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PRESENTATION AND BACK GROUND

- Kim Rolin
 - 1994 Diplom-Eng. in buildings.
 - 1994-2002 Contractor (JFE) - company specialized in DH-systems – civil- and pipework.
 - 2002 - Ramboll
 - 2002-2004 Worked together with Peter Randløv (Ramboll) Convenor of WG13 – (EN 13941)
 - 2003 - Expert-member of WG 13 and S 190 (Danish Mirror committee)



District heating arrives in Denmark ...

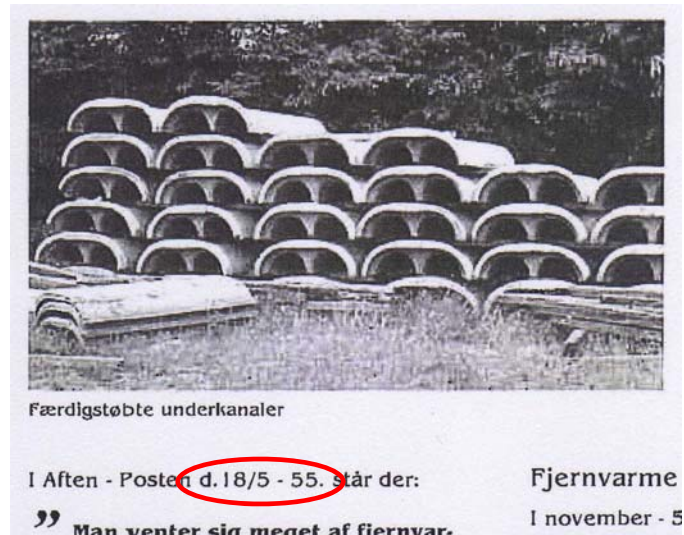


The first district heating plant in Denmark was finished in 1903 in the centre of Copenhagen for burning waste due to lack of landfilling space. The plant was at first just supplying the local poorhouse with steam.

The chimney and plant house is protected and now standing next to a modern 200MW peak load oil fired boiler plant.



The way to modern DH systems



It started with steam systems in the larger cities but after a couple of decades hot water systems came up.

At that time all systems were made with pipes in concrete ducts where pipe stress was eliminated with anchors and compensators or expansion loops.

In 1959 something happened ...



Ege Andersen

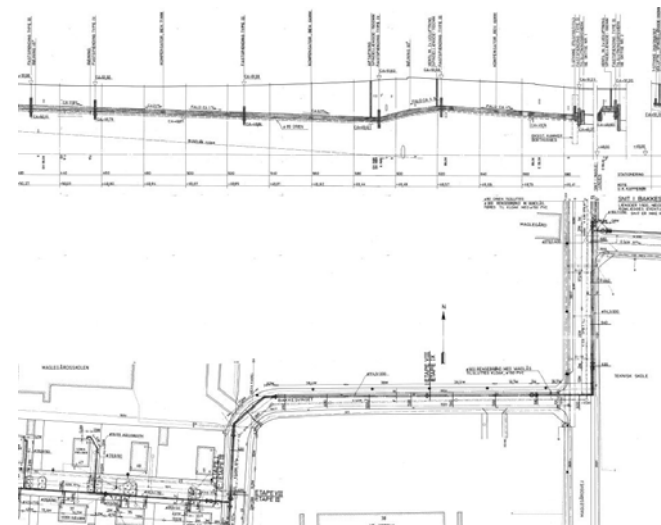
Mr. Ege Andersen, managing a plumbing and coppersmith company in the small city of Løgstør found in late 1950th a way to put a steel pipe in a casing pipe and insulate the space between the pipes with PU-foam.

The pre-insulated pipe was invented.

He founded a company called **LØGSTØR RØRindustri** today known as **LOGSTOR**.

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In the 1960th and 1970th most pre-insulated pipe systems were still fully or partly compensated with no or low pipe stress constructed with either expansion loops or the “sliding” system where the steel pipe moved freely inside the insulation and with anchor blocks and compensators.
The “sliding” system was used up until the 1980th.



In 1982 the first Danish standard for design and installation of district heating concrete and pre-insulated pipe systems was published. 3 Ramboll engineers participated in making the standard.

The Danish standard was the foundation for the EN standard 13941 we use today and Ramboll has always been represented in both the Danish and EN standard committees.

The purpose for making this standard has from the beginning been to make more efficient and reliably district heating systems.

The standard committee is working continuously to improve and include new discoveries and experience to make sure the standard always will represent best practise and be state of the art.

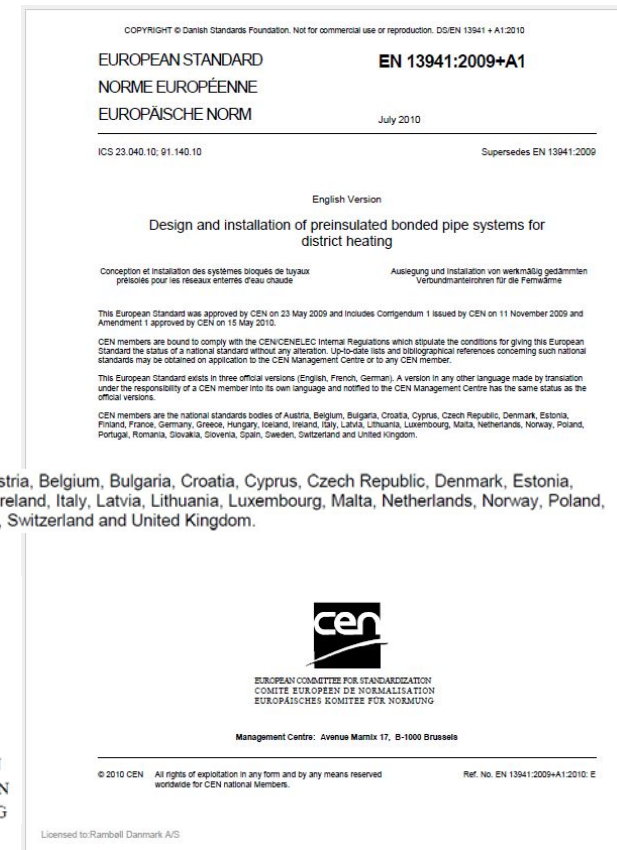


Together with EN 13941 there is a numbers of associated standards which describe how **all** parts of a complete DH system must be made and to which quality.

CEN members are the national standards bodies of Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland and United Kingdom.



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HISTORY OF STANDARDS SHORT



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| DK-Standard for DH: | 1982 - (DS 448) |
| EN-standard for: DH-komponents | 1990 – (EN 253 – max DN600) |
| EN- standard 13941: Design and installation | 2003 (first version) |
| Current version | 2010 |
| New version expected | 2018 |

DISTRICT HEATING LAYING METHODS



Compensated systems (reduction of axial forces)

- Pipe-systems preheated in open trench - sections made with Z-bends and U-bends
- Pipe-systems compensated with L, Z and U-bends without preheating or with preheating after backfilling of trench but with open trench at the bends.
- Pipe-systems with E-compensators (SUC=Single use compensator).

Cold-laying (High Axial Stress-systems):

- Pipesystems without preheating or compensations-elements as bends and SUC.

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Pipe network - The Danish way

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Benefits in design ...

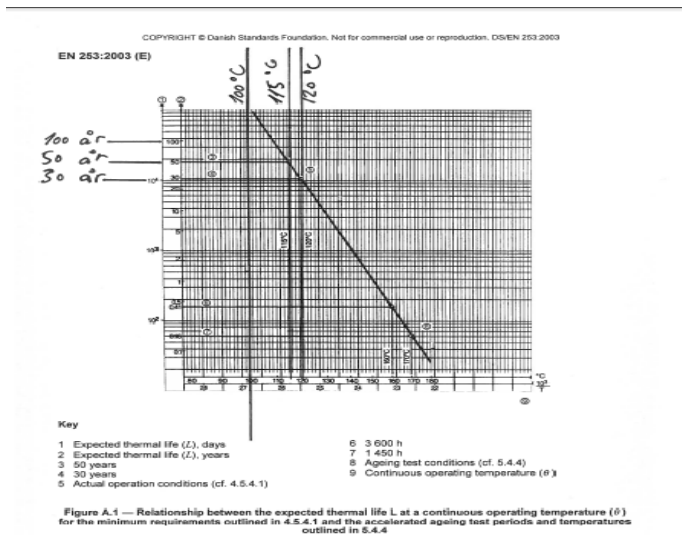
Lower temperature =
Longer expected lifetime

100 °C > 100 year

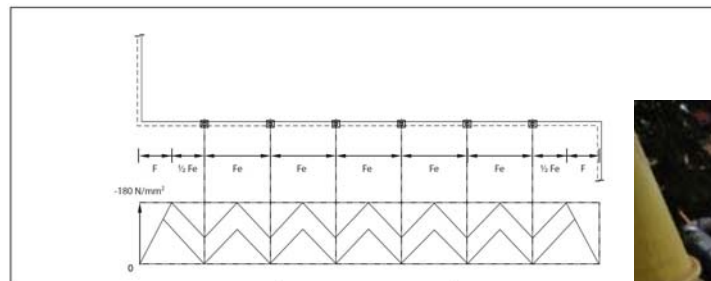
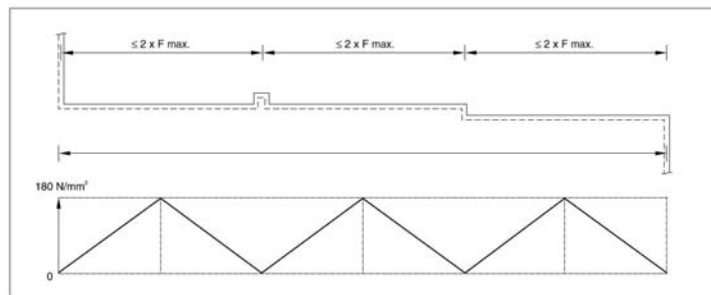
115 °C = 50 year

120 °C = 30 year

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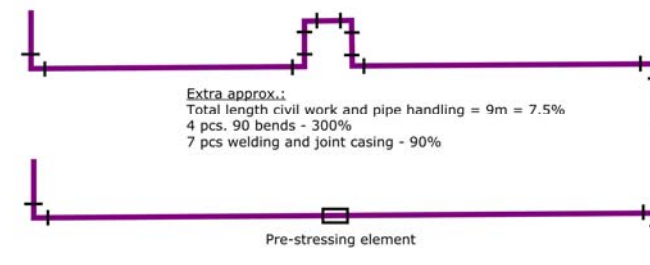
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Expansion loops / Pre-stressing elements

Example: DN 100 / 4" series 2 - ø114,3/225

$F \text{ (m)} = 55 \text{ m} \times 2 = 110 \text{ m}$

$U = 2,1 \text{ m}$ - Due to pre-installing joints $U \geq 3 \text{ m}$

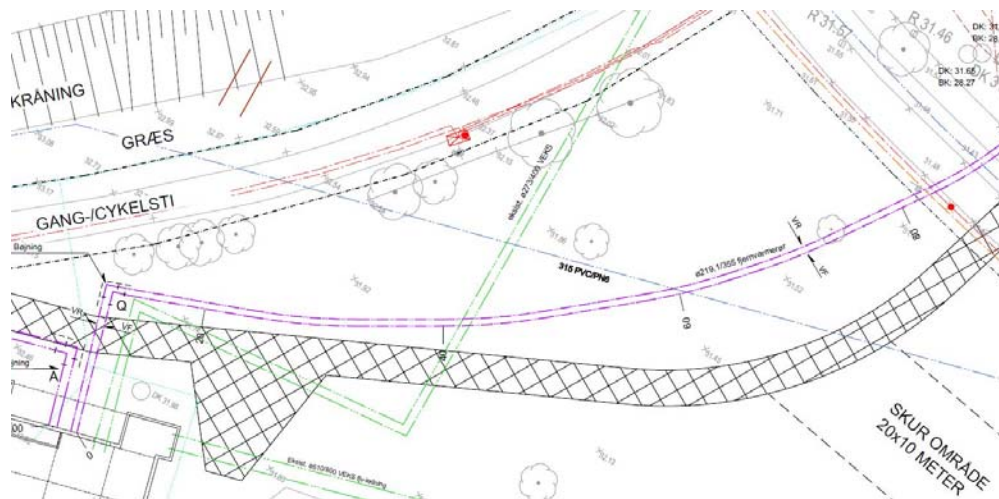


Expansion loops is typically made on both supply and return.
Pre-stressing elements only on supply.



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RENOVATING DN700/1000



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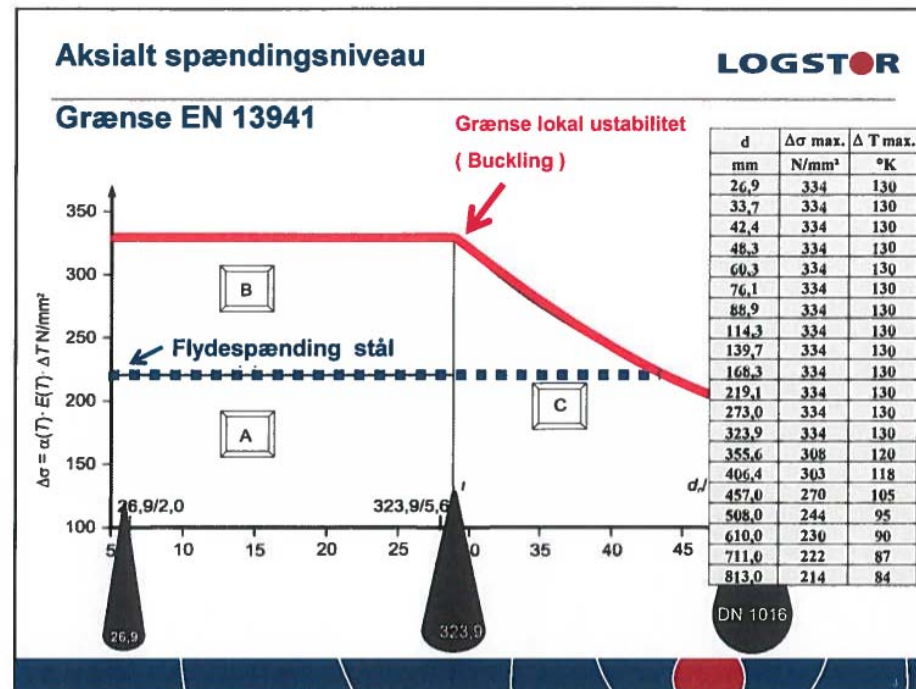


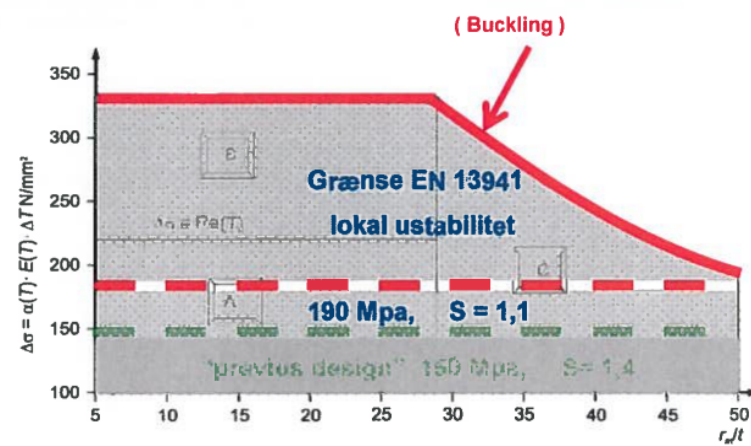
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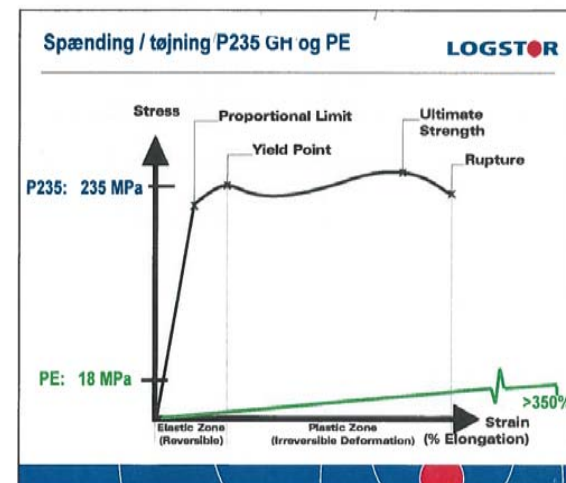
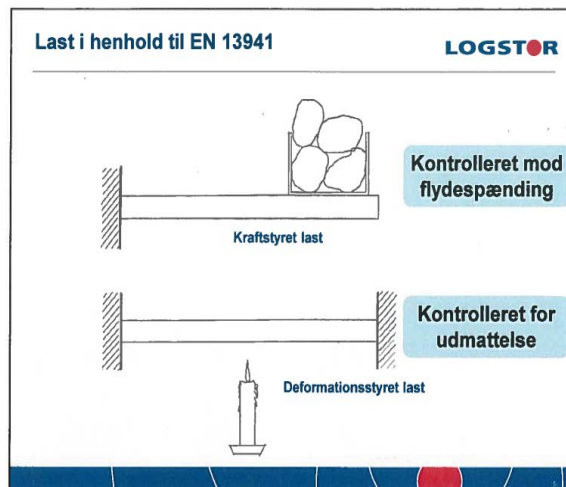
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STRESSES OVER YIELD-STRESS

IS THAT POSSIBLE ? AND WHAT TO BE AWARE OF



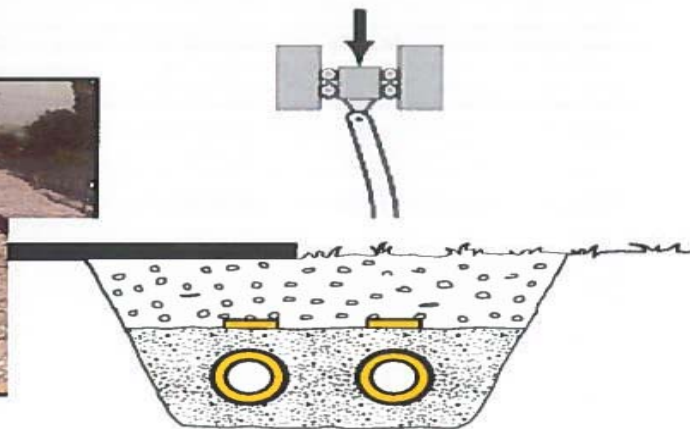
HIGH AXIAL STRESS PRINCIPLES OF FORCES



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Stabilitet - lokal / global



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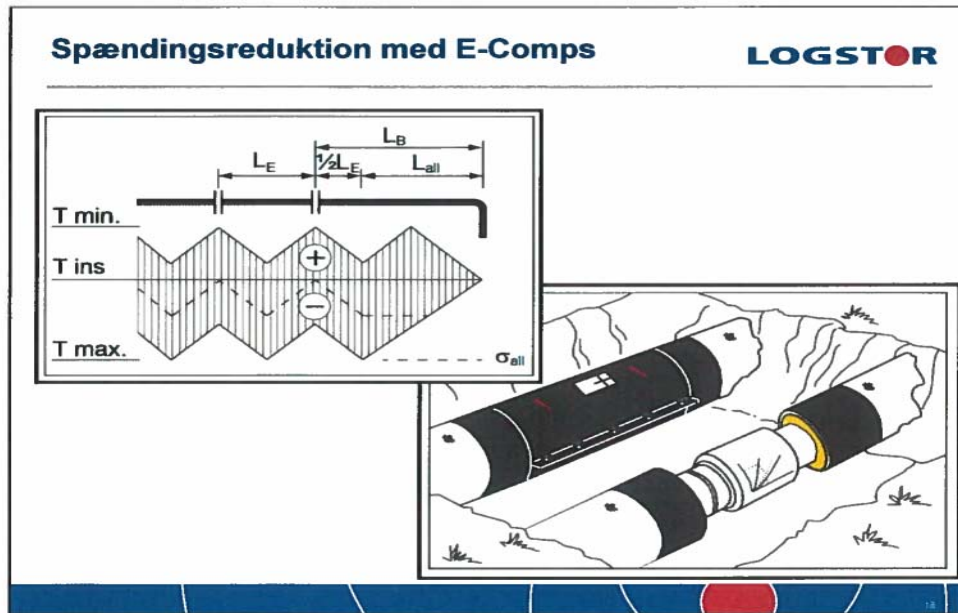
TOPICS TO CONSIDER WHEN USING SYSTEMS WITH HIGH AXIAL STRESS.

- The risks of parallel excavations near DH-pipes (other utilities)
- Necessary soilcover when using curved pipes.
- Limitation in the use of angular deviations at welds.
- Reductions of pipes (only 1 dimension at a time)
- Special attention for branches, both prefabricated and "in-situ" – fatigue are the main-topic.
- Larger deformations at the bends.

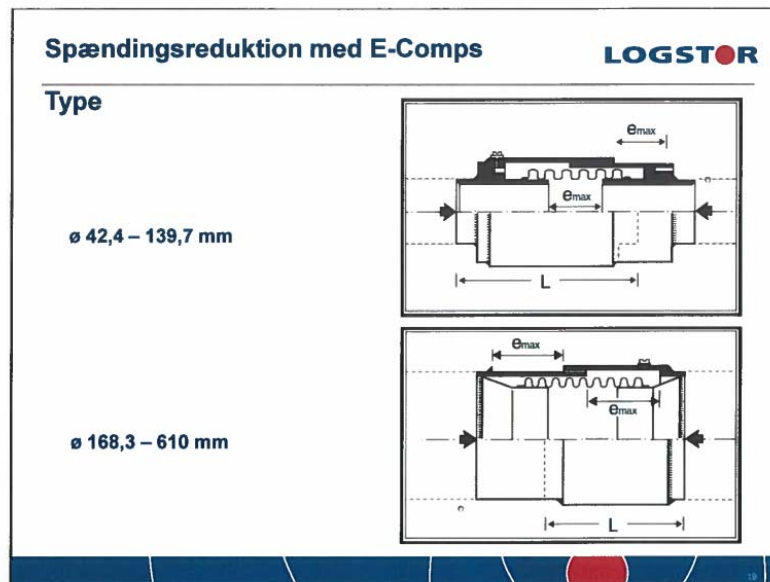




LOWERING THE STRESSES BY USING E-COMPENSATORS. (SUC)



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How long are the periode from welding in the E-compensator to making the final “closing” of the E-compensator ?

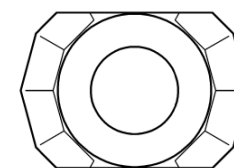
Is it possible to come back for closing at the time of commissioning or shall the E-compensator be closed “before leaving working-area” ?

E-compensators must only be connected to straight pipes. Elastic bending on sections with E-kompensators are not allowed

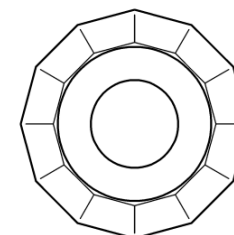
Using of E-kompensators with preset gap or with “full gap”.

HOW TO HANDLE (LARGE) DEFORMATIONS AT THE BENDS

- Sandcushions – only suitable for open field and only for small deformations (recommended not to be used)
- Foamcushion - Maximum allowable deformation 70% of 120mm = 84mm (may require extra strong foam at bends)
- “open bends” - Area around bends are backfilled after “first-time” expansion. (reducing of deformation)
- Special Constructions - making space to allow pipes to expand without soil pressure.

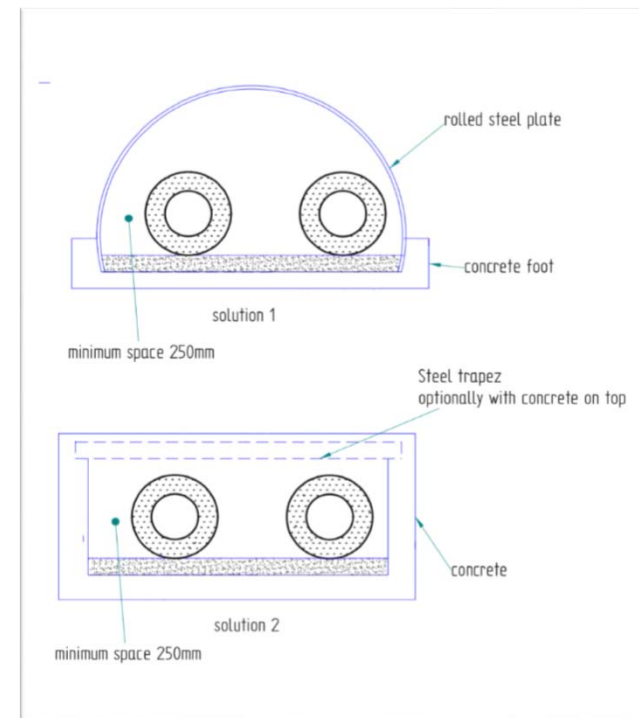
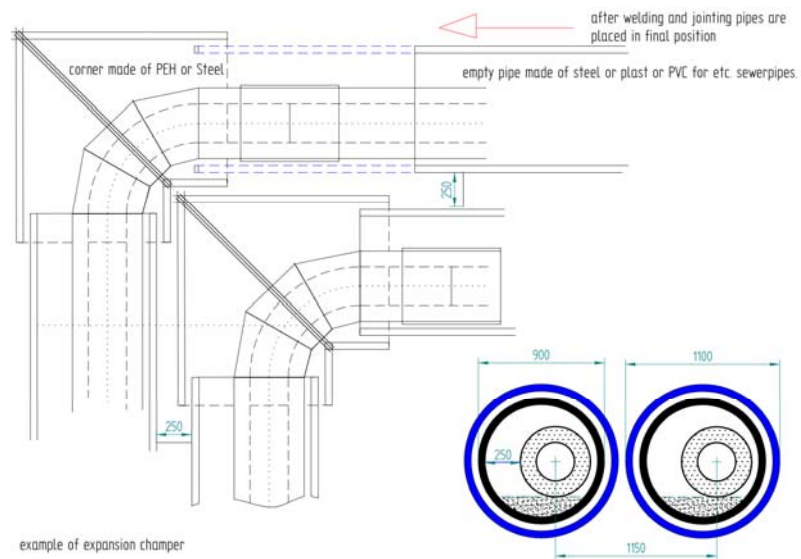


a)



b)

Figure 12 — Possibilities for expansion cushions of the outer casing



BENEFITS FROM USING E-COMPS OR HIGH AXIAL STRESS SYSTEMS ACC. EN 13941

- Reducing amount of weldings and joints significant, (and the risk of failures)
- Lowering the cost of components and pipework, welding/mounting.
- Lower cost of civil-works due to more simple routing, better workflow (no preheating) easier handling of the traffic (no U or Z-bends needed) and shorter construction time (shortening of the time with open trenches means less traffic-handling and maintenance of trenches and working-area).

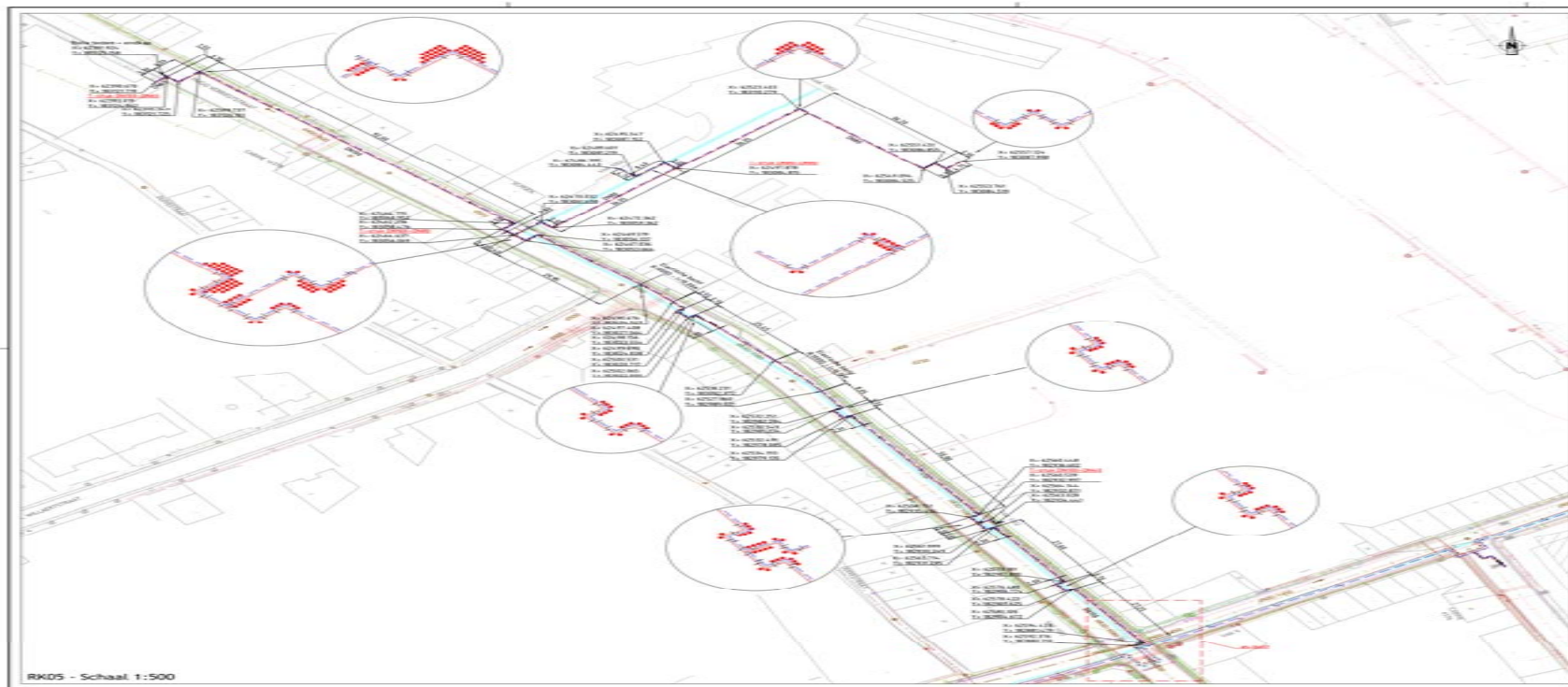
BENEFITS IN DESIGN.

If you want all the benefits of using the EN 13941 for designing, you have to use all of the standards.

This means among others:

- Pipes, fittings and joints shall be according the EN standards
- Weldings shall be according EN 13941. high quality and strict demands for misalignments.
- If doing so, its possible to make projects in projectclass A+B mainly by using design-manuals from pipesupplier = lowering the cost for designing.

EXAMPLE FROM BELGIUM - 2017



EN 13941 IN THE FUTURE



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