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Maintenance and Decision Tools

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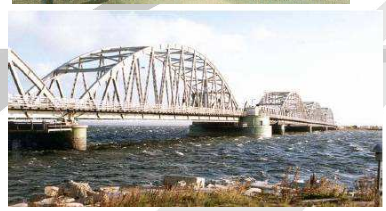
1. Problem Definition

A common problem among bridge owners/managers is the need to reduce spending whilst attempting to operate and maintain an increasingly ageing bridge stock which is subject to a loading intensity for which, in many cases, it was not designed.



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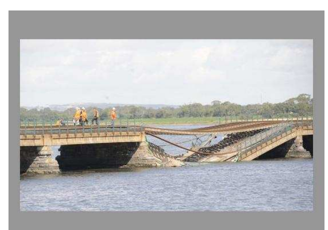
That structures have lived shorter than their design life!



Ireland, 21 august 2009

Tianjin, China, 15 july 2009

Zuzhou flyover, China, 17 may 2009

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Or that structures have lived longer than their design life!!
Victoria Falls Bridge (1905)
What to do in 2005?
End of 100 yr lifetime!!

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1. Problem Definition

For a given structure how do we decide upon the optimal maintenance strategy as a function of age, condition, importance, **required remaining life** etc. in a robust/repeatable manner, avoiding generalisation/excessive conservatism such that our maintenance budget is optimised???

e.g. *Storstroem 1937, 3.2km*

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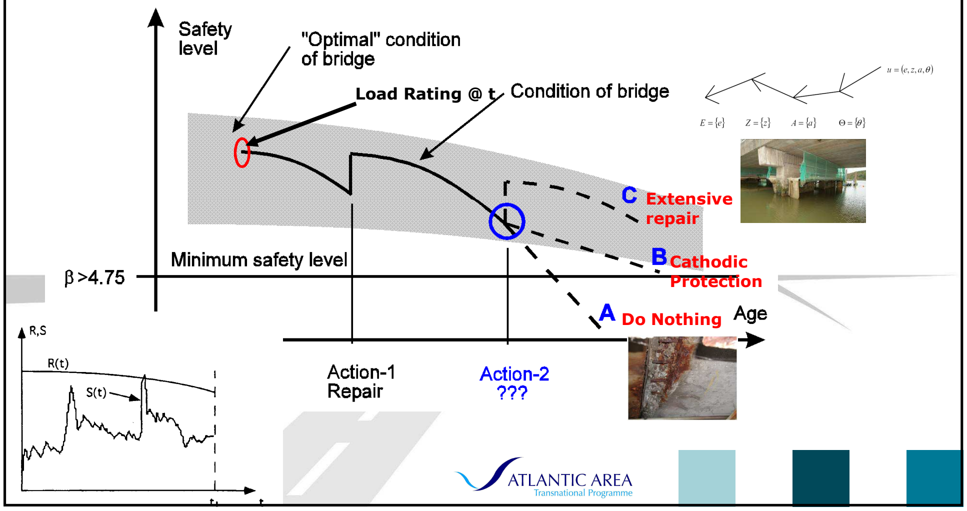
Question 1:

- Does a bridge necessarily have to fulfill the specific requirement of the general code as long as the overall requirement for the safety is satisfied.



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Question 2:

- Does a bridge necessarily have to be pretty to be safe?

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2. Probability Based Maintenance Optimisation

Statistical Modelling of:

Loads
Resistances
Uncertainties

Updating based upon results of tests/inspections

Purpose:
Cut strengthening or rehabilitation costs **without** compromising the safety level

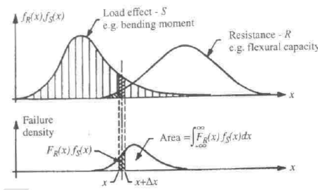
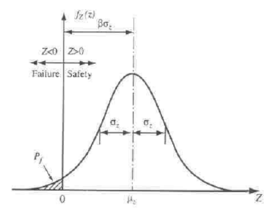


Table 1 – Minimum Safety Levels Specified by the Eurocode (EN1990:2002)

Reliability Class	Minimum values for β	
	1 year reference period	50 year reference period
CC3 (RC3)	5.2	4.3
CC2 (RC2)	4.7	3.8
CC1 (RC1)	4.2	3.3



Essentially a Bridge specific "code" is obtained

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2. Probability Based Maintenance Optimisation

Legal Basis – Eurocode 1 Basis of Design

Safety Level NEVER Compromised – Rather Optimised

EUROPEAN STANDARD
NORME EUROPÉENNE
EUROPÄISCHE NORM

EN 1990

April 2002

ICS 91.010.30 — Supersedes ENV 1991-1:1994

English version

Eurocode - Basis of structural design

Eurocodes structuraux - Eurocodes: Bases de calcul des structures — Eurocode: Grundlagen der Tragwerksplanung

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3.5 Limit state design

(1)P Design for limit states shall be based on the use of structural and load models for relevant limit states.

(2)P It shall be verified that no limit state is exceeded when relevant design values for
– actions,
– material properties, or
– product properties, and
– geometrical data
are used in these models.

(3)P The verifications shall be carried out for all relevant design situations and load cases.

(4) The requirements of 3.5(1)P should be achieved by the partial factor method, described in section 6.

(5) As an alternative, a design directly based on probabilistic methods may be used.

NOTE 1 The relevant authority can give specific conditions for use.

NOTE 2 For a basis of probabilistic methods, see Annex C.

(6)P The selected design situations shall be considered and critical load cases identified.

(7) For a particular verification load cases should be selected, identifying compatible load arrangements, sets of deformations and imperfections that should be considered simultaneously with fixed variable actions and permanent actions.

(8)P Possible deviations from the assumed directions or positions of actions shall be taken into account.

(9) Structural and load models can be either physical models or mathematical models.

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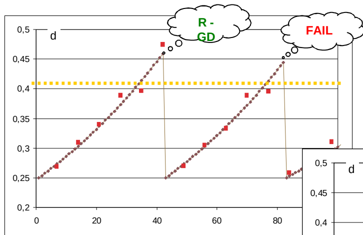
Defect growth – failure - control – repair

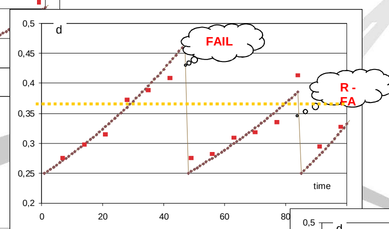
Consequences of the technique quality on decisions and life cycles

3 issues are possible at each inspection.

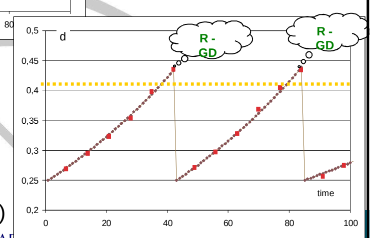
The noise tends to increase the number of inaccurate statements



Poor technique (Q = 20)



Average technique (Q = 40)



Good technique (Q = 80)

3. Case Studies

(i) Storstrom Bridge

- The 3.2 km long Storstroem Bridge connects the Danish Island of Zealand with the southern Danish islands of Falster and Lolland.
- The bridge opened in September 1937.

Storstrom Bridge: Results of Assessment

Deterministic assessment of the deck slab using PROCON for combined dead and live load produced a maximum load factor of 0.61. This implies that the slab is incapable of sustaining the applied load. The recommendation would therefore involve costly rehabilitation of the structure.

Probabilistic Assessment including deterioration modelling, with deterioration models updated based upon inspection results performed at the bridge could document sufficient capacity.

Table 5 - Results of deterministic and probabilistic assessment; O'Connor et al (2004).

Load Combination	Self Weight + KL10 Live Load
Deterministic plastic load carrying capacity	61 %
Probabilistic Assessment: No deterioration	$p_f = 2.94 \times 10^{-13}$ $\beta = 7.20$
Probabilistic Assessment: Stochastic modelling of deterioration according to inspections results	$p_f = 6.92 \times 10^{-7}$ $\beta = 4.83$

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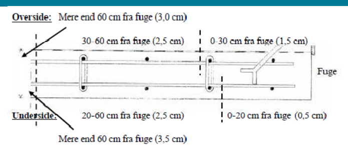
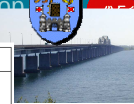
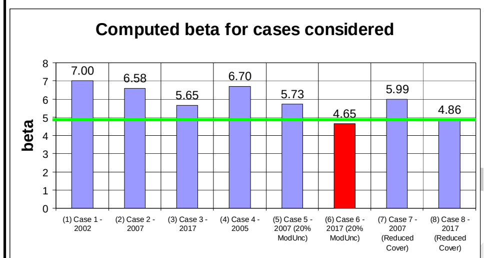
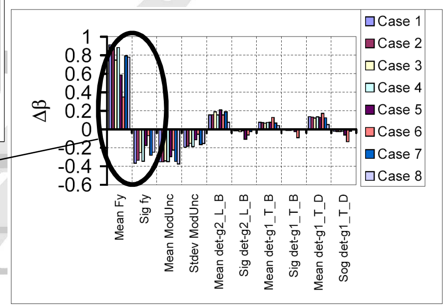




	Område A (O.S. midt)	Område B (O.S. kant)	Område C (U.S midt)	Område D (U.S. kant)
Langsgående: 0-30 cm 0-20 cm	N(91;16)	N(74;20)	N(91;16)	N(73;14)
30-60 cm 20-60 cm	N(95;6)	N(95;6)	N(95;6)	N(85;17)
Større end 60 cm	N(95;6)	N(95;6)	N(95;6)	N(95;6)
Tværgående: 0-30 cm 0-20 cm	N(95;6)	N(86;12)	N(95;6)	N(85;14)
30-60 cm 20-60 cm	N(95;6)	N(95;6)	N(95;6)	N(95;6)
Større end 60 cm	N(95;6)	N(95;6)	N(95;6)	N(95;6)

Tabel 7-3 Bestemte stokastisk modeller af armeringens tværsnitsareal i år 2002.





Updating of parameters through e.g. inspection results can reduce uncertainty and improve β, or vice versa (i.e. Intelligent Assessment, Structural Health Monitoring)

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(ii) Bergeforsen Railway Bridge, Sweden

Bridge constructed in 1923
Superstructure span configuration: 42+84+42 = 168m
Side spans 22.5m + 11.6m
Total bridge length = 202.1m
Required to assess for **Heavier Trains**

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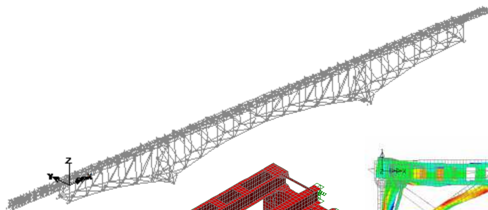
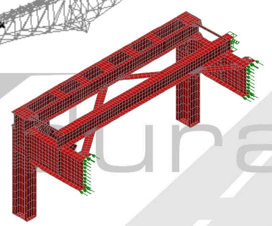
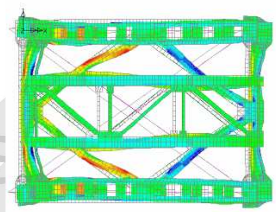
Structural analysis was performed using an FE model calibrated against a shell and volume element model constructed for specific critical locations.







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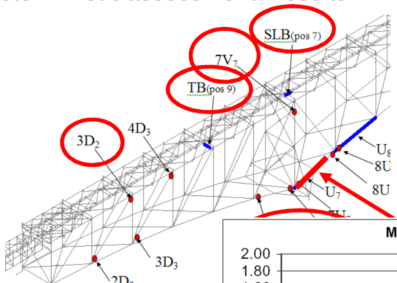
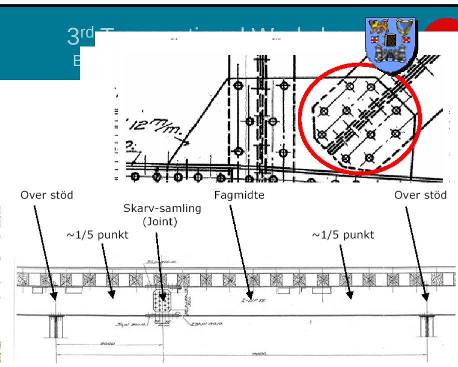
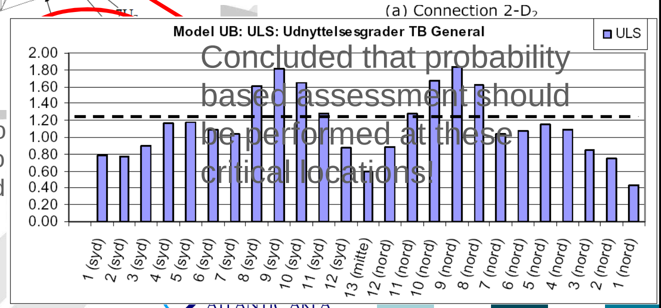
Deterministic assessment - results





Figur 6-1 Opstalt af DIP55-profiler.

(a) Connection 2-D2



Concluded that probability based assessment should be performed at these critical locations!

- SLS capacity demo
- FLS capacity demo
- ULS capacity could joints as follows

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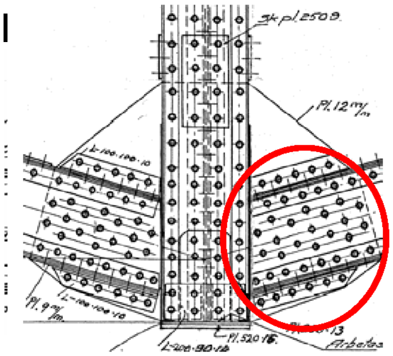

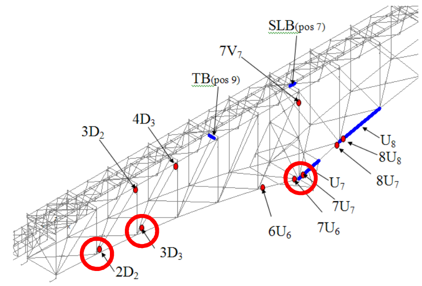

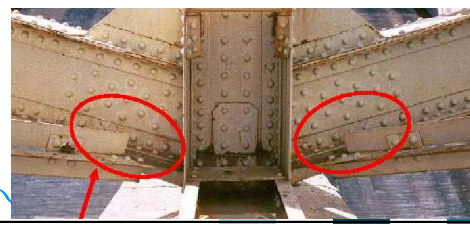

(a) Connection 7-U_7

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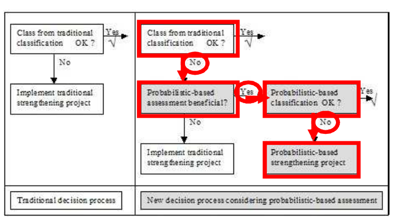

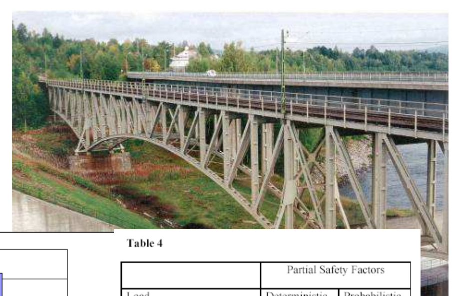

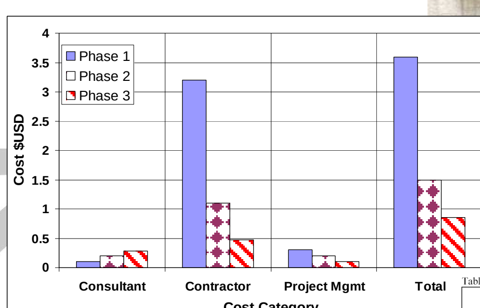

Table 4

	Partial Safety Factors	
Load	Deterministic	Probabilistic
Dead Load	1.0	1.03
Superimposed Dead Load	1.0	1.02
Train Load Global	1.3	1.21
Train Load Local	1.3	1.20
Dynamic Factor Global	1.08	1.05
Dynamic Factor Local	1.47	1.32

Table 7 - Results of deterministic and probabilistic assessment; O'Connor et al (2004).

	Phase 1 Deterministic Assessment ($USD)	Phase 2 Advanced Deterministic Assessment ($USD)	Phase 3 Probability Based Assessment ($USD)
Consultant Fee	$0.1ml	$0.2ml	$0.28ml
Contractor Fee	$3.2ml	$1.1ml	$0.47ml
Project Management	$0.3ml	$0.2ml	$0.1ml
Total Cost	$3.6ml	$1.5ml	$0.85ml

4. Conclusion

- Case studies are presented to demonstrate to practical application of probability based approaches in optimal maintenance planning for existing bridges.
- In **NO** way has the safety of the structure been compromised rather a bridge specific code has been derived.
- The justification for the application of probability-based methods to bridges is provided from national codes and the Eurocodes.
- There are no practical or technical obstacles in applying probability-based techniques.
- A clear advantage of the approach lies in its ability to incorporate bridge specific information and bridge specific safety modelling.
- Applying the probability-based approaches can result in considerable monetary savings by optimising maintenance strategies for existing bridges.