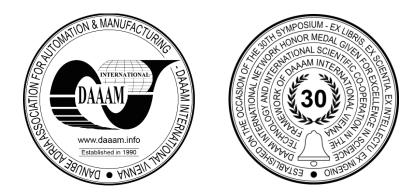
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# TESTING OF A WOODEN HIGH-WALL GIRDER LOADED OVER A STEEL PLATE ON THE TOP

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# Abstract

In this paper, a test of wooden high-wall girders 5.0 m high, 0.18 m thick and of different widths compressed by a steel plate made of structural steel 20 cm wide and 2 cm thick was performed in the program Ansys. We have a total of 12 cases of loading the high-rise girder over the steel plate. The results of 3 high-wall girders were compared, the first 1.5 m wide, the second 1.15 m and the third 0.8 m loaded over a steel plate first with a force of 250 kN then with a force of 500 kN, with and without friction. The results show that the friction between the steel plate and the wooden high-wall girder has a small effect on the increase of the longitudinal stress of the high-wall girder. Also the width of the high-wall girder affects the normal stress in the length direction.

Keywords: wooden high-wall girder; steel plate; normal stress; Ansys.

## 1. Introduction

The task was to examine the normal stress of wooden high-wall girders in the direction of the length of the high-wall girders when they are loaded over the steel plate. The aim and purpose of the test is to describe the test results of high-wall girders loaded over a steel plate and to compare the case where there is friction at the contact between the steel plate and the high-wall girder with the case when there is no friction at the contact between the high-wall girder and the plate. The problem to be solved by this work is to find out the place on the high-wall girder where the highest stress occurs and whether there are too many differences between the contacts between the high-wall girder and the plate without friction and when there is a friction coefficient of 0.4.

The stress calculation of high-wall girders was performed in the program Ansys [1]. Further tests in this area will be the loading of wooden high-wall girders via a steel plate connected to the high-wall girder by means of screws. After the introduction, the dimensions and mechanical properties of the wooden high-wall girder are described in the second part. The procedure for testing high-wall girder samples in Ansys was then described. The test results are presented and described. A conclusion was written at the end of the paper.

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## 2. Dimensions and mechanical properties of wooden high-wall girder

Figure 1 shows a model of a wooden high-wall girder with a steel plate on top from the program Ansys [1]. The high-wall girder is 5.0 m high, 0.18 m thick and of various widths loaded over a steel plate made of structural steel 20 cm wide and 2 cm thick. We have three different high-wall girders according to the width dimensions: high-wall girders with a width of 1,50, 1,15 and 0,8 m.

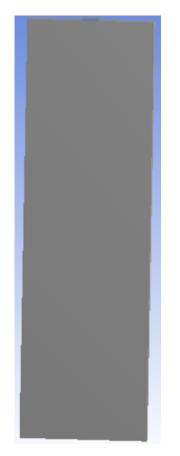


Fig. 1. High-wall girder from program Ansys [1]

Figure 2 shows the mechanical properties of a wooden high-wall girder. The density of the wood from which the highwall girder is made is 410 kg / m2, and the Poisson's ratio is 0.3. The Young's modulus of elasticity of wood in the fiber direction is 12600 MPa, and the Young's modulus of elasticity of wood perpendicular to the fiber direction is 420 MPa. The shear modulus in all three directions is equal to 420 MPa [2].

1	Property	Value	Unit	8	¢⊋
2	Material Field Variables	III Table			
3	🔁 Density	410	kg m^-3 💌		
4	Orthotropic Elasticity				
5	Young's Modulus X direction	12600	MPa 💌		
6	Young's Modulus Y direction	420	MPa 💌		
7	Young's Modulus Z direction	420	MPa 💌		
8	Poisson's Ratio XY	0,3			
9	Poisson's Ratio YZ	0,3			
10	Poisson's Ratio XZ	0,3			
11	Shear Modulus XY	420	MPa 💌		
12	Shear Modulus YZ	420	MPa 💌		
13	Shear Modulus XZ	420	MPa 💌		

Fig. 2. Mechanical properties of the wood from which the high-wall girder is made [1]

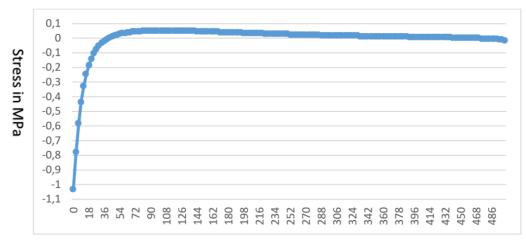
## 3. Test procedure and results

The test procedure was performed in such a way that the high-wall girder support was clamped on the underside and compressed on the upper side via a 2 cm thick steel plate. We have a total of 12 samples of high-wall girder:

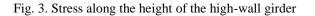
- 1. high-wall girder 5 m high and 1,5 m long loaded over the steel plate with the force of 250 kN without friction at the contact between the high-wall girder and the steel plate,
- 2. high-wall girder 5 m high and 1,5 m long loaded over the steel plate with the force of 500 kN without friction at the contact between the high-wall girder and the steel plate,
- 3. high-wall girder 5 m high and 1,5 m long loaded over the steel plate with the force of 250 kN with friction at the contact between the high-wall girder and the steel plate (coefficient of friction on the contact surface is equal 0,4),
- 4. high-wall girder 5 m high and 1,5 m long loaded over the steel plate with the force of 500 kN with friction at the contact between the high-wall girder and the steel plate (coefficient of friction on the contact surface is equal 0,4),
- 5. high-wall girder 5 m high and 1,15 m long loaded over the steel plate with the force of 250 kN without friction at the contact between the high-wall girder and the steel plate,
- 6. high-wall girder 5 m high and 1,15 m long loaded over the steel plate with the force of 500 kN without friction at the contact between the high-wall girder and the steel plate,
- 7. high-wall girder 5 m high and 1,15 m long loaded over the steel plate with the force of 250 kN with friction at the contact between the high-wall girder and the steel plate (coefficient of friction on the contact surface is equal 0,4),
- 8. high-wall girder 5 m high and 1,15 m long loaded over the steel plate with the force of 500 kN with friction at the contact between the high-wall girder and the steel plate (coefficient of friction on the contact surface is equal 0,4),
- 9. high-wall girder 5 m high and 0,8 m long loaded over the steel plate with the force of 250 kN without friction at the contact between the high-wall girder and the steel plate,
- 10. high-wall girder 5 m high and 0,8 m long loaded over the steel plate with the force of 500 kN without friction at the contact between the high-wall girder and the steel plate,
- 11. high-wall girder 5 m high and 0,8 m long loaded over the steel plate with the force of 250 kN with friction at the contact between the high-wall girder and the steel plate (coefficient of friction on the contact surface is equal 0,4),
- 12. high-wall girder 5 m high and 1,5 m long loaded over the steel plate with the force of 500 kN with friction at the contact between the high-wall girder and the steel plate (coefficient of friction on the contact surface is equal 0,4).

The calculation was performed in the program Ansys and the results of the normal stress of the high-rise girder in the direction of its width are presented.

3.1. High-wall girder 1,5 m wide and loaded with the force of 250 kN without friction



## Vertically distance from the top



The maximum normal stress is at a distance of 105 cm from the top of the high-wall girder and is 0,050912 MPa.

3.2. High-wall girder 1,5 m wide and loaded with the force of 500 kN without friction

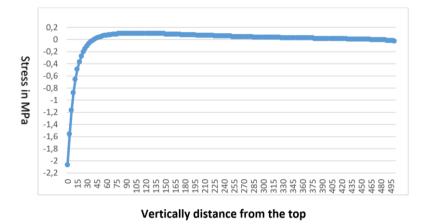


Fig. 4. Stress along the height of the high-wall girder

The maximum normal stress is at a distance of 105 cm from the top of the high-wall girder and is 0,10182 MPa.

3.3. High-wall girder 1,5 m wide and loaded with the force of 250 kN with friction

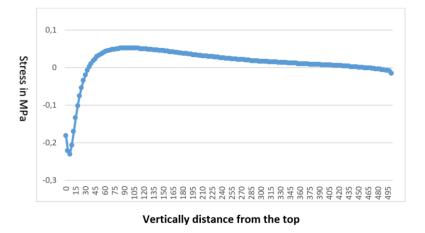
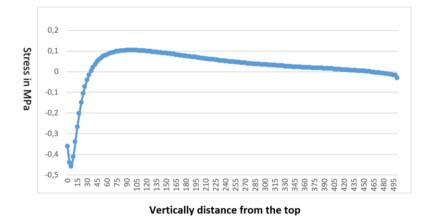
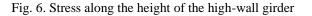


Fig. 5. Stress along the height of the high-wall girder

The maximum normal stress is at a distance of 96 cm from the top of the high-wall girder and is 0,051692 MPa.

3.4. High-wall girder 1,5 m wide and loaded with the force of 500 kN with friction





The maximum normal stress is at a distance of 96 cm from the top of the high-wall girder and is 0,10338 MPa.

3.5. High-wall girder 1,15 m wide and loaded with the force of 250 kN without friction

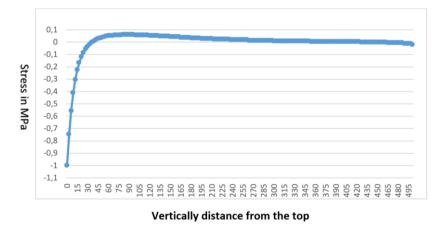
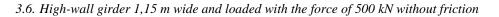
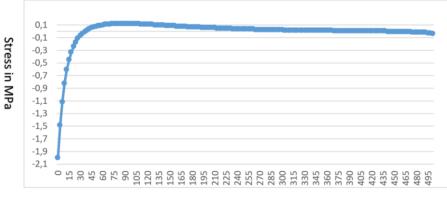


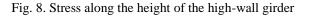
Fig. 7. Stress along the height of the high-wall girder

The maximum normal stress is at a distance of 87 cm from the top of the high-wall girder and is 0,06066 MPa.



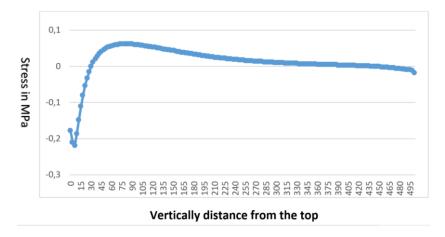


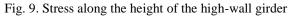
Vertically distance from the top



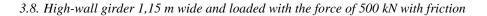
The maximum normal stress is at a distance of 87 cm from the top of the high-wall girder and is 0,12132 MPa.

3.7. High-wall girder 1,15 m wide and loaded with the force of 250 kN with friction





The maximum normal stress is at a distance of 81 cm from the top of the high-wall girder and is 0,061526 MPa.



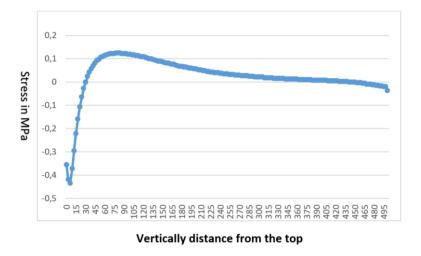


Fig. 10. Stress along the height of the high-wall girder

The maximum normal stress is at a distance of 81 cm from the top of the high-wall girder and is 0,12307 MPa.

3.9. High-wall girder 0,8 m wide and loaded with the force of 250 kN without friction

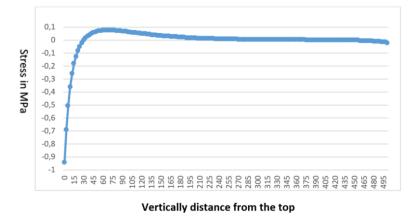
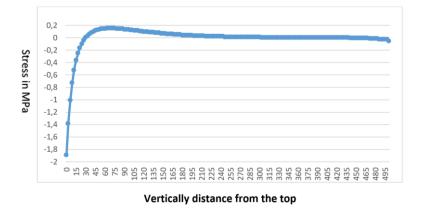


Fig. 11. Stress along the height of the high-wall girder

The maximum normal stress is at a distance of 69 cm from the top of the high-wall girder and is 0.075191 MPa.

3.10. High-wall girder 0,8 m wide and loaded with the force of 500 kN without friction





The maximum normal stress is at a distance of 69 cm from the top of the high-wall girder and is 0,15038 MPa.

3.11. High-wall girder 0,8 m wide and loaded with the force of 250 kN with friction

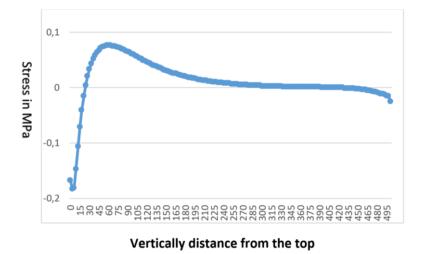


Fig. 13. Stress along the height of the high-wall girder

The maximum normal stress is at a distance of 60 cm from the top of the high-wall girder and is 0,076125 MPa.

3.12. High-wall girder 0,8 m wide and loaded with the force of 500 kN with friction

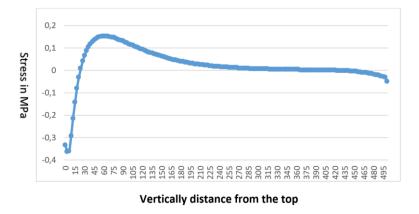


Fig. 14. Stress along the height of the high-wall girder

The maximum normal stress is at a distance of 60 cm from the top of the high-wall girder and is 0,15227 MPa.

## 4. Interpretation of results

It can be seen from the results that in the case of loading a wooden high-wall girder over a steel plate, the longitudinal stress along the length of the high-wall girder is higher in the case of friction between the steel plate and the high-wall girder than when the connection is frictionless. It has been shown that the maximum normal stress is at a greater distance from the top of the high-rise girder in the case of load if the connection between the steel plate and the high-wall girder is frictionless than if the connection is with friction. Also from the results it can be seen that the greater the width of the high-wall girder the maximum stress is at a greater distance from the top.

# 5. Conclusion

In the case of loading a wooden high-wall girder over a steel plate, it is shown that there is not much difference if there is friction at the contact between the high-wall girder and the steel plate and in the absence of friction, although the stress is slightly higher if there is friction. It can be seen from the results that in all cases the maximum normal stress is at a distance of approximately one tenth to one fifth of the total height of the high-wall girder seen from the top. The results showed that there would be no breakage or dangerous deformation of the wooden high-wall girder. The stresses of the wooden high-wall girders are in line with expectations. The research in this paper will lead to further tests in which the load of the wooden high-wall girder will be observed via a steel plate that will be bolted to the wooden high-wall girder, the case is higher than the maximum normal stress.

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