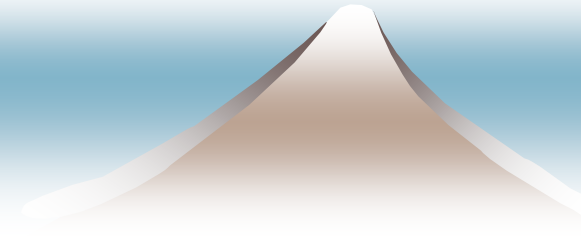


Span limitation of steel self-anchored cable-stayed bridges

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Introduction of long-span bridges related



Katsushika Harp Bridge (Tokyo)

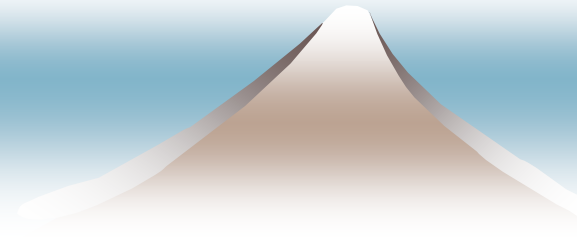


Tatara Bridge (Hiroshima-Ehime)

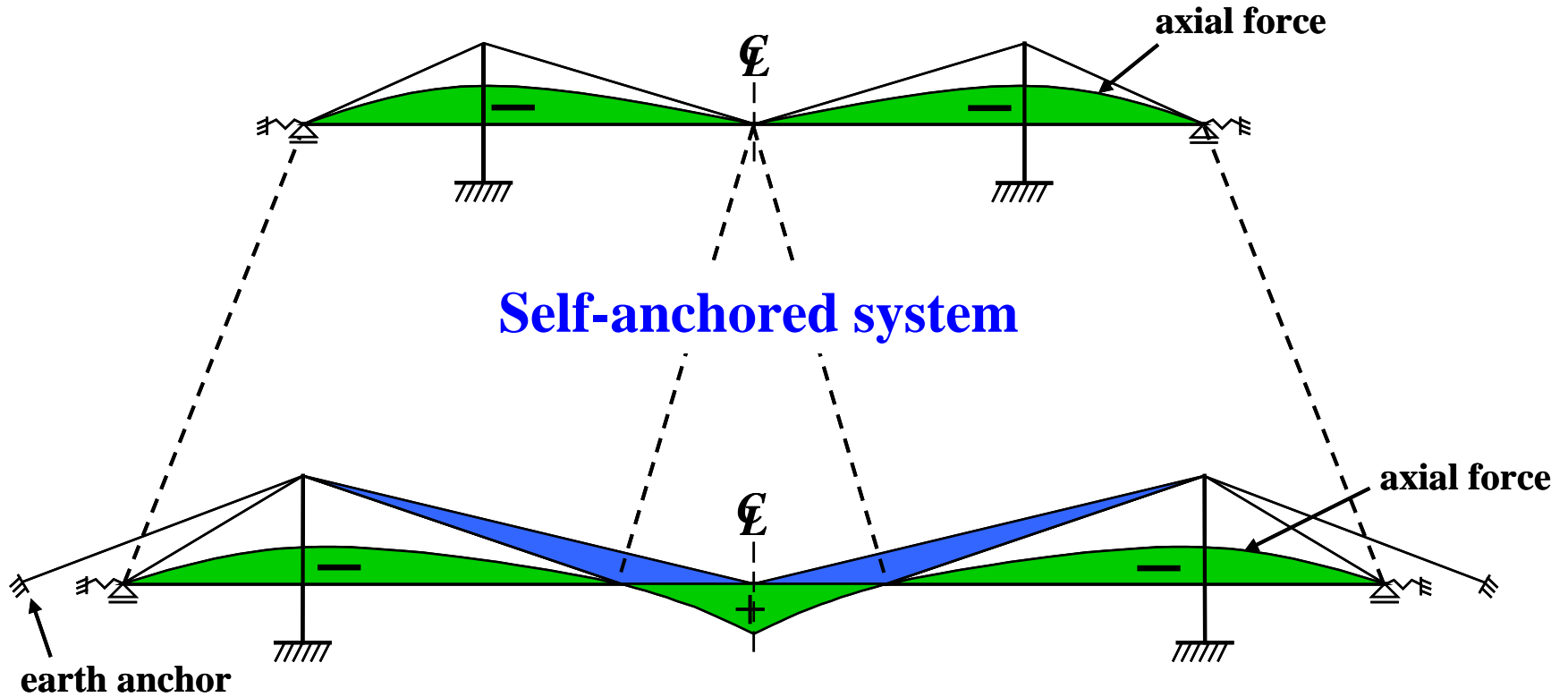


My topics today

- 1) **Span Limitation of Steel (Self-anchored) Cable-stayed Bridges**
- 2) **Possibility of further span extension by Partially Earth-anchored System**
- 3) **Economical tower height is $1/5$ of the span???**



Cable-stayed System



Partially earth-anchored system

Objective (of my first topic)

How far

it can span?????

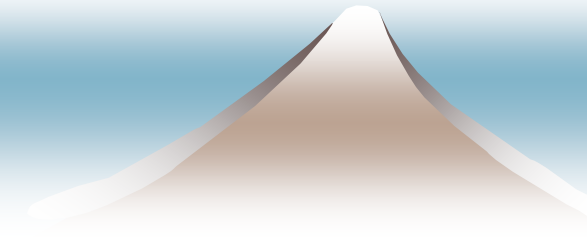
(identification)



We have to take into account two aspects

1) Mechanical viewpoint

2) Economical viewpoint



From economical viewpoint!!

Competition

Cable-stayed bridges

vs.

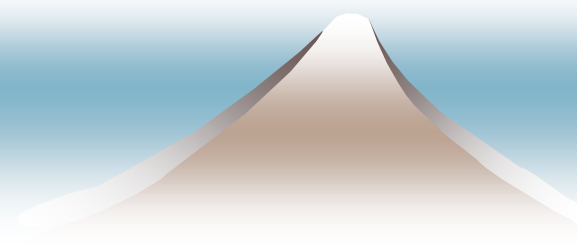
Suspension bridges



**What is the key point (subject)
to identify???**

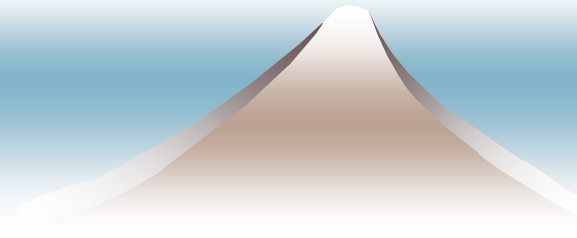
**⇒ design main girder
with minimum size
(min. steel volume)**

**(ensuring safety against
static and dynamic instabilities)**



Analytical approach

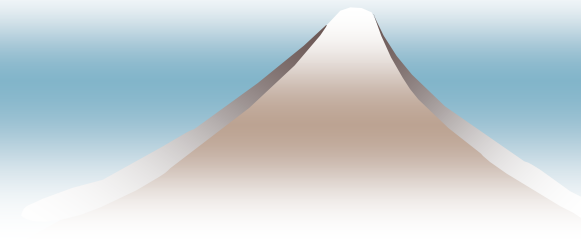
- 1) **Elasto-plastic finite displacement analysis under in-plane load**
- 2) **Finite displacement analysis under displacement-dependent wind loading**
- 3) **Flutter analysis using multi-modal coordinate (complex eigen value analysis)**





— Competition (Key factor) —

to identify **min. size of cross section**
of girder ensuring safety
against static & dynamic instabilities



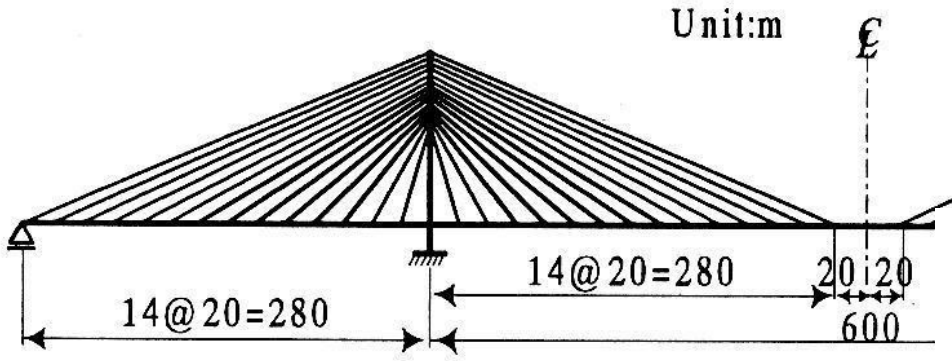
1) Minimum width of box girder

$L_c(\text{span})/B(\text{girder width})$

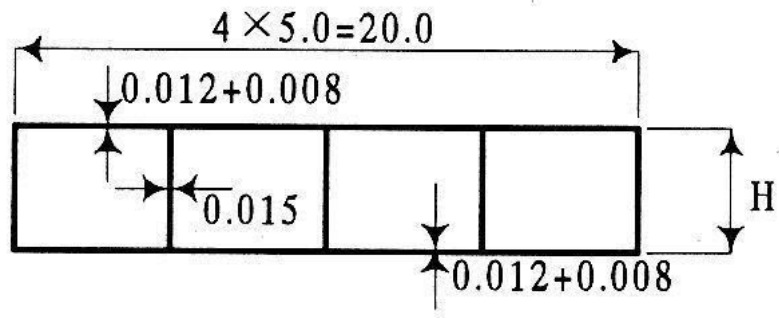
should be less than 40

(Leonhardt's recommendation)

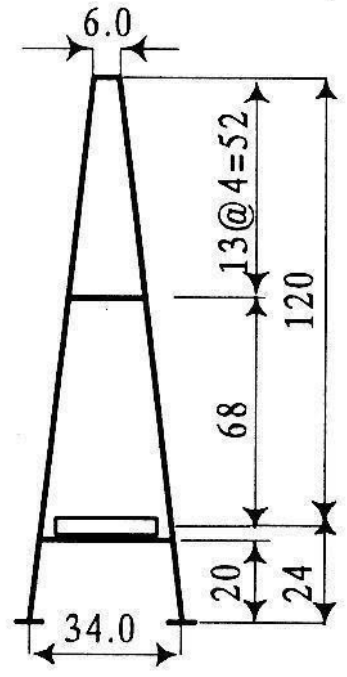
Is it valid???



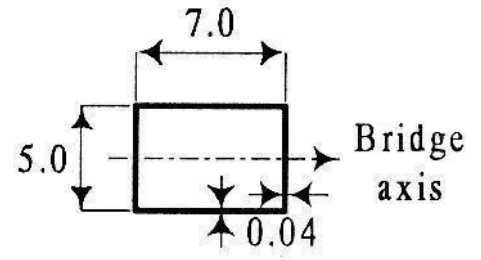
(a) side view



(b) girder section

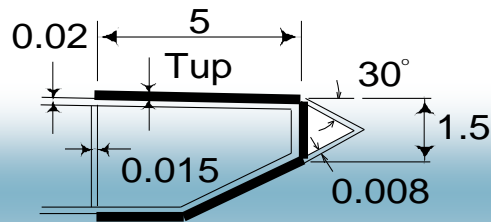
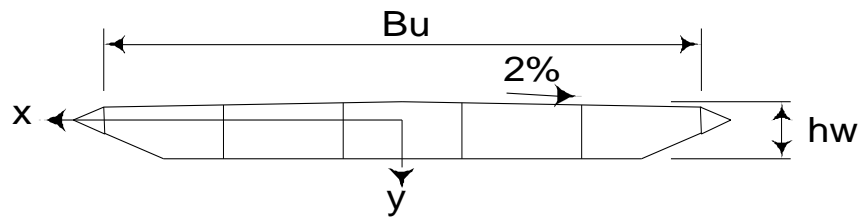
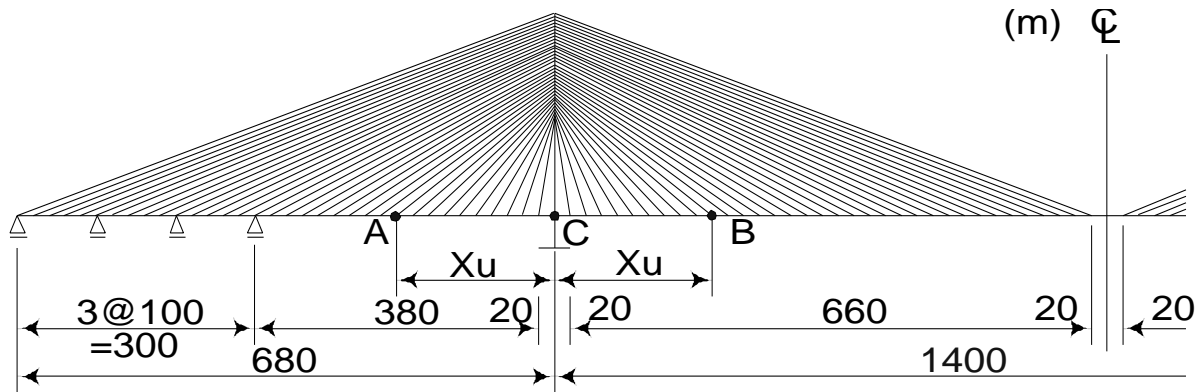


(c) tower

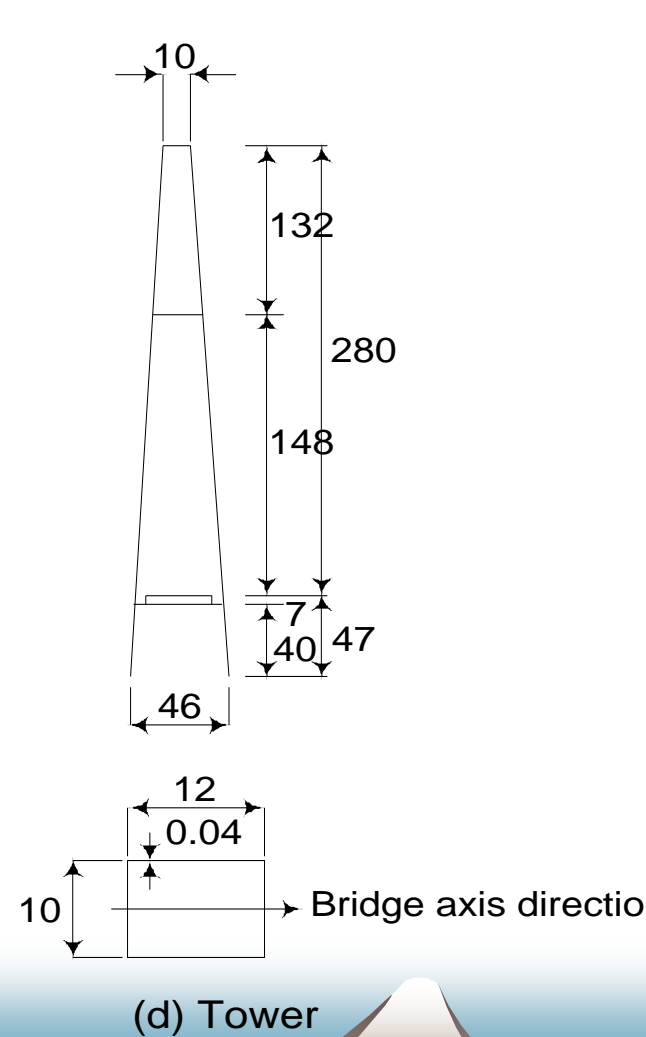


Cable-stayed bridge model

1,400-m Cable-stayed Bridge Model



(c) Increase of plate thickness

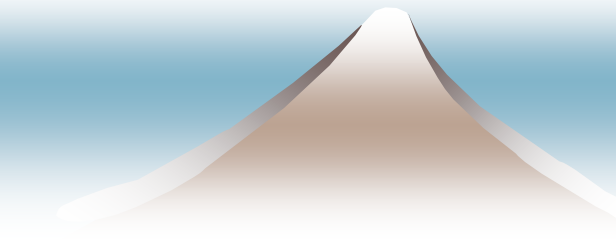


since $V_{(\text{divergence})} < V_{(\text{flutter})}$

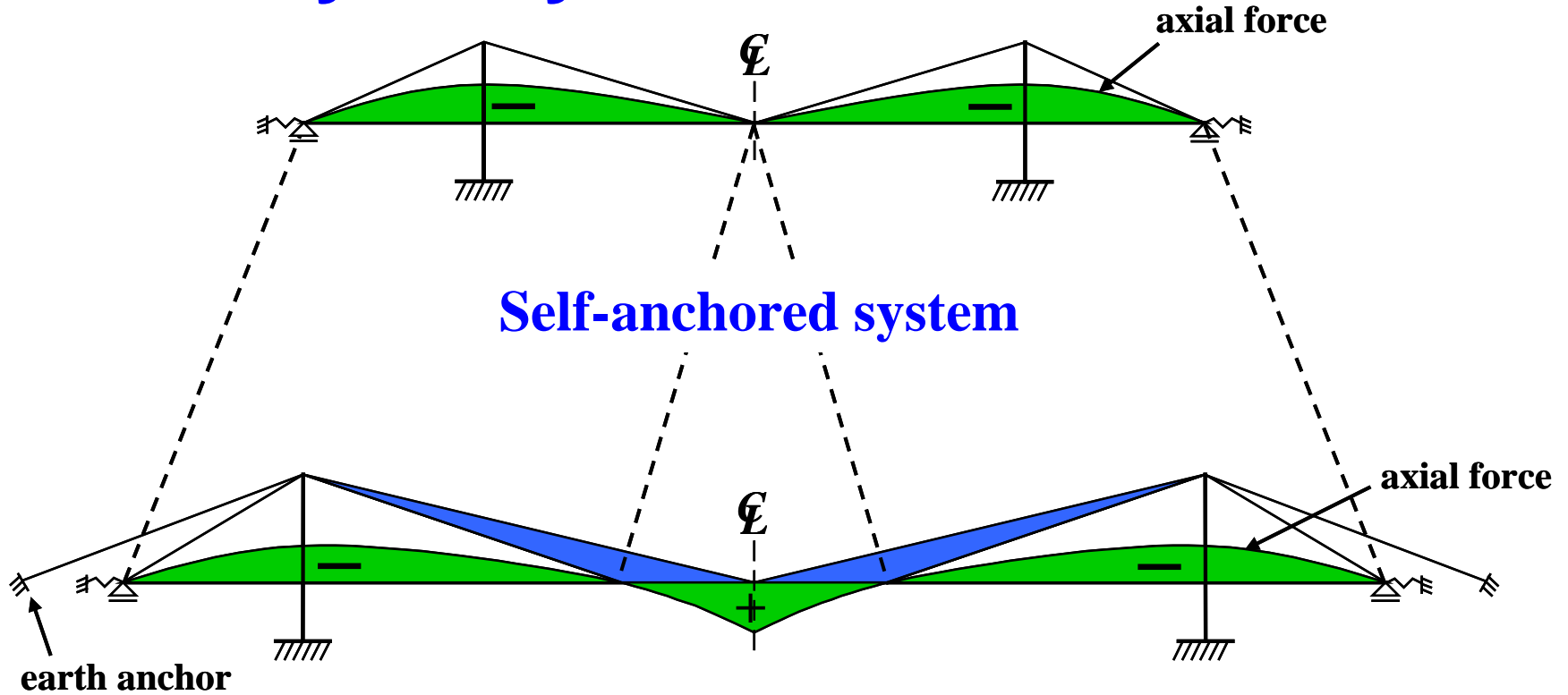
**Important parameters to enhance $V_{(\text{divergence})}$
under wind load are**

- 1) In-pane flexural rigidity of the system**
- 2) Torsional rigidity of the system**

**Effect of increase out-of-plane flexural rigidity
will be minor**



Cable-stayed System



Partially earth-anchored system

$$N(+) = N(-)$$

$$\Rightarrow L_c \text{ (Partially earth-anchored)} = \sqrt{2} L_c \text{ (Self-anchored)}$$

From 1,200 to 1,400m cable-stayed bridges

will be possible!!

(through economical comparison with suspension bridges)



Partially earth-anchored system

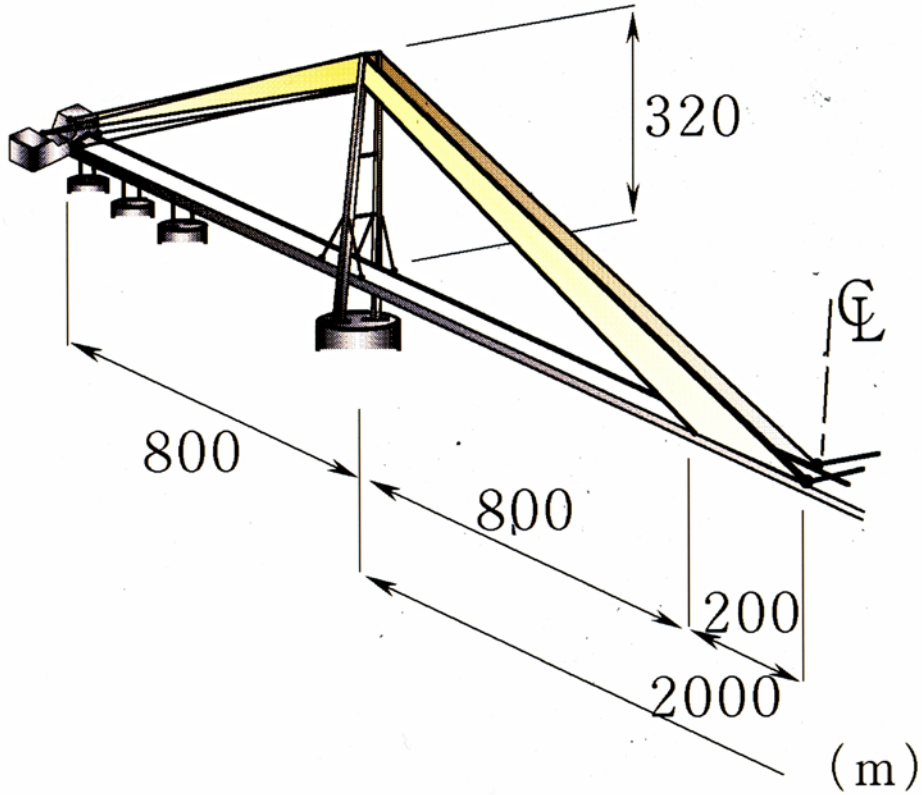
with a span of 1600m will be possible!!

(taking into account of feasibility of erection)

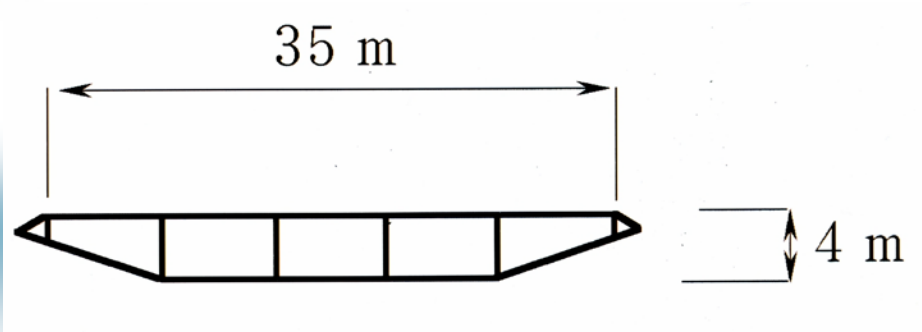
Concluding remarks

- 1) Ultimate strength is not affected by box girder depth
(3,4 & 5m dealt with in this paper)
【 ex. $L_c/H_w = 470$ (in case $H_w = 3.0\text{m}$) 】**
- 2) Plastic behavior governs failure of the girder.
【 geometrical nonlinear effect is minor 】**
- 3) Residual stress affect load level occurring initial yielding,
however, it does not affect the strength.**
- 4) Except for loading case-1, intermediate piers do not
affect the strength.**

2000 - meter



My dream!!



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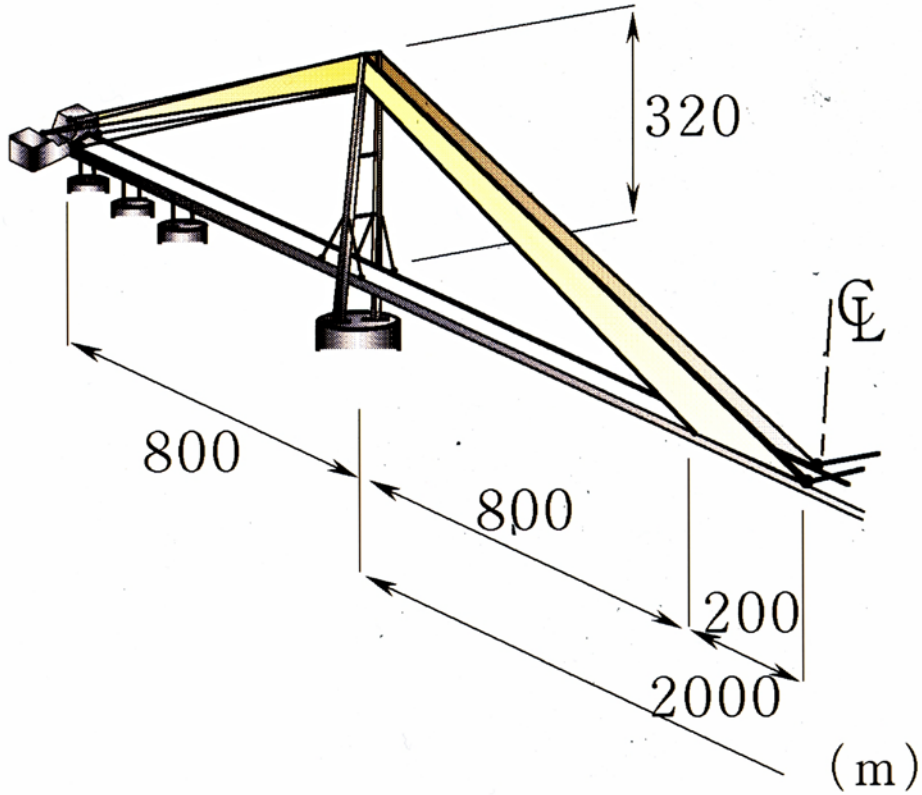


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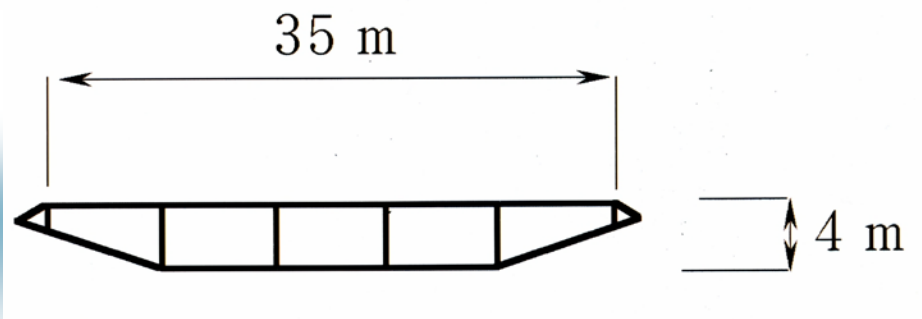
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Thank you for your kind attention

