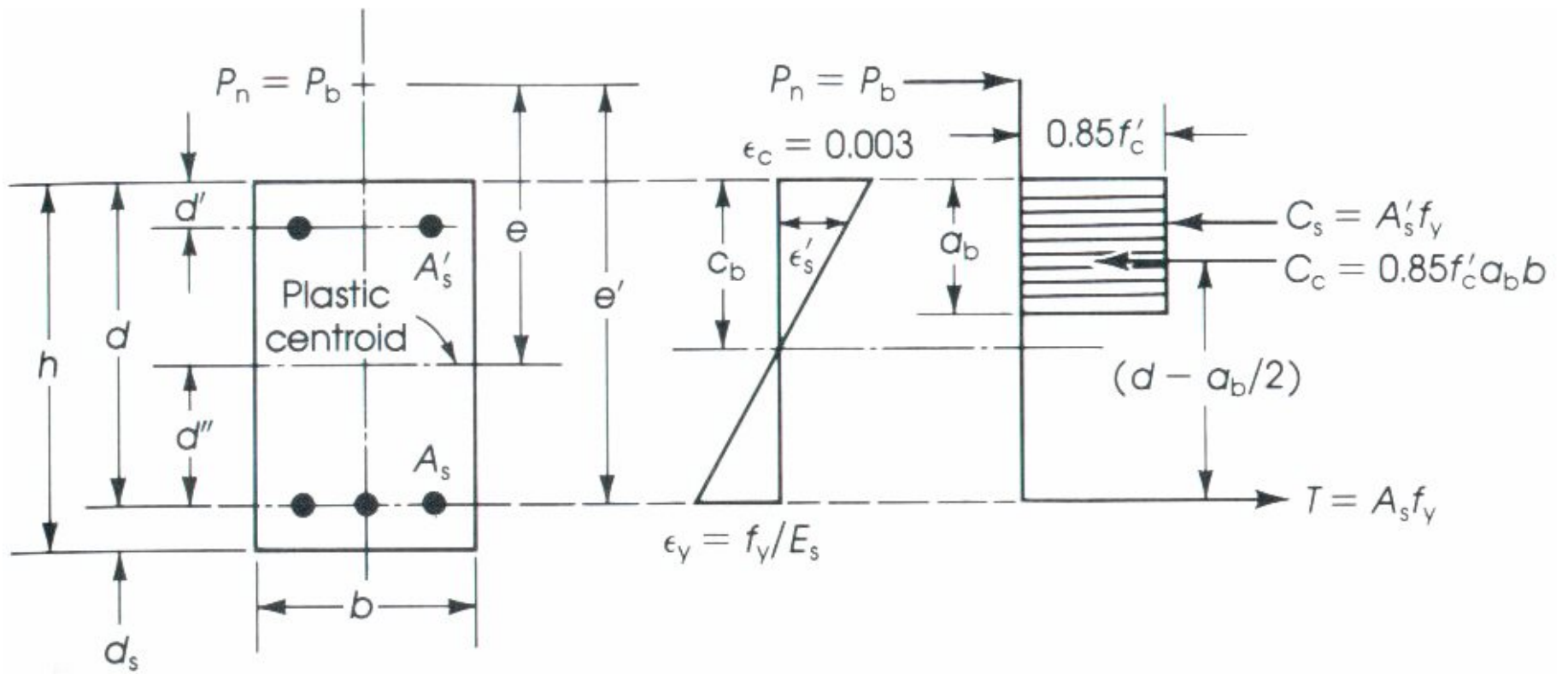


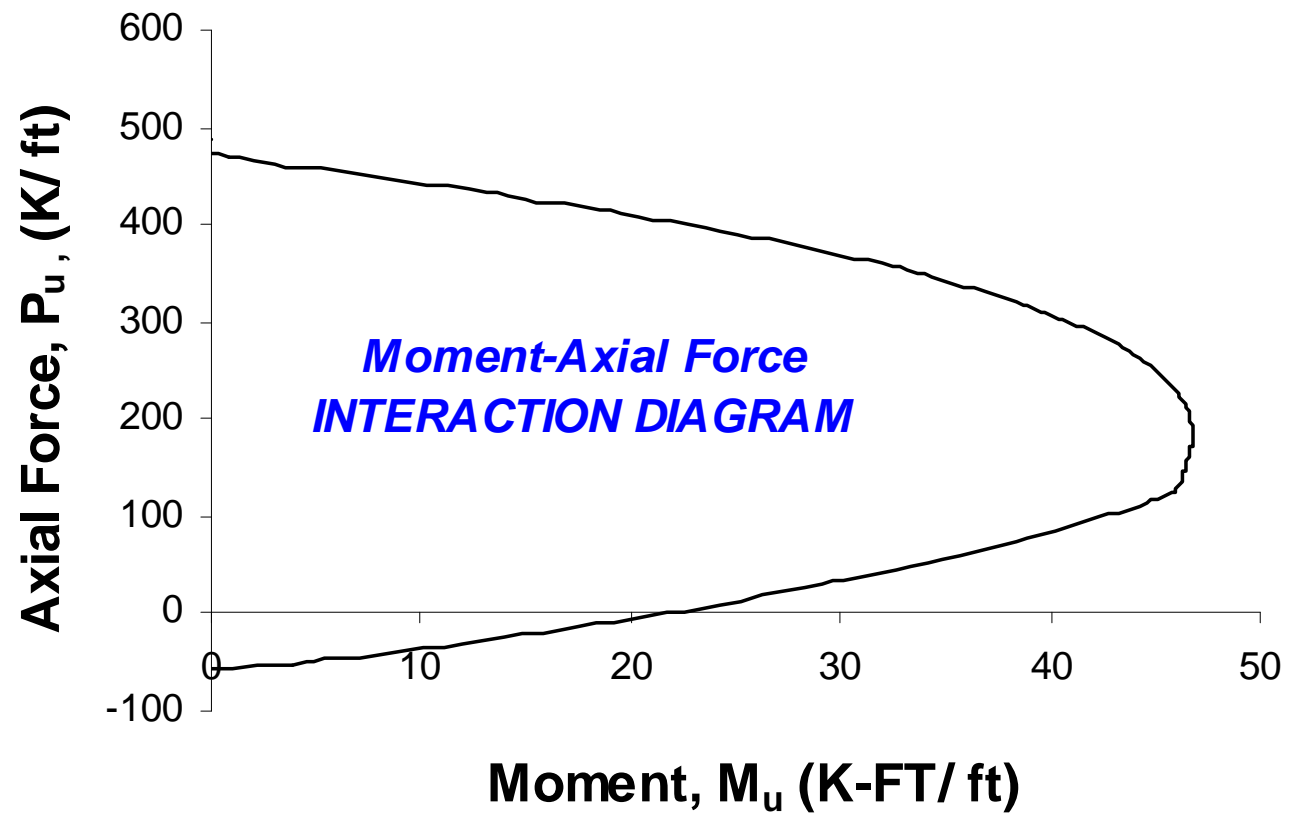
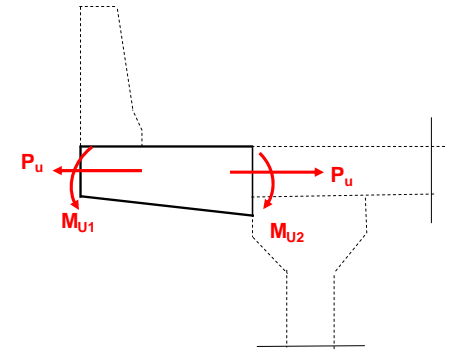
COMPARING CRASH FORCE AND WHEEL LOAD MOMENTS



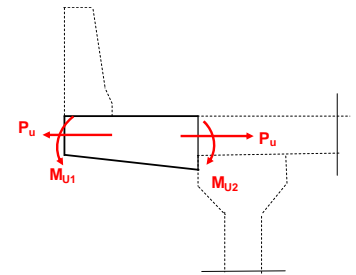
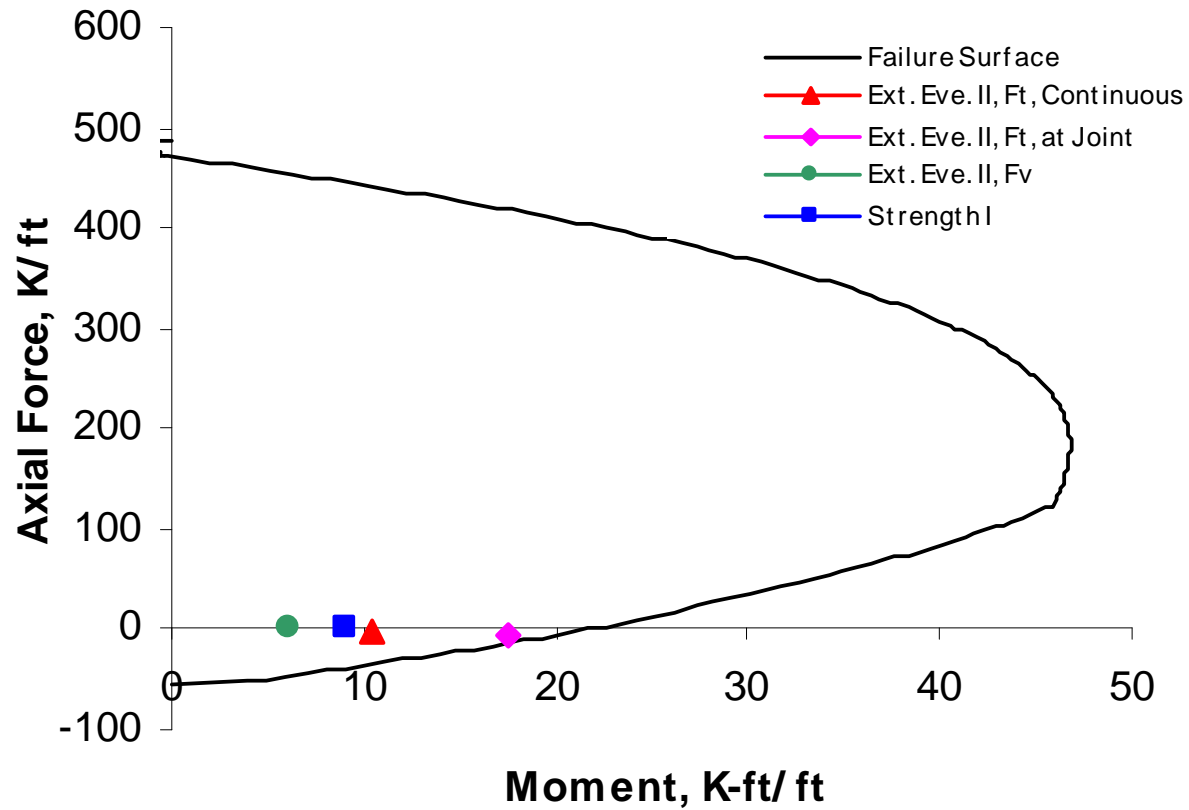
MOMENT-AXIAL TENSION INTERACTION

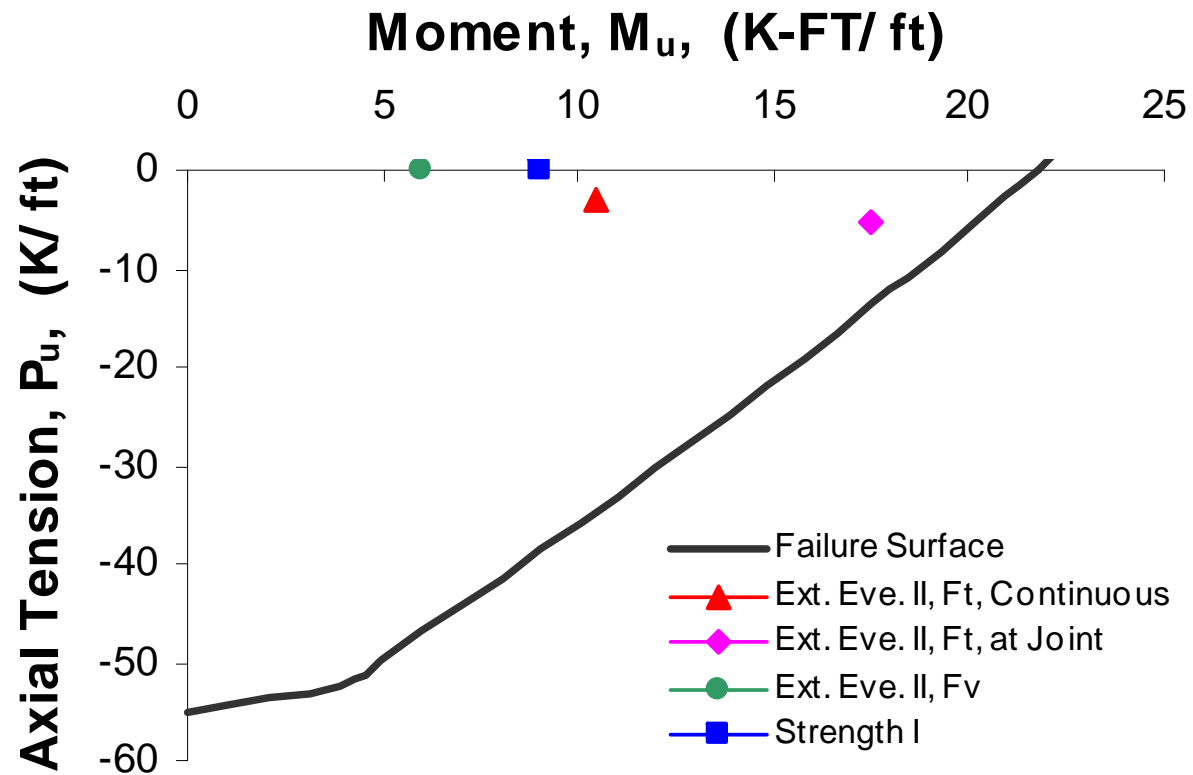
**Computer Analysis
(Spreadsheet)**



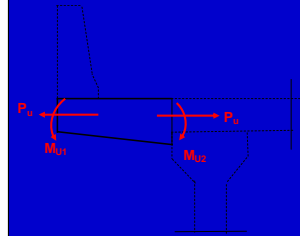


Load Combinations are Plotted on Interaction Diagram





**INTERACTION DIAGRAM
(Exploded Tensile Zone)**

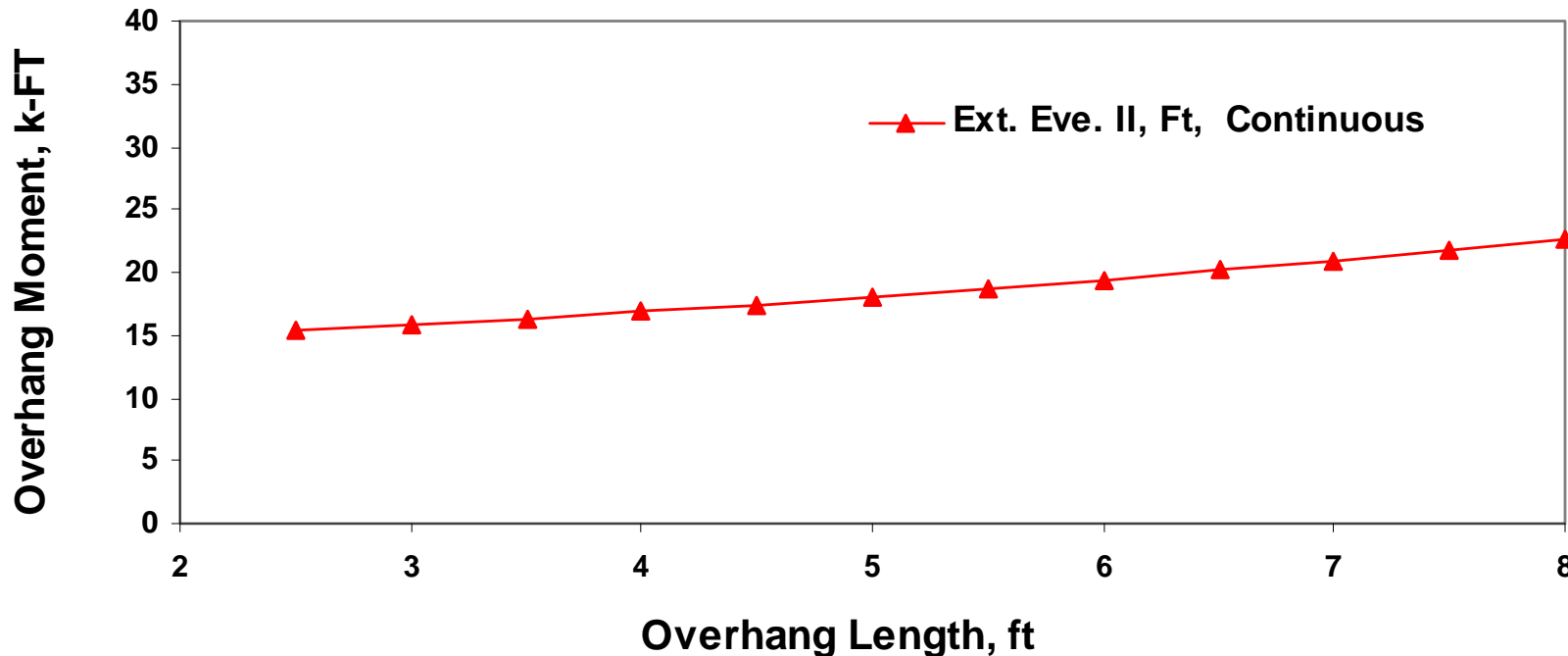


CRITICAL LOAD COMBINATION FOR OVERHANG

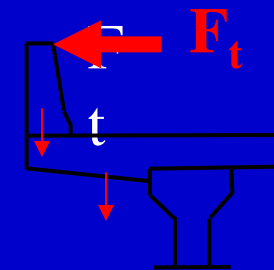
- For All Practical Overhang Lengths, the Extreme Event HORIZONTAL CRASH LOADING is Critical
- ENDS OR JOINT Locations are More Critical
- Crash Internal Forces are Almost Constant Along the Overhang
- In Hunched Overhangs the MINIMUM THICKNESS CONTROLS

Overhang Subject to: Constant Moment and Axial Tension

Moments for Extreme Event II with Crash Force, F_t



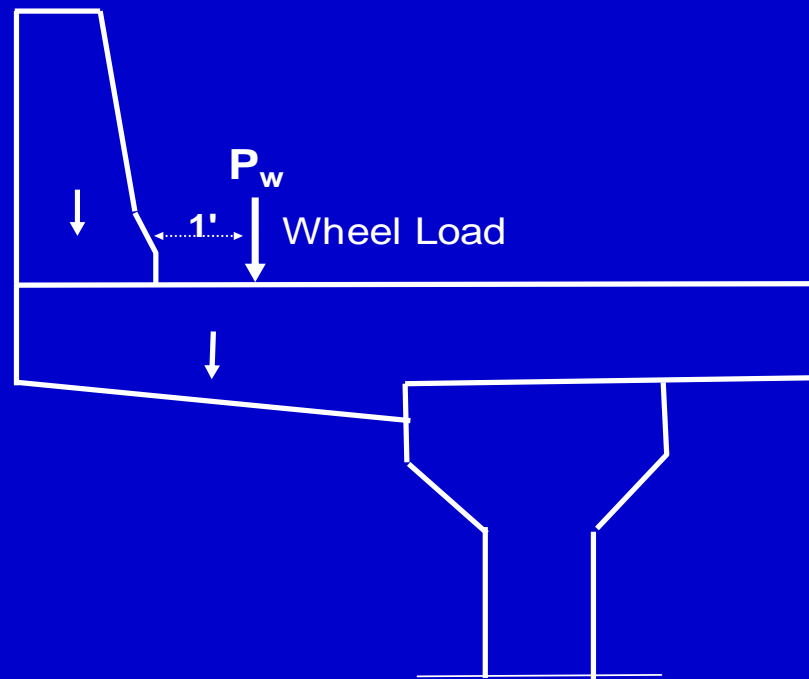
Needs Almost a Constant Thickness
Hunch is not Optimizing the Design



Standard (Traditional) Design Method:

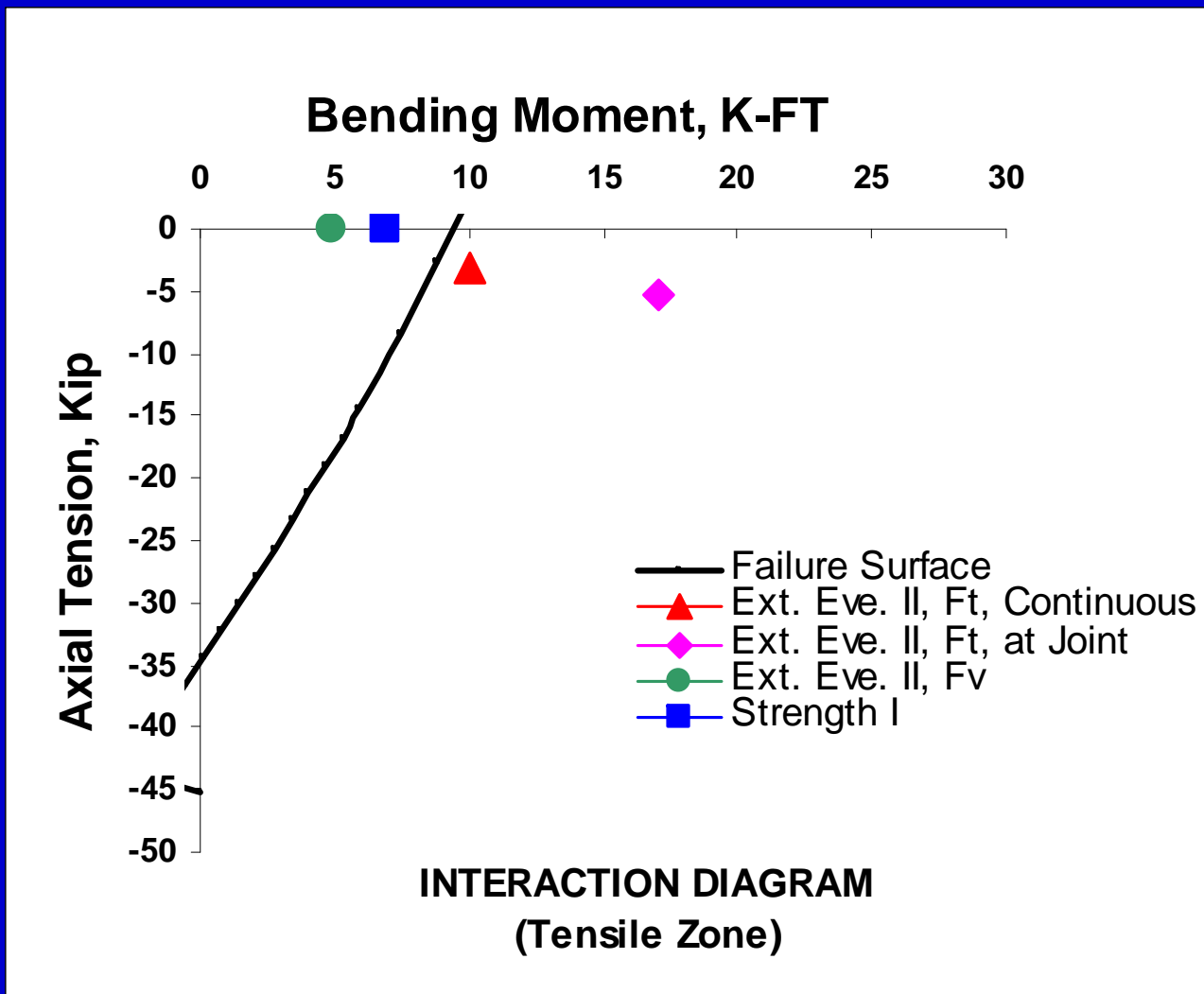
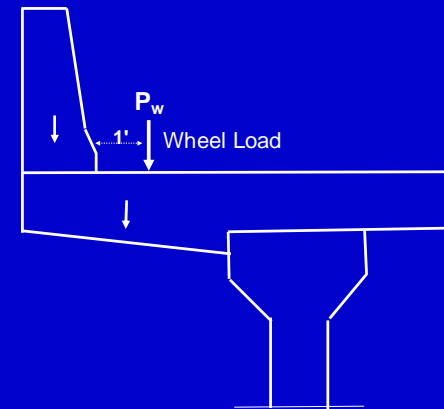
- Design the Overhang for the Wheel Load on the Overhang

This Design WILL NOT Pass The Crash Forces



Overhang: 2.5 ft
Girder Spacing: 8 ft

**Design Based on
The Wheel Load:
Will NOT Pass the
Crash Forces**



Test Level: TL-4
Top Bars: #5@12
Bot. Bars: #5@7.6

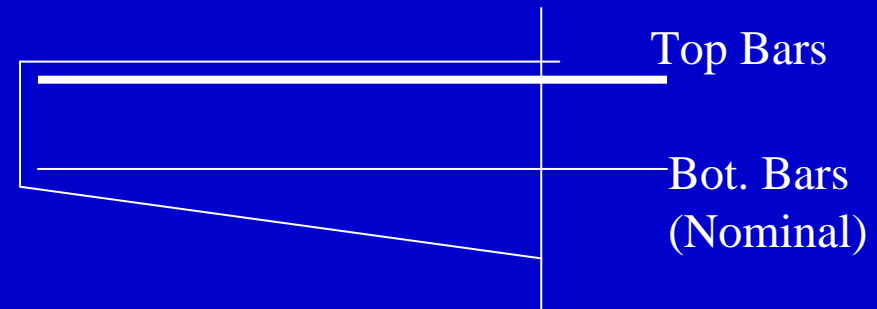
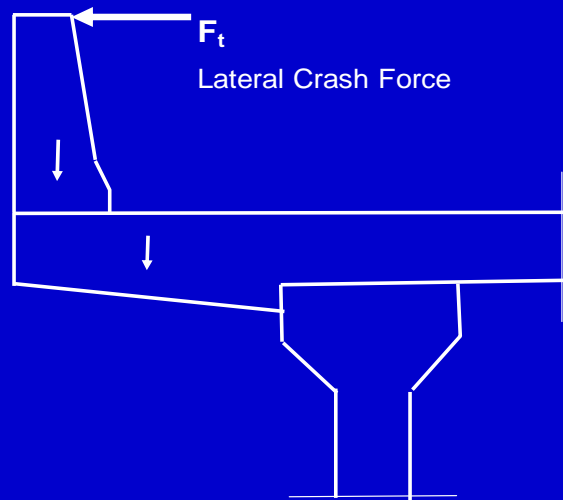
SUGGESTED DESIGN METHOD

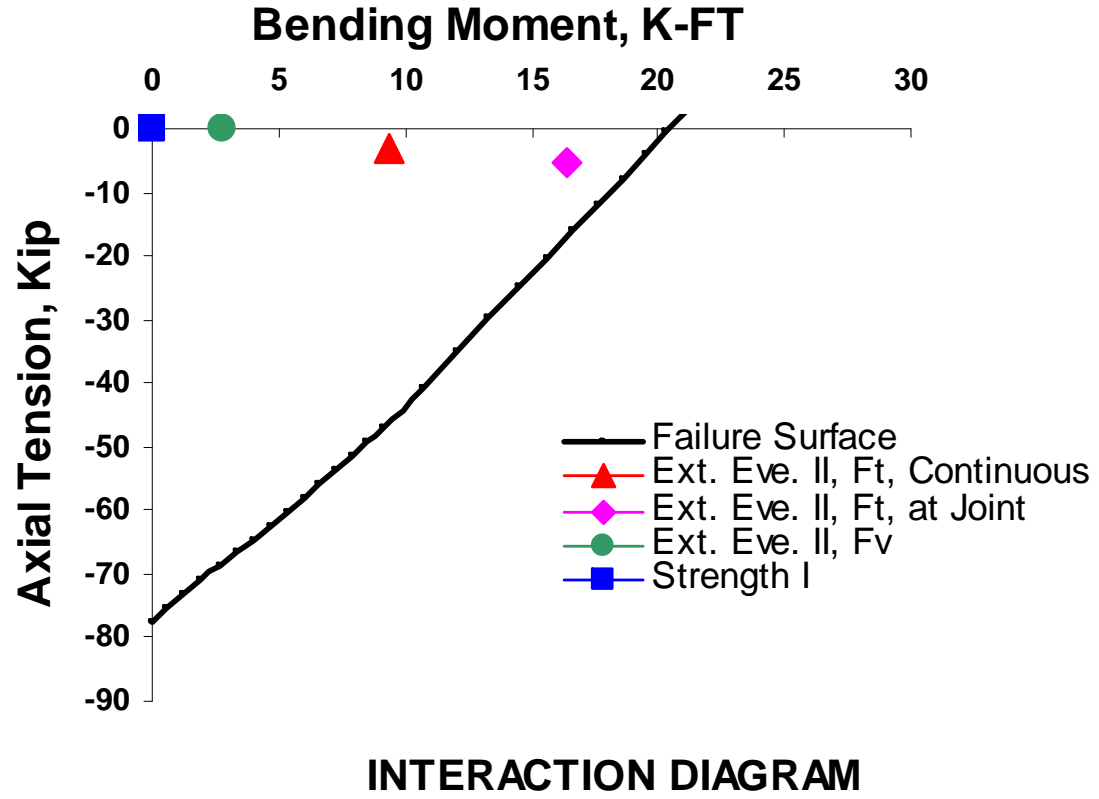
- Design the Top Bars for Ext. Event Crushing Moment

(by ignoring the Axial Tension)

- Provide Nominal Bottom Bars

This Design Will Pass the LRFD Crash Forces for Most Practical Cases





Overhang: 2.5 ft
Girder Spacing: 8 ft

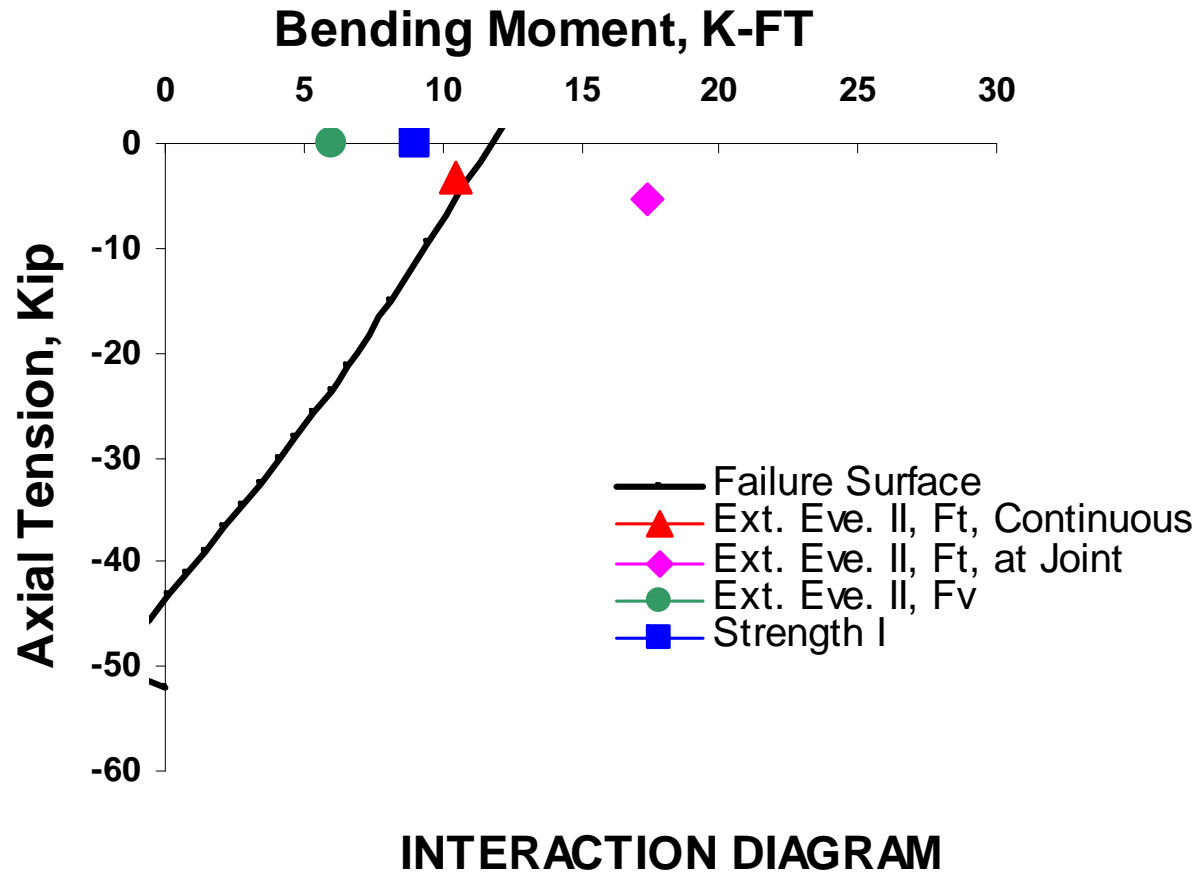
LRFD Design

Based on:
Crash Force at
Joint
OK

Test Level: TL-4
Top Bars: #5@4.15
Bot. Bars: #5@9

Overhang: 4 ft
Girder Spacing: 8 ft

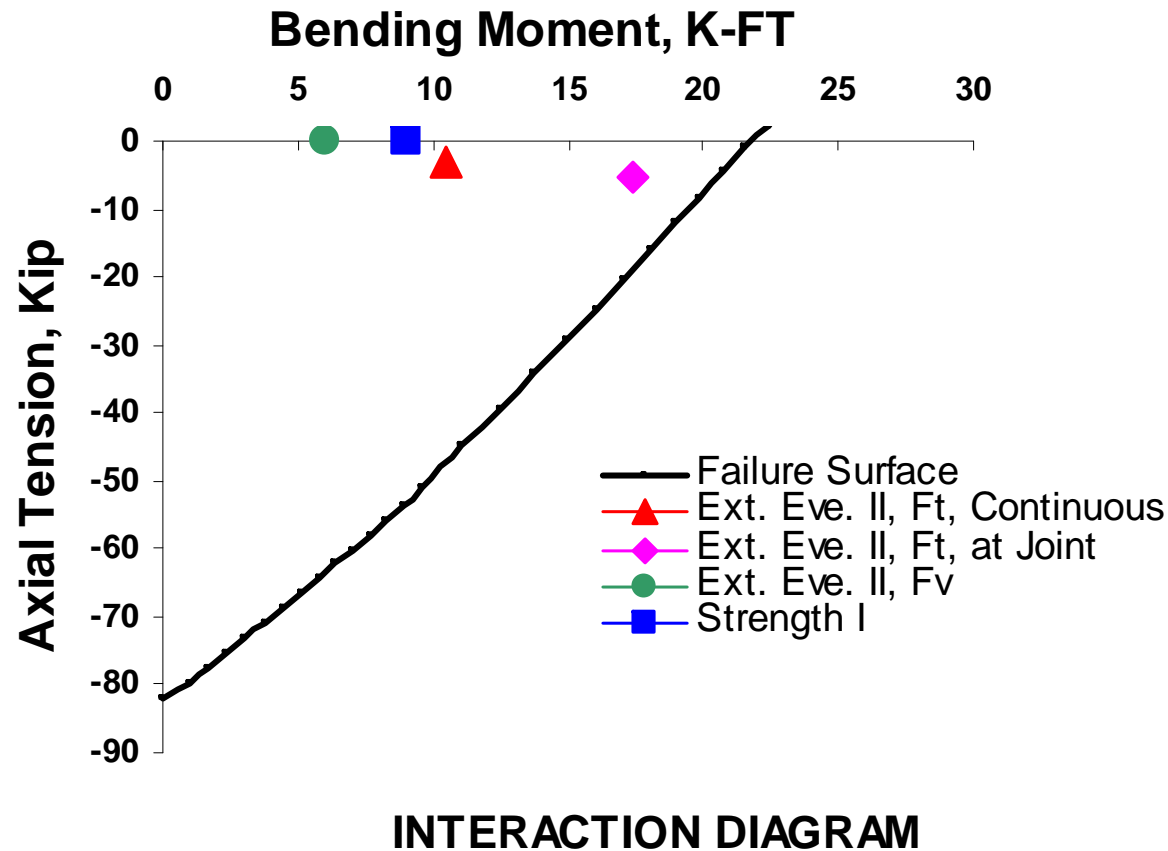
Standard Design
Based on:
Wheel Load
Not Good



Test Level: TL-4
Top Bars: #5@8
Bot. Bars: #5@9.7

Overhang: 4 ft
Girder Spacing: 8 ft

LRFD Design
Based on:
Crash Force at Joint
OK



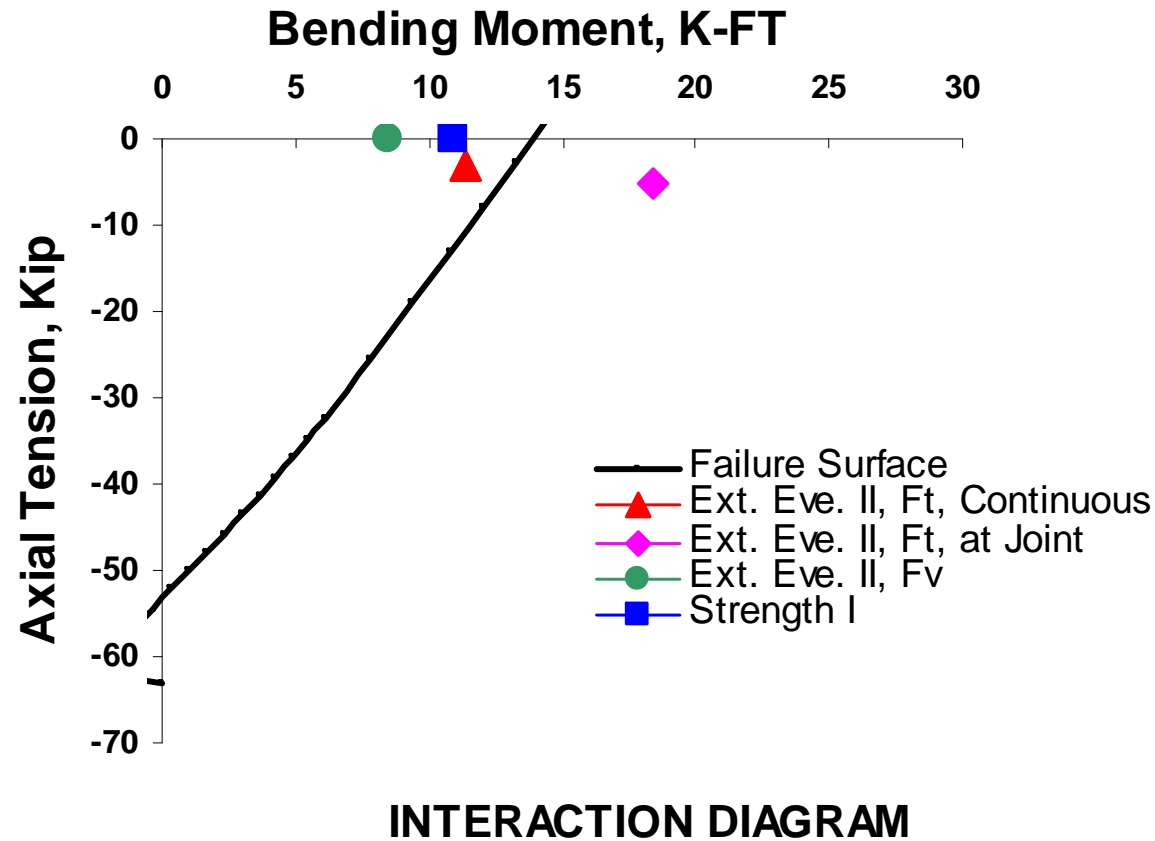
Test Level: TL-4

Top Bars: #5@3.84

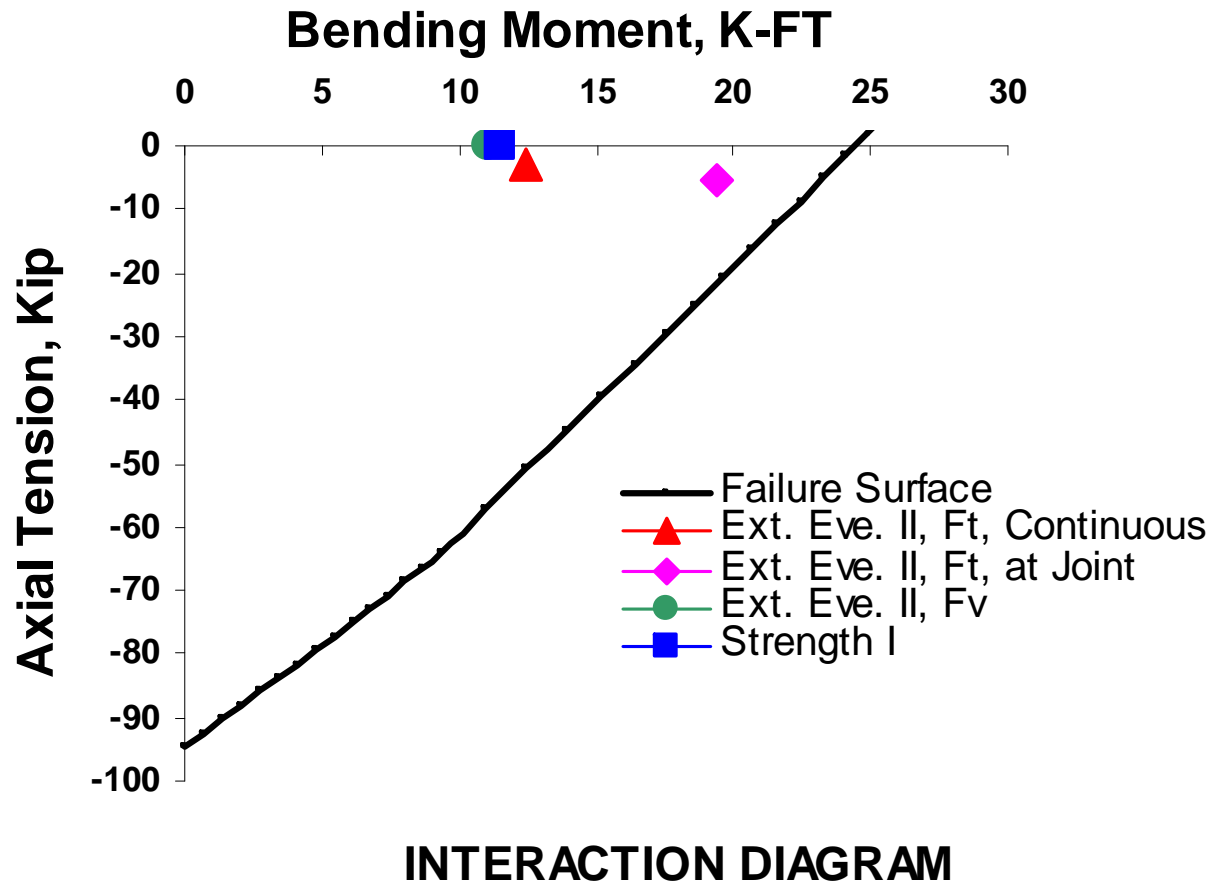
Bot. Bars: #5@9

Overhang: 5 ft
Girder Spacing: 11 ft

Standard Design
Based on:
Wheel Load
Not Good



Test Level: TL-4
Top Bars: 5@6.52
Bot. Bars: #5@7.6



Overhang: 5 ft
Girder Spacing: 11 ft

LRFD Design

Based on:

Crash Force at Joint

OK

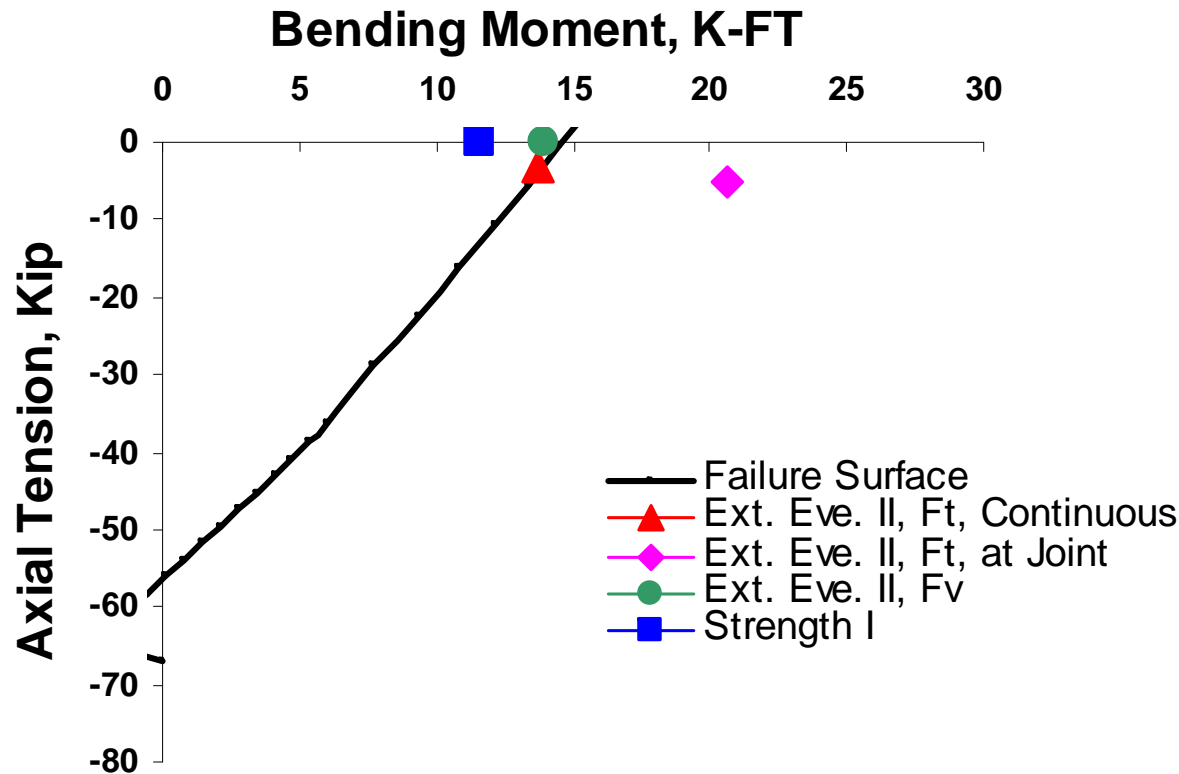
Test Level: TL-4

Top Bars: #5@3.38

Bot. Bars: #5@7.6

Overhang: 7 ft
Girder Spacing: 13 ft

Standard Design
Based on:
Wheel Load
Not Good

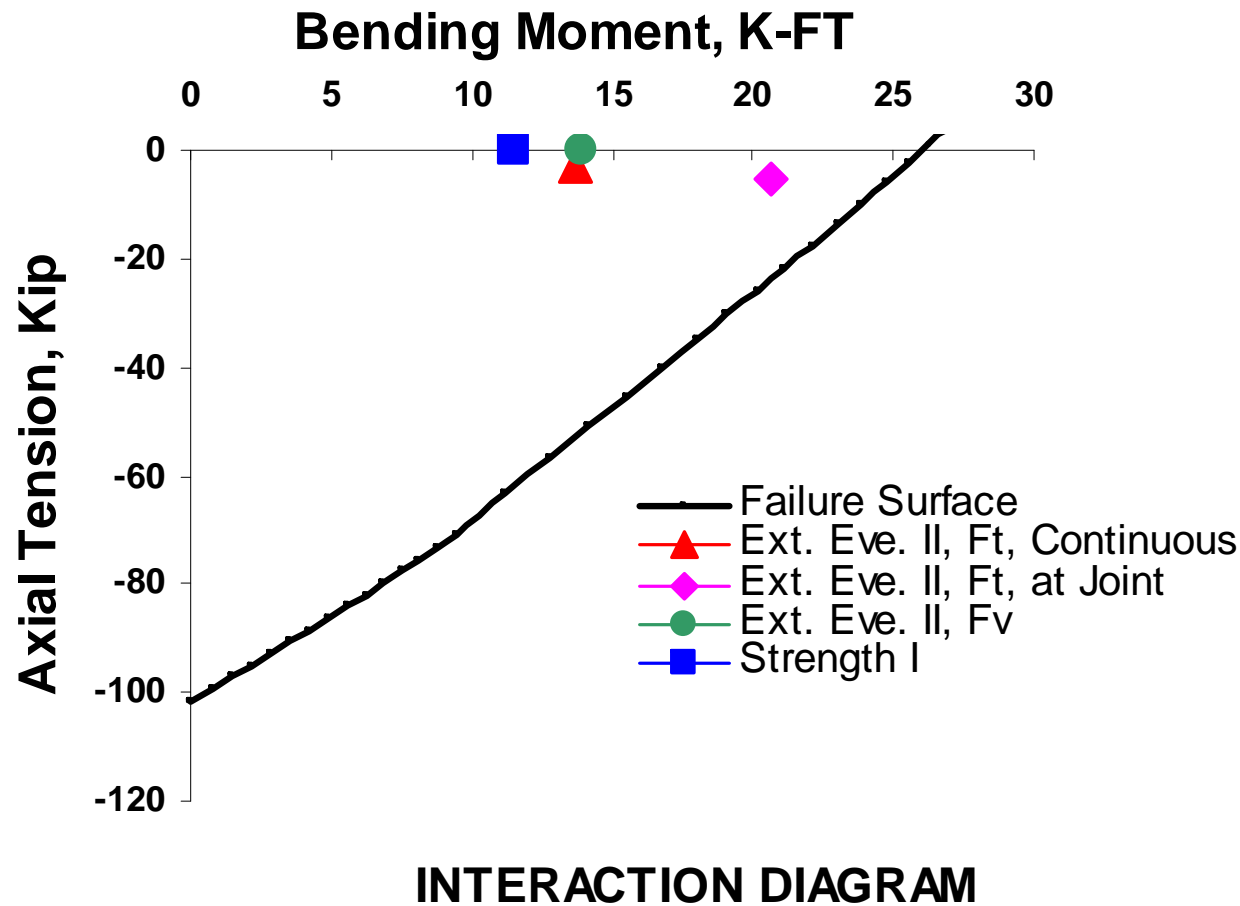


INTERACTION DIAGRAM

Test Level: TL-4

Top Bars: #5@6.14

Bot. Bars: #5@7.14



Overhang: 7 ft
Girder Spacing: 13 ft

LRFD Design

Based on:

Crash Force at Joint

OK

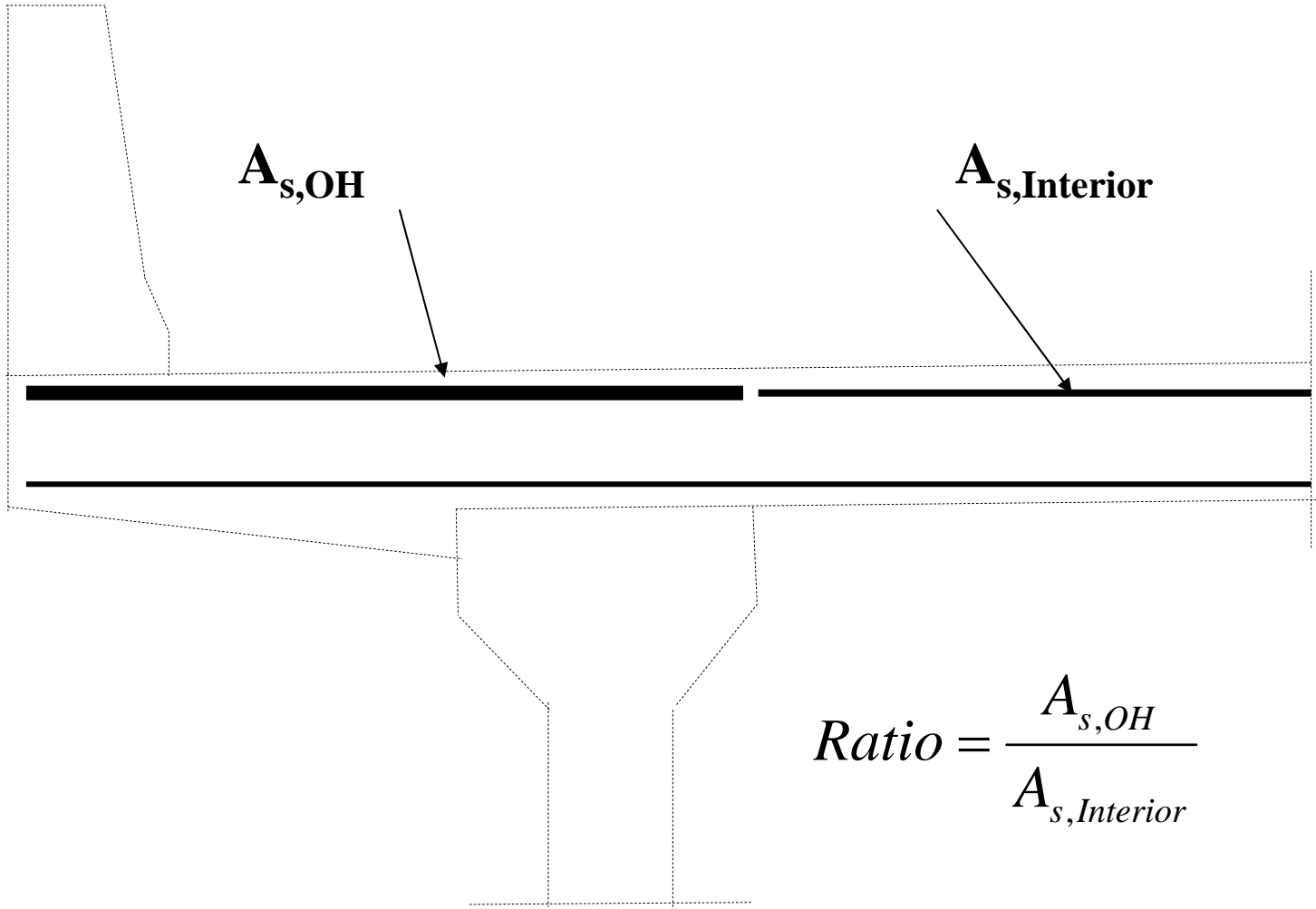
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Top Bars: #5@3.13

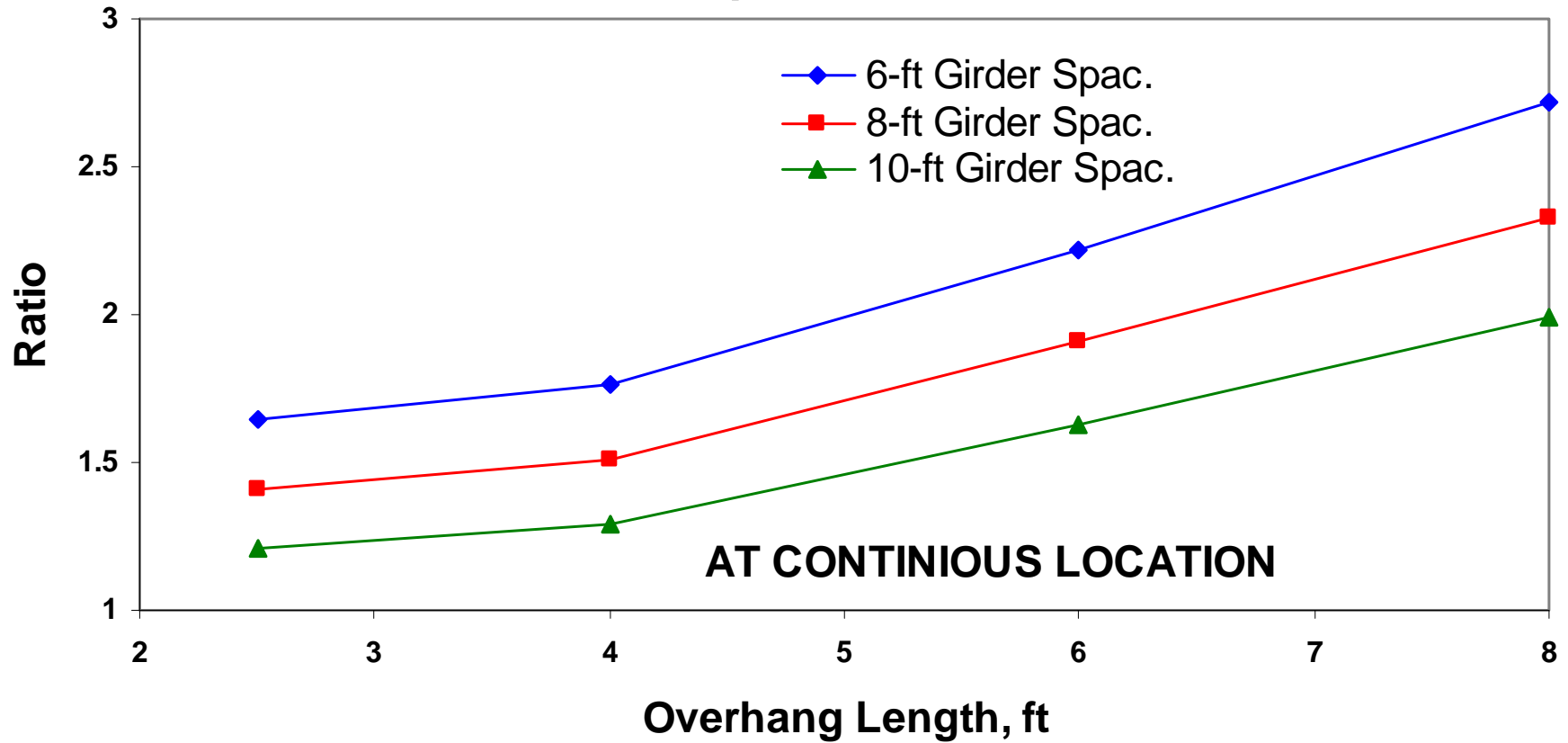
Bot. Bars: #5@7.14

**COMPARISON OF REQUIRED
OVERHANG TOP BARS
AND
INTERIOR DECK PANEL
TOP BARS**

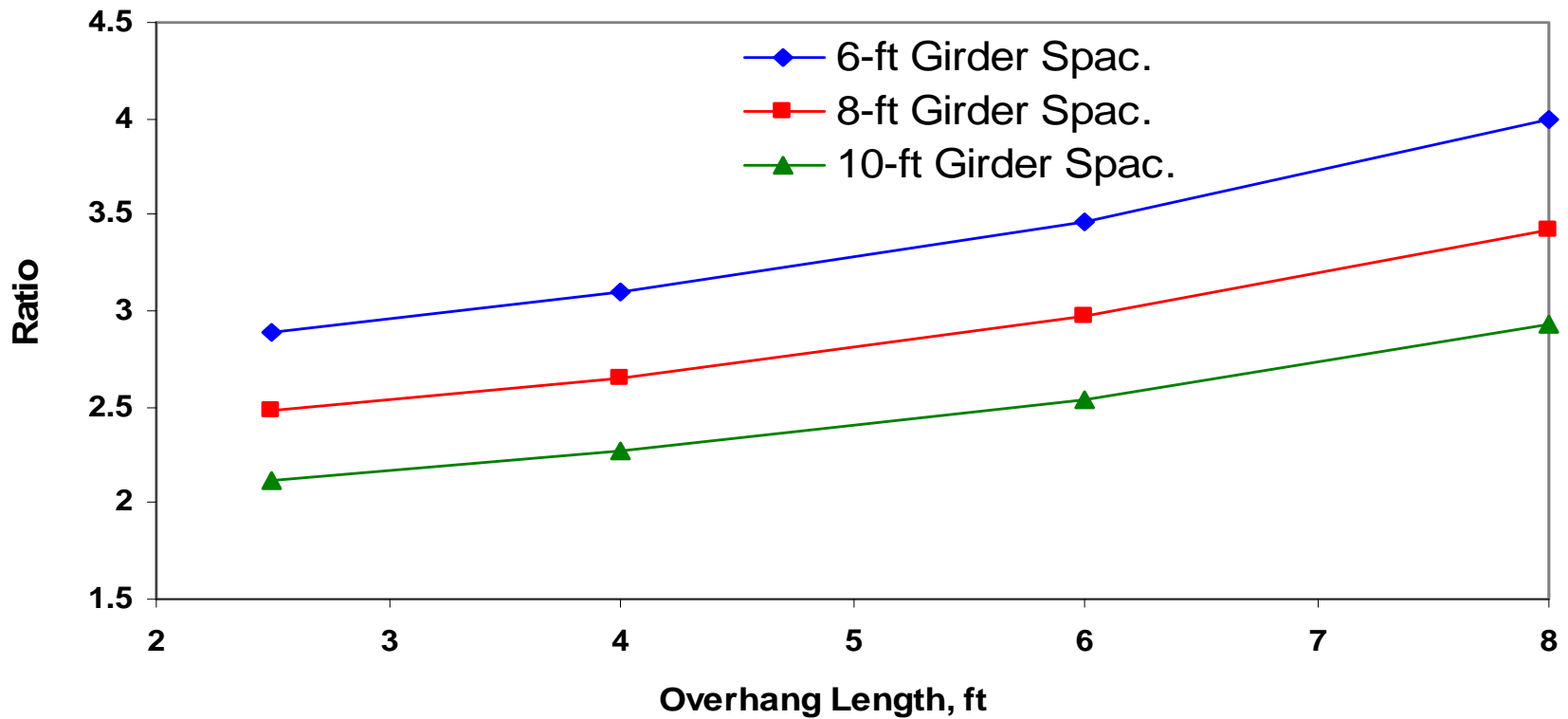
**How Much Overhang Top Reinforcement
Should We expect ?**



Ratio of Reqr'd. Overhang to Interior Panels Top Reinforcement



Ratio of Reqr'd. Overhang to Interior Panel Top Reinforcement



DESIGN SIMPLIFICATION:

- 1. Find the Max. Moment for Horizontal Crash Extreme Event**
- 2. Design the Top Bars for Overhang Based on This Moment Only**

(Use Minimum Thickness and Consider no Axial Force)

- 1. Provide the Nominal Bottom Bars**
- 2. It was Shown That This Design Will Satisfy Combined Action of Moment-Axial Force For All Practical Cases**

CONCLUSIONS

- Standard Wheel Load Application WILL NOT Govern the LRFD Design for Overhangs
- Extreme Event Crash (Horizontal) Forces MUST BE Considered To Satisfy LRFD for All Overhang Lengths

CONCLUSIONS

- Almost Constant Moment and Axial Forces Acting Along Overhang
- This Means a Variable Thickness (Hunch) Can not Optimizing the Design
- We Should Expect the Overhang Top Bars to be **ABOUT 1.5 to 2.5 TIMES** the Top Bars of The Interior Panel Top Reinforcement