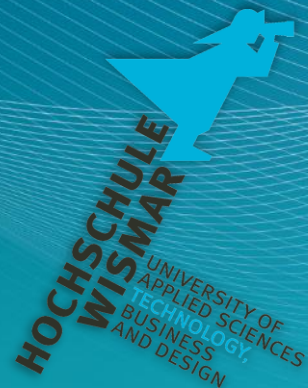


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Remaining Fatigue Strength of an Orthotropic Steel Deck with Respect to a Repair Method by Cold Joining Techniques

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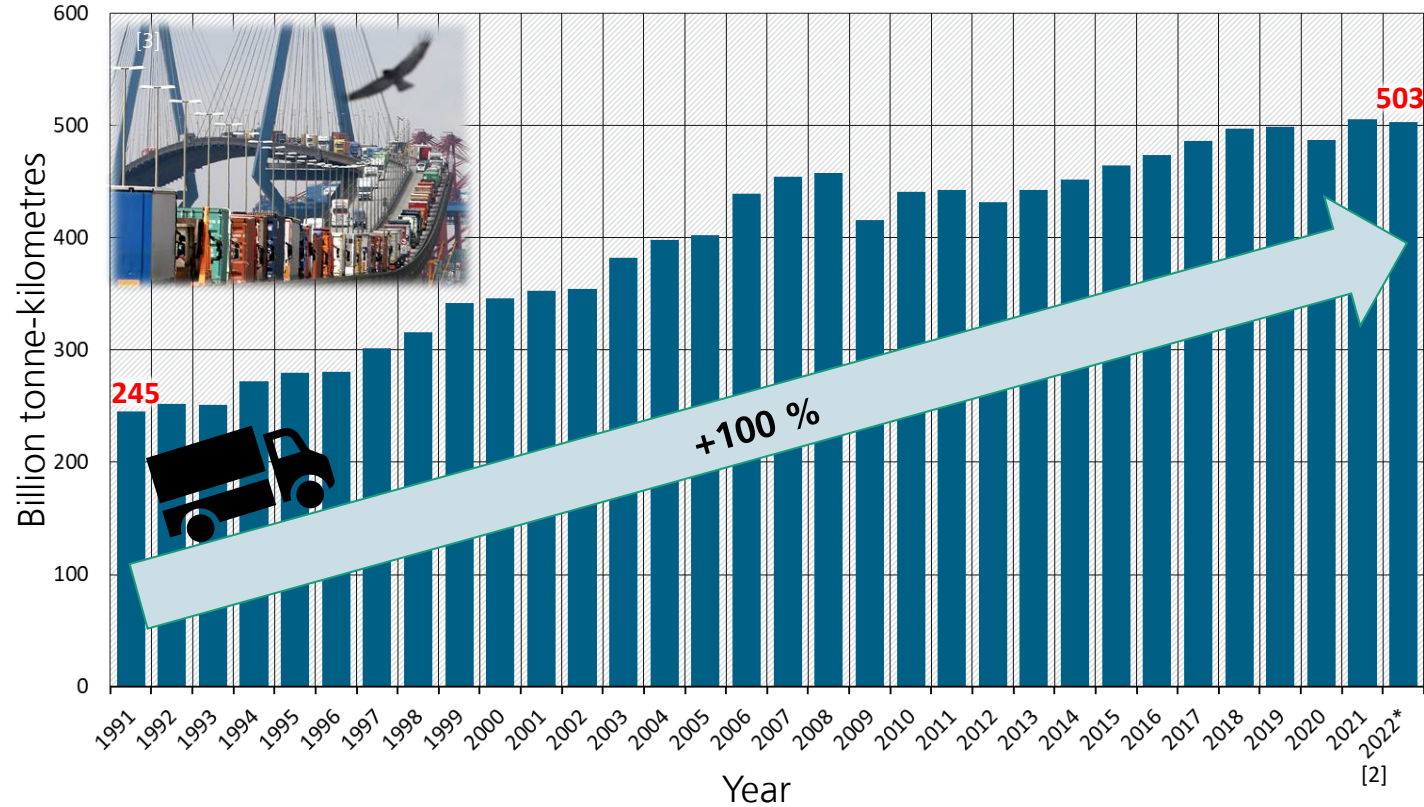
Introduction



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Zeitraum	bis 1950	1950 bis 1970	1970 bis 1990	1990 bis 2010	ab 2010
N_{obs} je Jahr für Fahrstreifen 1	$0,25 \cdot 10^6$	$0,5 \cdot 10^6$	$1,0 \cdot 10^6$	$2,0 \cdot 10^6$	$2,5 \cdot 10^6$
	Verkehrszusammensetzung in %				
	45	30	20	20	10
	45	20	10	5	5
	-	-	20	50	60
	5	25	30	15	15
	5	25	20	10	10

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Freight transport performance in Germany



- Significant increase in size and weight of freight transport performance per vehicle
- Significant increase in freight transport performance
- Overuse of infrastructure that was not taken into account in the planning phase

Damages on Orthotropic Steel Deck Structure



Damage Categories

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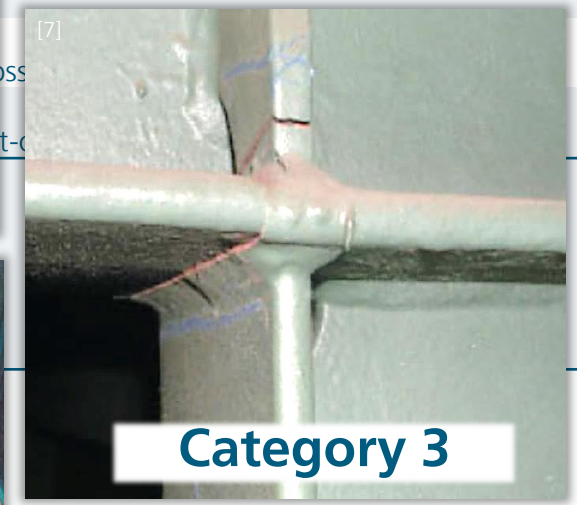
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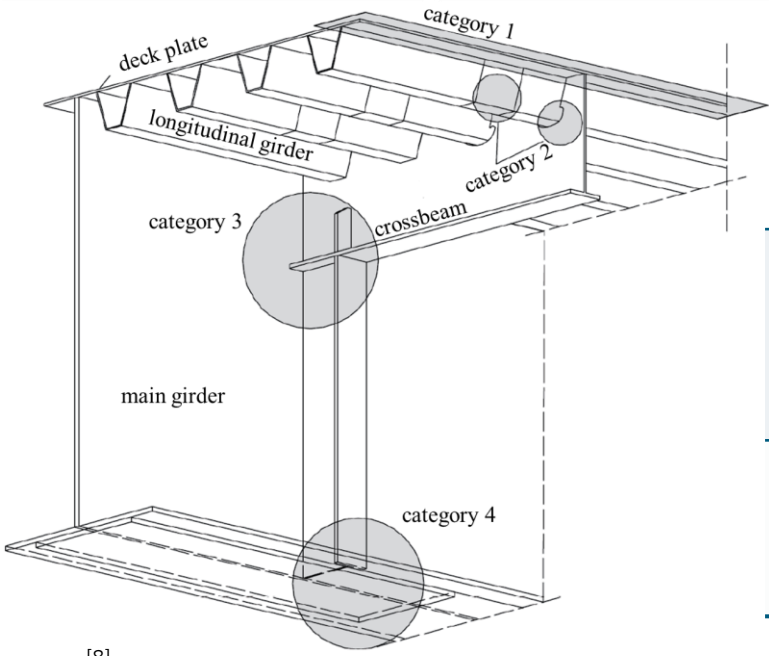
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Category 2b Category 2c



Category 3

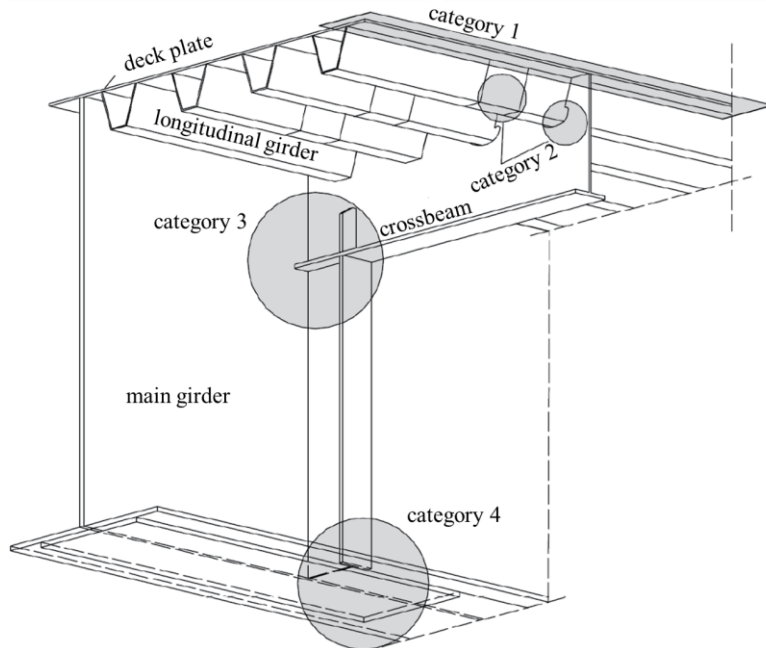


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Damage Categories



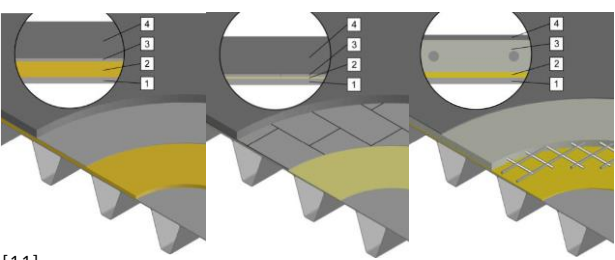
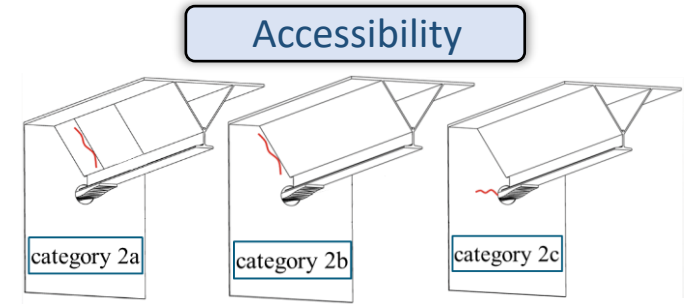
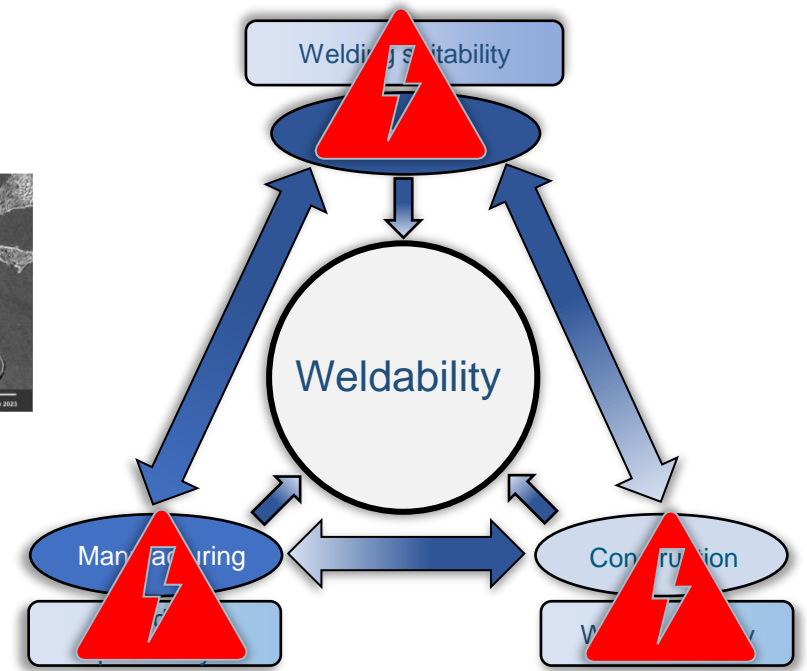
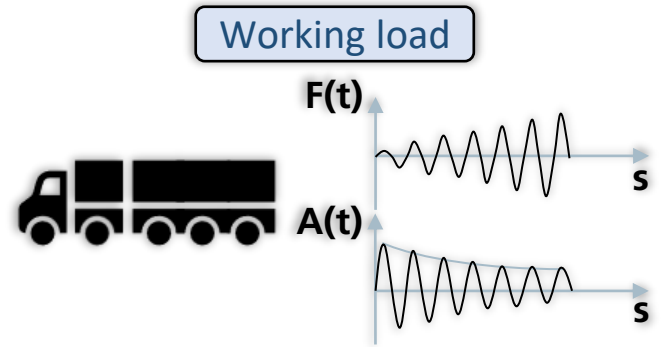
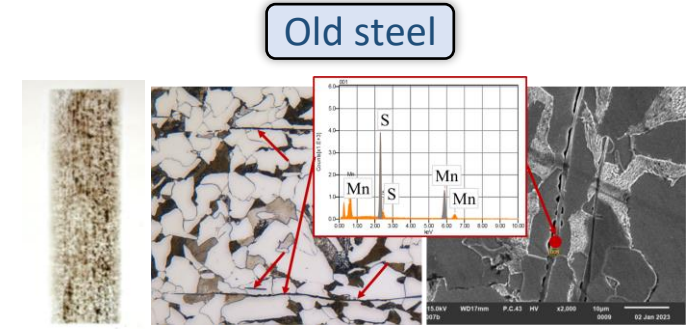
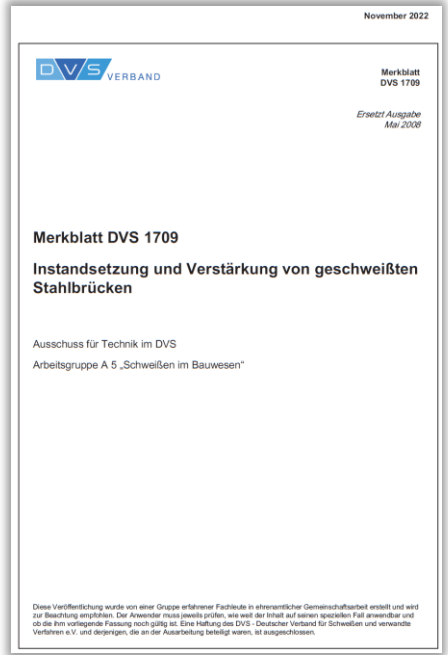
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Damage category	Detail and Damage Tolerance
Category 1	Cover plate of deck slab <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Redundancy available • Multiple load paths exist
Category 2	Connections between crossbeam and discontinuous longitudinal girder or splice between continuous longitudinal girder <p>Category 2a</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fatigue failure of splice between longitudinal girder <p>Category 2b</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fatigue failure of discontinuous longitudinal girder to crossbeam joint <p>Category 2c</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fatigue failure of crossbeam at free edge of extended cut-out
Category 3	Components and connections in the crossbeam <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Redundancy available to a limited extent • Secondary damages very likely • Component failure possible • Multiple load paths available to a limited extent • Local collapse of the structure
Category 4	Main structure and girder. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No redundancy available • Secondary damages likely • Single load paths • Global collapse of the structure

Damages on Orthotropic Steel Deck Structure

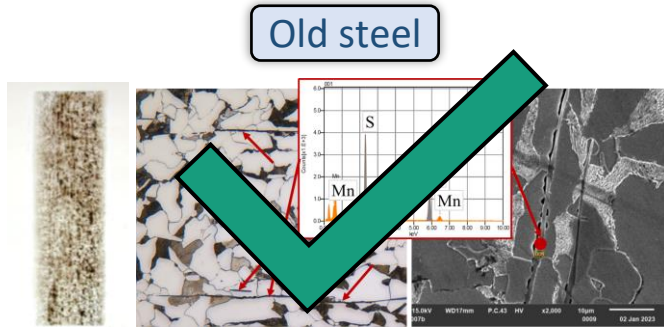


Repair Methods

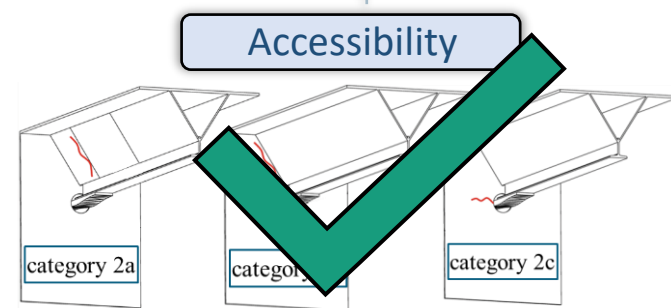
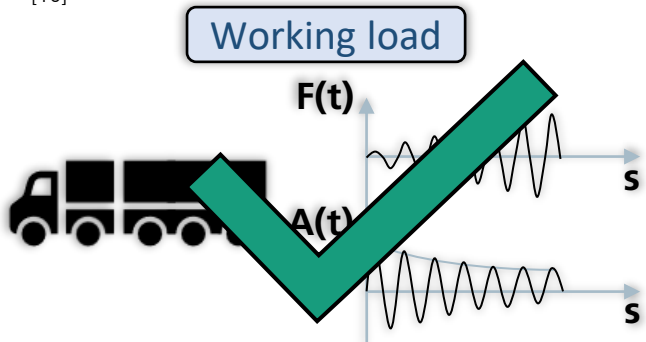


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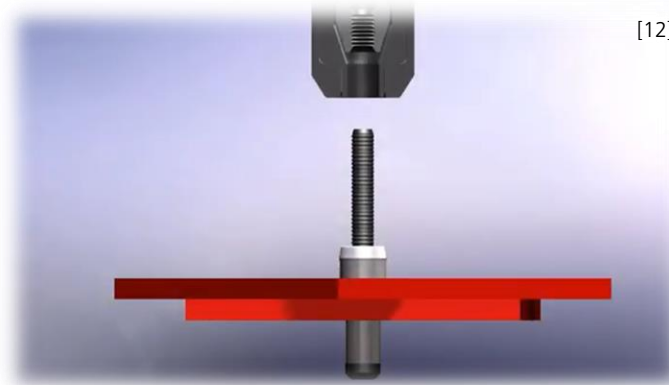
Repair Methods – Cold joining technology



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Cold joining technology

- No special preparation of the joint
- Easy installation of the blind fastener
- Only one-side accessibility is required
- \varnothing -range from 6.4 mm - 19.5 mm
- No thermal load shrinkage stress

Application of blind fastener

- ! Missing design rules acc. to Eurocode 3
- ! Application by individual case studies
- ! National Technical Approval | General Construction Technique Permit | European Technical Assessment
- Close gap of knowledge by systematic investigations

Experimental Investigations



Static tests on blind fasteners

Test procedure:

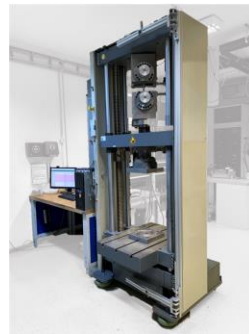
- DIN EN ISO 14589
- Hardened Inserts
- Test velocity 10 mm/min

Shear test parameter:

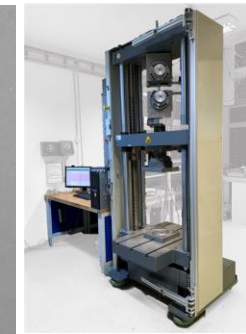
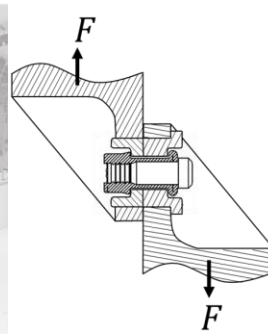
- Position shear plane
- Min. | max. clamping length
- Min. | max. hole diameter
- Characteristic shear resistance $F_{v,Rk}$

Tension test parameter:

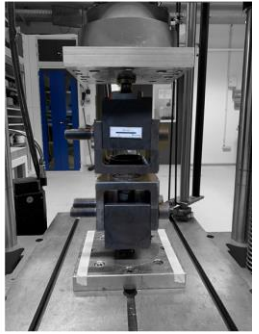
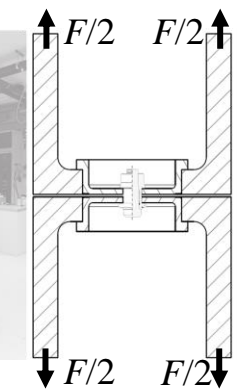
- Min. | max. clamping length
- Max. hole diameter
- Characteristic tension resistance $F_{t,Rk}$



Shear Test



Tension Test



series	d [mm]	parameter I	parameter II		$d_{0,min}$	$d_{0,max}$
		l_k [mm]	$t_1 < t_{II}$ [mm]	$t_1 > t_{II}$ [mm]		
01	6.4	4.0 – 18.2	2.0 + 5.1	5.1 + 2.0	7.1	7.4
02	7.8	4.8 – 27.0	2.5 + 8.6	8.6 + 2.5	8.9	9.3
03	9.5	8.0 – 30.1	3.0 + 24.0	24.0 + 3.0	10.5	11.0
04	12.7	9.6 – 41.2	4.0 + 34.2	34.2 + 4.0	13.9	14.7
05	15.9	12.8 – 21.6	5.0 + 20.6	20.6 + 5.0	17.5	18.4
06	19.1	12.8 – 31.6	6.0 + 19.6	19.6 + 6.0	21.1	22.1

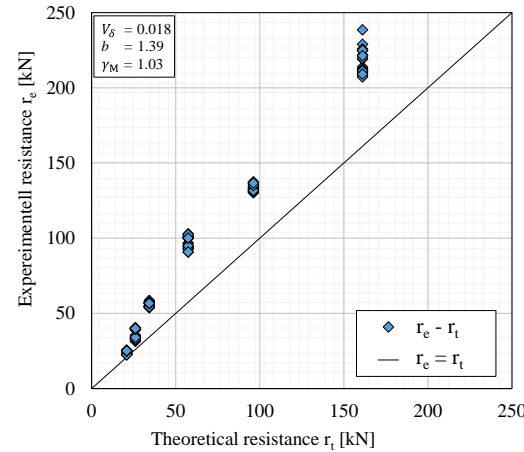
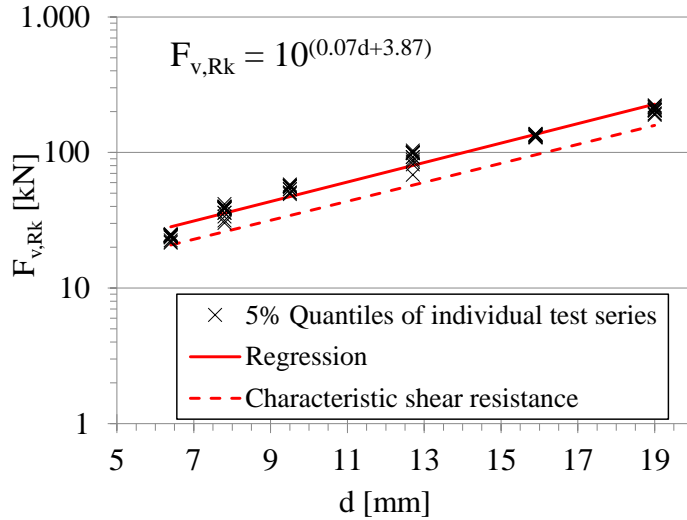
1) Configuration for tension tests

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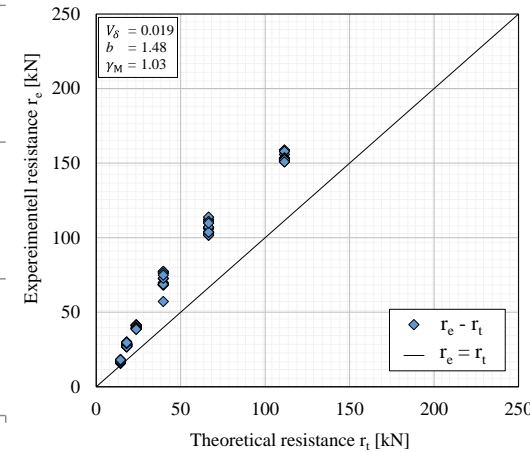
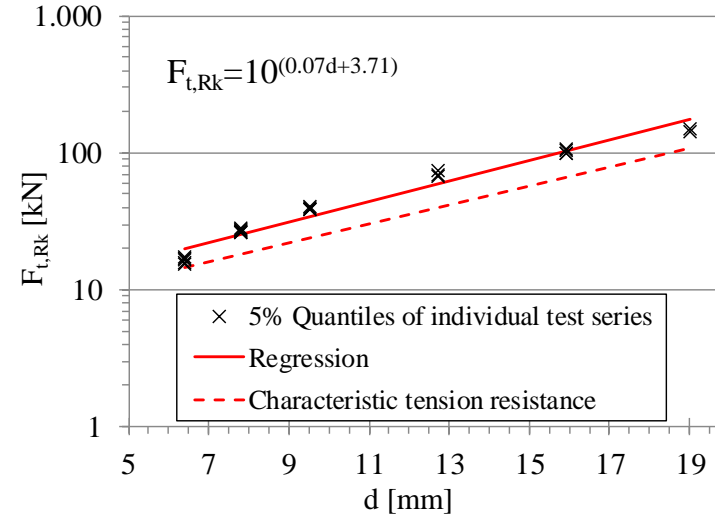


Static tests on blind fasteners

Shear Test

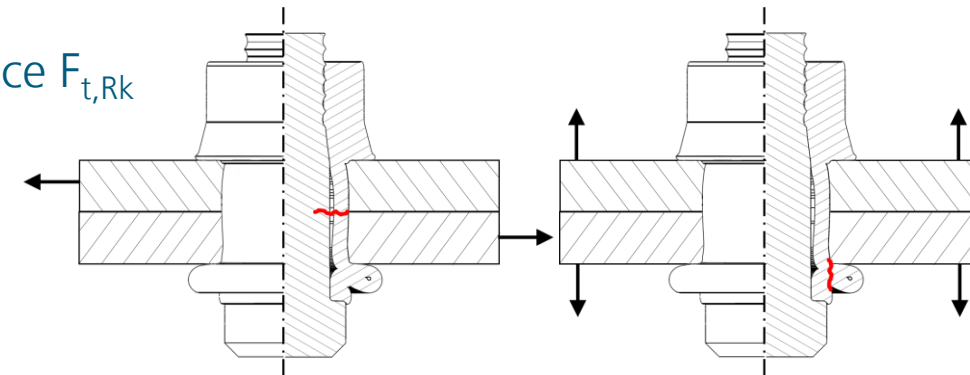


Tension Test



Results:

- Design equation for the characteristic shear $F_{v,Rk}$ and tension resistance $F_{t,Rk}$
- Statistical evaluation acc. to EN 1990 Annex D
 - Comparison of experimental and theoretical results
 - Partial factor γ_M below $\gamma_{M2} = 1.25$ (resistance of fasteners)



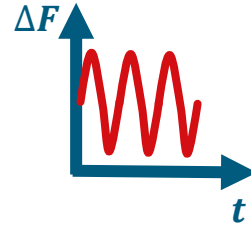
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Fatigue tests on blind fasteners



Test procedure:

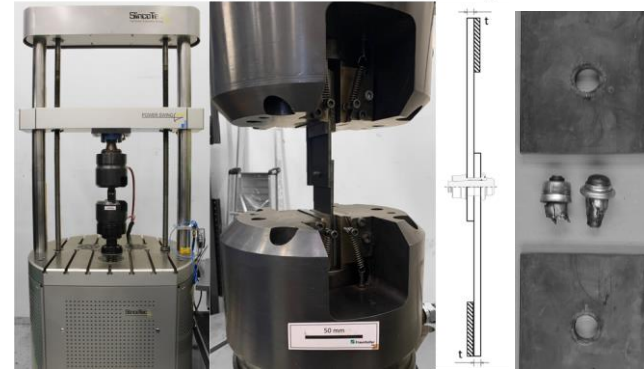
- Load level method
- Load ratio $R = 0.1$
- Test frequency $f = 41 - 89$ Hz
- End of test – run-out ($N_D = 5 \cdot 10^6$) or fracture of specimen
- Evaluation acc. to BACKGROUND INFORMATION OF FATIGUE DESIGN RULES



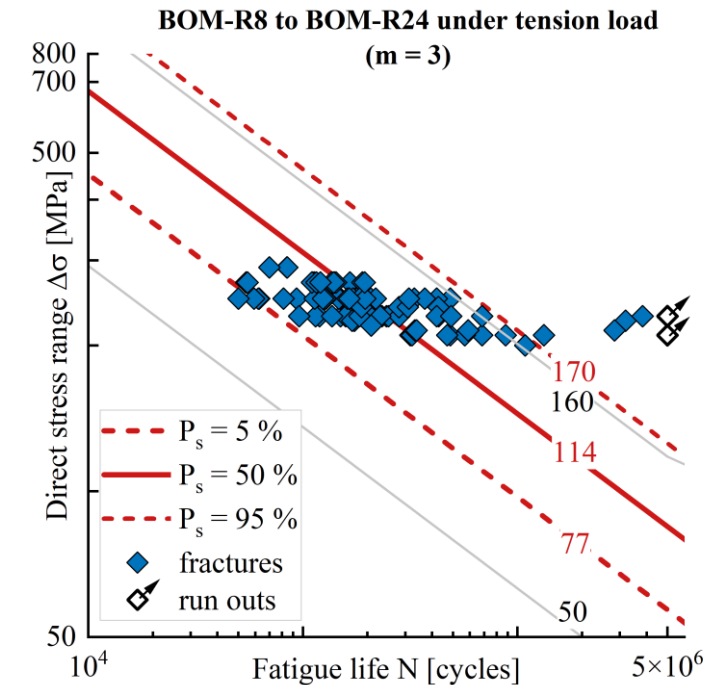
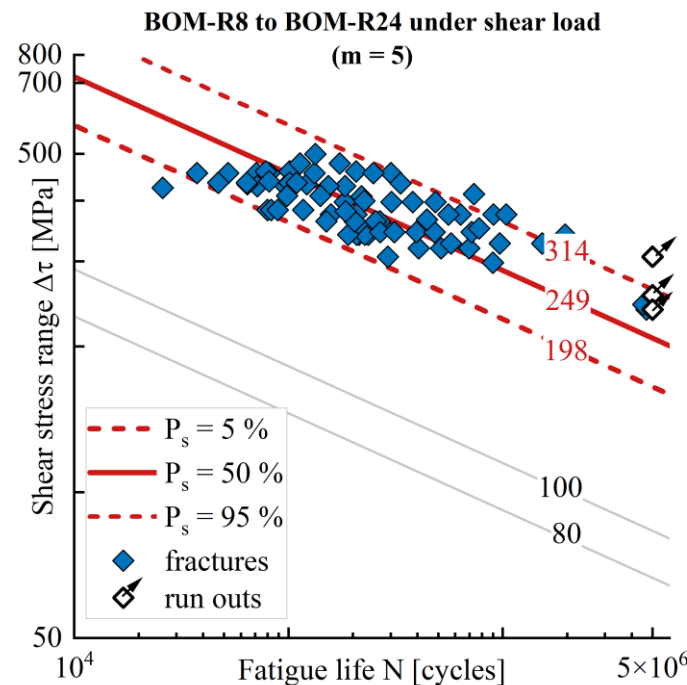
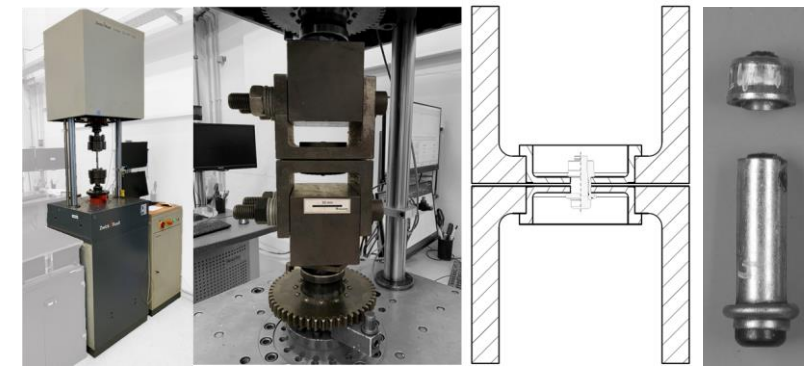
Results:

- Characteristic shear stress range $\Delta\tau_C = 198$ N/mm² (m=5)
- Characteristic direct stress range $\Delta\sigma_C = 77$ N/mm² (m=3)

Shear Test

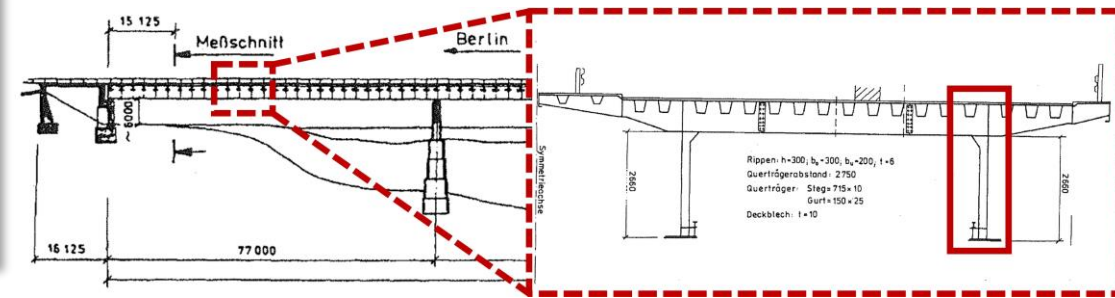
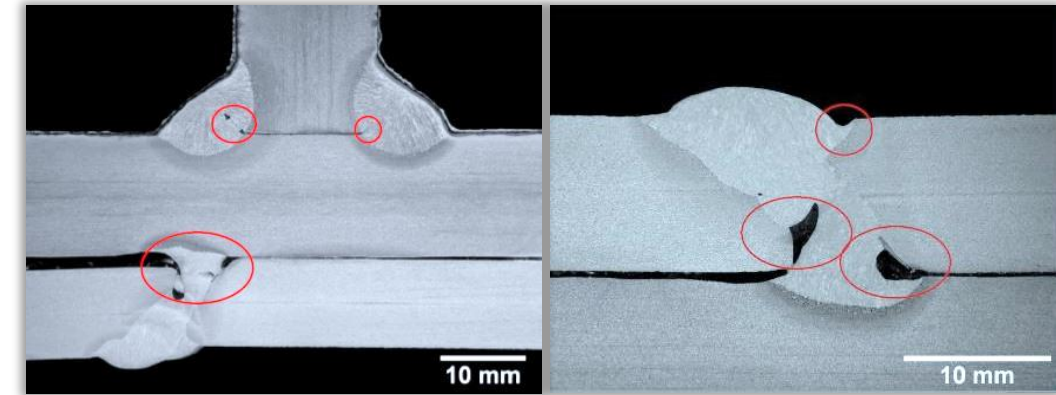


Tension Test



Experimental Investigations

Old steel from demolished bridge structure



Repair method by welding:

- **Repairing in main girder** area with additional plates
- Webs of the main girder subjected to **tensile stresses from welding**
- Old material failed by lamellar tearing → **Manganese sulphides** in the material was found as reason
- lack of stability of the old bridge and **problems with the repair method**

Demolished steel bridge:

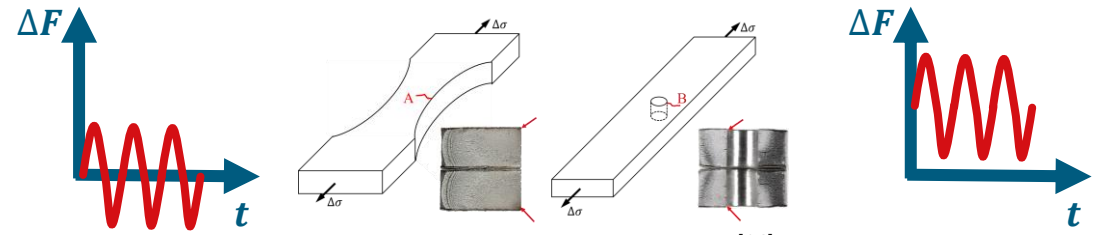
- Provision of **test material from middle section** for fatigue tests



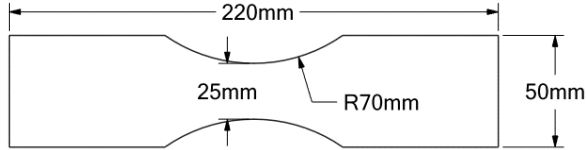
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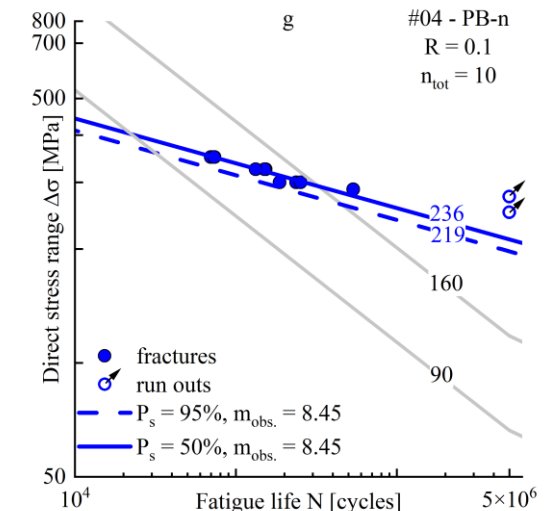
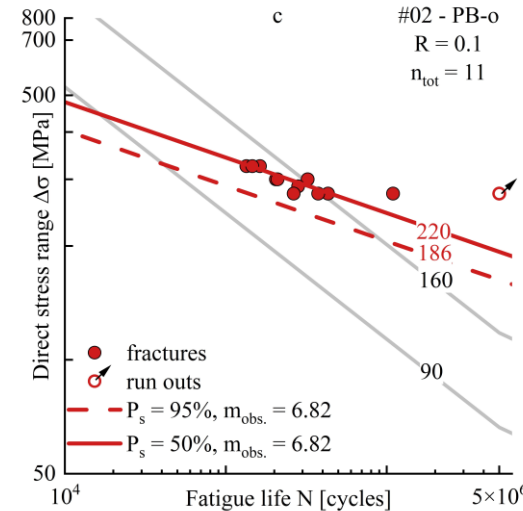
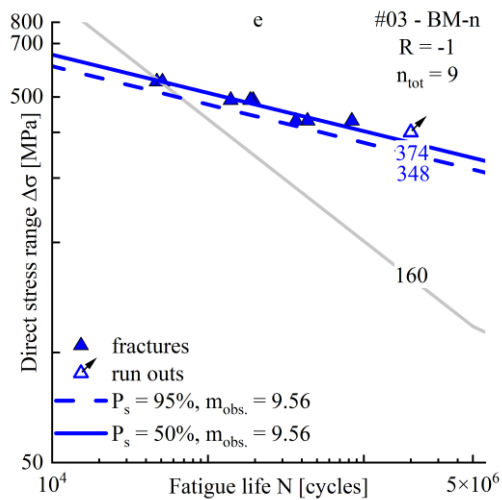
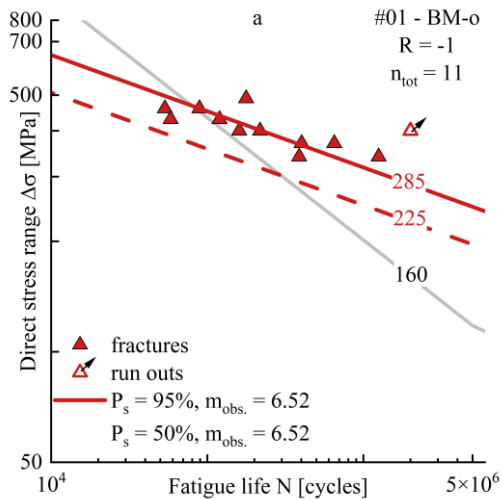
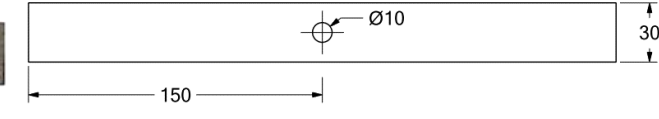
Fatigue tests on base material and perforated bar



— Base material (BM)



Perforated bar (PB)



Test procedure:

- Load level method
- Load ratio $R = -1$ (BM) | 0.1 (PB)
- Test frequency $f = 8 - 20$ Hz (BM) | $93 - 93$ Hz (PB)
- End of test – run-out [$N_D = 2 \cdot 10^6$ (BM) | $N_D = 5 \cdot 10^6$ (PB)] or fracture of specimen
- Evaluation acc. to BACKGROUND INFORMATION OF FATIGUE DESIGN RULES

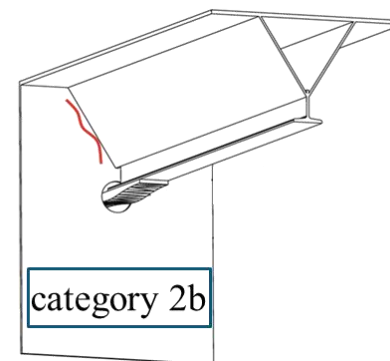
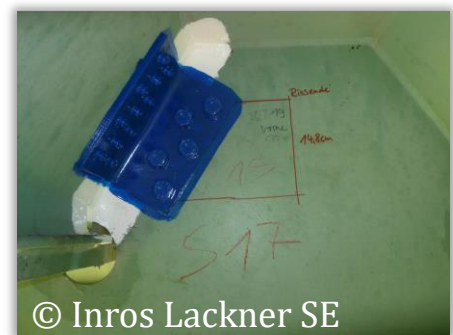
Results:

- Lower fatigue resistance of base material
- Comparable fatigue resistance of perforated bars
- Surface condition dominates the fatigue resistance of base material
- Notch effect dominates the fatigue resistance of perforated bars
- No pre-damage to the base material due to the service lifetime
- Repair solution with cold joining technology is like a new joint

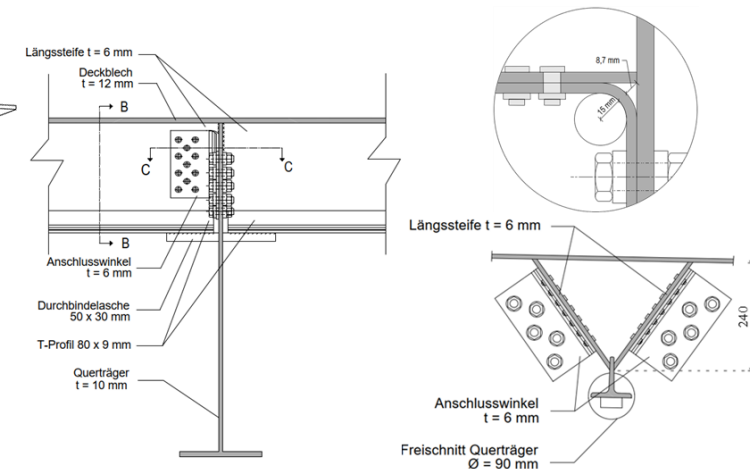
Execution Repair Method

Cold Joining Technology

- Removal of coating and application of brittle lacquer
- Adapted bracket
- Hole manufacturing with magnetic drilling machine
- Provisional bolting of the bracket by 8 mm bolts with the crossbeam
- Alignment of the bracket for full contact between bracket and crossbeam as well as longitudinal stiffener
- Manufacturing of the holes in the longitudinal girder by reaming from 9.5 mm to 10.5 mm in the bracket and drilled through the girder
- Installation process of BOM-R12-8 from inside to outside - alternately
- Same procedure for connection between crossbeam and bracket with fit bolts according to EN 14399-8, strength grade 10.9, galvanised and bring to snug-tight condition
- Application of corrosion protection



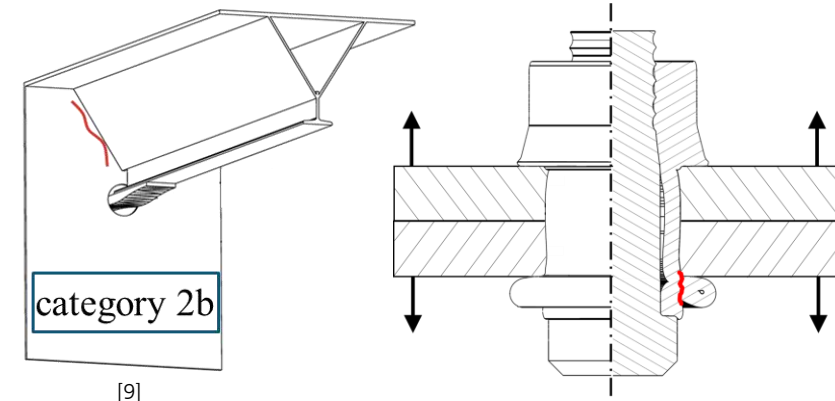
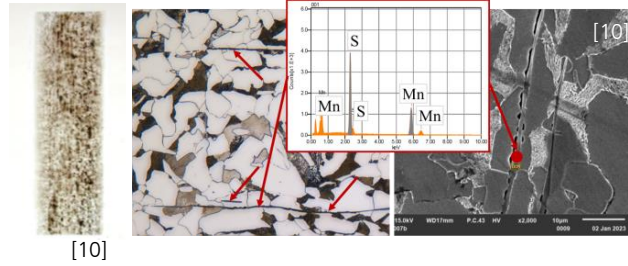
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Summary



Old steel



- Problem of repairing method by welding old steel - lamellar tearing
- Strengthening method by cold joining technology shows advantages for category 2 damages
- Special blind fasteners have high static load-bearing capacity and fatigue resistance
- Determined characteristic values for a Eurocode 3 compliant design
- Old steel showed comparable fatigue resistance - no damage from load history
- Application example of cold joining repair method shows no new damages since 2020
- Thesis:
 - Cold joining technology for category 2 damages preferred repair method
 - Wide use should also be recommended in other areas of application

Perforated bar



Many thanks
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