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Opening and Project Overview

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GRID Pt	Civil Engineering	
University of Stuttgart Ge (USTUTT)	Bridge, Stability, Euro code, Experimental Lab	University of Stuttgart Germany
University of Coimbra Pt (UC)	Environmental and cost impact assessment	
Belgian Welding Institute Be (BWI)	Welding procedure and Post Weld treatments	



How the project was born ?



For a **material scientist**, studying also forming process, High Strength Steel (**HSS**) means

- higher stress value, higher fatigue limit, specific microstructures,
- logical ways to decrease weight (cars, planes: transport industry)



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How the project was born ?

For civil engineers, **HSS** means:

- higher material cost but **potential decrease** of the amount of material of welding time of transport of environmental impact...

Objectives of OPTIBRI Project

- Quantification of the interest of HSS use under current euro code rules
- Scientific study to define the need of Eurocode enhancement (Stability, Fatigue)
- Check fatigue issues of post treated weld joint of HSS
- Study weld joint and post treatment quality in HSS



My netwok + the one of my Civil Eng. colleagues \rightarrow Partnership \rightarrow Brain storming in Summer 2013





Case study = road bridge (continuous plate girder steel concrete composite deck, with internal spans 80 meters)

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Case Design



Road bridge with four traffic lanes



• Five spans: 60 + 3 × 80 + 60 = 360 m





3 designs for the same bridge



Design A : classical design using S355 steel based on current state of Eurocodes and national rules

Design B : design using S690QL steel, where it has an interest based on current state of Eurocodes and national rules

Design C : design using S690QL steel, where it has an interest based on

-real material behavior

(experimental tests and fatigue damage simulations of bridge details)

-advanced stability law

(experimental + FE anlysis of the buckling of multiaxially stressed plates \rightarrow enhanced formula within of the code rules EN 1993-1-5)

J.O Pedro's presentation: Challenges and Benefits of High Strength Steel (HSS) in Highway Bridges P. Toussaint's presentation: Usual application of High Strength Steel (HSS) Plates with focus on S690 OptiBri Workshop "Design Guidelines for Optimal Use of HSS in Bridges" 3rd May 2017 7







WP1 Design of Bridges by GRID

Design A provides a reference

Design B allows investigating different designs based on S690QL use discussions between USTUTT and GRID oriented the choices and verifications done (current Eurocode use)

Design C ongoing work based on the results of experimental fatigue curves of welded plates (UIg) and beams (USTUTT) (with weld post treatments) + new formula of buckling verification (USTUTT)

Delays in material delivery \rightarrow in test results \rightarrow in model identification \rightarrow in the simulation of bridge details \rightarrow in Design C

C. Batista's presentation: Improved Bridge Design by Use of High Strength Steel (HSS) with OPTIBRI Developments



WP2 Fatigue study (Ulg, USTUTT, BWI)

Ulg : material scientist's approach

- Static tests ≠ loadings, Base Metal, Heat Affected Zone and Weld Metal (WBI) - 3 elasto plastic models (BM, HAZ, WM)
- Fatigue tests on small specimens (mm)

→ parameters of Lemaitre damage model (1)

Static and Fatigue tests on plates + welded transversal stiffeners (Ulg) + post treatment (PIT,TIC) (residual stress distribution)

→ parameters of *Lemaitre damage model (2)*

1st validation of the fatigue simulations with Lemaitre model

Sth Stt 1070 mm

C Bouffioux's presentation: Characterization of Fatigue Behaviour, from Material Science to Civil Engineering Applications





WP2 Fatigue study (Ulg, USTUTT, BWI)



Fatigue tests on Beams + welded transversal stiffeners (USTUTT)

-2st validation of the fatigue simulations with Lemaitre model



Simulations of Bridge C detail:

Loading from Eurocode FLM5

- \rightarrow 1 stress history
- 1 damage distribution of the studied bridge detail
- detail category confirmed or not
- sensitivity analysis not performed : 1st approach of real behavior in HSS in bridges, ongoing work

-Representative HSS bridge potential rupture

S. Breunig's presentation: Categorization of Fatigue Details in View of Post-Weld Treatments

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Enhancement of the reduced stress method, introduction of V factor in Eurocode formulae



WP4 Welding study (BWI)

Study of Fatigue crack and microstructure to identify optimal welding procedure and Post Treatment Qualification.

Welding of all plates and beams

PIT (Pneumatic Impact Treatment) TIG (Tungsten Inert Gas) remelting were used as Post Treatments.

Initial choice LTT (Low Temperature Transformation filler material) dropped

LTT could not reach required toughness values (50 to 60 J) in bridges (results of FATWELDHSS project 2015)



T. Baaten's presentation: Welding and Post-Welded Treatments of High Strength Steel (HSS) joints



WP5 Impact of Bridge Design (UC)





Work on LCA Life cycle Assessment LCC Life cycle Cost LCP Life cycle Performance

Design A // B : on going work,

Design C = future



C. Rigueiro's presentation: Comparative Life-Time Assessment of the Use of High Strength Steel (HSS) in Bridges





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Challenges and Benefits of High Strength Steel (HSS) in Highway Bridges

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SECTION C-C - TEE BITFFENERS





DECK TYPICAL CROSS-SECTION - SUPPORT

The Parameter





Overview – Case study: general layout



• Five spans: 60 + 3 × 80 + 60 = 360 m



Highway bridge with four traffic lanes



Overview – Case study: construction



Studied span: typical 80m inner span



Executed by incremental launching of the steel structure



Overview – Case study: Design A and B

Design A – using standard S355 NL and present Eurocodes

Design B – using HSS S690 QL and present Eurocodes

 Design C – using HSS S690 QL, welding treatment and possible upgrades to the EC 3-1-5





Design A – S355 NL <> Design B – S690 QL



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Design A – S355 NL <> Design B – S690 QL



Structural steel distribution for the typical 80 m span



Design A – S355 NL <> Design B – S690 QL

Designation	EN 206-1	Exposure Classes	Cover (mm)	
Piers and Foundations	C30/37	XC3 / XF1	45	
Deck - Slab	C35/45 XC4/ XF4		C35/45	40
STEEL:				
Structural Steel	EN10025-2 S355 J2 (Z15 if th. ≤ 30mm) EN10025-3 S355 N (Z15 if 30 < th. ≤ 80mm) EN10025-3 S355 NL (Z25 if th. > 80mm)			
Reinforcement	B500B (EN 10080))		
Prestress Cables	fp₀,ık≥ 1637 MPa / fpuk ≥ 1860 MPa (EN 10138)			
Stud Connectors	EN10025 S235 J2 + C450 (EN ISO 13918)			
Structural Steel	EN10025-6 S690 EN10025-6 S690	QL (40J,-40°C) (Z1 QL1 (40J,-40°C) (Z	5 if th. ≼ 40mm) 15 if th. > 40mm)	

Structural Materials

- ✓ Deck steel design and detailing is performed using European standards EN 1990, EN 1991, EN 1993 and EN 1994
- ✓ <u>Structural behaviour</u> at ultimate and serviceability limit states (ULS, SLS), evaluated by finite frame element models, with due account for rheological effect from concrete
- Construction stages are taken into account by superposition of results from:
 - steel structure frame model, for the application of its own weight and the slab concrete weight
 - composite structure frame models with modular ratios for concrete, assessed for short-term actions, permanent actions and shrinkage effects (following EN 1994-2)



- Longitudinal safety verifications included namely:
 - ULS bending and shear girders resistance
 - SLS stress limitations on structural steel, reinforcement and concrete slab, and deflections
 - ULS fatigue of girders structural steel and stud connectors (welded joint between the transverse stiffeners and the bottom tension flange proves to be the most relevant detail for the design of the composite steel-concrete twin plate girder deck)
- ✓ **Flange induced buckling** following formulation from EN 1993-1-5
- Transverse stiffeners designed also according with EN 1993-1-5 (plate buckling of the webs near supports is a key issue when using HSS; close intermediate transverse stiffeners are used to increase web shear buckling resistance)



ULS bridge deck design – Bending resistance (EN 1993-1-5)

Mid-span section Class 1 – Plastic section analysis	Design A S355	Design B S690
$M_{\rm Ed}/M_{\rm pl.Rd}$ < 1	0.74	0.54
$\{\sigma_{\rm Ed} / (f_{\rm yf} / \gamma_{\rm M0})\}$ Bottom flange < 1	0.93	0.65

- ULS bending resistance is not a critical design issue for S690
- All span sections can still be designed elastically



ULS bridge deck design – Bending resistance (EN 1993-1-5)

Support section Class 4 – Elastic analysis with effective section	Design A S355	Design B S690
$\{\sigma_{\rm Ed}/(f_{ m yf}/\gamma_{ m M0})\}$ Eff. bottom flange < 1	0.95	0.88
$\{\sigma_{\rm Ed} / (\chi_{\rm LT} f_{\rm yf} / \gamma_{\rm M1})\}$ Eff. bottom flange < 1 (*) (*) at 0.25 L_k = 5 m from the support	0.92	0.97

- ULS bending resistance > elastic analysis for both designs
- For S690 also the bottom flange is in class 4 since $\varepsilon = \sqrt{235/f_y} = 0.584$
- For S690 > web under compression with ρ = 0.49, bottom flange reduction ρ = 0.94; Lateral torsion buckling χ_{LT} = 0.72



ULS bridge deck design – Shear resistance (EN 1993-1-5)

Effective Width Method (EN 1993-1-5, sections 4 to 7)

Support section (transversal stiffeners @ 2m)	Design A S355	Design B S690
$h_{ m w}$ x $t_{ m w}$ (mm²)	3590 x 26	3390 x 20
$\bar{\lambda}_w = 0.76 \sqrt{f_{yw}/\tau_{cr}}$	0.97	1.77
$\chi_{ m w}$	0.86	0.56
$V_{\rm Ed}/V_{\rm bw,Rd} = V_{\rm Ed}/(\chi_w h_w t_w f_{yw}/\sqrt{3}\gamma_{\rm M1})$	0.86	0.91
(M/V) Interaction with $\gamma_{M1=1.1}$ (*) (*) at min { $t_w/2$; $a/2$ } = 1 m from the support	No interaction	1.0

- Using S690, web thickness is reduced from 26 mm to 20 mm
- Interaction (M,V) makes the support panels work at the limit, if consistently a unique safety coefficient γ_{M1} =1.1 is adopted



ULS bridge deck design – Shear resistance (EN 1993-1-5)

Reduced Stress Method (EN 1993-1-5, sections 10)

Support section (transv. stiff. @ 2m; Without long. stiff.)	Design A S355	Design B S690
$h_{ m w}$ x $t_{ m w}$ (mm²)	3590 x 26	3390 x 20
$ ho_{ m x}$	0.83	0.49
$\chi_{ m w}$	0.76	0.52
$(\sigma_{\! m x,Ed}$, $ au_{ m Ed})$ (MPa) bottom end of the web	(267.8,135.0)	(519.7,183.2)
$\sqrt{\left(\frac{\sigma_{x,Ed}}{\rho_x f_y / \gamma_{M1}}\right)^2 + 3\left(\frac{\tau_{Ed}}{\chi_w f_y / \gamma_{M1}}\right)^2} \le 1$	(1.07+0.95) ^{0.5} = 1.42	(2.83+0.94) ^{0.5} = 1.94
Required t_w (mm)	34	32



Why so inconsistency between

effective Width Method <> Reduced Stress Method ?

- Using the reduced stress method no partial plastic stress redistributions are allowed (as it is the case for the interaction criterion of section 7, EC3-1.5)
 - Therefore, ULS bending moment and shear force cannot be primarily allocated to the support cross sectional elements:
 - hogging bending moment resisted by the {flanges+reinforcement} alone
 - so that, the web resistance can fully be used for the support shear force
 - Moreover, the reduced stress method consistently uses $\gamma_{M1} = 1.1$ (which is more accurate) for plastic resistance and instability, but verifications are made for the cross-section over the support



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ULS bridge deck design – Shear resistance (EN 1993-1-5)

Reduced Stress Method (EN1993-1-5, sections 10)

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Longitudinal stiffeners on the outside of the web Ref. Railway Bridge near Riesa, Germany – COMBRI Design manual

Longitudinal flat stiffeners on the inside of the web Ref. Twin-girder Bridge in Triel-sur-Seine, France – COMBRI Design manual



ULS bridge deck design – Shear resistance (EN 1993-1-5)

Reduced Stress Method (EN1993-1-5, sections 10)



Design solution:

- keep the web thickness
- add a continuous
 longitudinal closed
 stiffener in the external
 compressed bottom
 part of the web
- extended up to 20 m
 from both sides of the supports.



ULS bridge deck design – Shear resistance (EN 1993-1-5)

Reduced Stress Method (EN1993-1-5, sections 10)

S690 QL	Unstiffened Web	Stiffened Web	$\alpha_{cr,local} = 1.870$
$lpha_{ult,k}$	1.13	1.13	
$\alpha_{cr,x}$	0.34		$\langle \rangle$
$lpha_{cr, au}$	0.70		
α_{cr}	0.31	1.87 (EBplate)	
$ar{\lambda}_p$	1.92	0.81	Local plate mode due
ρ_x	0.49	0.96	$\alpha_{matched} = 18738$
$\chi_{ m w}$	0.52	1.00	acer,global Ion oo
$\left(\frac{\sigma_{x,Ed}}{\rho_x f_y/\gamma_{M1}}\right)^2$	2.83	0.75	
$3\left(\frac{\tau_{Ed}}{\chi_w f_y/\gamma_{M1}}\right)^2$	0.94	0.25	
≤ 1	1.94	1.00	Global plate mode due
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ULS bridge deck design – Transversal stiffeners (EN 1993-1-5)

Design Case A - S355



Design Case B - S690





ULS bridge deck design – Transversal stiffeners (EN 1993-1-5)





ULS bridge deck design – Transversal stiffeners (EN 1993-1-5 §9.3.3)

 Minimum stiffness requirements for shear verification of the webs – checked by imposing a second moment of the area of a stiffener I_{st} higher than:

$I_{\rm st} \geq 1.5 \ h_{\rm w}^3 \cdot t_{\rm w}^3/a^2$	if	$a/h_{\rm w} < \sqrt{2}$	easily verified and
$l_{\rm st} \geq 0.75 \; h_{\rm w} \cdot t_{\rm w}^3$	if	$a/h_{\rm w} \geq \sqrt{2}$	strong stiffeners

 <u>Resistance requirement</u> – verified with the axial force N_{st} imposed by the tension field action given by:

 $N_{st} = V_{Ed} - V_{cr,w}$

considerable more demanding for the intermediate single-sided HSS stiffeners, working with very high V_{Ed} , thus producing high eccentric axial forces N_{st} , to be taken into account in the beam-column verification

 V_{Ed} taken at the distance 0.5 h_w from the edge of the panel with the largest shear force; $V_{cr,w}$ corresponds to the shear buckling resistance of the web without stiffeners.

- <u>Safety to torsional buckling</u> – design rules for open stiffeners assume that torsional buckling should be completely prevented when loaded axially; thus EN 1993-1-5 provides the following general requirement for the σ_{cr} the elastic critical stress of open stiffeners:



This is the more difficult criteria to achieve; design replaces f_y by the maximum actual stress $\sigma_{max,Ed}$ at the intermediate transverse stiffener



ULS bridge deck design – Flange Induced Buckling (EN 1993-1-5)




0.55	0.55	0.55	0.55	0.55
650	650	650	690	690
3390x20	3400x20	3410x18	3425x18	3425x15
1230x70	1100x60	1100x60	1300x45	1300x45
158	180	172	172	157
170	170	189	190	228
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Design B - S690 deck section	1-2 support	3	4-5	6-8	9-11 mid-span
k	0.55	0.55	0.55	0.55	0.55
$\sigma_{\!\scriptscriptstyle Ed}$ (MPa)	570	411	302	346	447
$\sigma_{\!\scriptscriptstyle Ed}/f_{\!\scriptscriptstyle yf}$	0.88	0.63	0.46	0.50	0.65
h /h _i	2.07	1.82	1.95	1.51	1.59
β	0.91	0.66	0.54	0.50	0.63
$k E / (\beta f_{yf}) \sqrt{A_w / A_{fc}}$	173	274	318	342	250
$h_w / t_w < \text{limit}?$	170	170	189	190	228



SLS bridge deck design – Deflections and Stresses

Deflection	for	frequent	Highway	Live	Loads	(LM1)
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Condition	Design A – S355	Design B – S690
$\delta(\psi_1 Q_{k1}) \le L/500 = 160 \text{ mm} (*)$ (*) $L/500 \text{ imposed by SIA 260}$	49 mm (= <i>L</i> /1632)	74 mm (= <i>L</i> /1081)

Stress ratios in structural steel ($\sigma_{Ed,ser,max}$	$/f_{\rm y}$), concrete slab ($\sigma_{c,ser,max}$ / 0.6 f_{ck}),
and slab reinforcement	$t(\sigma_{rs,ser} \leq 0.8 f_{sk})$

	Design A – S355		Design B – S690	
Section	Support	Mid-span	Support	Mid-span
Concrete slab / reinforcement	0.49	0.27	0.61	0.32
Top flange	0.71	0.35	0.59	0.26
Web	0.75	0.65	0.61	0.47
Bottom flange	0.73	0.68	0.53	0.48

















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$$\Delta \sigma_{R} = \Delta \sigma_{E} \gamma_{Mf} \gamma_{Ff} < \text{FAT (detail)} \qquad \Delta \sigma_{E} = \lambda |\sigma_{Q.max} - \sigma_{Q.min}|$$

$$\gamma_{Mf} = 1.35 \qquad \gamma_{Ff} = 1.0 \qquad \text{Damage equivalent factor}$$

$$\lambda = \lambda_{1} \times \lambda_{2} \times \lambda_{3} \times \lambda_{4} \le \lambda_{max}$$





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Damage equivalent factor $\lambda <> \lambda_{max}$

Support	$\lambda_1 = 2.20$	$\lambda_2 = 1.224$	$\lambda_3 = 1.00$	$\lambda_4 = 1.00$	$\lambda = 2.69 < \lambda_{\max} = 2.70$
Span	$\lambda_1 = 1.85$	$\lambda_2 = 1.224$	λ_3 =1.00	λ_4 =1.00	$\lambda = 2.26 > \lambda_{max} = 2.00$

$\Delta \sigma_{e} \gamma_{Mf} \gamma_{Ff}$ [MPa]	Design A – S355		Design B – S690		Limit
Section	Support	Mid-span	Support	Mid-span	FAT
Top flange	23	14	36	7	56
Bottom flange	26	57	50	78	56 / 80



Bridge deck design – Structural steel weight

Obtained values	Design A S355 NL (kg/m ² deck)	Design B S690 QL (kg/m ² deck)	Variation (%)
Structural steel	219	165	-25%
Main girders	186	123	-34%
Cross girders + Stiffeners	Cross girders + Stiffeners 33		+27%

The use of HSS thinner plates enables an **overall reduction of the structural steel weight of about 25%**



Bridge deck design – Volume of welding



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Bridge deck design – Drawings



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Comparison between the two designs shows that:

- ✓ The use of HSS S690 QL enables a reduction of 25% of the steel weight compared to the standard plate girder deck in S355 NL;
- Using HSS the deck can be slender and with thinner plates, but more susceptible to local buckling phenomena;
- Longitudinal stiffeners can be used to increase the web resistance and profit from the use of HSS thinner webs;
- A substantial cut on the volume of full penetration welding is obtained by using thinner plates;
- ✓ Girders in HSS are much more prone to fatigue, that proves to be the main issue of the design together with buckling phenomena;
- ✓ The critical fatigue detail is the FAT80 at the welded joints between the bottom flange and the transverse stiffeners.



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What are High Strength Steel plates ?

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Quenched and Tempered High Strength Steel plates mostly for structural applications with minimum yield strength of 690, 890, 960 and 1100 MPa

Quenching and tempering provides the steel with high strength and ductility. Quenching and tempering consists of a twostage heat-treatment process.

Stage 1 includes hardening, in which the plate is austenitized to approximately 900°C and then quickly cooled. The material is waterquenched while somehow clamped to avoid warping.

Stage 2 consists of tempering the material to obtain the intended material properties.

High Strength Steel plates products portfolio



		Industeel produces all HSS grades according to international norms
565	Industeel trademark	Standard
No.	Amstrong [®] Ultra 690 SuperElso [®] 690 CR	S690Q - S690QL - S690QL1 according to EN 10025-6 P690Q -P690QH -P690QL1 -P690QL2 according to EN 10028-6 ASTM A514 Grades B, E, F, H, Q / ASTM A517 Grades B,E,Q ASME SA-514 Grades B, E, F, H, Q / ASME SA-517 Grades B,E,Q ABS, DNV-GL, LRS, EQ70, VLF690, FH69,
	Amstrong [®] Ultra 890	S890Q - S890QL - S890QL1 according to EN 10025-6
	Amstrong [®] Ultra 960	S960 Q - S960 QL according to EN 10025-6
1	Amstrong [®] Ultra 1100	Industeel specification, no international standard at this strength level

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High Strength Steel plates typical size ranges





Industeel has the largest range of sizes and thicknesses available nowadays on the market

- Length : up to 17 metres
- Width : up to 4350mm
- Weight : up to 80 tonnes

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Main applications

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- Mobile cranes
- Chassis

Amstrong[®] Ultra 960 : thickness = 8-60mm Amstrong[®] Ultra 1100 : thickness = 8-15mm

Lighter and more innovative structures

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- Dumpers
 - Chassis Canopy Amstrong Ultra®690 : thickness = 8-50mm

Reduced vehicle weight, reduced fuel consumption, heavier payload

Mining & Construction & Transport







Public work (demolition) - Jaw crushers

More maneuverable cranes and tools

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• Lifting arm Amstrong Ultra® 690 thickness = 60-

80mm

Ability to lift heavier loads than before











Racks

Length : 8 m up to 15,5 m Thickness : 160 mm up to 210 mm Width : 775 mm up to 1060 mm Weight : up to 23 tonnes

Chords

Length : 4 m up to 10 m Thickness : 80 mm up to 120 mm Width : 380 mm up to 680 mm

Welded elements

Length : 8 m up to 24,5 m Weight : 11 tonnes up to 70 tonnes



















Lifting capacity up to 10 000 tonnes

Structure

Amstrong Ultra® 690 (QL and QL1 qualities) tuned to the particular specifications thickness = 10–100+mm

Technical solutions adapted to customer requirements









Spud poles EQ70 (ABS) - Neptune project - 1590 tonnes thickness = 58 mm

Neptune will work mainly in the offshore windfarm installation

By increasing the strength of steel, the structural sections can be reduced







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Mechanical construction







- Architecture, bridges,
- Steel buildings
- Penstocks
- Chassis of industrial machines

Reduction of wall thickness and weight with increasing strength of steel





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Welding and Post Weld Treatment of High Strenght Steel Joints

Thomas Baaten


- Introduction
- Welding Procedure Qualification
- Physical simulation of thermal history, characterisation, generation of samples
- Welding of high strength steel
- Post Weld Treatment Qualification
 - Parameters
 - Imperfections caused by HFMI
 - Indentation map
 - Finite element model of PIT proces
 - Is Post Weld Treatment Qualification needed?
- Conclusions



Introduction



- Geometry
- Residual <u>tensile</u> stress
- Possible softening of the HAZ (f.e. S700MC, aluminium, ...)



Welding Procedure Qualification

- Goal: make a weld method which fulfils EN 15614-1 requirements
- The mechanical and metallurgical properties of the weld metal and the heat affected zone are determined by:
 - Pre heat temperature
 - Welding parameters
- Tests needed for fillets welds:
 - Visual examination
 - Dye penetrant/magnetic examination
 - Cross section (looking for metallurgical changes in the HAZ as well)
 - Hardness measurements
 - Additional charpy impacts tests



Welding Procedure Qualification – pre heating

- Pre heating is done to avoid brittle zones (sensitive for hydrogen cracking)
- 4/5 factors are taking into account:
 - Hydrogen content of the filler metal
 - · Heat-input of the welding process
 - Chemical composition of the base metal
 - Material thickness
 - Limitions/recommendations from fabricant



Welding Procedure Qualification – pre heating

Solid ER100-SG welding wire -> scale <u>D</u>

Table C.2 —	 Hydrogen 	scales
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Diffusable h ml/100 g of	ydroge deposit	n content ted metal	Hydrogen scale
	>	15	A
10	\leq	15	В
5	≤	10	с
3	5	5	D
	<	3	E

- Heat-input: 1,5 kJ/mm
- Base material: CEV max. : 0,67
- Combined thickness: 10+2*15 = <u>40 mm</u> and 10+2*40 mm= <u>90 mm</u>



For simultaneously deposited directly opposed twin fillet welds, combined thickness = $\frac{1}{2} (d_1 + d_2 + d_3)$

Combined thickness = $d_1 + d_2 + d_3$



Welding Procedure Qualification – pre heating

• 40°C for 15 mm base plate and 90°C for 40 mm base plate



1 Combined thickness, mm 2 Heat input, kJ/mm 4 Scale 5 To be used for carbon equivalent not exceeding

3 Minimum preheating temperature, ° C

Figure C.2 — Conditions for welding steels with defined carbon equivalents



Welding Procedure Qualification

 Weld Procedure Qualification of welding case A and H was done according to EN ISO 15614-1
 Start-stop on





location with lowest stress



weldprog	wire (m/min)	arc length corr. (%)	dynamic or pulse corr.	mode	welding speed m/min
5a	6	10	4	std	0,18
5b	6	10	4	std	0,24
6a	9,5	7	3	puls	0,3
6b	9,5	7	3	puls	0,24
7a	9	5	4	puls	0,3
7b	9	5	4	puls	0,25
	end time:		end curr: le		
	te (s)	2	(%)	50	
Parameters in source	slope Si1 (s)	0.5	slope Si2 (s)	0.9	



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 input for physical weld simulations of thermal history of HAZ 1 and 2 (representing SC A and SC H)

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- ∆t 8/5 HAZ 1 (welding case A) = 4.4s
- $\Delta t 8/5 HAZ 2$ (welding case H) = 7 s







Physical simulation of thermal history, characterisation, generation of samples





Physical simulation of thermal history, characterisation, generation of samples

 Tensile tests on weld simulation test samples of HAZ1 and HAZ2 (resp. welding case A and H).





- Quenched and tempered (Q&T)
 - S690QL
 - Thickness up to 200 mm
 - Low heat input can cause excessive hardness
 - Often preheating is needed
 - High heat input can cause softening
 - Centre of X joints is critical point in WPQ
 - Generaly good to weld

Heat Input = $k \cdot \frac{U \cdot I}{v}$ [J/mm]























Cutting of the web and flanges was already done in steel factory

3h

3,5h

18h

2h

- Cutting stiffeners: 1,5h
- Mounting, tackwelding: 12h
- SAW welding + 100°C preheating: 14h
- Flame straightening:
- MAG welding of stiffeners: 24h
- Grinding edges:
- Visual examination + MPI central stiffeners: 4h
- Machining incorrect weld toe in corners: 8h
- Extra visual examination + MPI after repair: 2h
- Project management:
- PIT treatment:



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total of 92 hours labour

2 hours of PIT treatment in a



Welding of HSS: Considerations/arguments to skip preheating and concerns

- recommendations for preheating of EN 1011-2 (2010), mainly based on hydrogen cracking, are conservative.
- At the side of the <u>filler metal</u> fabricants, seamless flux cored wires were developed in the 90ties (as a better alternative for folded FCW). Entrance of hydrogen is limited massively since 1990.
- At the side of the <u>steel makers</u> CE equivalents and %C of HSS can be kept low. The maximum Vickers hardness of the steel used in Optibri is estimated 422 HV10, which is far below the maximum limit of 450HV10 of the EN ISO 15614-1 standard for welding procedure qualification.
- Recent experience of BWI: no hydrogen damage analysis
- Cost saving



Post Weld Treatment of HSS



Post Weld Treatment of HSS

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• S355 original (not treated)



S690QL PIT treated





Post Weld Treatment of HSS





Post Weld Treatment qualification

- Available finished fatigue tests samples with longitudonal stiffeners in S420MC and S700MC grades – thickness range 5 - 10 mm
- 5 PIT-parameters were applied (variations in pressure, diameter, frequency) (only 2 parameters were Ok for Pitec, based on their experience.)

Condition	PIT parameters
1	6 bar, 90 Hz, r = 2 mm
2	6 bar, 90 Hz, r = 4 mm
3	6 bar, 90 Hz, r = 1,5 mm
4	6 bar, 120 Hz, r = 2 mm
5	4 bar, 90 Hz, r = 2 mm

- Examination for Post Weld Treatment qualification:
 - Metallographic examination
 - Dimensional check
 - Hardness measurements



Post Weld Treatment qualification





Post weld treatment qualification

Metallographic examination example S700MC-5-087-PIT1







Post weld treatment qualification

3 imperfections were found on 21 samples:

- 1. Spread out
- 2. Inclusion of oxides
- 3. Sharp notch







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Post Weld Treatment Qualification





Post weld treatment qualification: Hertz theory

$$E^* = \left(\frac{1-v_1^2}{E_1} + \frac{1-v_2^2}{E_2}\right)^{-1}$$

$$R^* = \left(\frac{1}{R_1} + \frac{1}{R_2}\right)^{-1}$$

$$p_0 = \frac{2}{\pi} E^* \left(\frac{d}{R}\right)^{1/2}$$
if $p_m < 1.1 \sigma_y$, elastic deformation occurs





Post weld treatment qualification: Hertz theory

$$E^* = \left(\frac{1-\nu_1^2}{E_1} + \frac{1-\nu_2^2}{E_2}\right)^{-1} = 224.000 \text{ N/mm}^2$$

$$R^* = \left(\frac{1}{R_1} + \frac{1}{R_2}\right)^{-1} = 1.5 \text{ mm}$$
$$p_0 = \frac{2}{\pi} E^* \left(\frac{d}{R}\right)^{1/2} = 76.617 \text{ N/mm}^2 > 2.8 * 355 \text{ N/mm}^2$$



if $p_m > 1.8 \sigma_v$, contained plastic deformation occurs



PIT treatment on S355 base material Indentor: compressed air 6 bar – indentor radius r = 2mm – frequency f= 90Hz

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Post weld treatment qualification: indentation map

	a/R
S355 PIT 1	0,54
S355 PIT 2	0,25
S355 PIT 3	0,69
S355 PIT 4	0,19
S355 PIT 5	0,43
	a/R
S420 PIT 1	0,38
S420 PIT 2	0,23
S420 PIT 3	0,61
S420 PIT 4	0,19
S420 PIT 5	0,35
	-
	a/R
S690 PIT1	a/R 0,41
S690 PIT1 S690 PIT2	a/R 0,41 0,36
S690 PIT1 S690 PIT2 S690 PIT3	a/R 0,41 0,36 0,38
S690 PIT1 S690 PIT2 S690 PIT3 S690 PIT4	a/R 0,41 0,36 0,38 0,13
S690 PIT1 S690 PIT2 S690 PIT3 S690 PIT4 S690 PIT5	a/R 0,41 0,36 0,38 0,13 0,39
S690 PIT1 S690 PIT2 S690 PIT3 S690 PIT4 S690 PIT5	a/R 0,41 0,36 0,38 0,13 0,39 a/R
S690 PIT1 S690 PIT2 S690 PIT3 S690 PIT4 S690 PIT5 S700 PIT1	a/R 0,41 0,36 0,38 0,13 0,39 a/R 0,35
S690 PIT1 S690 PIT2 S690 PIT3 S690 PIT4 S690 PIT5 S700 PIT1 S700 PIT2	a/R 0,41 0,36 0,38 0,38 0,39 a/R 0,35 0,25
S690 PIT1 S690 PIT2 S690 PIT3 S690 PIT4 S690 PIT5 S700 PIT1 S700 PIT2 S700 PIT3	a/R 0,41 0,36 0,38 0,39 a/R 0,35 0,25 0,25
S690 PIT1 S690 PIT2 S690 PIT3 S690 PIT4 S690 PIT5 S700 PIT1 S700 PIT2 S700 PIT3 S700 PIT4	 a/R 0,41 0,36 0,38 0,13 0,39 a/R 0,35 0,25 0,48 0,07

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Post weld treatment qualification: dimensional check




Conclusions

- Welding of HSS depends on the chemical composition and the fabrication method
- The robustness of PIT is proven by means of fatigue test of different parameters, cross sections and dimensional checks
- <u>If</u> a Post Weld Treatment Qualification (PWTQ) is needed for Eurocode, a simple cross section is needed to show that a/R>0,2.
- New 'IIW Recommendations for the HFMI Treatment For Improving the Fatigue Strength of Welded Joints' is interesting.

Thank you for your attention!



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Characterization of Fatigue Behaviour, from Material Science to Civil Engineering Applications

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- 4 materials:
 - Base Material: BM (HSS S690QL)
 - Heat Affected Zone:
 - HAZ1 (25 mm thick)
 - HAZ2 (40 mm thick)
 - Welded Metal: WM







Static tests:





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Static behavior – material laws & parameters :

Elastic part: Hooke's law. Ev

Plastic part: Hill's law (Hill48):

$$F_{HILL}(\sigma) = \frac{1}{2} \left[H(\sigma_{xx} - \sigma_{yy})^2 + G(\sigma_{xx} - \sigma_{zz})^2 + F(\sigma_{yy} - \sigma_{zz})^2 + 2N(\sigma_{xy}^2 + \sigma_{xz}^2 + \sigma_{yz}^2) \right] - \sigma_F^2 = 0$$

Isotropic hardening: Voce formulation:

$$\sigma_F = \sigma_0 + K(1 - exp(-n)\varepsilon^{pl}))$$

Back-stress (kinematic hardening): Armstrong-Frederick's equation:

$$\underline{\dot{X}} = \underbrace{C_X (X_{sat})}_{\underline{\dot{\varepsilon}}^{pl}} - \overline{\dot{\varepsilon}}^{pl} \cdot \underline{X}$$

- E & v: defined by tensile tests
- F, G, H: defined by tensile tests in 3 directions (RD, TD, 45°)
- N, σ_0 , K, n, C_x, X_{sat}: defined by Optim

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- Static behavior material data (inverse method):
 - **BM**: hardening fully kinematic
 - HAZ1 ≈ HAZ2: same static behaviour
 - WM

	For fatigue tests:	For FEM:		
	$\sigma_{u,eng} = F_i / A_0$	$\sigma_{u,true} = F_i / A_i$		
	Ultimate tensile	e strength (Mpa)		
	$\sigma_{u,eng}$	$\sigma_{u,true}$		
BM (S690QL)	838	905		
HAZ1, HAZ2	1338	1424		
WM	1008	1101		

Data for Hooke, Hill, Voce and Armstrong-Frederick laws (units: MPa, s)												
											Kinematic	
	Elast. da	ta		Yield locus				Isotropic hardening			hardening	
Material	E	v	F	G	н	N=L=M	K	σ	n	C _x	X _{sat}	
BM (S690QL)	210 116	0.3	1	1	1	3.9	0	674	0	31.9	167	
HAZ1, HAZ2	210 000	0.3	1	1	1	4.45	371	827	511	52.5	152	
WM	210 000	0.3	1	1	1	3.2	241	531	285	42.6	218	





Static behavior – comparison of material behavior:





- Fatigue tests:
 - On vibrophore
 - Axial loading
 - Frequency: 100 150 Hz
 - $(\rightarrow \text{ correction factor})$

R= σ_{min} / σ_{max} = 0.1 or 0.2 or ...

Material	Smooth	Notch		
BM (S690QL)	4 R	3 geom.		
HAZ1	1 R	1 geom.		
HAZ2	2 R	1 geom.		
WM	2 R	1 geom.		



Vibrophore









Fatigue behavior – material laws & parameters :

Multiaxial Lemaître Chaboche fatigue model

$$\begin{split} & \frac{\partial D}{\partial N} \begin{bmatrix} = 0 & \text{if } f_D < 0 \\ = \left[1 - (1 - D)^{\beta + 1} \right]^{\alpha} \left(\frac{A_{II}}{M} \right)^{\beta} & \text{if } f_D \ge 0 \\ & f_D = A_{II} - A_{II}^* \\ & A_{II} = \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\frac{3}{2}} \left(\widehat{\sigma}_{ijmax} - \widehat{\sigma}_{ijmin} \right) \left(\widehat{\sigma}_{ijmax} - \widehat{\sigma}_{ijmin} \right) & \text{with } \widehat{\sigma}_{ij} = \sigma_{ij} - \sum_k \frac{1}{3} \sigma_{kk} \\ & A_{II}^* = \left(\overline{\sigma}_{10} \right) (1 - 3.b. \sigma_{Hm}) & (\text{Sines' criterion}) \\ & \widetilde{A}_{II} = \frac{A_{II}}{1 - D} \\ & M = \left(M_0 \right) (1 - 3.b. \sigma_{Hm}) & \alpha = 1 - \left(a \right) \left(\frac{A_{II} - A_{II}^*}{\sigma_{eqmax}} \right) \\ & \sigma_{Hm} = \frac{1}{3} \left[\frac{1}{T} \int_{T} \text{Tr} \left(\underline{\sigma}(t) \right) dt \right] \end{split}$$

D:	damage val., 0: sound material, 1: rupture
N:	number of cycle
A _{II} :	2^{nd} invar. of amplit. deviator of σ tensor
A ₁₁ *:	fatigue limit
f _D :	damage yield locus
σ _{Hm} :	mean hydrostatic stress
σ_{eqmax} :	maximum Von Mises stress per cycle
<x></x>	= x if x > 0 else = 0
b= $1/\sigma_u$	
σ _u :	ultimate tensile stress
σ _{l0} :	endurance limit= fatigue limit at null σ_{mean}
a, M0, β:	other material data to define



Fatigue behavior – material laws & parameters :

Volume averaged stress gradient method

For each element, variables χ_{ip} : replaced by an average value of all the elements with their integration point inside the circle with a radius Ra

$$\overline{\chi_{ip}} = \frac{1}{V} \cdot \sum_{i=1}^{Nelem} \chi_{ip,i} \cdot V_i$$

$$\chi_{ip} = \{A_{II}, \sigma_{eqmax}, \sigma_{Hm}\}$$

 $V = \sum_{i=1}^{Nelem} V_i$

A _{II} :	2^{nd} invar. of amplit. deviator of σ tensor
σ_{eqmax} :	maximum Von Mises stress per cycle
σ_{Hm} :	mean hydrostatic stress
Ra:	material data to define





Fatigue behavior – material data (inverse modelling):

HAZ1 ≈ HAZ2: same fatigue behavior

	σ _U	σ ₁₀					Ra	
Material	(Mpa)	(Mpa)	b	β	а	M0	(mm)	a* (M0 - ^{β)}
BM	905.0	580.0	1.10 E-03	0.17	1	5.385 E+30	0.06	5.966E-06
HAZ1, HAZ2	1424.0	428.4	7.02E-04	2.094	1	4.410E+05	0.00	1.516E-12
WM	1101.0	319.4	9.08E-04	0.161	1	7.245E+32	0.00	5.182E-06





Fatigue behavior – comparison experiments & fatigue law:
<u>Base material (BM)</u>







Fatigue behavior – comparison experiments & fatigue law:

Heat affected zone (HAZ) with HAZ1 ≈ HAZ2



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 Fatigue behavior – comparison experiments & fatigue law: <u>Weld metal (WM)</u>











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Fatigue tests on plates (length= 1070 mm):



Case	Post-treatment	plate thickness (mm)	Stiffener thickness (mm)	Stiffener length (mm)	distance to edge	stress ratio R
Plate	No weld	25	-	-	-	0.1
A (ref case)	PIT	25	15	60	\checkmark	0.1, 0.3, 0.5
В	PIT	15	15	60	\checkmark	0.1
E	PIT	25	15	60	no	0.1
н	PIT	40	15	60	no	0.1
С	TIG remelting	15	15	60	\checkmark	0.1
D	TIG remelting	25	15	60	\checkmark	0.1
F	TIG remelting	25	15	40	\checkmark	0.1
G	TIG remelting	15	6	60	\checkmark	0.1
1	No post-treatment	15	15	60	\checkmark	0.1





Fatigue behavior – material data (inverse modelling):

Material	σ _υ (Mpa)	σ _{ιο} (Mpa)	b	β	а	M0	Ra (mm)	a* (M0 ^{-β)}
BM-SS	905.0	580.0	1.10 E-03	0.17	1	5.385 E+30	0.06	5.966E-06
BM-plate	905.0	203.0	1.10 E-03	0.17	1	5.385 E+30	0.06	5.966E-06

 σ_{10} = endurance limit= fatigue limit at null σ_{mean}















Fatigue tests: PIT post-treatment effect







Fatigue tests: TIG remelting post-treatment effect









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Residual stress measurement

Several cases:

- 3 geometries
- 3 cases: PIT, TIG remelting, no post-treat.
- Mid-weld (MW), weld edge (WE), RD, TD
- X-ray, neutron diffraction





Ex: ref. case: A, with post-treatment (X-ray)







Fatigue - numerical analysis















- Fatigue numerical analysis
 - 1. Mesh analysis 🔶 element size at weld toe: 0.1 mm (results not mesh dependent)
 - 2. For several stress ranges and a specified stress ratio (here: 0.1):
- Numerical analysis 🔿 Stress distribution 📫 number of cycle at rupture 1.E+5 Mesh analysis **Small case samples** 9.E+4 8.E+4 1000 7.E+4 ž **Cycles to failure**, 7 5.E+4 4.E+4 3.E+4 2.E+4 1.E+4 Welded plates + PIT Δσ (MPa) Welded Num.: 1st tests plates welded plates 100 0.E+0 1E+4 1E+5 1E+6 1E+7 0.0 0.2 0.3 0.4 0.5 0.6 Cycles to failure, N Element size (mm) ---- Num.

Next steps:

- to add σ_{res} to model (welding + post-treatment)
- to improve fatigue mat. data of HAZ (σ_{10})
- to study beams and critical bridge detail



• Fatigue - numerical analysis, crack propagation





Summary & conclusions

Important test campaign has been done to prepare numerical fatigue study of bridge details:

- Static tests Fatigue tests
 on small samples
- Fatigue tests on large welded plates
- Residual stresses measurements
- Mesh analysis
- Crack propagation

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- Static behaviour Fatigue behaviour (small size)
- Effects of size, surface roughness, welding, geometry, post-treatments
- Effect of post-treatments for num. analysis
- welded plates: elem. size at weld toe: 0.1 mm
- deep analysis of fatigue study



Positive effect in fatigue life is shown on welded plates Fatigue characterisation almost ready for analysis on critical bridge detail





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Overview

"Categorization of Fatigue Details in View of Post-Weld-Treatments"

1.) General information on **High Frequency Mechanical Impact** (HFMI) **Treatment**

2.) Improvement and categorization of appropriate construction details

a) Benefits and influences on fatigue resistance of HFMI-treated construction details (example: transverse stiffener)

b) Possible existing approaches

3.) Beam Tests

- a) Motivation of test series
- b) Experimental procedure
- c) Results of beam tests
- 4.) Conclusions and outlook

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1.) General information on High Frequency Mechanical Impact (HFMI) Treatment



a) Classification of Post-Weld Treatments



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1.) General information on High Frequency Mechanical Impact (HFMI) Treatment



b) Mechanism and variants of HFMI

Pneumatic Impact Treatment (PIT)

- By pneumatic pressure mechanical impacts are given with a pneumatically controlled muscle over a hardened pin into the construction
- The intensity is not depending on the applied compressive force due to an integrated spring system




1.) General information on High Frequency Mechanical Impact (HFMI) Treatment

c) Technical requirements



- For welded construction details with fatigue failure from weld toe HFMItreatment can improve fatigue resistance
- If fatigue failure cracks come from weld root, HFMI application is not successful
- Accessability to the welds, weld toe is needed

2.) Improvement and categorization of appropriate construction details



a) Benefits and influences on fatigue resistance of HFMI-treated construction details (example: transverse stiffener)

Investigated construction details:

- Butt weld <u>a</u>nd <u>v</u>ariants (a.v.)
- Transverse stiffener (a.v.)
- Longitudinal stiffener (a.v.)

Amount of improvement depends on construction detail

Quantity of improvement depends on further parameters:

- Yield strength fy
- Stress ratio R
- Type of loading (height, quantity, time ...)
- Plate thickness t



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2.) Improvement and categorization of appropriate construction details



a) Benefits and influences on fatigue resistance of HFMI-treated construction details (example: transverse stiffener)



2.) Improvement and categorization of appropriate construction details



a) Benefits and influences on fatigue resistance of HFMI-treated construction details (example: transverse stiffener)







a) Motivation of beam test series

- Improvement of fatigue resistance of several construction details is proved by small scale tests under laboratory conditions
- Component tests show drop of improvement of fatigue resistance due to:
 - More complex residual stress state
 - More complex welding conditions

Differences in fatigue resistance of small specimen and true scale
specimen

- drop of fatigue strength according to (Duerr, 2006)





b) Experimental procedure - test setup



3.) Beam Tests b) Experimental procedure



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T1_(HFMI: Stiffener) and T2_(HFMI: Stiffener) failure: Crack crossing the longitudinal fillet weld







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3.) Beam Tests c) Results





c) Test results – depending on failure modes









Beam test (aw)

Nominal Stress Range Δσ [MPa]





Beam test (aw)

Beam test (HFMI: Stiffener + Longi Weld)

• Failure Stiff (HFMI: Stiffener + Longi Weld)



c) Results for **transverse stiffener –** comparison to **small scale tests**





 $\Delta \sigma_{c} = 112 - 125 \text{ N/mm}^{2}$

3.) Beam Testsc) Results for longitudinal weld failure



Beam test (HFMI: stiffener) A Beam test (HFMI: Stiffener + Longi Weld)

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4.) Conclusions and Outlook

- Effectiveness of HFMI treatment could be shown for
 - Transverse stiffener beam tests (results between FAT 140 160)
 - Longitudinal fillet weld
- General uncritical construction details, such as longitudinal fillet welds, become decisive
- There is still **improvement potential** by HFMI for construction details not yet investigated (see longitudinal fillet welds)
- Clear and verified design guidelines have to be integrated into EC 3-1-9

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Buckling Behavior of Slender Plates under Multiaxial Stresses

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Introduction





Stability behavior of flat plates

Biaxial compression

- Investigations conducted by (Braun, 2010)
- Proposal of "V-Factor" in the domain of biaxial compression:



 \rightarrow Verified by numerical calculations for biaxial compression and unstiffened plates

 \rightarrow Existing EN 1993-1-5 partly unsafe. Meanwhile official amendment is added.



Stability behavior of flat plates

Consideration of tensile stresses?

- EN 1993-1-5, Ch. 10(5)) Note 2:In case of panels with tension and compression it is recommended to apply equations (10.4) and (10.5) only for the compressive parts.
- That means: "on the safe side the positive effect of tension stresses should be neglected when calculating the reduction factors"



 \rightarrow The assumption leads to conservative results.



Stability behavior of flat plates

Investigation in the frame of OptiBri

Buckling verification becomes more important for HSS plates:

AIM: To allow for taking account of positive effects of tension stresses





Experimental investigations

Test program and setup



Test	A1	A2	A3	B1	B2	B 3
a [mm]	900	900	900	1500	1500	1500
b [mm]	900	900	900	500	500	500
α	1	1	1	3	3	3
t [mm]	6	6	6	6	6	6
b/t	150	150	150	83	83	83
β	0	-0.25	-0.5	0	-1.5	-1





- Variation of aspect-ratio α and slenderness
- Variation of stress-ratio

$$\beta = \frac{\sigma_z}{\sigma_x}$$

Material: S690

$\rightarrow \beta$ = 0 as reference tests for the evaluation of the influence of tension stresses

b

t



Experimental investigations





- Evaluations show increase of loading capacity by increased tension stresses
- Evaluation of the deformations shows the influence of tension stresses on the buckling shape





Numerical investigation

Recalculations of tests





Comparison of failure modes

→ The numerical model has been developed using the material curve from tensile tests and the measured imperfections





Numerical investigation

Recalculations of tests



→ Good agreement between numerical and experimental buckling shapes



→ Good agreement between numerical and experimental ultimate load



Parametric study

Parametric study using ABAQUS (WP3.2)

- Influence of b/t- and aspect-ratio
- Influence tension stresses on compression
- Influence of boundary conditions





Influence of imperfection shape and amplitude







Parametric Study on Square Plates



- Investigated parameters:
 - interaction angle $\theta = \tan^{-1} \frac{\sigma_z}{\sigma_x}$
 - b/t-ratio

imperfection shape and amplitude

boundary conditions





Parametric study

Parametric Study on Square Plates

- Investigated parameters:
 - interaction angle θ
 - b/t-ratio



- imperfection shape and amplitude
- boundary conditions



BC-A; α=1; b/t=100 1 half-wave imperfection shape

→ With increasing tension buckling shape changes from one halfwave to 3 half-wave



For compression-tension

• Verification formula acc. to EN 1993-1-5 for direct stresses:

$$\left(\frac{\sigma_{xEd}}{\rho_x \cdot f_y / \gamma_{M1}}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\sigma_{zEd}}{\rho_z \cdot f_y / \gamma_{M1}}\right)^2 - \left(\frac{\sigma_{xEd}}{\rho_x \cdot f_y / \gamma_{M1}}\right) \cdot \left(\frac{\sigma_{zEd}}{\rho_z \cdot f_y / \gamma_{M1}}\right) \le 1$$

Modification of verification formula with "V-Factor" for direct stresses:

$$\left(\frac{\sigma_{xEd}}{\rho_x \cdot f_y / \gamma_{M1}}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\sigma_{zEd}}{\rho_z \cdot f_y / \gamma_{M1}}\right)^2 - V \cdot \left(\frac{\sigma_{xEd}}{\rho_x \cdot f_y / \gamma_{M1}}\right) \cdot \left(\frac{\sigma_{zEd}}{\rho_z \cdot f_y / \gamma_{M1}}\right) \le 1$$

• "V-Factor" in case of biaxial compression proposed by (Braun, 2010) $V = \rho_{c,x} \cdot \rho_{c,z}$

• "V-Factor" in case of compression-tension proposed by (Zizza, 2016)

$$V = 1/(\rho_{c,x} \cdot \rho_{c,z}^{2-\xi_z})$$



Proposed formula for calculation of buckling coefficient by Zizza for interaction of tension and compression



→ Neglecting the peaks in the calculation of the buckling coefficient for tension compression using:

$$k_{\sigma}^{\min} = 4(1-\beta)$$



Comparison of current design rules with proposed V-Factor (tension-compression)

0.2

 σ_x/f_v [-]

0.8

1.2

0.6

0.4



- Current design rules neglecting tension stresses lead to conservative results
- Current design rules applying tension for calculating p without V factor partially on unsafe side
- Proposal considering of V factor and neglecting the peak of buckling coefficient leads to good results

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MISES





- FE (w0=b/420) Δ
- EN 1993-1-5:2006, neglecting tension stresses (without V factor)
- EN 1993-1-5:2006, considering tension stresses (without V factor)
- Proposal of Zizza (with V factor)



Comparison of current design rules with proposed V-Factor (compression-compression)



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Flowchart of using MRS (sec. 10)

[reference numbers refer to EN 1993-1-5]





Example

Panels subjected to tension and compression

Acting stresses:

 $\sigma_{x,Ed} = 242 N / mm^2$ $\sigma_{z,Ed} = -89 N / mm^2$

Equivalent stress:

$$\sigma_{v} = \sqrt{(\sigma_{y,Ed})^{2} + (\sigma_{z,Ed})^{2} + (\sigma_{x,Ed}) \cdot (\sigma_{z,Ed})} = 296.69 \ N / mm^{2}$$

Buckling value acc. to proposal of Zizza:

$$\beta = \frac{\sigma_{z,Ed}}{\sigma_{x,Ed}} = \frac{-89}{242} = -0.367 \implies k_{\sigma} = k_{\sigma}^{\min} = 4(1 - (-0.368)) = 5.47$$



Elastic critical plate-buckling stress and column-buckling stress

$$\sigma_{e} = 27.33 \ N / mm^{2}$$

$$\sigma_{cr,c,x} = \frac{\pi^{2} E t^{2}}{12(1 - v^{2})a^{2}} = 18.98 \ N / mm^{2}$$

Slenderness and reduction factors:

$$\alpha_{cr} = \frac{\sigma_{cr,p}}{\sigma_{x,Ed}} = \frac{149.6}{242} = 0.618 \implies \alpha_{ult} = \frac{f_y}{\sigma_v} = \frac{690}{296.69} = 2.326 \implies \overline{\lambda_p} = \sqrt{\frac{\alpha_{ult}}{\alpha_{cr}}} = 1.94 \implies \rho_x = \frac{\overline{\lambda_p} - 0.055 \cdot (3+\psi)}{\overline{\lambda_p}^2} = 0.457$$

$$\xi_x = \frac{\sigma_{cr,p,x}}{\sigma_{cr,c,x}} - 1 \ge 1 \Rightarrow \xi_x = 1 \Rightarrow \rho_{c,x} = \rho_x = 0.457$$

 $\rho_{c,z} = 1$



Example

Panels subjected to tension and compression

Verification acc. to proposal of Zizza:

$$V = 1/\left(\rho_{c,x} \cdot \rho_{c,z}^{2-\xi_z}\right) = 1/(0.457) = 2.188$$

$$\eta = \sqrt{\left(\frac{242}{0.457 \cdot 690/1.1}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{-89}{1 \cdot 690/1.1}\right)^2 - 2.188 \cdot \left(\frac{242}{0.457 \cdot 690/1.1}\right) \cdot \left(\frac{-89}{1 \cdot 690/1.1}\right)} = 1 \le 1$$

Comparison of proposal and current design rule with required thickness of panel

	EC1993-1-5:2006	Proposal of Zizza	EC1993-1-5:2006	Proposal of Zizza
Steel	S690	S690	S355	S355
t [mm]	14	12	24.7	21.2
η	1	1	1	1

→ Proposed verification considering tension stresses and V factor leads to efficient design of the panels


Summary and Outlook

- Six tests have been conducted and recalculated using the FEM
- Tension stresses may change the failure mode of a square panel from one halfwave into more half-waves.
- Tension stresses increase the buckling resistance of the panels.
- The ultimate loads acc. to Sec 10, EN 1993-1-5 with considering the positive effect of tension stresses on the reduction factors and proposed V factor by Zizza, enhance the accuracy of the "reduced stress method" and leads to more efficient design of the panels.

Outlook

- Extension of the numerical investigations for interaction of tension and shear
- Investigations on stiffened plates





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Improved Bridge Design by Use of High Strength Steel (HSS) with OPTIBRI developments

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RECTION C-C - TEX STRVENERS



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DECK TYPICAL CROSS-SECTION - SUPPORT

The Parameter



- Design A S355 NL (current Eurocode versions)
- **Design B –** S690 QL (current Eurocode versions)
- **Design C** S690 QL (upgrade Eurocode versions)

Direct Improvements for Bridge Design:

- Reduction of maximum steel plate thickness: 120 to 70 mm
- Reduction of the welding volume: 65%
- Reduction of overall steel weight: 25%

However...

• Fatigue has become the critical ULS check !



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Design A – S355 NL

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Design B – S690 QL



Direct Improvements for Bridge Design:



Reduction of the welding volume:

65%



Direct Improvements for Bridge Design:

Reduction of brittle failure risk •

Design A (S355NL):

 $\sigma_{Ed} = 0.63 f_v(t) - t_{max} = 92$ mm (t=120mm)

Design B (S690QL1): $\sigma_{Ed} = 0.53 f_v(t) - t_{max} = 63 \text{mm} (t=70 \text{mm})$

Steel Class	Quality	K	(V	$\sigma = 0.75 fu(t)$	$\sigma = 0.50 \text{ fv}(t)$	$\sigma = 0.25 fv(t)$	
01001 01033	Quanty	at T [°C]	Jmin	$O_{Ed} = 0,73$ fy(t)	$O_{Ed} = 0,30$ Fy(t)	$O_{Ed} = 0,23$ Fy(t)	
S355	J2	-20	27	40	65	110	
	K2,M,N	-20	40	50	80	130	
	ML,NL	-50	27	75	110 (120)	175	
S690	QL	-20	40	25	45	85	
	QL1	-40	40	40	65 (70)	120	
	QL1	-60	30	50	80	140	

Reference temperature: Tref = -30°C

Design B: $t \le 70$ mm (S690 QL1, 40J at -40°C) Design A: $t \le 120 \text{ mm}$ (S355 NL);



ULS BRIDGE DECK BENDING DESIGN

Mid-span section Class 1 – Plastic section analysis	Design A S355	Design B S690
$M_{\rm Ed}/M_{\rm pl.Rd}$ < 1	0.74	0.54
$\{\sigma_{\rm Ed} / (f_{\rm yf} / \gamma_{\rm M0})\}$ Bottom flange < 1	0.93	0.65
Support section Class 4 – <i>Elastic analysis with effective section</i>	Design A S355	Design B S690
$\{\sigma_{\rm Ed}/(f_{ m yf}/\gamma_{ m M0})\}$ Eff. bottom flange < 1	0.95	0.88
$\{\sigma_{\rm Ed} / (\chi_{\rm LT} f_{\rm yf} / \gamma_{\rm M1})\}$ Eff. bottom flange < 1 (*) (*) at 0.25 L_k = 5 m from the support	0.92	0.97





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Transversal stiffener at support:





Cope holes on main beams:





Solution: Avoid Cope holes













Transversal attachment on bottom flange of main beams:





OVERVIEW OF FAT CHECK

	-	Cross-gird @ 8.0m	lers —	T stiffe +cross-g	irder	0	T stiffe	ner			[mm]
					Desig	n A					
Section	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
(X)	(0.0)	(4.0)	(8.0)	(12.0)	(16.0)	(20.0)	(24.0)	(28.0)	(32.0)	(36.0)	(40.0)
t _f (mm)	120	120	120/80	80	80	80/50	50	50	50	50	50
$\gamma_{Mf} \gamma_{Ff} \Delta \sigma_{E,2}$	25.5	21.7	32.1	36.5	29.9	47.6	51.0	53.0	56.9	57.4	56.6
FAT	56	80	80	80	80	80	80	80	80	80	80
					Desig	n B					
t _f (mm)	70	70	70/60	60	60	60/45	45	45	45	45	45
$\gamma_{Mf} \gamma_{Ff} \Delta \sigma_{E,2}$	49.8	42.7	57.9	65.8	55.2	66.9	71.9	70.7	76.5	77.8	77.1
FAT	56	80	80	80	80	80	80	80	80	80	80

- HSS allows for 34% overall steel reduction in main beams
- Fatigue becomes the leading ULS check at span sections



PWT Transversal attachment (beams and plates):









Butt welds on bottom flange of main beams:









size effect for t>25mm: $k_{e}=(25/t)^{0.2}$		 Without backing bar: Transverse splices in plates and flats. Flange and web splices in plate girders before assembly. Full cross-section butt welds of rolled sections without cope holes. Transverse splices in plates or flats tapered in width or in thickness, with a slope ≤ ¼. 	 All welds ground flush to plate surface parallel to direction of the arrow. Weld run-on and run-off pieces to be used and subsequently removed, plate edges to be ground flush in direction of stress. Welded from both sides; checked by NDT. <u>Detail 3):</u> Applies only to joints of rolled sections, cut and rewelded.
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Web-to-flange longitudinal weld:







Detail category	Constructional detail	Description	Requirements
	a.c. ()	Continuous longitudinal welds:	Details 1) and 2):
125		 Automatic butt welds carried out from both sides. Automatic fillet welds. Cover plate ends to be checked using detail 6) or 7) in Table 8.5. 	No stop'start position is permitted except when the repair is performed by a specialist and inspection is carried out to verify the proper execution of the repair.
112		 Automatic fillet or butt weld carried out from both sides but containing stop/start positions. Automatic butt welds made from one side only, with a continuous backing bar, but without stop/start positions. 	 When this detail contains stop/start positions category 100 to be used.

OVERVIEW OF FAT CHECK



	-	Cross-gird @ 8.0m	lers —	T stif +cross	fener Girder		Tsti	ffener			[mm]	
					Desig	in B						
Section	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	
(X)	(0.0)	(4.0)	(8.0)	(12.0)	(16.0)	(20.0)	(24.0)	(28.0)	(32.0)	(36.0)	(40.0)	
t _f (mm)	70	70	70/60	60	60	60/45	45	45	45	45	45	\mathbb{N}
$\gamma_{Mf} \gamma_{Ff} \Delta \sigma_{E,2}$	49.8	42.7	57.9	65.8	55.2	66.9	71.9	70.7	76.5	77.8	77.1	
FAT	56	80	80	80	80	80	80	80	80	/ 80	80	
					Desig	jn C						
t _f (mm)	70	70	70/45	45	45	45/30	30	30	30	30	30	\mathcal{V}
$\gamma_{Mf} \gamma_{Ff} \Delta \sigma_{E,2}$	49.8	42.7	88.7	100.3	83.4	90.5	96.9	100.8	109.1	110.3	102.6	
Detail			112			112		112	/		112	
Size effect			0.89			0.96		0.96			0.96	
FAT	56	125	100	125	125	108	125	108	125	125	108	

PWT allows for 7% overall steel reduction







Safety to torsional buckling

 $\sigma_{cr} \geq \theta f_y$

- σ_{cr} = elastic critical stress for torsional buckling of the stiffener
- θ = 6 for T stiffeners or θ = 2 for flat stiffeners
- f_{y} = is taken as the maximum stress σ_{max} and not the yielding stress

For DESIGN B:

$$\sigma_{cr} = 2969 \text{MPa} \approx 6 \sigma_{max,Ed} = 6 \times 472.78 \text{ MPa} >> 6 \sigma_{max,Ed} / \sigma_{cr} = 0.96$$

Often the critical criterion to design the transversal stiffeners

Minimum stiffness required to the stiffeners to act as rigid supports for shear verification web panels

Usually verified by a large margin

$$I_{\text{st}} \ge 1,5 \ h_{\text{w}}^3 \cdot t_{\text{w}}^3 / a^2 \quad \text{if} \quad a/h_{\text{w}} < \sqrt{2}$$
$$I_{\text{st}} \ge 0,75 \ h_{\text{w}} \cdot t_{\text{w}}^3 \quad \text{if} \quad a/h_{\text{w}} \ge \sqrt{2}$$





Tests show $P_{exp} \leq 56\% P_{st}$ [Sinur & Beg, 2012]





Re-design of stiffeners allows for 7% overall steel reduction

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CONCLUSIONS

Advantages:

- The use of S690 HSS instead of S355 enables a reduction up to
 - 25% (Design B)
 - 35% (Design C)

Comparative analysis (structural steel weight ratios [kg/m²])	Steel in the deck	Reduction (%)
Design A – S355	219 kg/m ²	
Design B – S690	165 kg/m²	-25%
Design C – S690	143 kg/m²	(-14%) -35%



CONCLUSIONS

Advantages:

- The use of S690 HSS instead of S355 enables a reduction up to:
 - 25% (Design B)
 - 35% (Design C)
 - Aesthetics of bridge is improved by increased deck slenderness
 - S690 allows the use of thinner plates which:
 - Reduces the full penetration weld volume more than 65%
 - Reduces the brittle fracture problems
 - Reduces the size effect and thus increases fatigue resistance
- PWT details are effective and useful to take full advantage of the HSS steel



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Comparative Life-Time Assessment of the Use of HSS in Bridges

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SCOPE OF THE ANALYSIS







Life-time assessment of bridges

SCOPE OF THE ANALYSIS ACCORDING TO EN 15978







 \checkmark Environmental data for different steel grades

Product 2.

Product description 2.1

This EPD applies to 1 t of structural steel (sections and plates). It covers steel products of the grades S235 to S960 rolled out to structural sections, merchant bars and heavy plates.

LCA: Results

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A1	A2	A3	A4	A5	B1	82	83	B4	85	B6	87	C1	C2	C3	C4	D
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ENVIRONMENTAL PRODUCT DECLARATION



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✓ Environmental data for different steel grades



Cumulated energy demand (CED) for heavy plates (closed-loop-approach) made of various steel grades

Source: Stroetmann, R. HSS for improvement of sustainability. Eurosteel 2011.







Environmental data for different steel grades referring to S235J2



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Environmental data for different steel grades referring to S235J2



Relation of CED, GWP_{100} and AP of heavy plates for various steel grades referring to S235J2

	\$355J2	S420N	S460N	S420M	S460M	\$460Q	S500Q	S550Q	S620Q	S690Q
heavy plates	6,6	9,3	10,6	3,3	4,1	10,2	11,1	13,4	15,5	17,1
rolled sections	6,7	8,8	9,9	3,4	4,2	10,0	10,7	12,6	14,2	15,6

Required weight saving ΔG in [%] compared to steel grade S235J2

Source: Stroetmann, R. HSS for improvement of sustainability. Eurosteel 2011.



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Environmental data for different steel grades

Stainless steel - Cradle to gate: GWP

Base case & Net results including [Burden for scrap inputs - Credit for scrap outputs]



Cradle-to-gate results of two stainless steel grades.

Source: Hallberg, L. & Sperle, J. Assessing the environmental advantages of HSS. The Steel Eco-Cycle, Environmental Research Programme for the Swedish Steel Industry, 2004 – 2012.





Cost of different steel grades (production and fabrication)



Economic efficiency - Relative price comparison for heavy plates of various steel grades

A moderate increase in price that may be compensated by appropriate weight savings.

Source: Stroetmann, R. HSS for improvement of sustainability. Eurosteel 2011.

Life-time assessment of bridges

Indicator	Brief description	Unit
Abiotic depletion	Depletion of natural resources	kg of antimony (Sb) eq.
Acidification	Atmospheric pollution arising from anthropogenically derived sulphur (S) and nitrogen (N), which enhances the rates of acidification of soils and may then exceed its natural neutralising capacity	kg SO ₂ eq.
Eutrophication	The gradual increase and enrichment of ecosystems by nutrients such as nitrogen (N) and/or phosphorus (P)	kg PO₄ eq.
Global warming	The potential contribution of a substance to the greenhouse effect.	kg CO ₂ eq.
Ozone layer depletion	Defines ozone depletion potential of different gasses	kg CFC-11 eq.
Photochemical oxidation	Formation of reactive substances (mainly ozone) which are injurious to human health and ecosystems	kg of ethylene (C_2H_4) eq.




Life cycle performance - Analysis of use stage (modules B1-B5)



Focus on fatigue assessment

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PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT

- Scope: Composite girder-bridge with numerous spans.
- Program developed in PYTHON 2.7.12.
- > Organised in 4 Main Modules
 - 1. Beam Analysis
 - 2. Influence line and FLM3
 - 3. Traffic simulation
 - 4. Cross-section and detail verification to fatigue
- Databases using SQLite





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This module aims to get the load effects on the main girders

(shear and bending moment).

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Calculates the shear and moment influence lines for a particular cross-section and applies the FLM3 in order to get the absolute maximum load effects for that section.

- 3. Traffic simulation
- 4. Cross-section and detail verification to fatigue







This module allow us to study where should the loads be positioned in order to get maximum and minimum load effects in the cross-section where the detail under study is located.



Life-time assessment of bridges PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT



The Eurocode proposes a load model - FLM3 - for fatigue design and verification when considering a finite life of the structure, which is most commonly used in practice along with the simplified damage equivalent factor method





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Generates a random stream of heavy load traffic and evaluates its action effects on the structure

4. Cross-section and detail verification to fatigue





Life-time assessment of bridges PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT TRAFFIC SIMULATION Generate a stream of truck traffic in one lane Calculate the bridge load effects for a stream of truck traffic INPUTS

- Min and max truck speed [km/h]
- Min gap between vehicles [sec] (safety)
- Period of time [hr]
- Start of day period [hr]
- End of day period [hr]

- Min and max flow rate during day period [truck/h]
- Min and max flow rate during day night [truck/h]
- Time step [sec]

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Calculates the cross-section properties and checks the verification of the detail under fatigue using both damage equivalent and damage accumulation methods.







GENERAL DESCRIPTION

- Composite steel-concrete girder bridge with a continuous multiple-span configuration
- Steel grades CASE A: S355 and CASE B: S690 (HSS).
- Concrete C35/45. Reinforcement steel B500B. Head stud connectors S235.
- 2 lanes of traffic per direction.
- 1 slow lane per direction.







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Case study

Bill of main materials (case A vs. case B)

	Case A	Case B
Concrete slab (kg)	1373100	1367810
Steel girders (kg)	159021	110097
Connectors (kg)	790	790
Stiffners (kg)	15084	14028
Reinforcement (kg)	67521	67261











Sensitivity analysis: assuming +10% for HSS







STRUCTURAL STEEL DISTRIBUTION







CUMULATIVE DAMAGE METHOD

Initial conditions:

Days of analysis	min speed	max speed	min gap	time analysis	min flow day	max flow day	min flow night	max flow night	start time day	end time day
	[km/h]	[km/h]	[sec]	[hrs]	[tr/hr]	[tr/hr]	[tr/hr]	[tr/hr]	[hr]	[hr]
28	60	110	1.5	720	100	200	10	100	6	22



Maximum stress range:

At intermediate support 6.247 14.321 At mid-span 24.505 30.667	Δσ _{max} [MPa]	S355	S690	
At mid-span 24.505 30.667	At intermediate support	6.247	14.321	
	At mid-span	24.505	30.667	

$\Delta \sigma_L$	_ 32.4	A MDa
ŶMf	1.35 - 2	.4 Mira

	Mean	St. dev.
Truck speed [km/hr]	84.9	14.44



Damage:

- Thus, minor repairs are expected to occur in both cases; \checkmark
- However, as there is not traffic under the bridge, no significant differences are estimated for the \checkmark environmental performance of the bridges over their service lives.





- The use of HSS enables to reduce the amount of steel used in the structural system of bridges;
- This reduction leads to improvements in the life cycle environmental performance of the bridge as resources are saved and emissions are reduced;
- Steel structures made by HSS may be more vulnerable to fatigue problems;
- ✓ The use of post-welding treatments may enable to reduce this vulnerability (this will be assessed in the near future).





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