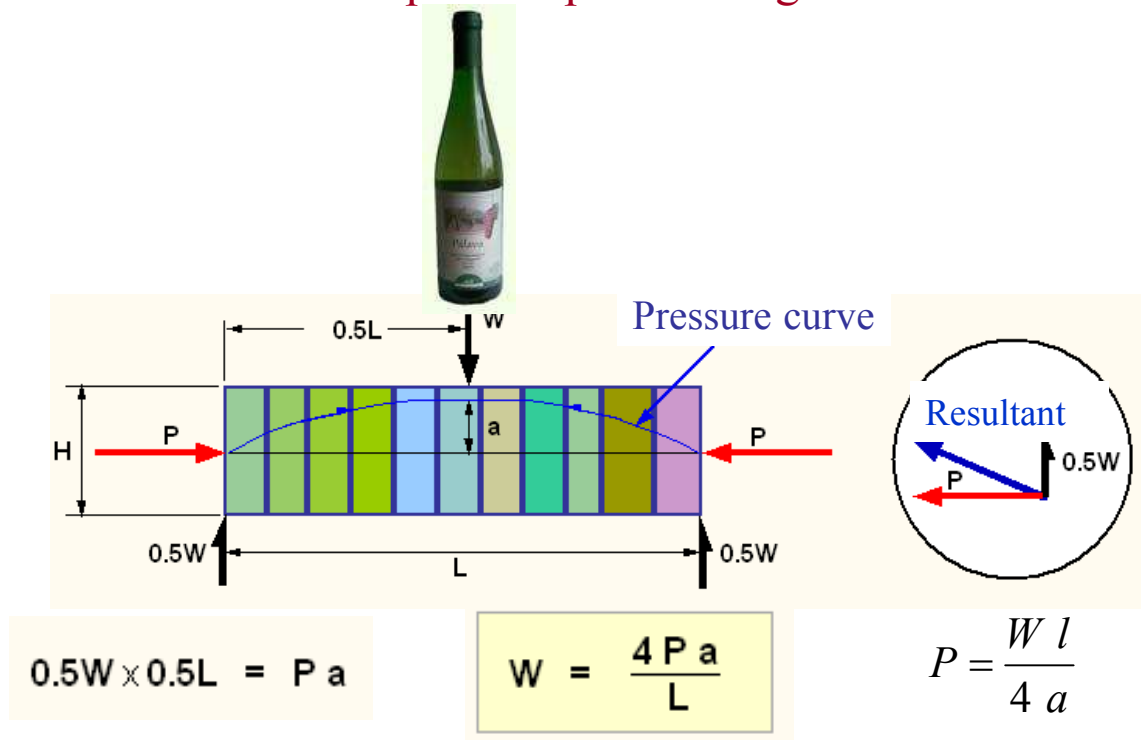


Prestressed concrete

Purpose of prestressing



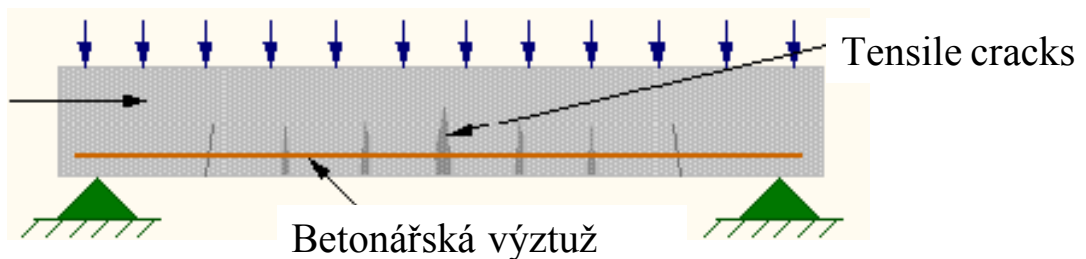
What force is needed to carry a bottle?

Example: $W=10 \text{ N}$ (a bottle), $L=1\text{m}$, $a=0,1\text{m} \rightarrow P=10 \times 1 / (4 \times 0,1) = 25 \text{ N}$

Why prestressing?

A small strength of concrete in tension is compensated

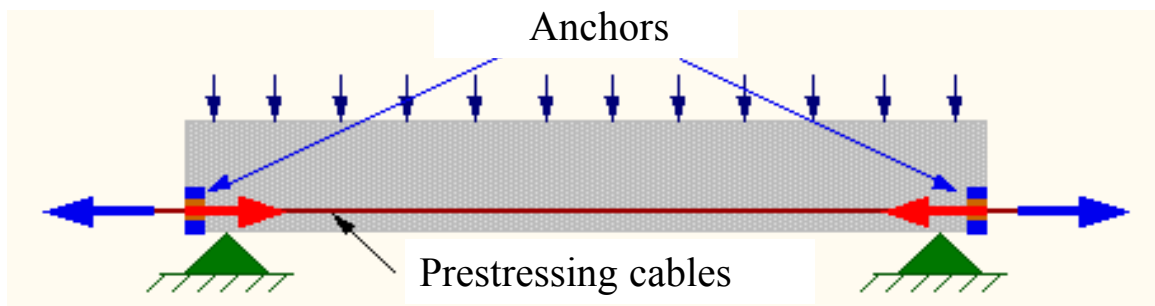
- in **reinforced concrete** by steel bars



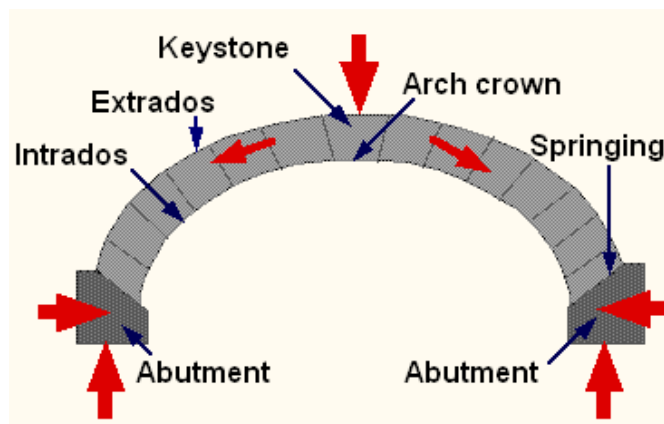
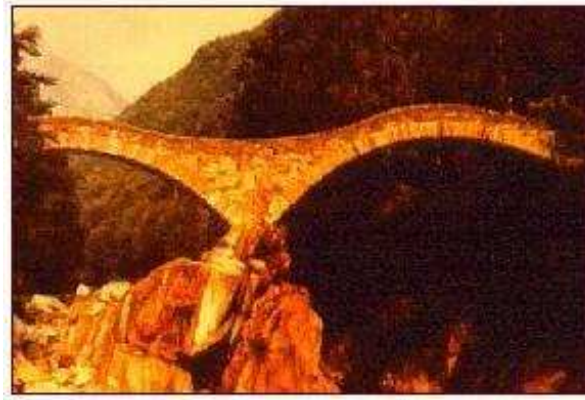
- In **prestressed concrete** by removing tension

- by arch effect - arches

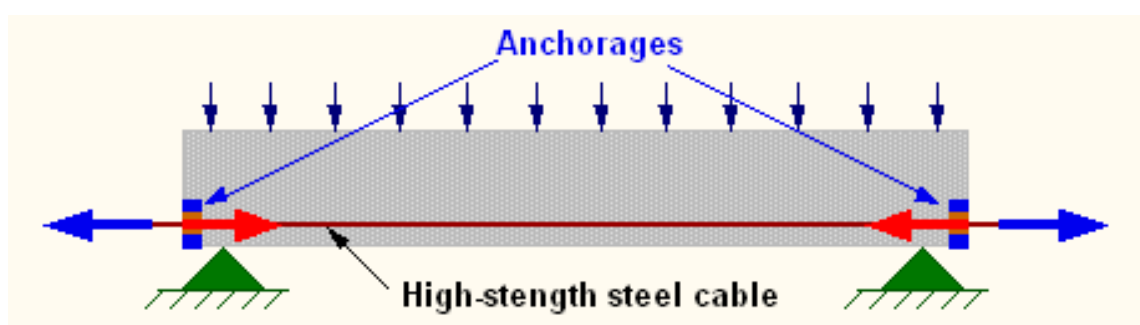
- by prestressing – prestressed concrete



Arches - vaults



Prestressed concrete

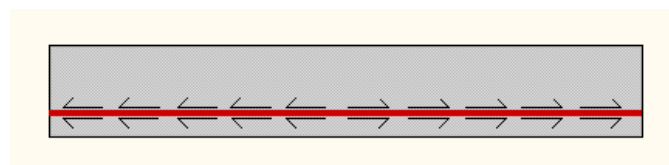
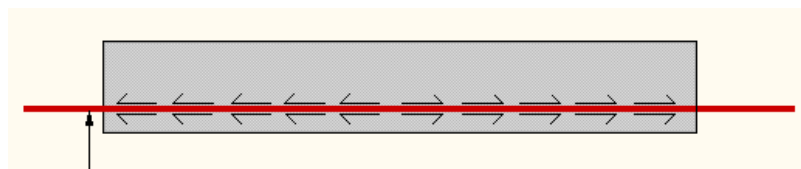
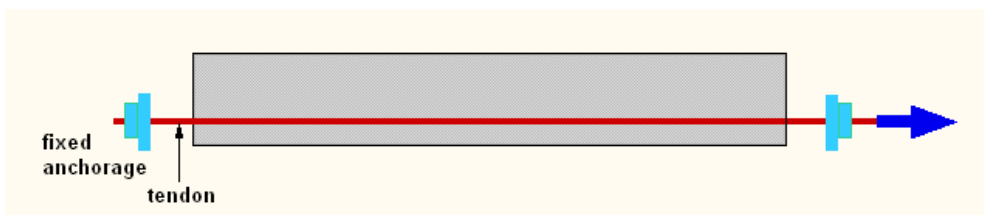


History of prestressing

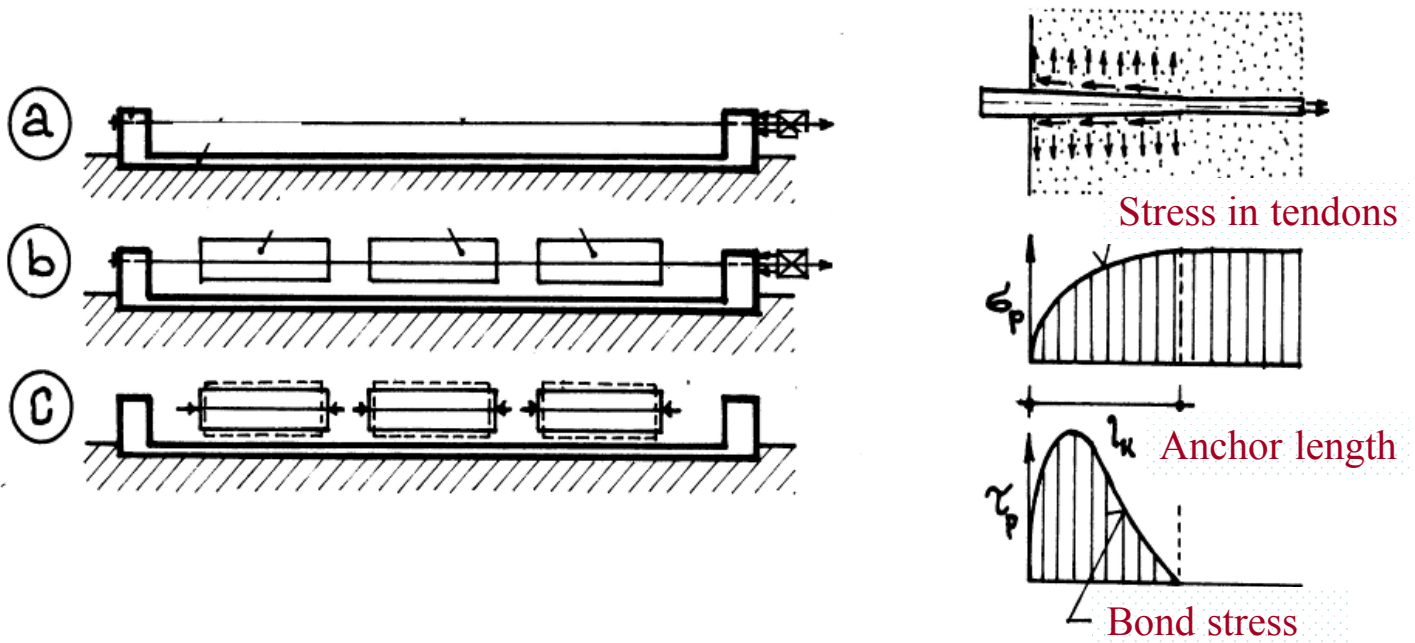


Eugene Freyssinet (1879-1962)

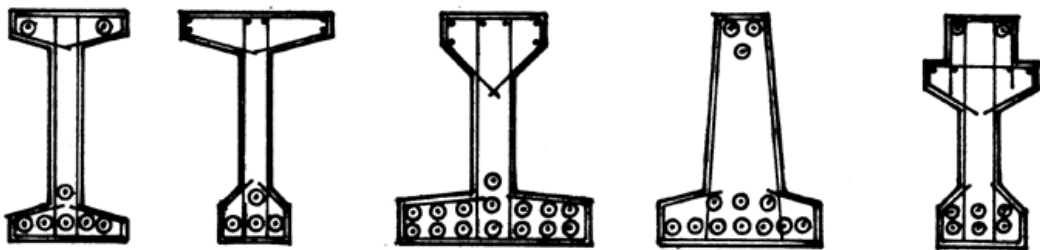
Pre tensioning prestressed concrete



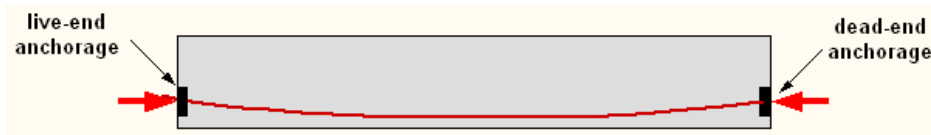
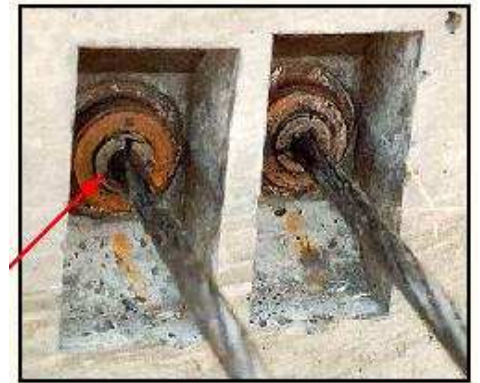
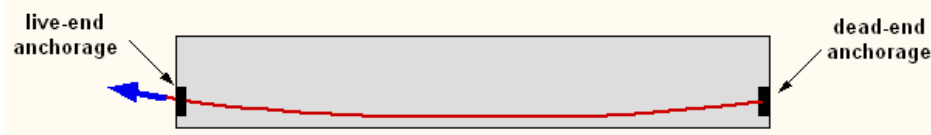
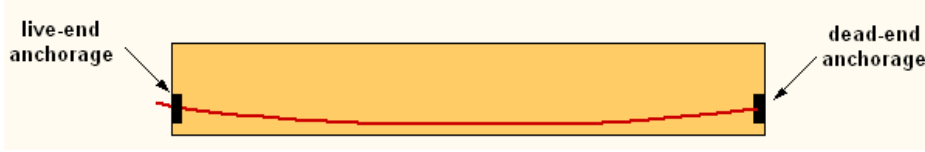
Pre-tensioning



Cross-sections of prestressed beams



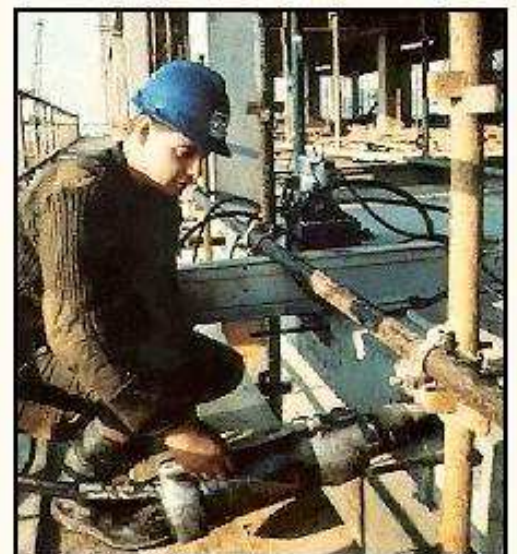
Post-tensioning



Anchorage

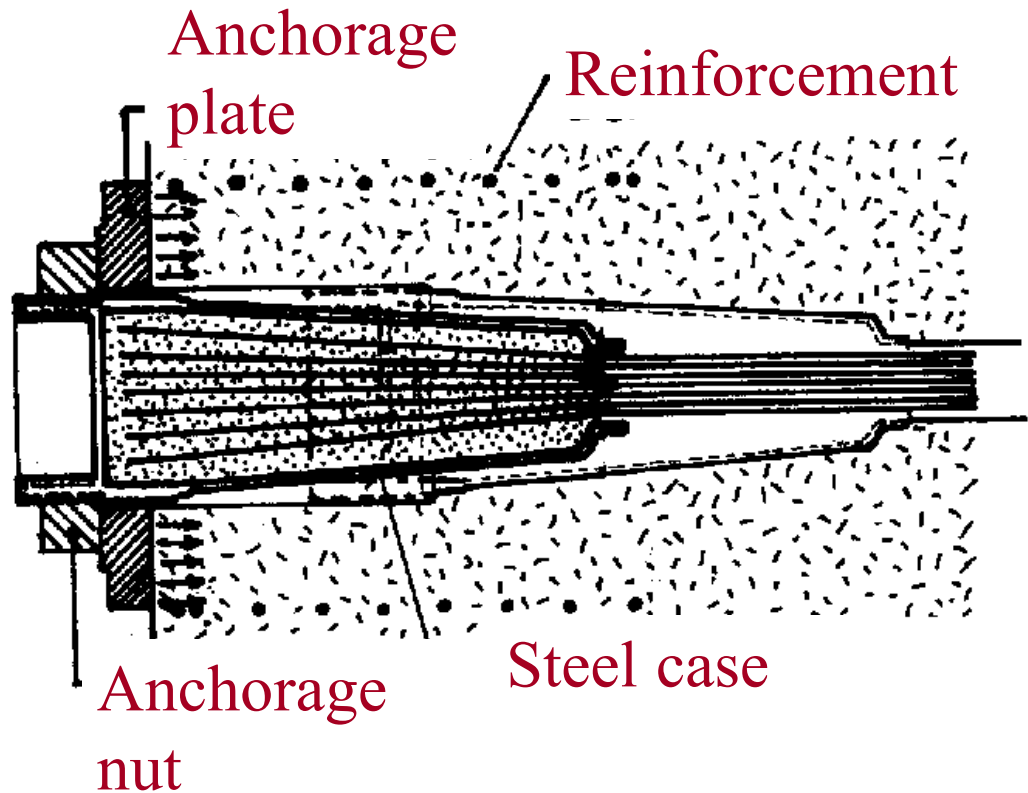


Multi-strand anchorage



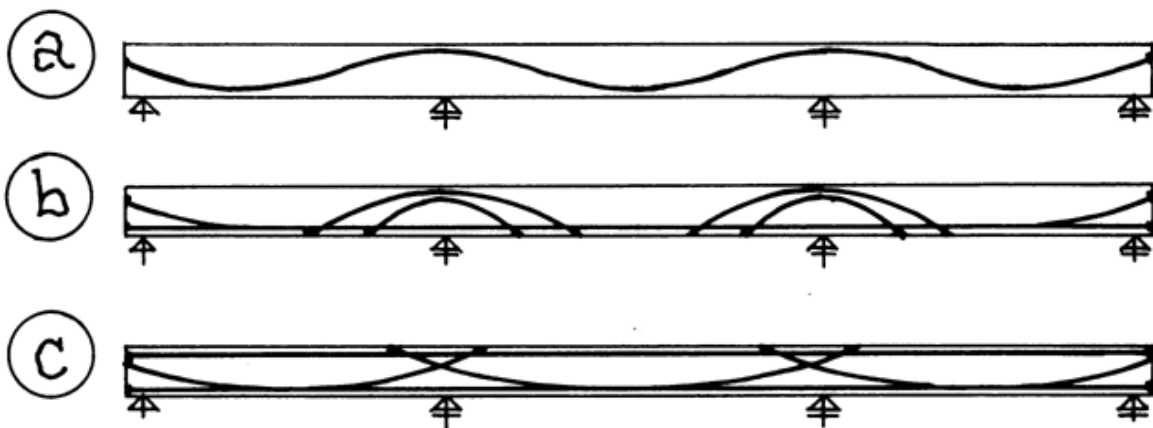
Hand held jack

Anchorage - section



Types of tendons

Bending moments caused by prestressing has opposite sign then the moments due to load

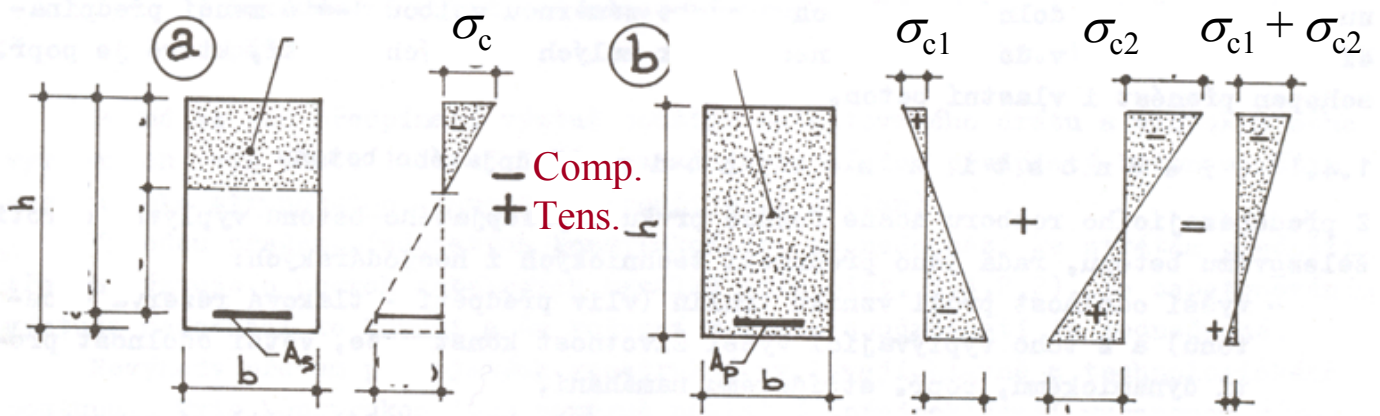


- Curved tendons
- Combination of straight and curved tendons
- Combination of straight tendons at both surfaces and curved tendons at supports.

Position of prestressing tendons



Stresses in reinforced and prestressed beams

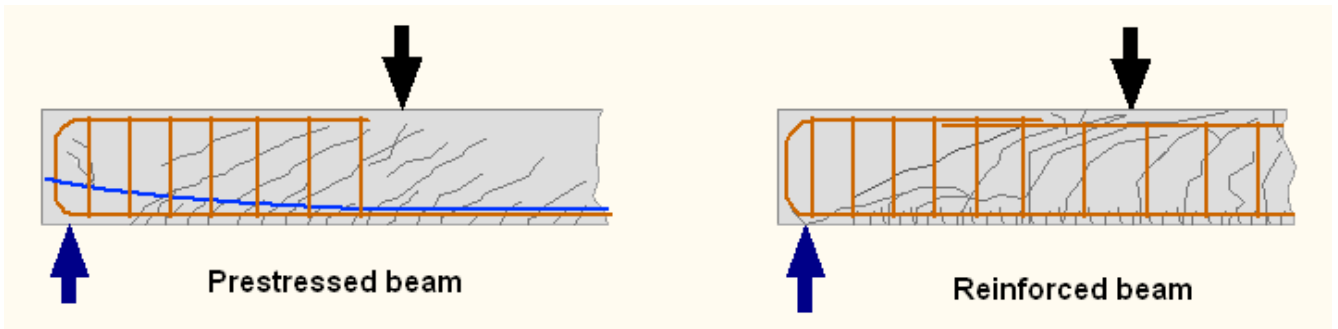


prestressing loading resultant

Reinforced concrete

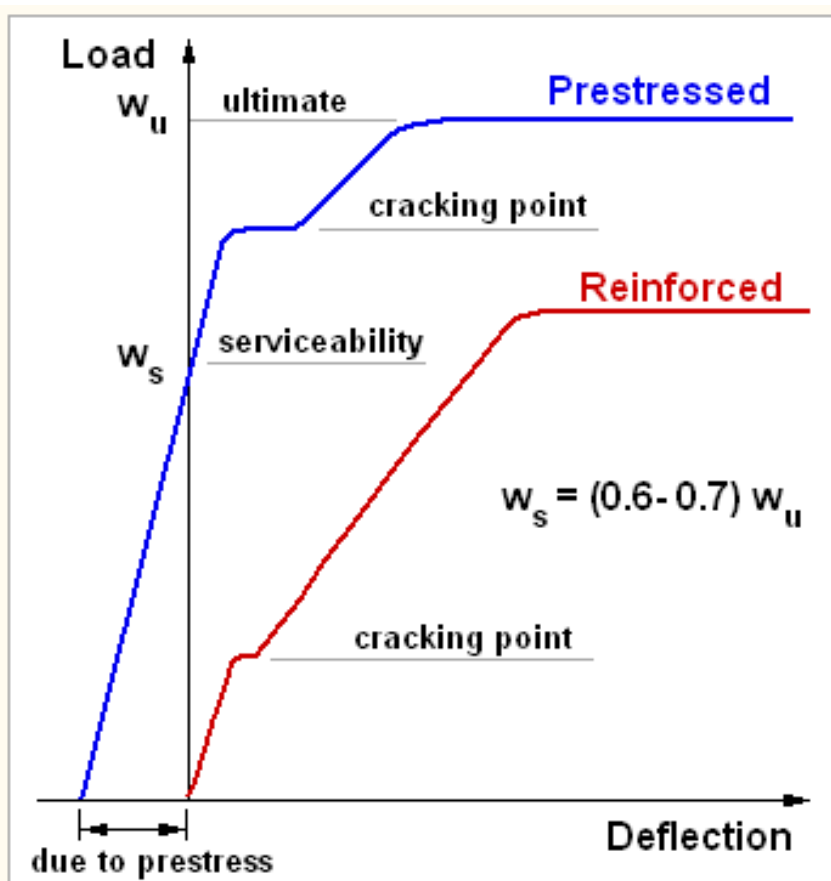
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Shear in prestressed beams

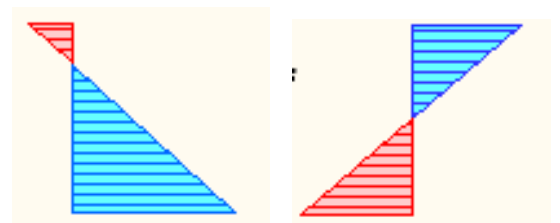


Shear cracks in prestressed beams develop at smaller angles than in reinforced beams. Cracks in prestressed beams open at greater loading than in reinforced beams.

Deflection

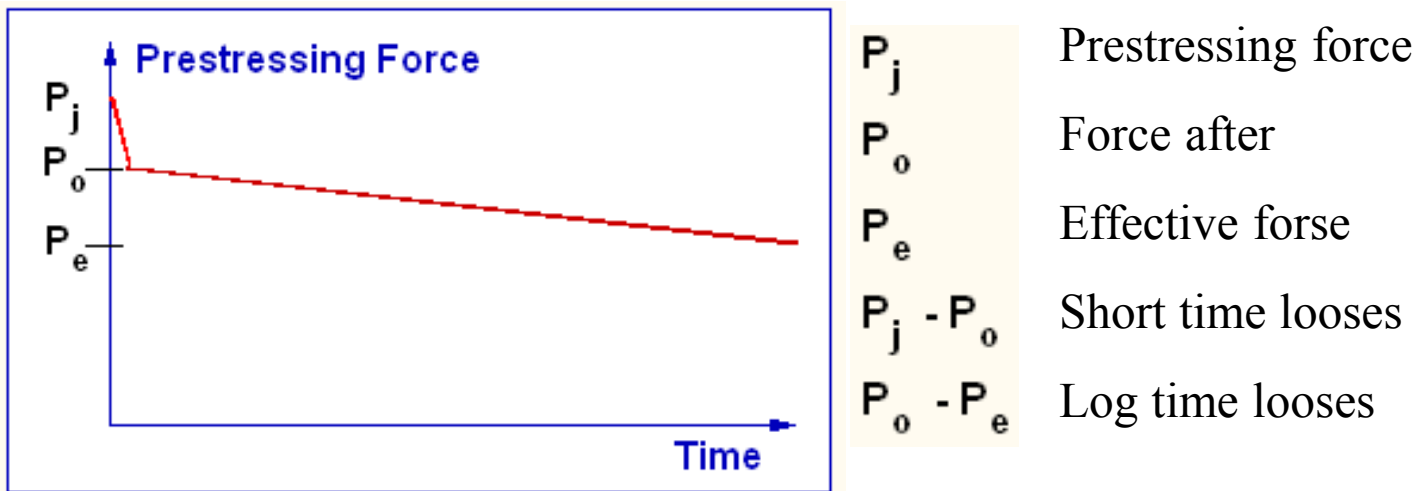


Deflections of prestressed beams are significantly smaller than that of reinforced concrete beams



prestress - load

Losses of prestress



Short time losses: elastic deformation
friction
slip in anchor

Long time losses: relaxation of steel
creep of concrete
shrinkage of concrete

Bridge structures



The Esbly Bridge over the Marne, France 1950

Continuous beam



Small prefabricated elements

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floors elements
lintels
beams



Recent applications

La Grande Arche in Paris Paříži používá 4 post tensioned beams of 70 m span at top three floors.



Main topics

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