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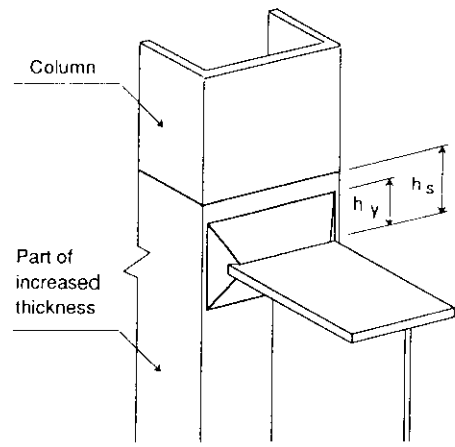
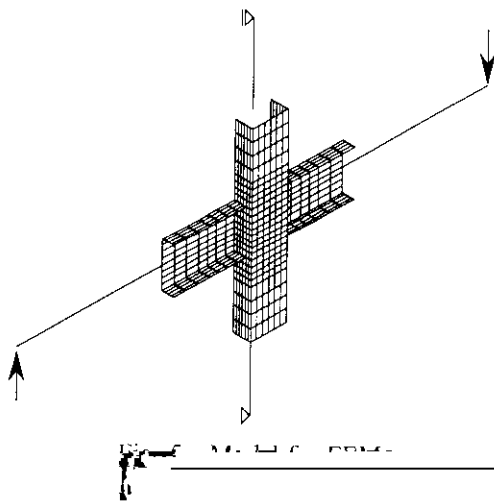


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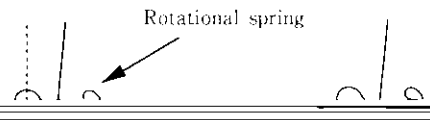
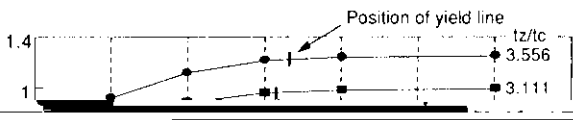


Increased thickness type	
Width of beam	150, 200, 250, 300
Thickness of increased plate	12, 16, 19, 22, 25, 28, 32
Extra length of increased plate, $h_s$	50, 100, 150, 200, 300

Fig. 6 Extra length  $h_s$

300

Experiment	Analysis		
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The abscissa is the plastic moment of the beam  $pM_b$  made dimensionless by being divided by the local yield

### 5 Conclusion

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An experiment and FEM analysis of the beam tested