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**Steel Sheet Piles**  
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**Commercial RPS**  
June 2011

# Programma

|               |   |
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| 15:00 – 15:30 | Introduction and product range<br><i>ing. Dan Kohnen - ArcelorMittal</i>                              |
| 15:30 – 16:00 | Installation and watertightness<br><i>ing. Cécile Prüm - ArcelorMittal</i>                            |
| 16:00 – 17:00 | Applications<br><i>ing. Cécile Prüm - ArcelorMittal</i>   |
| 17:00 – 17:20 | Pausa caffè   |
| 17:20 – 18:30 | Design of steel sheet piles<br><i>ing. Simone Ciabattini – Piacentini Ingegneri srl</i>               |
| 18:30 – 19:00 | Standards, delivery conditions, litterature and conclusion<br><i>ing. Cécile Prüm - ArcelorMittal</i> |



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# Introduction

# Origin of ArcelorMittal



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**Mittal Steel**

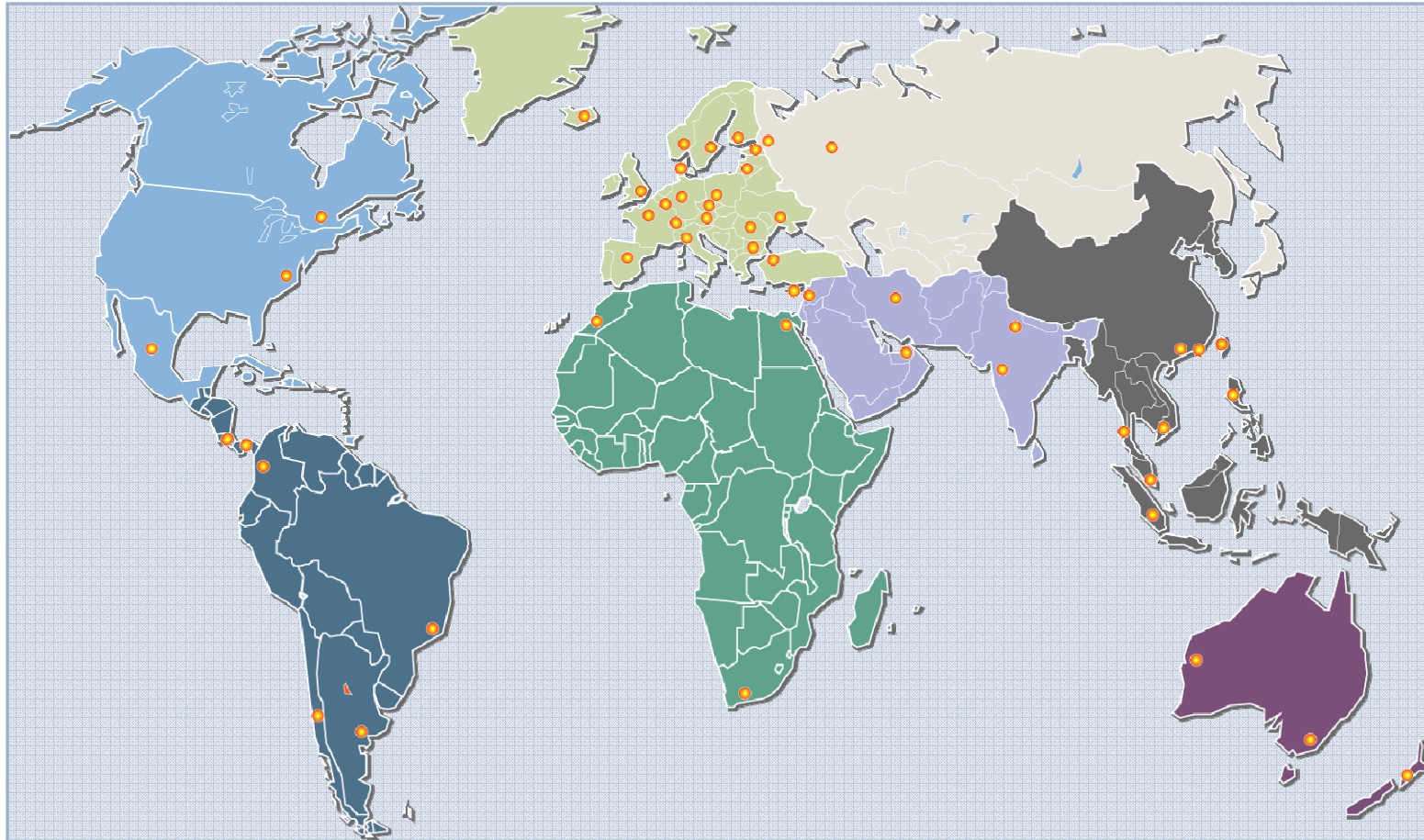


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# Sales offices and production sites outside Europe



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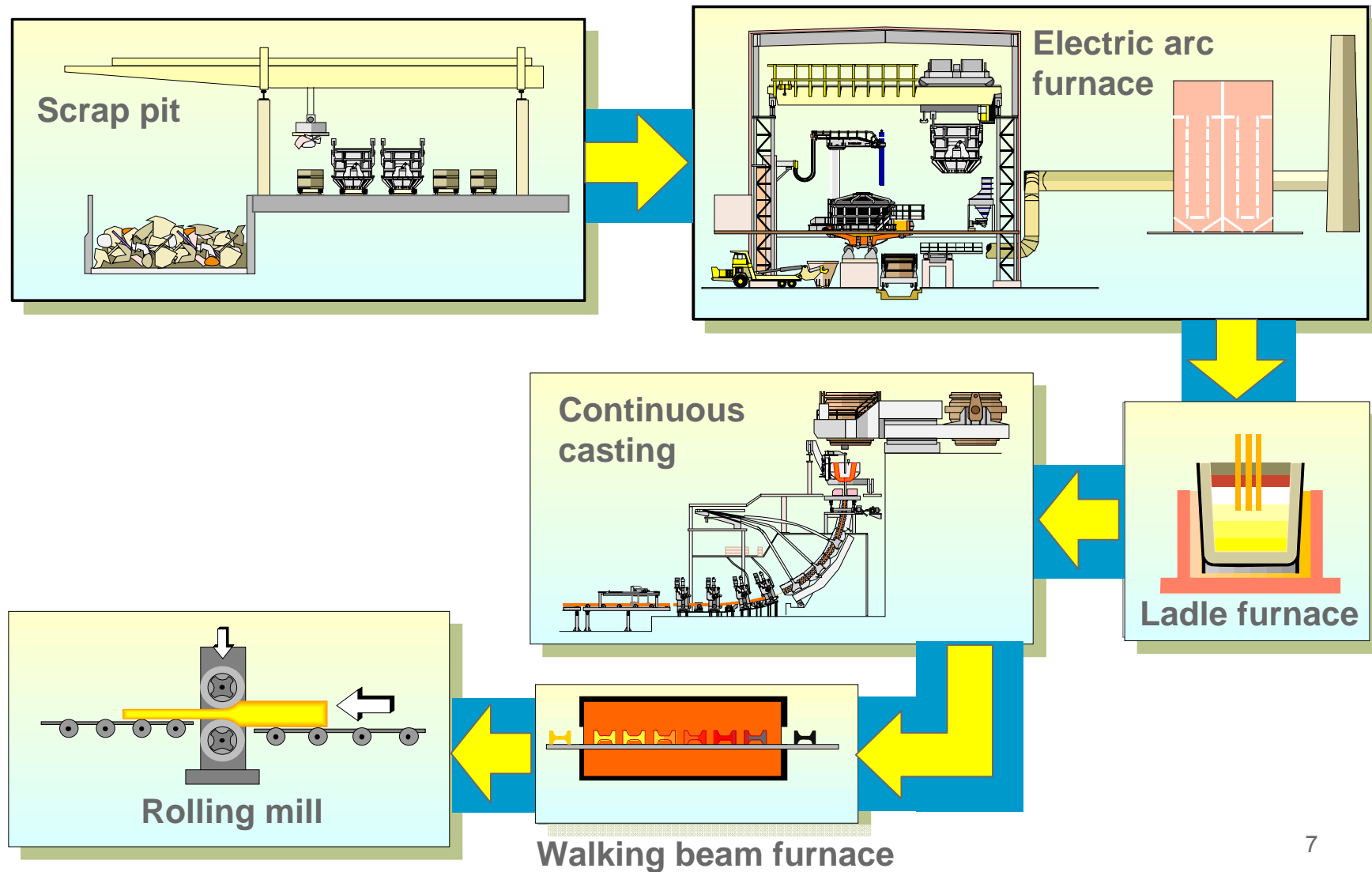
# Production HRSSP: mills



| HR SSP      |        |
|-------------|--------|
| Belval      | (LU)   |
| Differdange | (LU)   |
| Rodange     | (LU)   |
| Dabrowa     | (PL)   |
| Capacity    | 900 kt |



# Manufacturing of steel sheet piles (EAF)

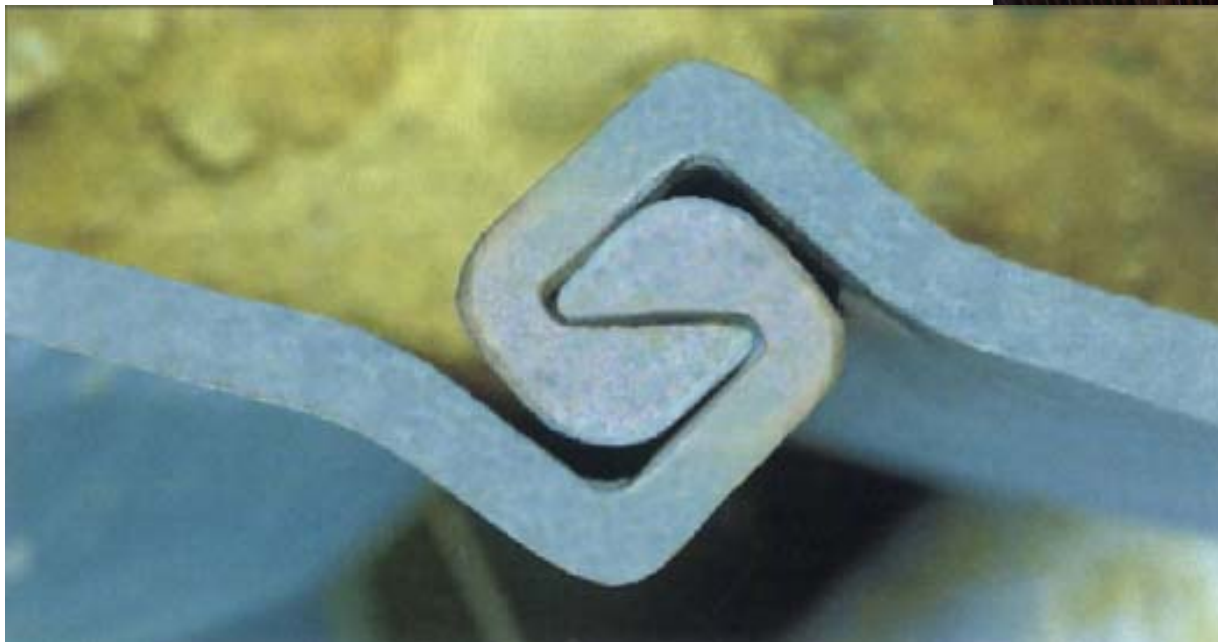




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## ArcelorMittal - Steel sheet piling

Row of interlocking vertical pile elements that form a continuous wall retaining soil and / or water


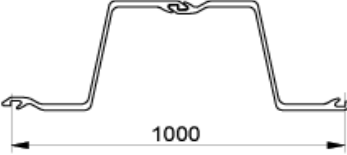
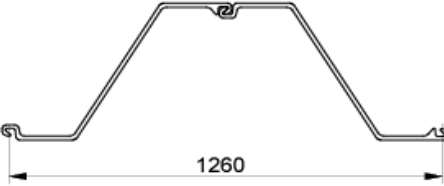
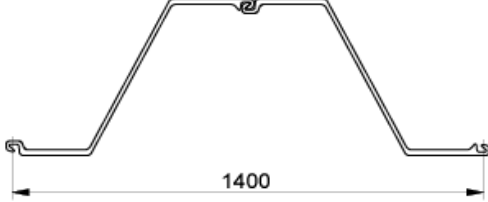

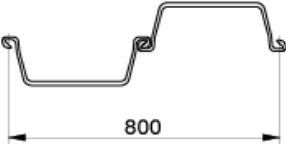
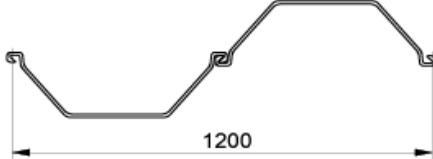
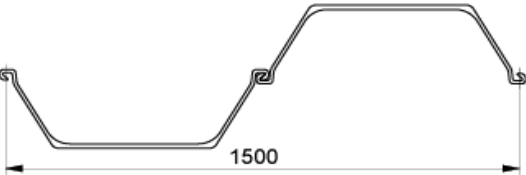




# Steel sheet piling: historical overview



- First rolled steel sheet pile in USA: Lackawana type, 1908
- Since 1911, **ArcelorMittal** has improved sheet pile sections

| Type     | RANSOME<br>1911   | BZ<br>1933  | AZ<br>1990   | AZ - 700<br>2004  |
|----------|---|---|--|---|
| <b>Z</b> |    |    |    |    |
| Type     | TERRE-ROUGE<br>1912   | LARSSSEN<br>1914  | PU<br>1988   | AU<br>2000  |
| <b>U</b> |  |  |  |  |



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# Ecology and steel sheet piles

ArcelorMittal's mills are certified

## ISO 9001, ISO 14001, OHSAS 18001

- Esch-Belval since December 2002 (ISO 14 001)
- Differdange since November 2003 (ISO 14 001)





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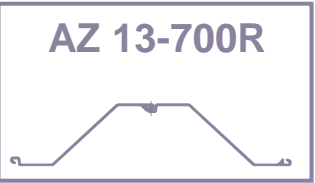























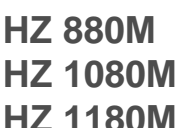

## Product range:

- straight web (flat sheet piles)
- bending resistant sheet piles (U, Z, HZ,...)
- bearing piles (HP)



# Hot rolled steel sheet piles (2011)

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|  |   |   |   |   |  |  |  |
|--|---|---|---|---|--|--|--|
| $W_x$ up to 5.000, resp. 46.500 cm <sup>3</sup> /m | <b>Z type</b>   | <br>AZ 13-700R   | <br>AZ 17 / 18 / 19 | <br>AZ 25 / 26 / 28    | <br>AZ 46 / 48 / 50                   |  |  |
|  |   | <br>AZ 13-770    | <br>AZ 18-700       | <br>AZ 26-700          | <br>AZ 38-700N                        |  |  |
|  | <b>U type</b>   | <br>PU 8R        | <br>PU 10R           | <br>PU 14R              | <br>AU 14 / 16 / 17                    | <br>AU 18 / 20 / 21 | <br>AU 23 / 25 / 26 |
|  |   | <br>GU 7N&S    | <br>PU 12          | <br>PU 18             | <br>PU 22                            | <br>PU 28          | <br>PU 32          |
|  | <br>HZ / AZ                                    | <br>GU 13-500 | <br>GU 16-400    | <br>HZ 775<br>HZ 975 | <br>HZ 880M<br>HZ 1080M<br>HZ 1180M |  |  |
| <b>Flat-type</b>                                   | AS 500 - 9.5 / 11.0 / 12.0 / 12.5 / 12.7<br> |   |   |   |  |  |  |

# Flat steel sheet piles



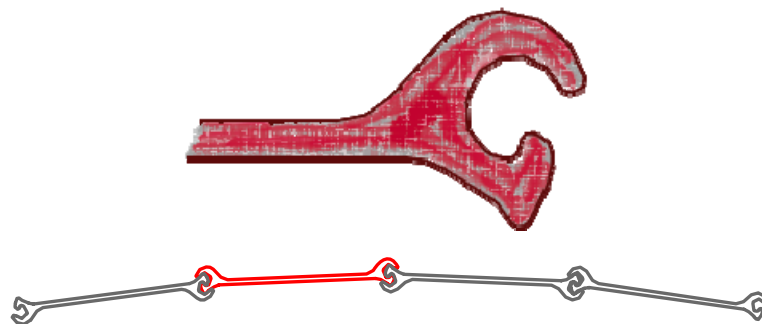
Large  
cofferdam with  
**circular cells**  
resting on  
bedrock

Seo-Hae  
Grand Bridge,  
South Korea



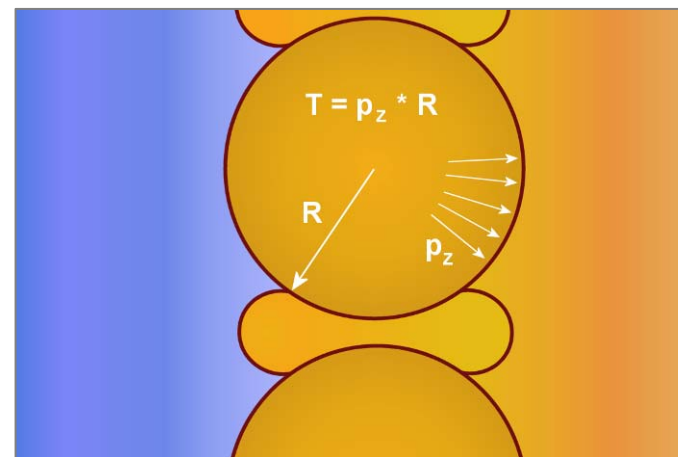
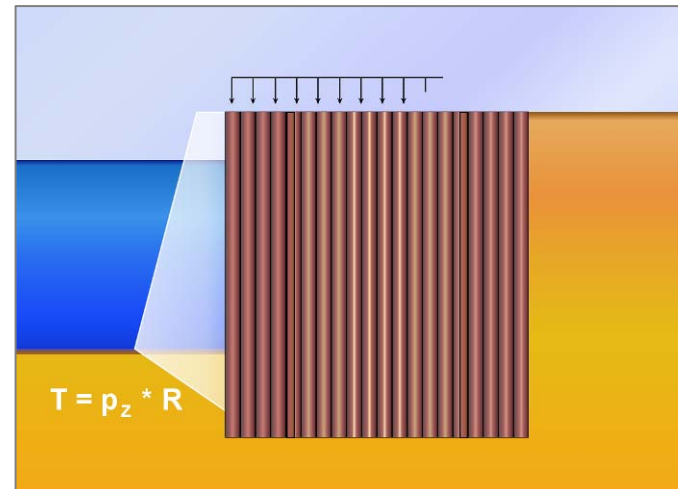
# Flat steel sheet piles

Resisting by **interlock tension**



**Straight web AS**

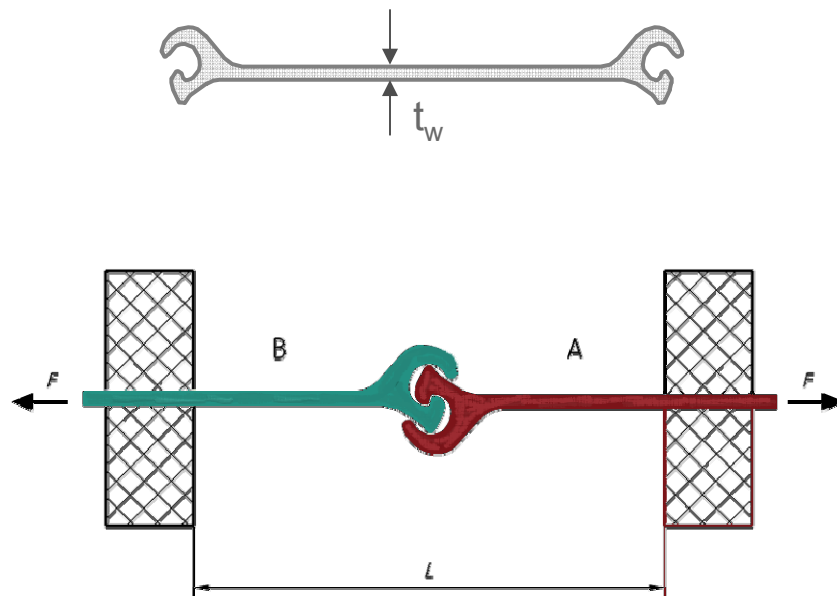
- gravity structure
- deep wharfs / quays / breakwaters / cofferdams
- structures founded on bedrock
- no anchors





# Flat steel sheet piles AS 500

Width = 500 mm (nominal)



$300 \text{ mm} \leq L \leq 500 \text{ mm}$

testing: **EN10248-1**

| Thickness web $t_w$<br>[mm] | <b>Interlock strength</b><br>(tension)<br>[kN/m] | $f_{yk}$<br>min. yield strength<br>[MPa] |
|-----------------------------|--|--|
| 9.5                         | 3 000  | 355                                      |
| 11.0                        | 3 500  | 355                                      |
| 12.0                        | 5 000  | 355                                      |
| 12.5                        | <b>5 500</b>                                     | 355                                      |
| 12.7                        | <b>5 500</b>                                     | 355                                      |



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# Tug-boat quay, Paraíso, Panama Canal (2004)



AS 500-12.0

20 circular cells

$\phi = 15.0 \text{ m}$ ,  $L = 18.5 - 20.0 \text{ m}$

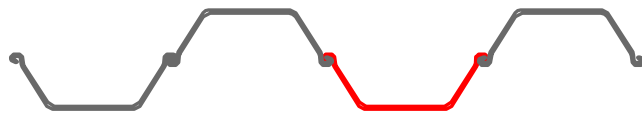
$\approx 3000 \text{ t}$





# Types of steel sheet piles

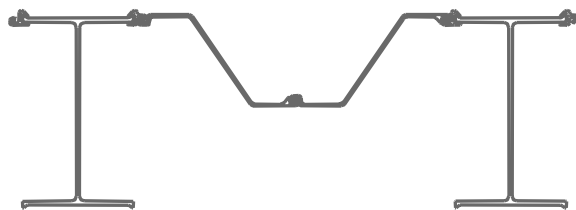
## Bending resistant



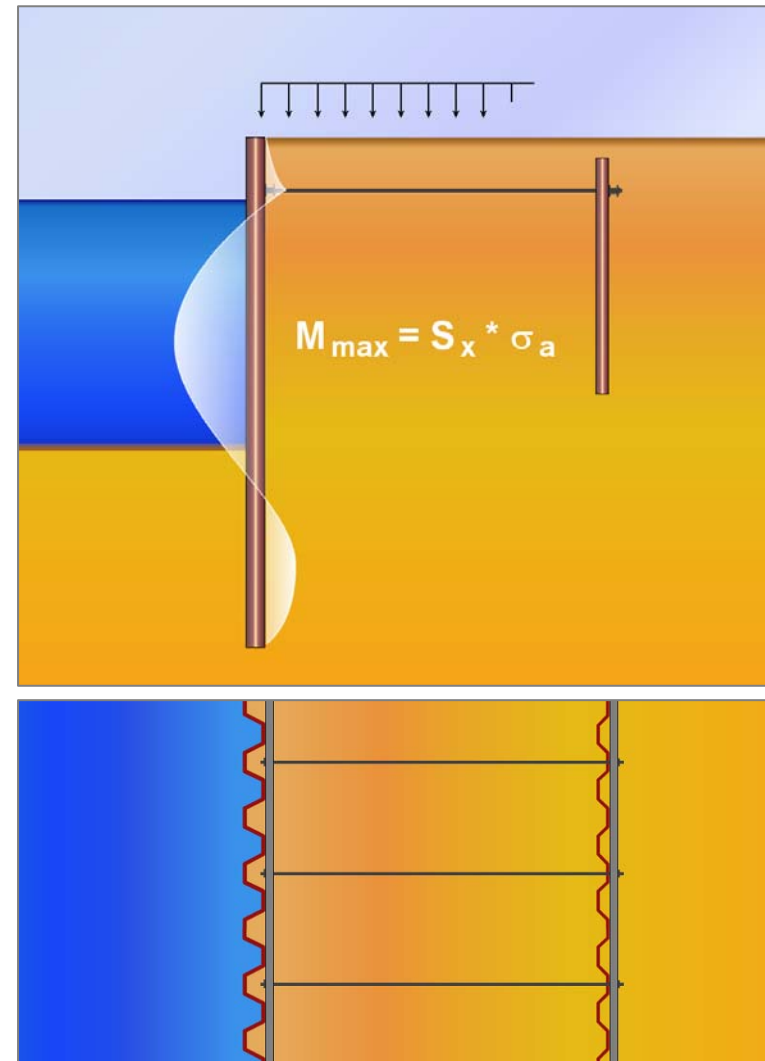
U - section



Z - section



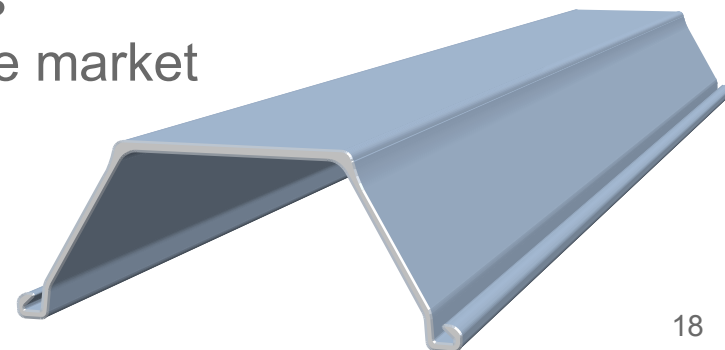
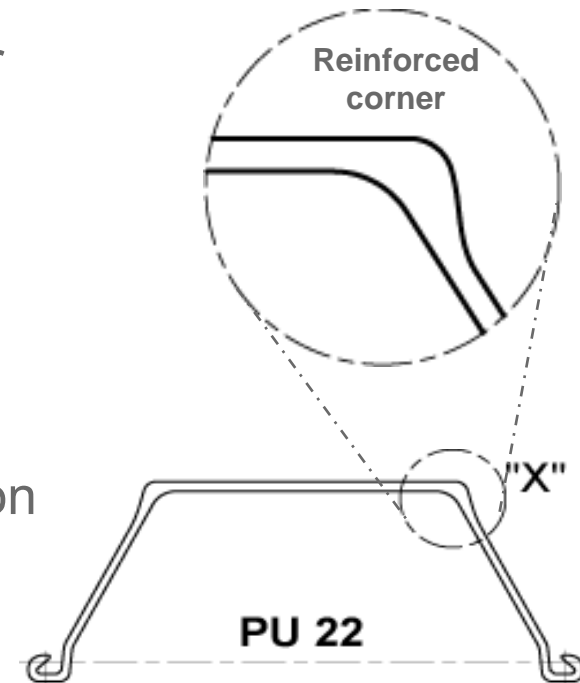
Combi-wall HZM / AZ





## The new PU 18, PU 22 & PU 28

- optimized shape (**reinforced shoulders**) for use in hard and difficult driving conditions
- designed for **multiple re-use** (rental business)
- in situ driving tests prove excellent installation performance
- complementary to the wider AU piles  
⇒ cover complete range of the U-pile market



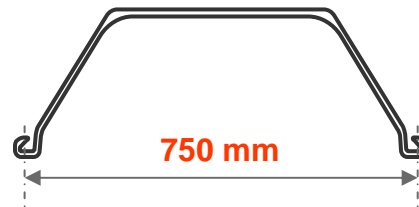


# Hot rolled U-sections: AU (2000)

AU 14  
**AU 16**  
AU 17



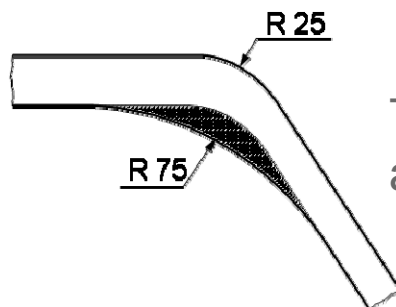
AU 18  
**AU 20**  
AU 21



AU 23  
**AU 25**  
AU 26

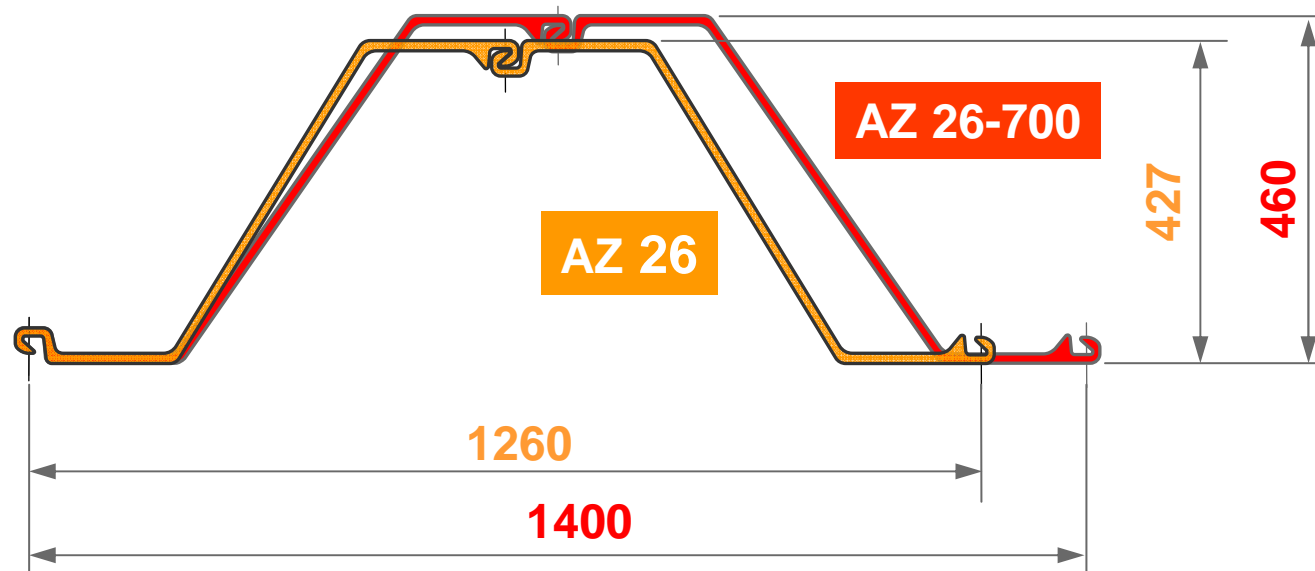


|                         |   |
|-------------------------|---|
| Width                   | <b>750</b> (mm)                         |
| Elastic section modulus | 1410 - <b>2580</b> (cm <sup>3</sup> /m) |
| Moment of inertia       | 28710 – 58140 (cm <sup>4</sup> /m)      |



The optimised radii of the AU have been patented and are an exclusivity of ArcelorMittal

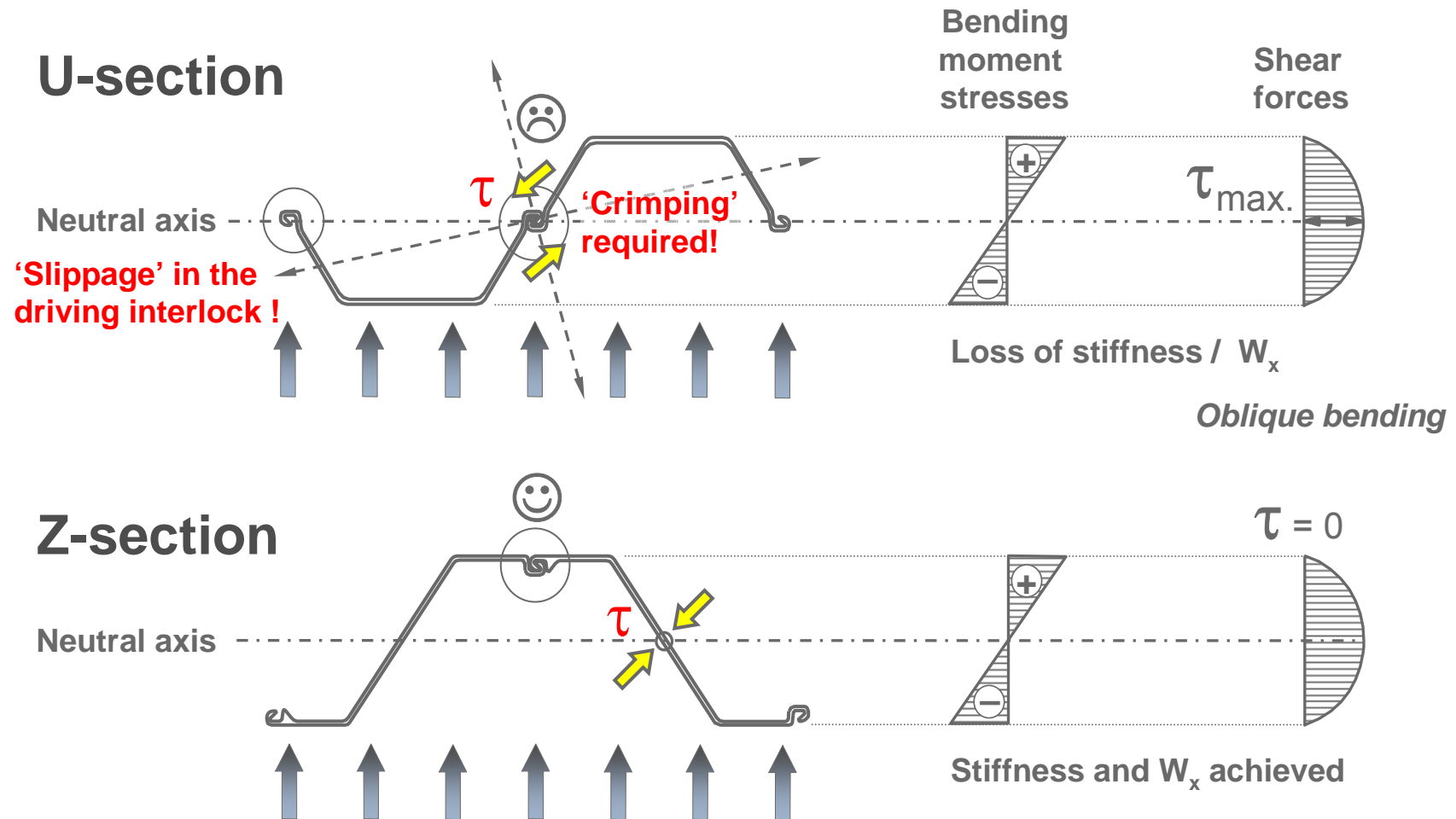
# AZ 26 | new AZ 26-700 (April 2008)



|                            | AZ 26 | AZ 26-700 |         |
|----------------------------|-------|-----------|---------|
| $W_x$ (cm <sup>3</sup> /m) | 2 600 | 2 600     |         |
| mass (kg/m <sup>2</sup> )  | 155.2 | 146.9     | ⇒ - 5 % |

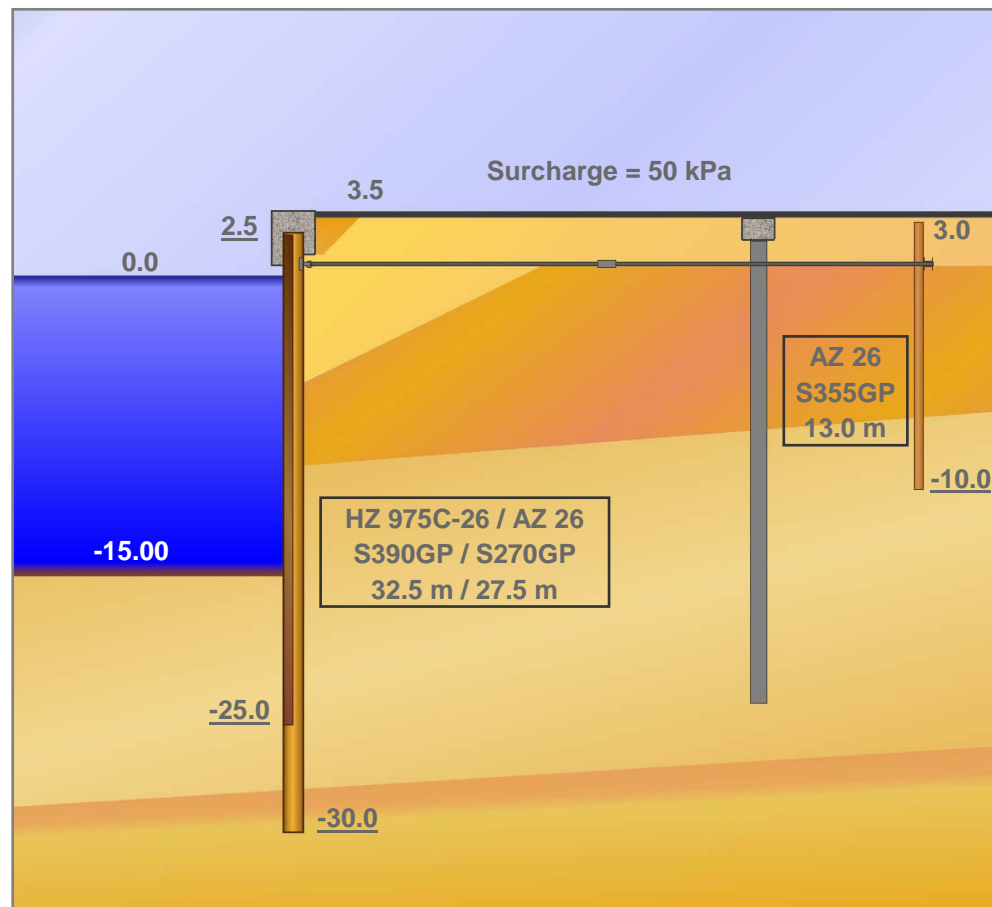


# Different behaviour of U and Z-piles





## Combined wall: main applications

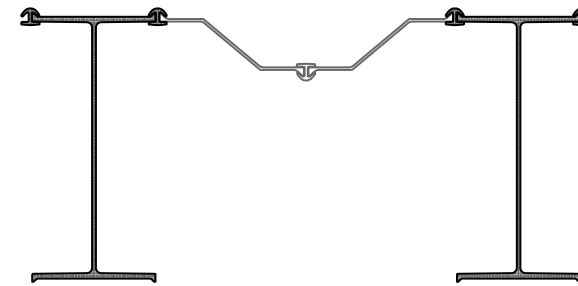


- waterfront structures with deep dredge level
- high retaining walls and deep cofferdams
- structures with limited deflection requirements (i.e. cantilever walls)

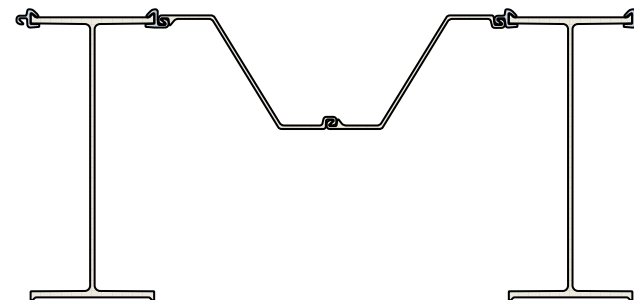


## The success story

- 1972: **HZ-ZH** system
  - HZ king piles
  - ZH specific infill sheets
  - RH connectors on HZ or ZH
  
- 1990: **HZ-AZ** system improvement of the system
  - HZ king piles
  - AZ **standard** infill sheets
  - RH/RZ connectors on HZ



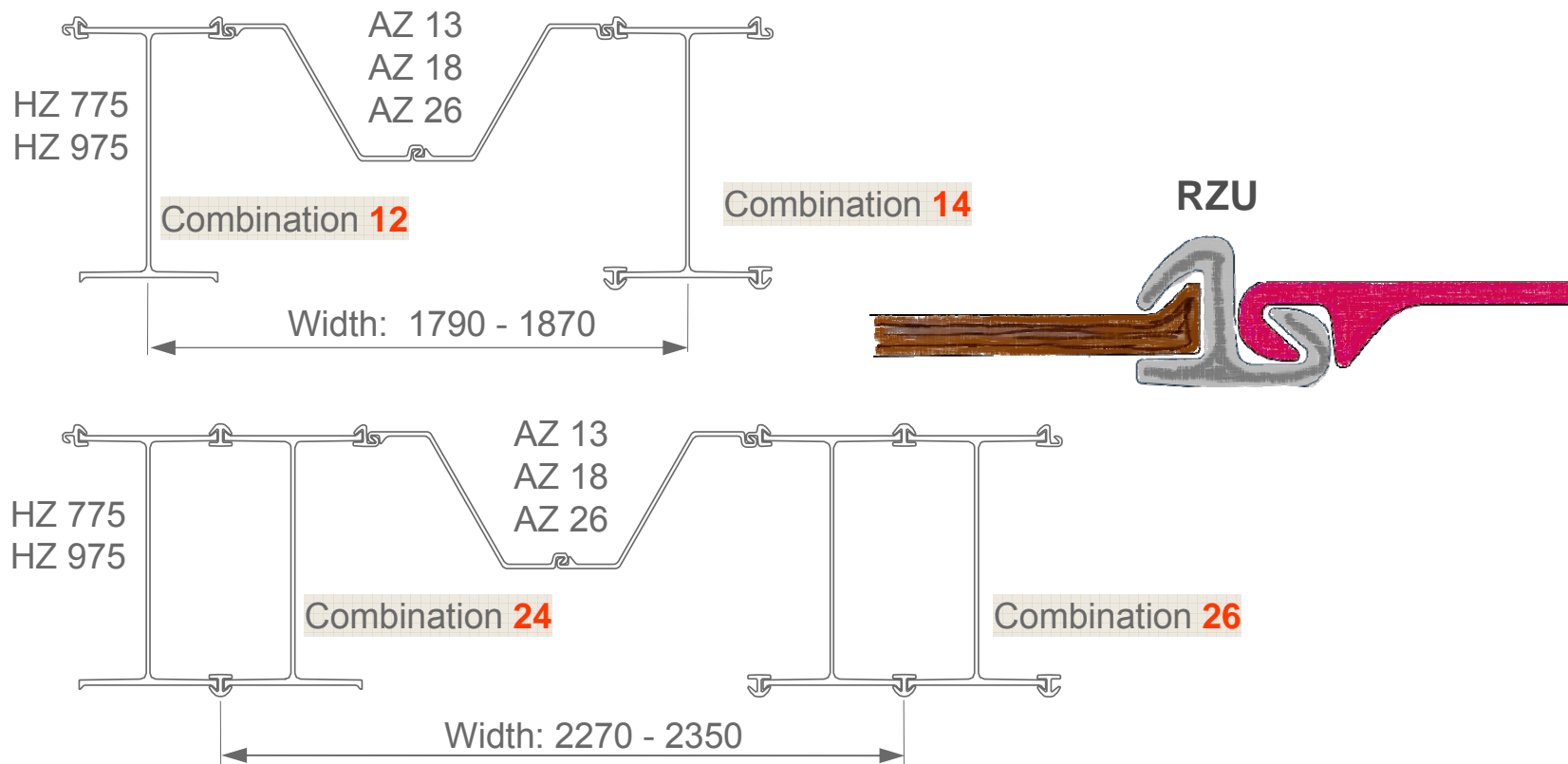
HZ 975 B - 12 – ZH 9.5 -11



HZ 1050 D - 12 – AZ 26



# HZ / AZ Steel Wall System



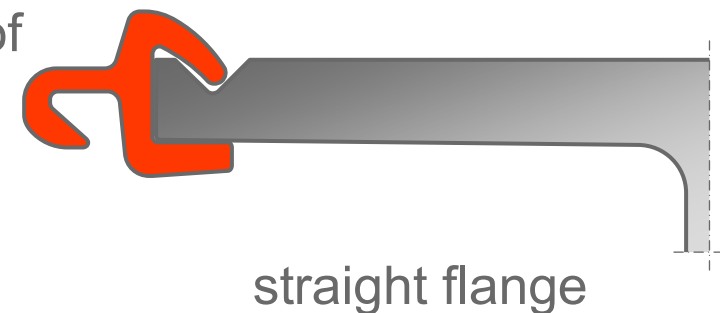
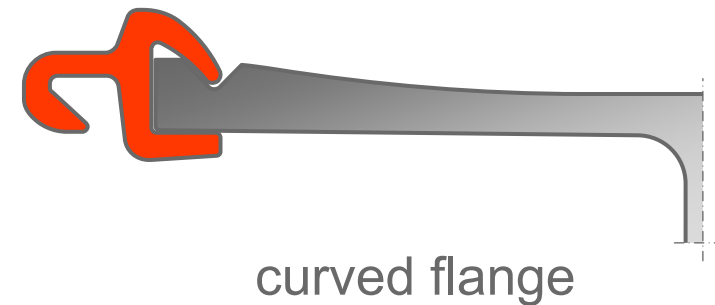
|                         |  |
|-------------------------|--|
| Elastic section modulus | 2 875 - <b>14 940</b> (cm <sup>3</sup> /m) |
| Moment of inertia       | 96 800 - 741 840 (cm <sup>4</sup> /m)      |





## New HZ-M range (2009)

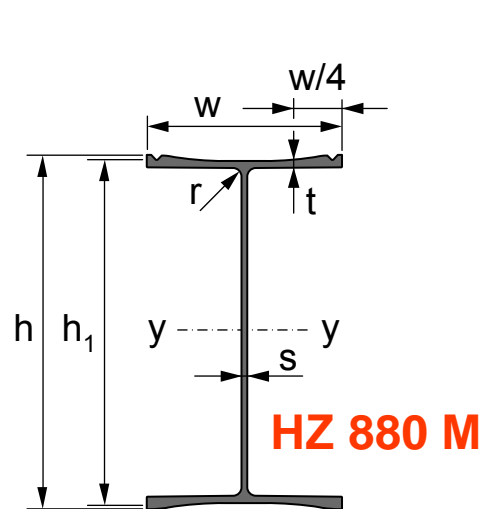
- increase competitiveness of HZ range
- achieve much higher  $W_x$
- $\Rightarrow$  new shapes of flange:
  - **460 mm** wide
  - deeper sections (ratio  $W_{el,y} / \text{weight} \uparrow$ )  
 $\Rightarrow$  higher productivity of the mill & vast range
- **milling** of the groove (enhanced respect of interlock tolerances)  
 $\Rightarrow$  develop new milling machine (challenge)



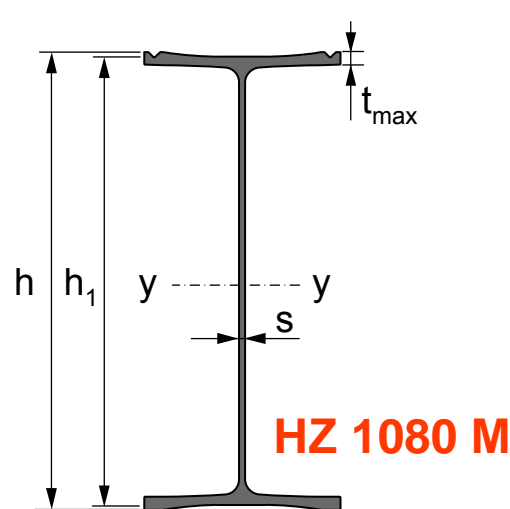


# Range of HZM

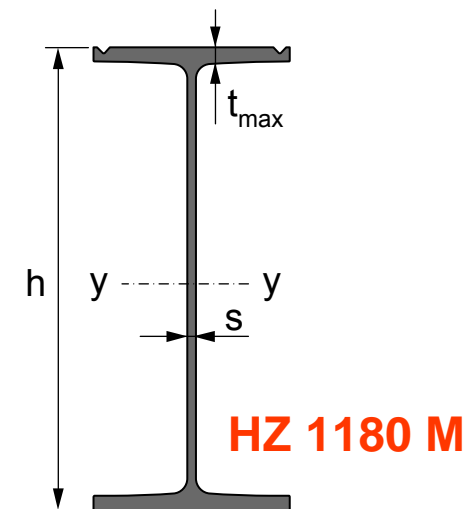
|                  | Nb of sections | h (mm)      | t (mm)  | s (mm)  | w (mm)    |
|------------------|----------------|-------------|---------|---------|-----------|
| <b>HZ 880 M</b>  | A, B, C        | 831         | 19 - 23 | 13 - 15 | 458 - 460 |
| <b>HZ 1080 M</b> | A, B, C, D     | 1075        | 20 - 30 | 16 - 19 | 454 - 457 |
| <b>HZ 1180 M</b> | A, B, C, D     | 1075 - 1087 | 31 - 37 | 20 - 22 | 458 - 460 |



t = 19, 21, 23 mm



t = 20, 23, 26, 30 mm

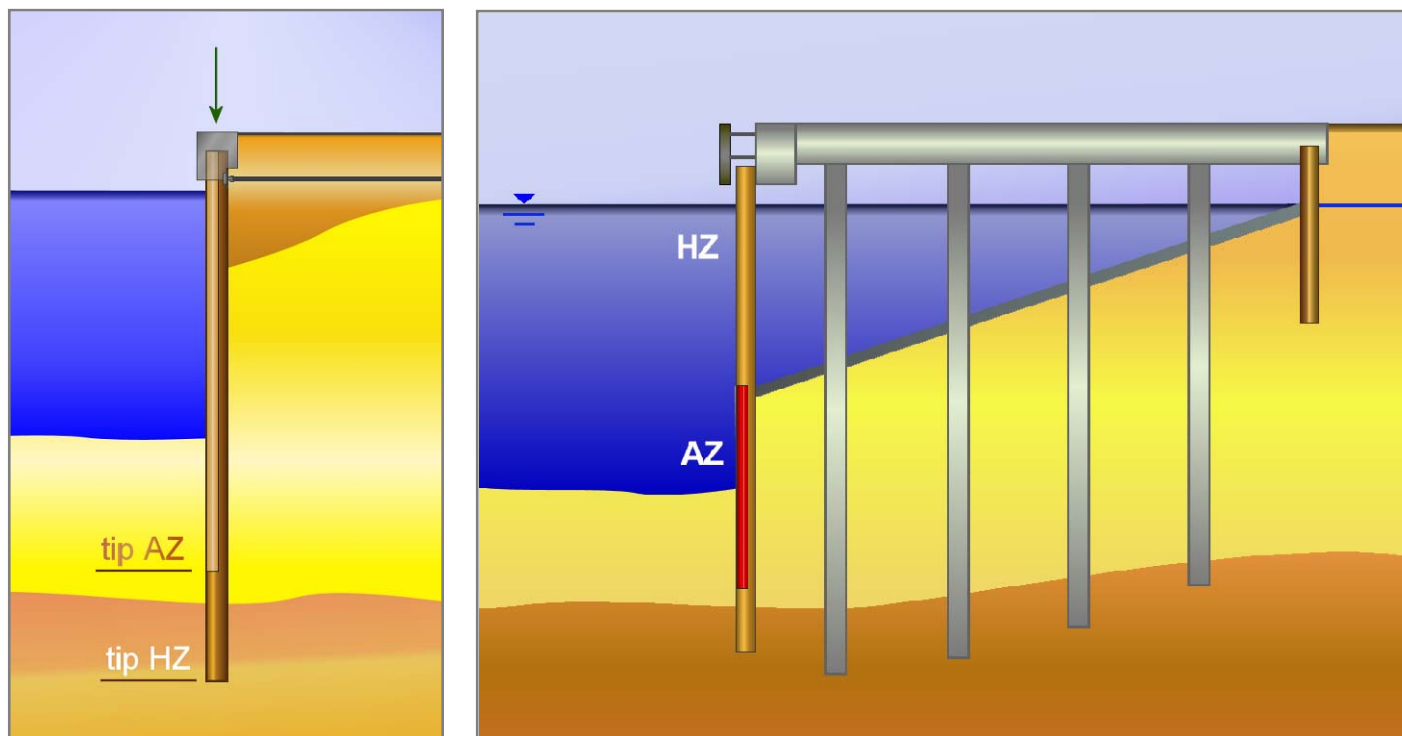


t = 31, 33, 35, 37 mm



## Reduced length of infill sheet piles

- the **shorter** intermediate piles AZ are designed to guarantee wall continuity  
⇒ weight savings
- passive **3D effect**: design as continuous wall

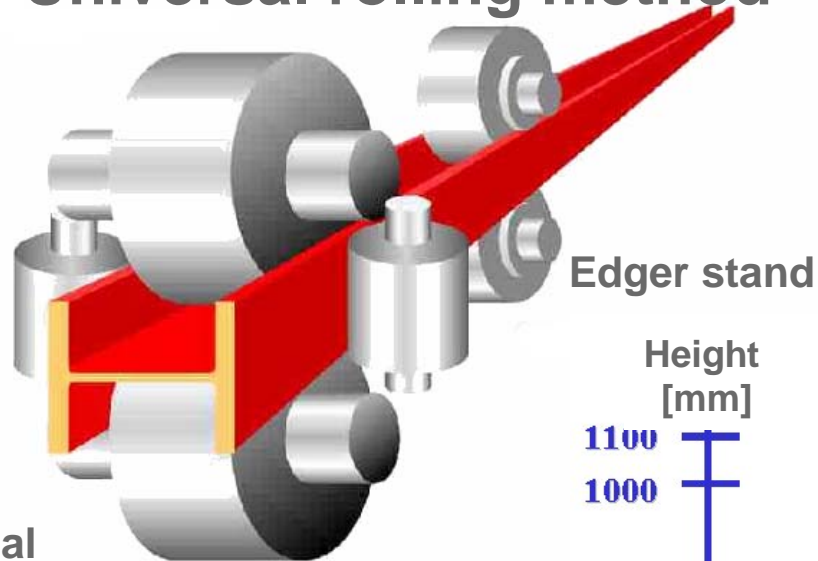




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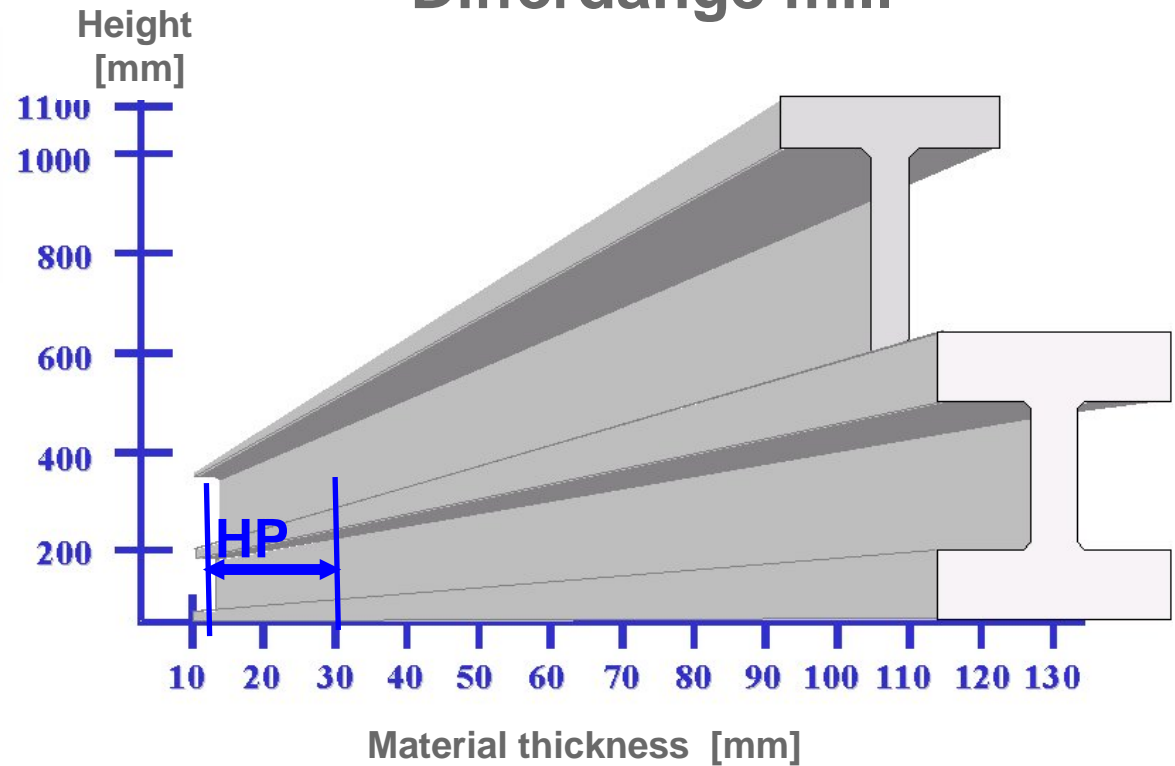
# Production of HP bearing piles

## Universal rolling method



Universal stand

## Product range Differdange mill





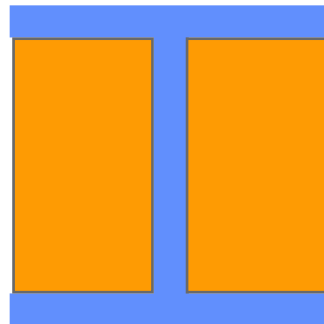
# Assessment of pile capacity by design

$$Q_u = Q_b + Q_s$$

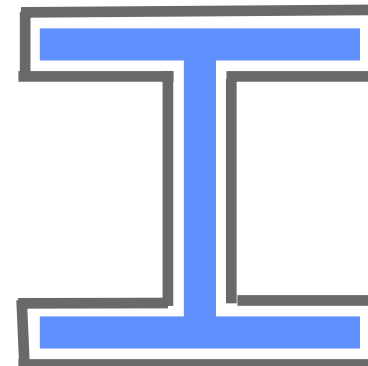
Base area  $A_b$

Perimetre  $A_s$

Compression  
resistance



Friction  
resistance  
(compression or  
tension)



$$A_b = \text{blue} + \text{orange}$$

$$A_s = \text{black line}$$

Soil reduction factors:

granular  
cohesive

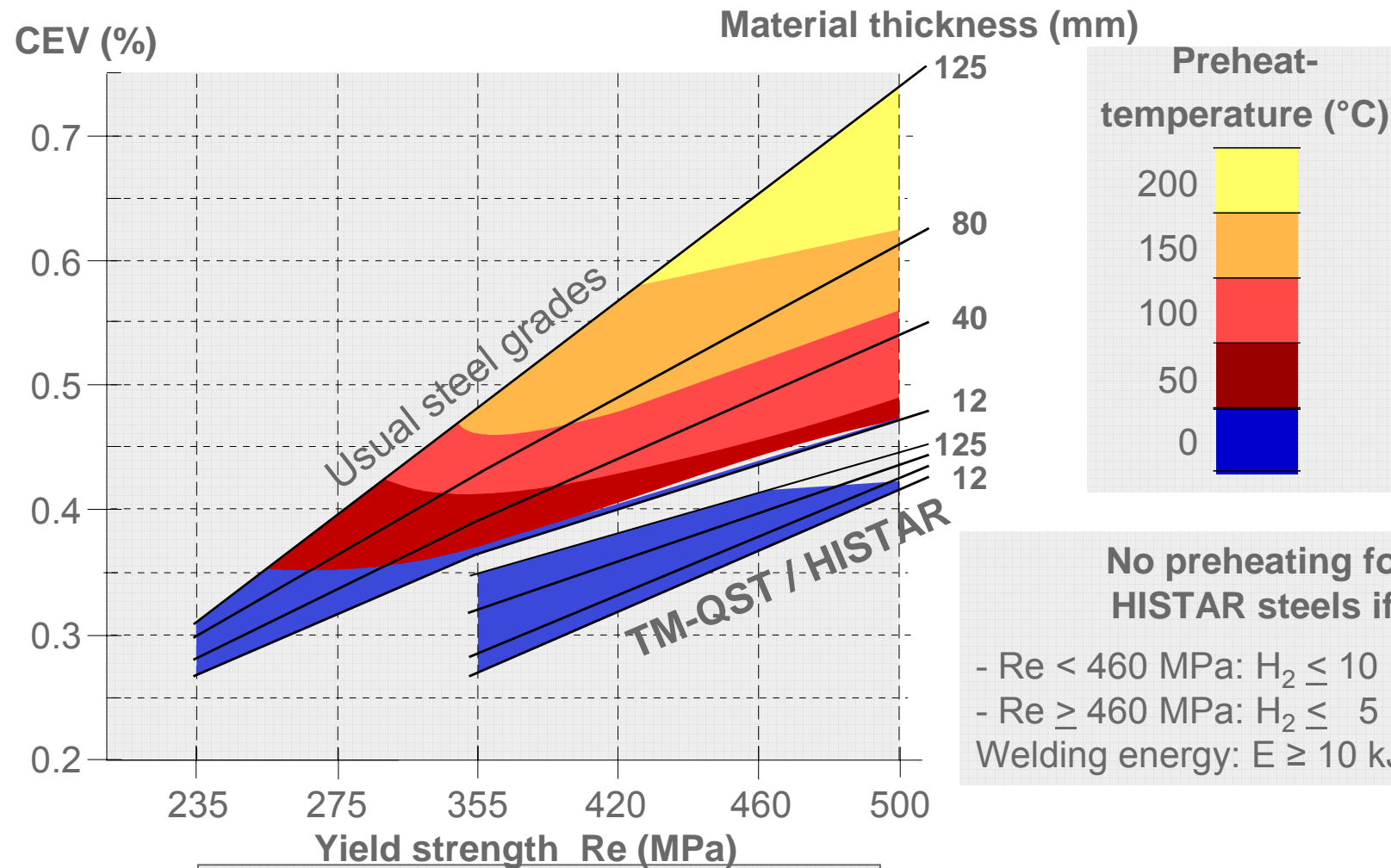
$$\beta_b = 1,00$$
$$\beta_b = 1,00$$

$$\beta_s = 0,67$$
$$\beta_s = 1,00$$



# Production of HP bearing piles

## Weldability and preheat temperatures (EN 1011-2)



**No preheating for HISTAR steels if:**

- Re < 460 MPa: H<sub>2</sub> ≤ 10 ml/100g
- Re ≥ 460 MPa: H<sub>2</sub> ≤ 5 ml/100g

Welding energy: E ≥ 10 kJ/cm

$$CE (\%) = C + \frac{Mn}{6} + \frac{(Cr + Mo + V)}{5} + \frac{(Cu + Ni)}{15}$$

# Types of HP piles

## Bare HP piles

Bare HP piles  
installed with a  
hydraulic impact  
hammer

Fruitkai – Ghent (B)



# Types of HP piles

## Injected HP piles



Toes of HP-injection piles 32



# Types of HP piles

## Enlarged HP piles



Compression piles  
Maasvlakte – Rotterdam (NL)



Tension piles  
Bremen (D)