

# Finite Element Analysis of Cold Formed Steel Channel Columns with Complex Edge Stiffeners and Web Holes using Abaqus

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**Abstract:** *The present theory work means to think about the numerical examination on models of channel segment with middle and complex edge stiffeners and web gaps under pivotal pressure. A wide scope of parameters, for example, slinness proportion, spine width and thickness have been considered in the investigation. An aggregate of 12 channel models with various parameters, for example, length, thickness and rib width are reenacted. The limited component non-direct examination program ABAQUS V6.14-2 is utilized to reproduce the models. The material properties are acquired from Coupon test. Component type utilized in this non-straight examination is SHELL. A Static, Riks step is utilized to complete examination. The Failure modes, extreme burden and the pressure conveyance around web gaps are inquired about. The relocation parts in every augmentation of burden along X, Y and Z bearings and Rotation segment about X course are gathered. The Von-Mises pressure forms, Deformed shapes and disappointment modes including nearby, horizontal distortional and parallel torsional clasping modes are acquired. The pivotal burden limits of pressure individuals with various parameters are looked at.*

**Key words:** Cold Formed Steel(CFS), Coupon Test, ABAQUS, Modelling, Buckling Analysis..

## I. INTRODUCTION

Cold-Formed steel (CFS) auxiliary areas, less recognizable yet of developing significance, Cold-shaped steel individuals are ordinarily utilized as purlins, cladding rails, sheeting rails, divider studs, floor joists, sheets and decks, and so on. When contrasted and thicker hot moved individuals they give a significant increment in solidarity to weight proportion. Slim sheet steel items are broadly utilized in building industry, and range from purlins to rooftop sheeting and floor decking. By and large these are accessible for use as essential structure components for gathering at site or as pre-assembled casings or boards. These flimsy steel areas are cold-shaped, for

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example their assembling procedure includes shaping steel segments in a virus state (for example without use of warmth) from steel sheets of uniform thickness. The thickness of steel sheet utilized in cool shaped development is typically 1 to 3 mm. A lot thicker material up to 8 mm can be shaped if pre-excited material isn't required for the specific application. The strategy for assembling is significant as it separates these items from hot moved steel areas. Typically, the yield quality of steel sheets utilized in cool shaped segments is at any rate 280 N/mm<sup>2</sup>. ABAQUS is an industrially accessible limited component investigation programming bundle for FEA. It is a universally useful Finite Element Modeling Package for numerically taking care of an assortment of mechanical issues. The program contains numerous extraordinary highlights which enable nonlinearities or auxiliary impacts to be remembered for the arrangement, for example, pliancy, enormous strain, hyper versatility, creep, expanding, huge redirections, material anisotropy and radiation. The limited component program of ABAQUS 6.14-2 adaptation is utilized to build up the limited component model, which planned to reproduce the conduct of cold shaped pressure individuals with web openings.[1]-[5]

## II. ABAQUS PROGRAMME

ABAQUS is an industrially accessible limited component examination programming bundle for FEA. These issues incorporate static and dynamic auxiliary investigation (both direct and nonlinear), unflinching state and transient issues, mode recurrence and clasping examinations, acoustic and electromagnetic issues and different sorts of field and coupled-field applications. A Graphical User Interface (GUI) is accessible all through the program, to direct new clients through the learning procedure and give progressively experienced clients numerous windows, pull-down menus, exchange boxes, apparatus bars and on-line documentation. Abaqus contains a broad library of components that can display for all intents and purposes any geometry.[6]-[10] Abaqus offers a wide scope of capacities for reenactment of straight and nonlinear applications. Issues with numerous parts are displayed by partner the geometry characterizing

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every segment with the fitting material models and indicating segment communications. In a nonlinear investigation Abaqus consequently picks fitting burden augmentations and assembly resistances and consistently alters them during the examination to guarantee that an exact arrangement is acquired productively.[11]-[16]

The Abaqus finite element system includes:

- Abaqus/Standard, a universally useful limited component program
- Abaqus/Explicit, an unequivocal elements limited component program
- Abaqus/CFD, a broadly useful computational liquid elements program
- Abaqus/CAE, an intelligent domain used to make limited component models, submit Abaqus investigations, screen and analyze occupations, and assess results
- Abaqus/Viewer, a subset of Abaqus/CAE that contains just the post handling abilities of the Visualization module.

The limited component program of ABAQUS/Standard 6.12 rendition is utilized to build up the limited component model, which meant to recreate the conduct of the virus shaped pressure individuals with web gaps under pivotal pressure.

### III. SECTION GEOMETRY

Cold shaped steel channel segment having distinctive geometry as appeared in Fig. 3.5 were proposed by various thinness proportion, rib width and thickness. This guarantees the examination of pressure individuals is to be conveyed for a wide range of sections (for example short, middle of the road and long section). In this work channel area with halfway and complex edge stiffeners with web gaps were created. The thickness of area embraced as 1mm and 2mm. Table 3.1 shows measurements of the area and their characterization.

Table 1 Geometric Details of Specimen[17]-[22]

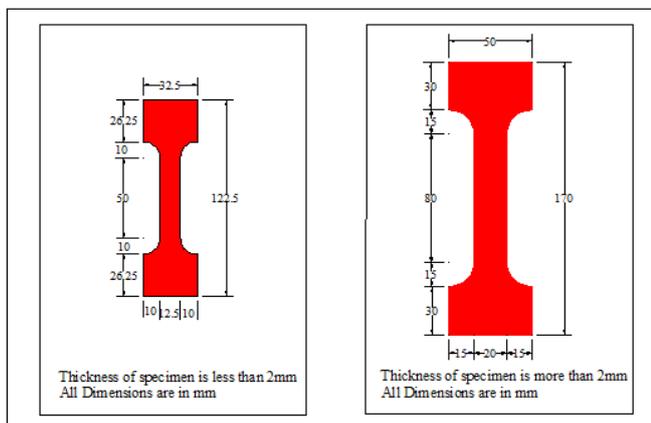


Table 1 Geometric Details of Specimen

Sl. No.	Type	Cross Section Type	Length (mm)	Thickness (mm)	Designation
1	Short Column	C1	700	1	C1L700t1
2		C1	700	2	C1L700t2
3		C2	700	1	C2L700t1
4		C2	700	2	C2L700t2
5	Intermediate Column	C1	1250	1	C1L1250t1
6		C1	1250	2	C1L1250t2
7		C2	1250	1	C2L1250t1
8		C2	1250	2	C2L1250t2
9	Long Column	C1	1800	1	C1L1800t1
10		C1	1800	2	C1L1800t2
11		C2	1800	1	C2L1800t1
12		C2	1800	2	C2L1800t2

Figure 2 Geometric Details of Specimen

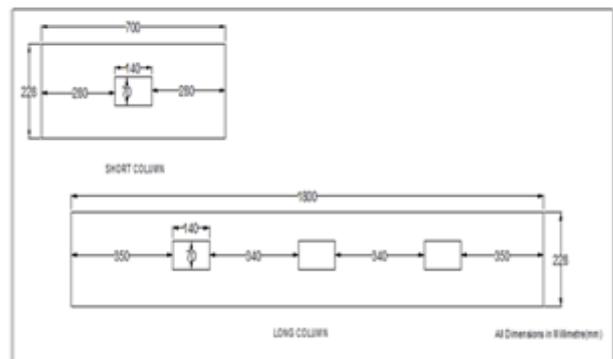
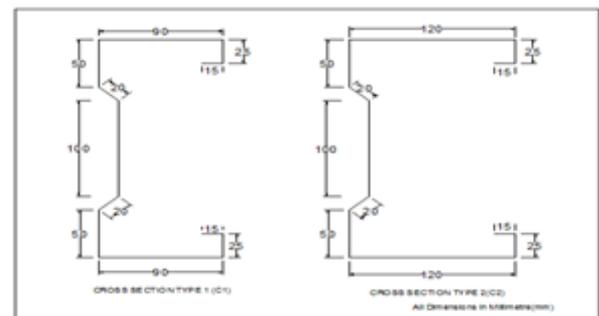


Figure 3 Dimensions of Coupon

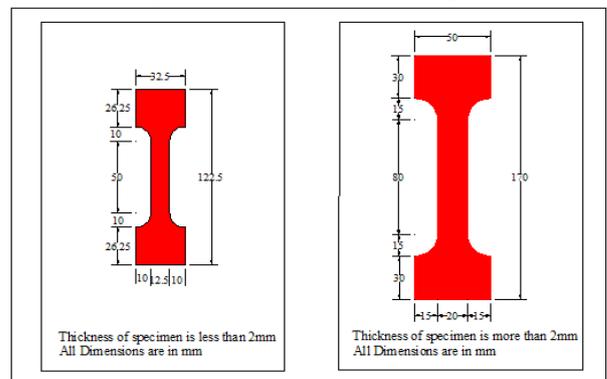


Figure 4 Geometric Details of Specimen

**A. MATERIAL PROPERTIES**

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The table 3.2 shows the yield stress of different thickness specimens and table 3.3 shows the stress and strain values.

**Table 2 Coupon Test Results**

Specimen Details	Yield Load (kN)	Ultimate Load (kN)	Yield Stress (N/mm <sup>2</sup> )	% of Elongation
S1(1.2mm)	3.8	5	253	16.30
S2 (2mm)	8.4	12.8	220	18.23

**Table 3. Nominal & True Stress and Strain**

Nominal Stress (N/mm <sup>2</sup> )	Nominal strain	True Stress (N/mm <sup>2</sup> )	Plastic Stain
0	0	-	-
200	0.00095	200.2	0
240	0.025	246	0.02374
280	0.050	294	0.04784
340	0.100	374	0.09436
380	0.150	437	0.1388
400	0.200	480	0.1814

**IV. DEVELOPMENT OF MODEL IN ABAQUS**

**A. CHOICE OF ELEMENT TYPE**

ABAQUS has several element types suitable for numerical analysis: two or three dimensional solid elements, membrane and truss elements, beam elements, and shell elements are some of them. The primary aim of this analysis was to understand the different buckling failure modes of CFS Column members. The 4-noded shell elements can be used efficiently to model this type of column geometries.

Therefore the most appropriate element type to model CFS column sections for the behavior is shell element and they were used in all the finite element models.

**B. MODELLING AND MESHING**

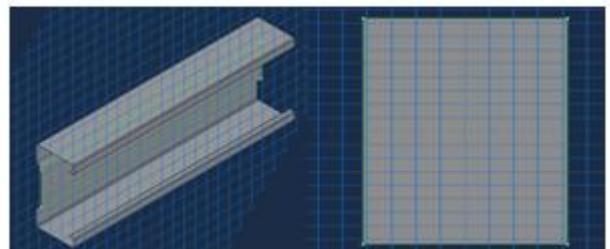
The Modelling of cold formed steel column was started by creating three dimensional, deformable, Shell shape and extrusion type part in ABAQUS. The Geometry of the cold

formed steel column profiles as shown in figure 3.8 was sketched. The shell element was used in all the finite element models. Finite element models simulating the boundary conditions similar to UTM support conditions (i.e. One end is fixed and other end is free to translate in one direction) and axial compression were developed. Free meshing of the model was carried out. The minimum size of the mesh kept as 10 mm. The figure 3.8 – 3.10 shows the Modelling and Meshing of cold formed steel compression members.

**C. BOUNDARY CONDITIONS:**

The objective of ideal finite element models was to provide support conditions similar to UTM Supports (One end is fixed and other end is free to translate in loading direction) and to study their flexural behavior. Boundary conditions implemented in the Finite Element model are described as follows:

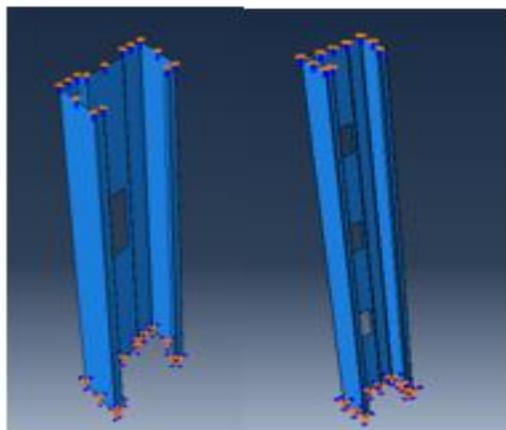
1. Encastre at one end was modelled by restraining all degree of freedom. ( $U_1 = U_2 = U_3 = UR_1 = UR_2 = UR_3 = 0$ )
2. Y-Axisymmetric at other end modelled by restraining translation in translation and rotation in two directions only. ( $U_1 = U_3 = UR_2 = 0$ )



**Figure 5 CFS Column Profile view (Part 1 & Part 2)**



**Figure 6 CFS Column in Assembly View**



Shell edge load was applied at the top of compression member on all elements. The entire load is distributed uniformly along negative Y-direction and normal traction per unit deformed area. The loads were applied in increments. The initial increment size was kept as 0.1. The maximum increment size was kept as 1.0 and minimum increment size was kept as 0.00001. A Static, Riks analysis was carried out to analyse the member. The Nlgeom (Nonlinear geometry) is switched on during analysis.

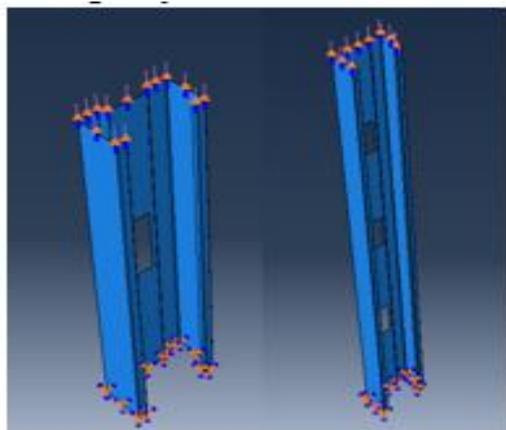


Figure 7,8 Loading Pattern and View

## V. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

### A. COMPARISON OF ULTIMATE LOAD OF VARIOUS COLUMN

The Table shows the ultimate load variation and buckling mode for various column type and various cross section. The results shows that the short coulumn fails mainly by local and distortional buckling and intermediate & long column shows local, distortional and flexural buckling.

Sl. No.	Column Type	Designation	Ultimate Load in kN	Buckling mode
1	Short Column	C1L700T1	60.5	L+D
2		C1L700T2	151.3	L+D
3		C2L700T1	51.085	L+D
4		C2L700T2	174.3	L+D
5	Long Column	C1L1800T1	40.2	L+D+F
6		C1L1800T2	139.577	L+D+F
7		C2L1800T1	39.1	L+D+F
8		C2L1800T2	159.8	L+D+F

### B. LOAD VS DEFLECTION RESUTS

The Table shows the load vs deflection for short column of cross section 1 and thickness 1mm. the rotational displacement is taken for direction 3. (UR3)

Sl. No.	Load in kN	Displacement in mm			
		U1	U2	U3	UR3
1	0	0	0	0	0
2	5	-0.04	-0.01	-0.01	0
3	10	-0.08	-0.03	-0.01	0
4	15	-0.14	-0.05	-0.02	0.00009
5	20	-0.17	-0.07	-0.02	0.00013
6	25	-0.25	-0.09	-0.03	0.00018
7	30	-0.29	-0.11	-0.03	0.00021
8	35	-0.33	-0.13	-0.04	0.00025
9	40	-0.4	-0.15	-0.04	0.00031
10	45	-0.46	-0.16	-0.03	0.00068
11	50	-0.78	-0.17	-0.01	0.0016
12	55	-1.9	-0.19	0.18	0.0129
13	60	-3.5	-0.2	0.38	0.0298
14	60.5	-3.93	-0.21	0.43	0.0338
15	55	-4.5	-0.24	0.55	0.0406
16	50	-7.2	-0.52	1.31	0.0785
17	40	-14.54	-1.34	2.64	0.1368
18	30	-14.54	-2.56	1.91	0.1946
19	20	-31.35	-7.5	6.68	0.3624
20	13.5	-33.58	-13.9	15.55	0.4814

### C. SHORT COLUMN

The Figure 4.1 shows the Load vs Deflection behavior of short column of different cross section (C1, C2) and different thickness (1mm, 2mm)

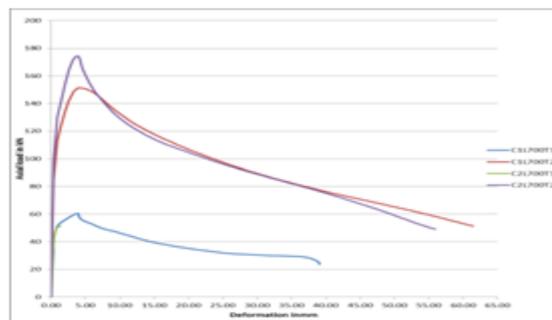
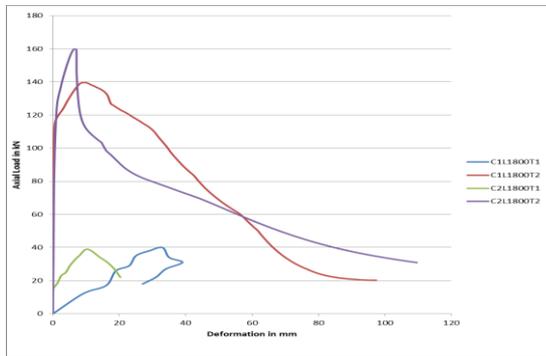


Fig 9: Load vs Deflection



**D. LONG COLUMN**

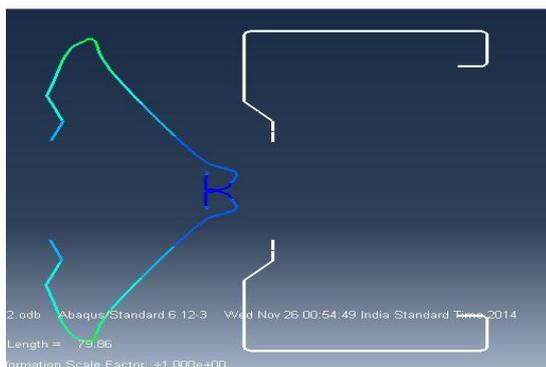
The Figure 4.1 shows the Load vs Deflection behavior of long column of different cross section (C1 & C2) and different thickness (1mm and 2mm)



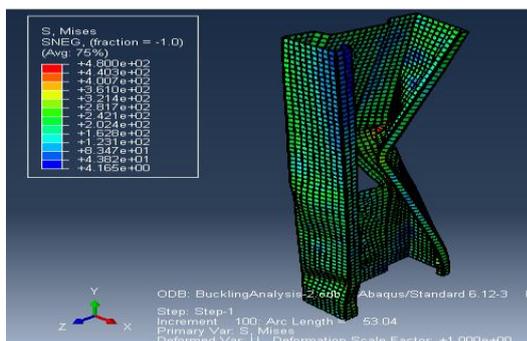
**Fig 10:Load vs Deflection**

**E. DEFORMATION PROFILES**

The Figure 11 and 12 shows the deformed profiles and Undeformed profiles of critical sections



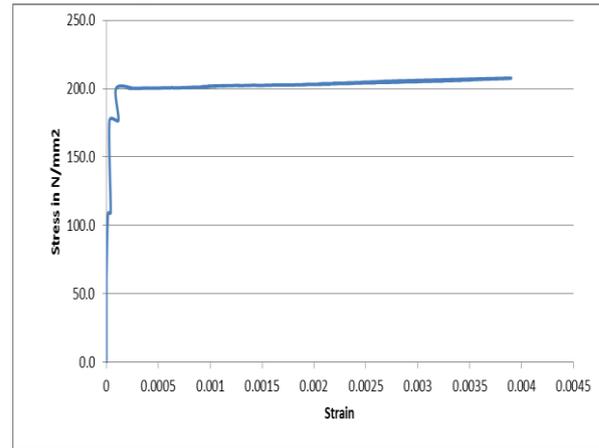
**Figure 13 Deformed Shape of C2L1800T2**



**DEFORMATION SHAPES**

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The Deformation shape of C1L700T1 and C2L700T2 are shown in Fig 14



**VI. CONCLUSIONS**

The accompanying ends are produced using logical examination of channel segment with middle and edge stiffeners with web openings utilizing ABAQUS v6.12.3.

□ a definitive heap of channel area section with complex edge stiffeners and middle stiffeners is found by utilizing ABAQUS v6.14-2 by Static, Riks Method.

□ a definitive heap of channel segment section with complex edge stiffeners and halfway stiffeners with web gaps relies upon the thickness to width proportion of the plates.

□ The conveying proficiency will be higher as the thickness width proportion expanding.

□ The fundamental disappointment method of channel segment with stiffeners and web gaps is distortional clamping. The flexural clamping is relies upon length of the models.

□ The web openings having noteworthy effect on pressure appropriation. Since the holes on the web, the situation of most extreme pressure changes from the web close to the mid stature of the examples to the area of the adjoining openings.

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