

Fig. 8.12 Plot of  $\delta_p$  against  $m_d$ . From Wood (1978).

Then the value of the non-dimensional parameter  $\phi_s$  is calculated using the equation

$$\phi_s = 2 / (\sqrt{m_e} + 1 / \sqrt{m_e}) \tag{8.17}$$

This parameter was derived for square panels with identical beams and columns, and a correction factor  $\Delta_\phi$  must be determined for non-rectangular panels with unequal beams and columns, using Fig. 8.13 in which  $\mu_p$  is defined

$$\mu_p = \frac{\text{lowest beam plastic moment}}{\text{lowest column plastic moment}} \tag{8.18}$$

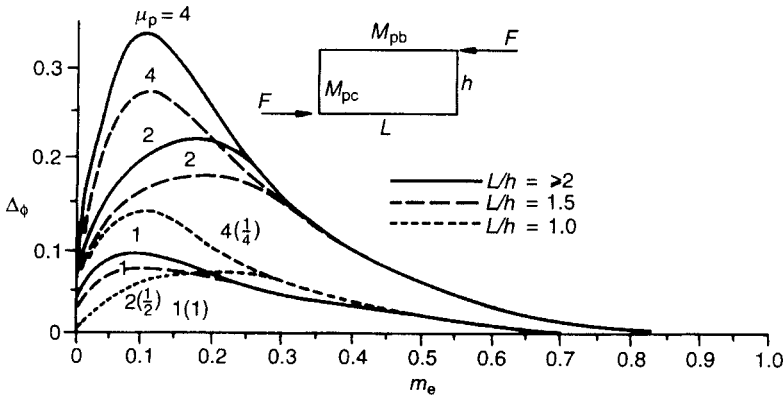


Fig. 8.13 Design chart for racking loads: optional correction  $\Delta_\phi$  added to  $\Phi_s$  ( $\mu = M_{pb} / M_{pc}$ ). From Wood (1978).

- If  $\mu_p \geq 1$  (strong beams) use the chart directly.
- If  $\mu_p < 1$  (weak beams) and  $L/h=1$  use  $\mu_p$  value in brackets.
- If  $\mu_p < 1$  (weak beams) and  $L/h > 1$  use  $\mu_p=1$  curve.

Finally the design strength  $F$  can be determined using

$$F = (\phi_s + \Delta_\phi) [4(\text{smaller } M_p)/h + \frac{1}{2}\delta_p f_k tL/\gamma_m]/1.2 \quad (8.19)$$

where the factor 1.2 is an additional factor of safety introduced by Wood for design purposes and  $M_p$  is the effective plastic moment given by  $Z\sigma_y/\gamma_{ms}$ . For design purposes the design strength must be equal to or greater than the design load as shown in [Chapter 4](#).

(c) *Example*

Assume the following dimensions and properties:

- Panel height=2m
- Panel length=4m
- Panel thickness=110mm
- Characteristic strength of panel=10N/mm<sup>2</sup>
- Partial safety factor for masonry=3.1
- Section modulus for each column=600 cm<sup>3</sup>
- Section modulus for each beam=800 cm<sup>3</sup>
- Yield stress of steel=250N/mm<sup>2</sup>
- Partial safety factor for steel=1.15
- Effective plastic moment for beam=(800×10<sup>3</sup>)×250/(1.15×10<sup>6</sup>)  
=174kN/m
- Effective plastic moment for column=130kN/m
- $\mu_p=134$
- $L/h=2$

These give

$$m_d = \frac{8 \times 130 \times 10^6 \times 3.1}{10 \times 110 \times 4^2 \times 10^6} = 0.18$$

From [Fig. 8.12](#),  $\delta_p=0.25$ . So

$$m_e = 0.24/0.25 = 0.96$$

$$\phi_s = 2/(\sqrt{0.96} + 1/\sqrt{0.96}) = 1.0$$

From [Fig. 8.13](#),  $\Delta_\phi=0$ .