

# Fatigue performance of single span wood-concrete-composite bridges

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Our goal is to use more wood in infrastructure



bridges

# Topics

Introduction

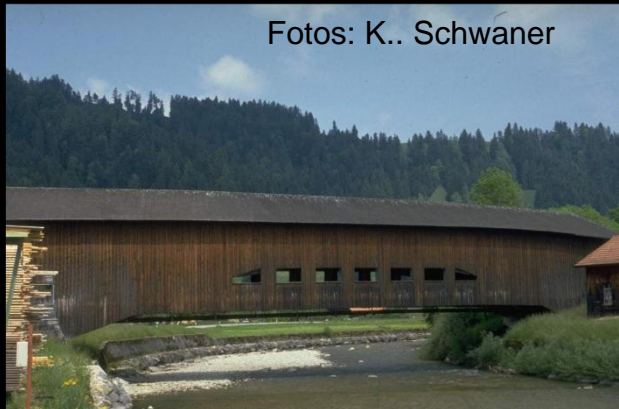
Composite System

Research and Design

Applications

Conclusions

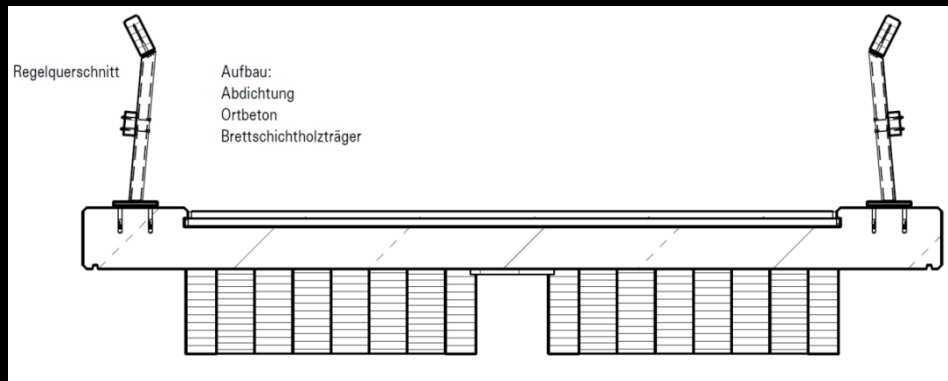
# Schüpbach Bridge CH 1839



- ... Covered
- ... Connections under compression



# Winschoten / Holland 2011



Concrete

compression zone

diaphragm

cover, wear and tear

Wood

tension zone

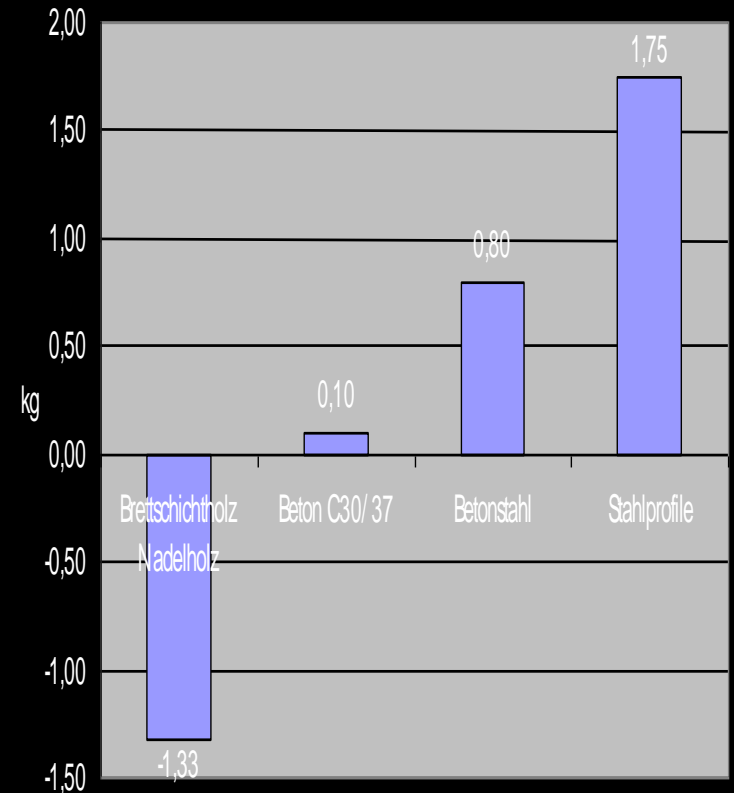
weight reduction

carbon storache

## production facility

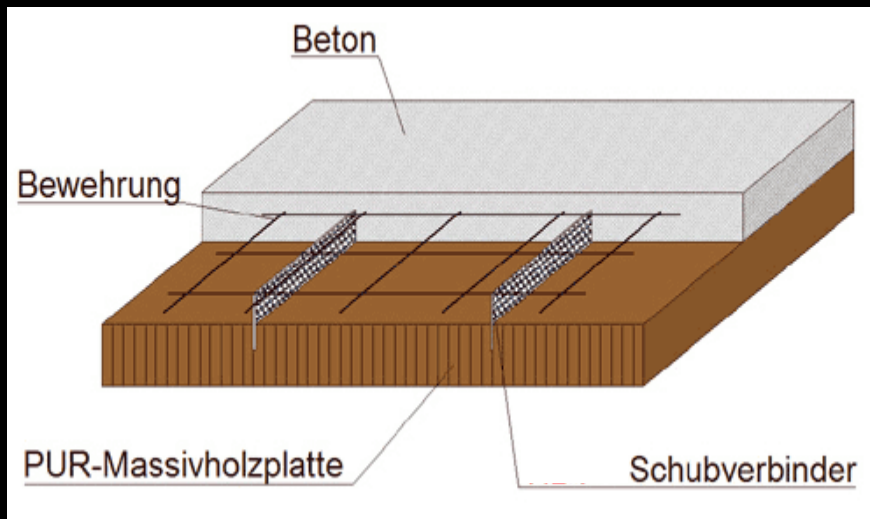


## wood - CO<sub>2</sub>-storage



carbon dioxide output in kg for 1 kg material!

# Carbon balanced system (CBS)!



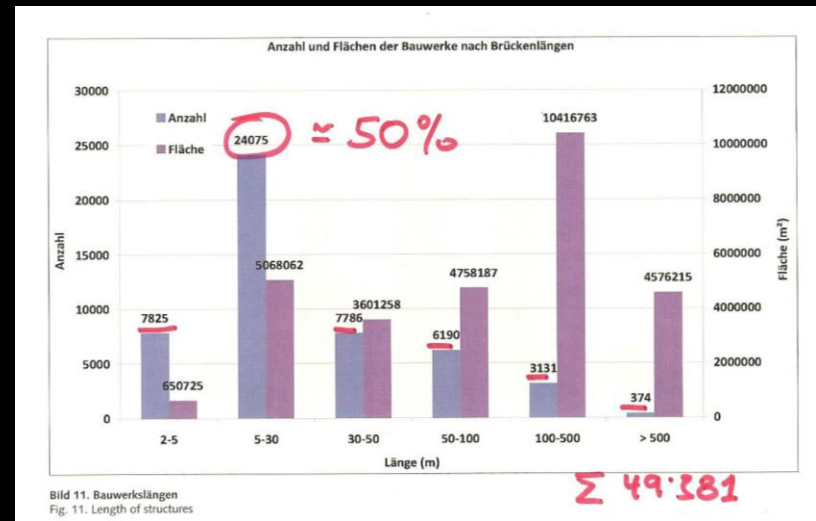
concrete (10 cm)

ca. 100 kg

wood (16 cm)

ca. 100 kg

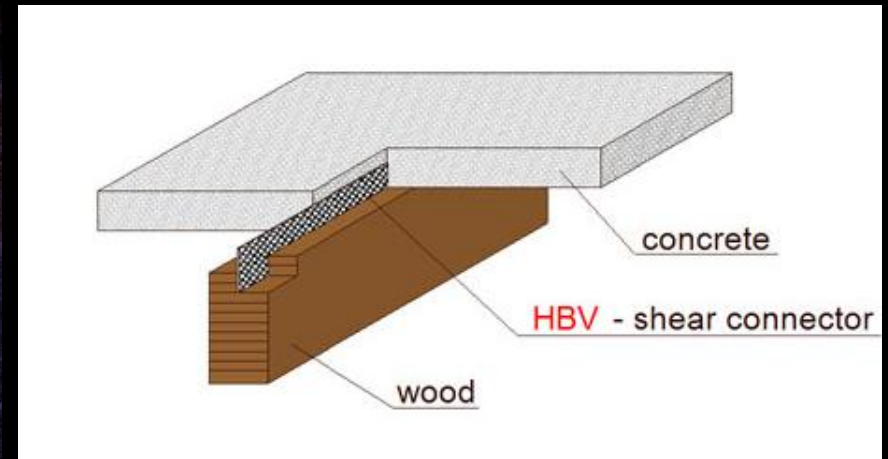
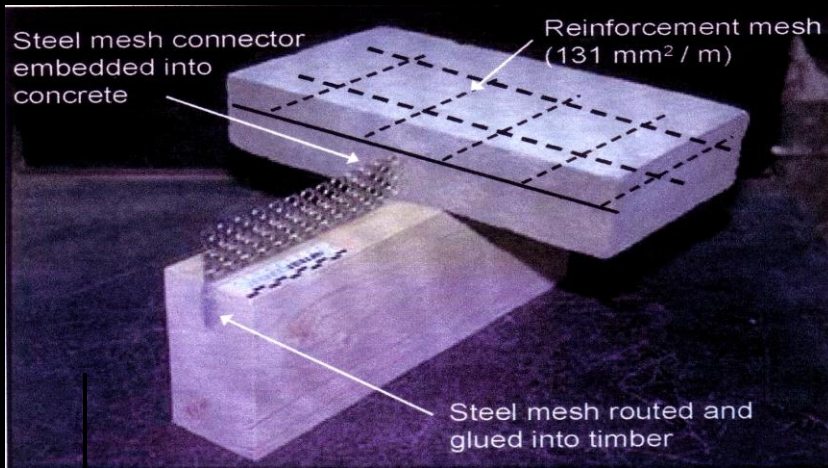
# The potential for wcc-bridges is there





# HBV-System

shear connection based on adhesive action



# installation



cutting

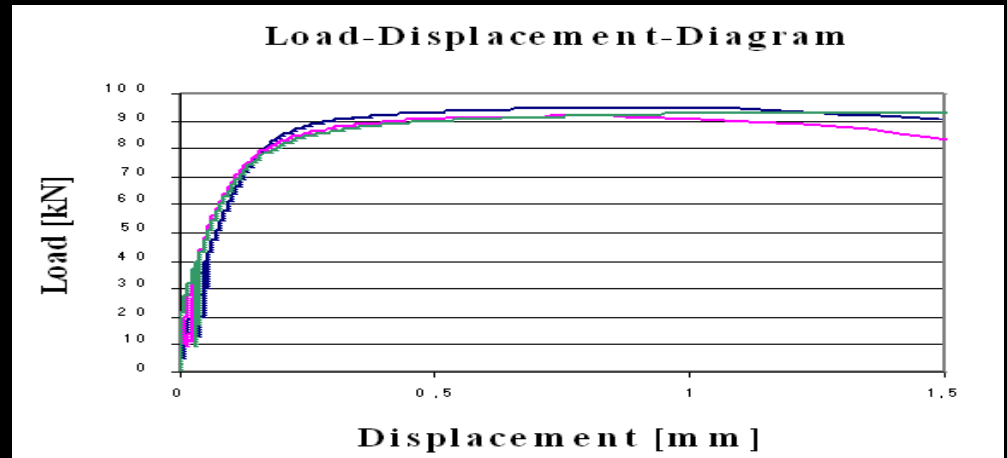


injecting

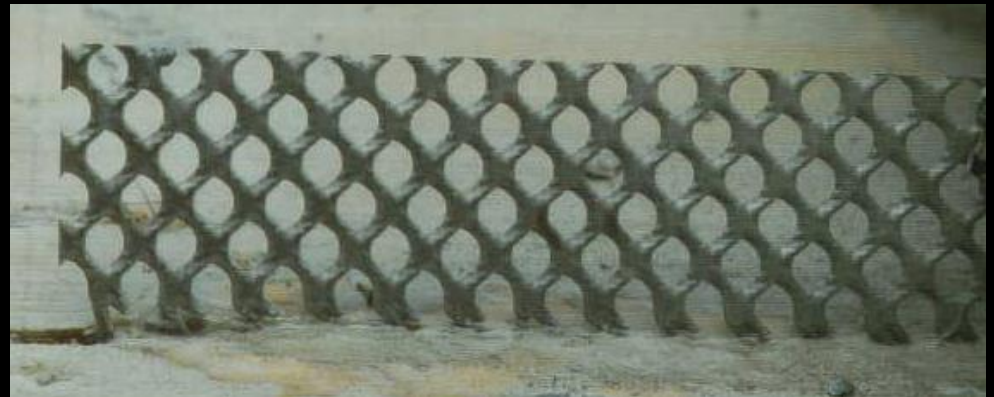


installing

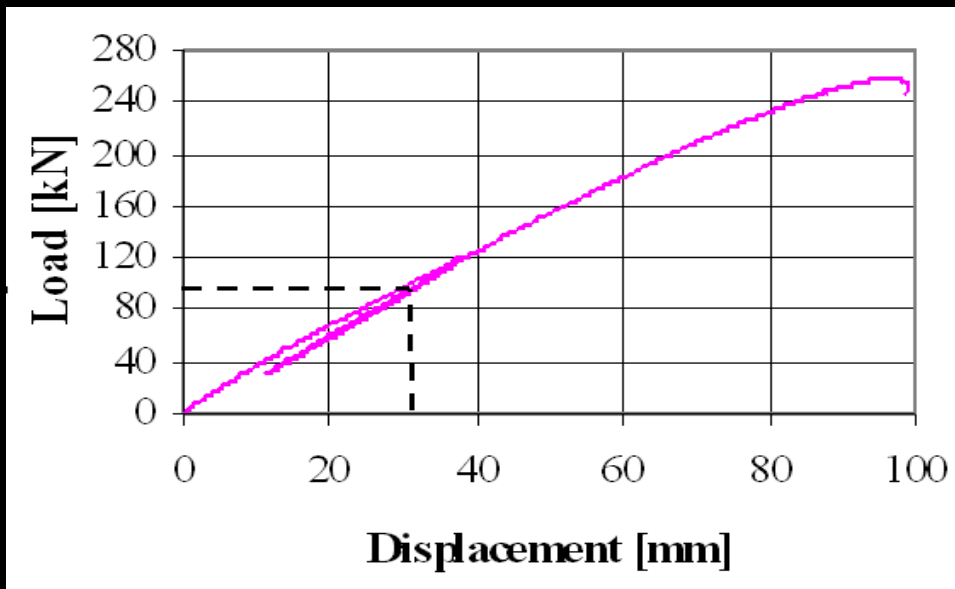
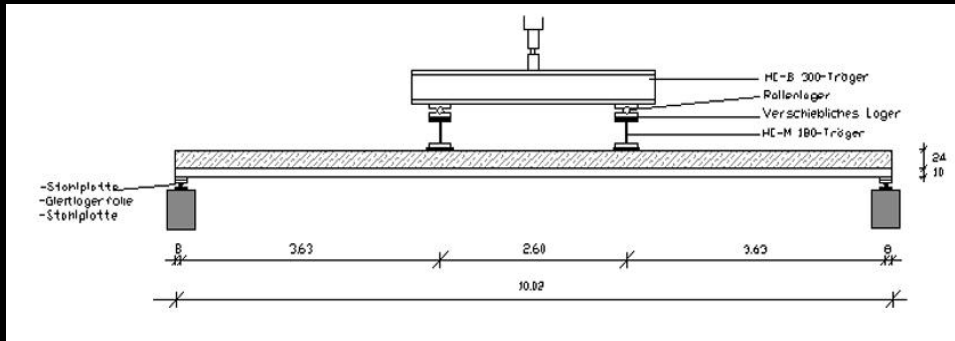
# Shear Test



stiff and ductil



# Bending Test

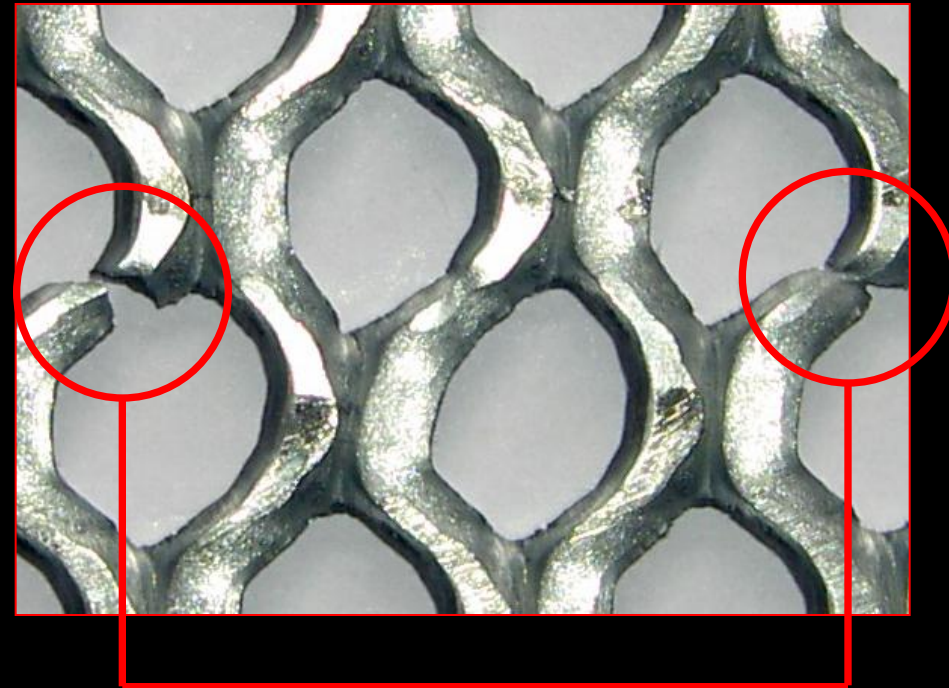
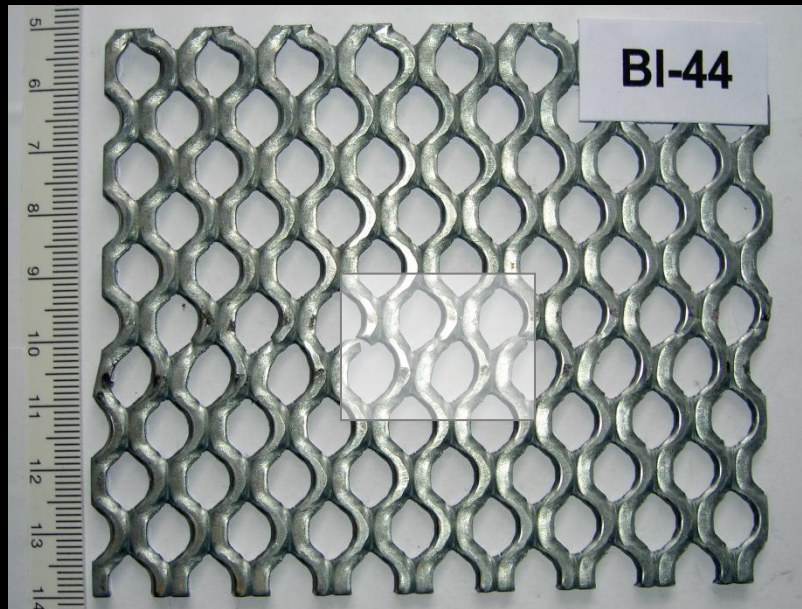


# Fatigue Test

# on the shear connector



# Failure Mechanism



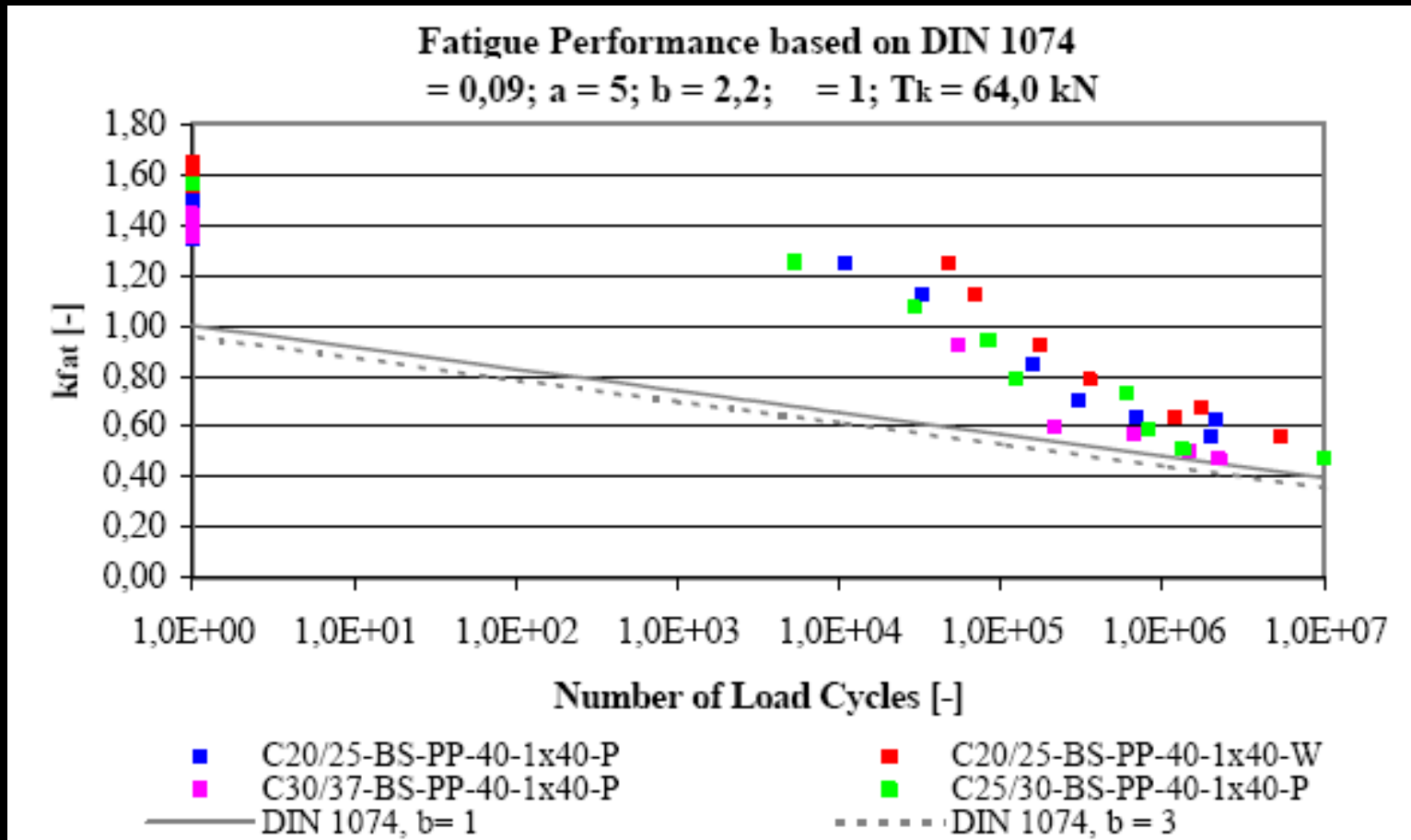
fatigue failure of tension cords

# Fatigue Test

# on the composite system



# Fatigue Performance





## Euro code

Formel
$\sigma_{d,\max} \leq f_{\text{fat},d}$
$f_{\text{fat},d} = k_{\text{fat}} \frac{f_k}{\gamma_{M,\text{fat}}}$
$k_{\text{fat}} = 1 - \frac{1-R}{a(b-R)} \log(\beta N_{\text{obs}} t_L)$
jedoch $k_{\text{fat}} \geq 0,15$

fatigue factors

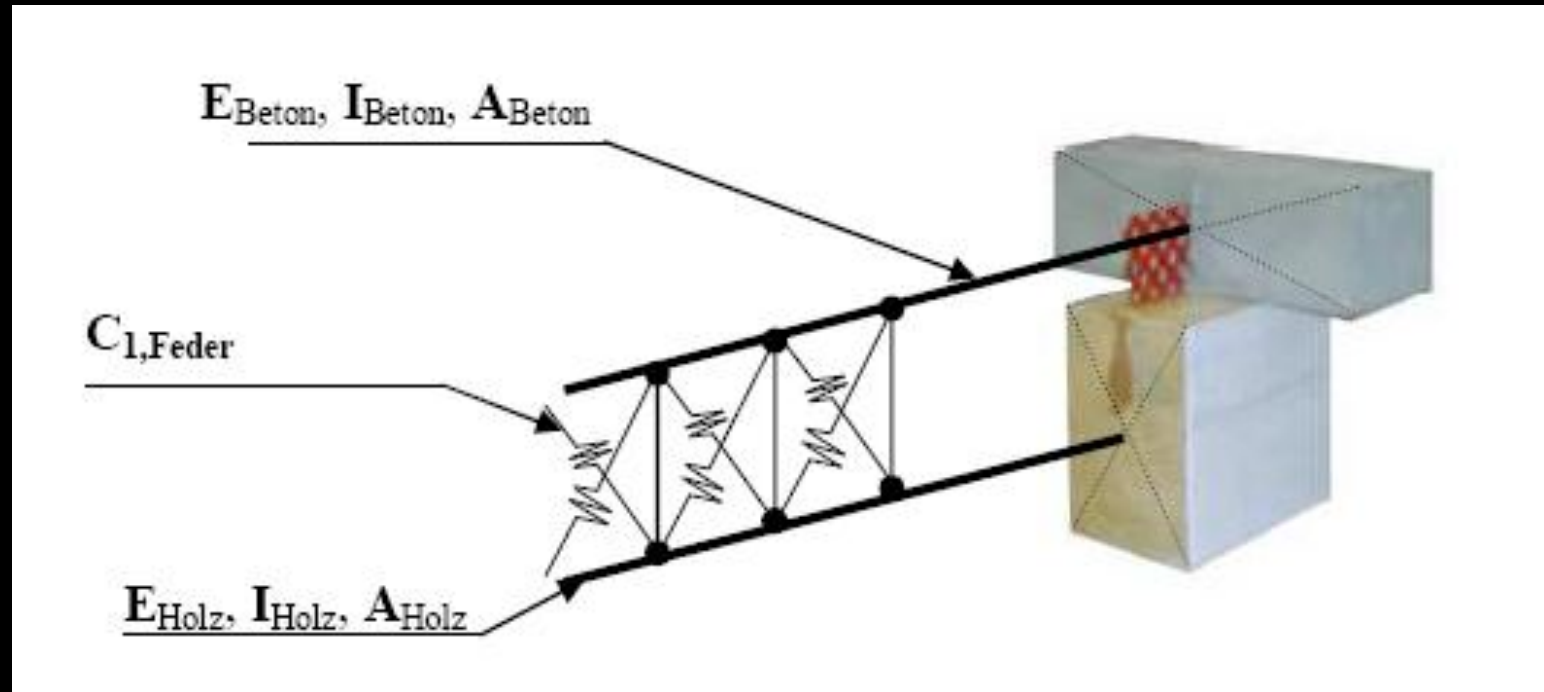
$$a = 2,5$$

$$b = 4,0$$



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# Analysis



## Truss Model

## Bridge in Kayl / Luxemburg



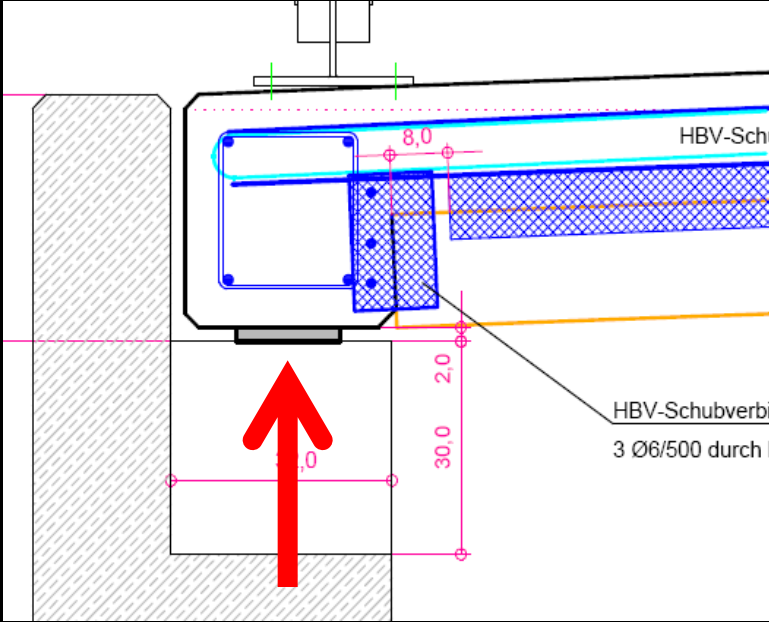
span: 9,70 m

width: 4,00 m

Yes we can!



# Concrete Bearings



## Unidobridge / Austria



span: 17,60 m

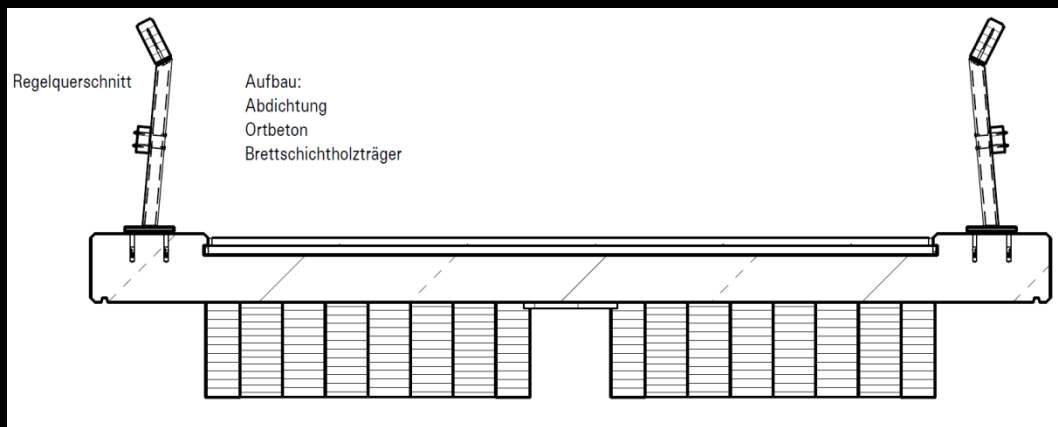
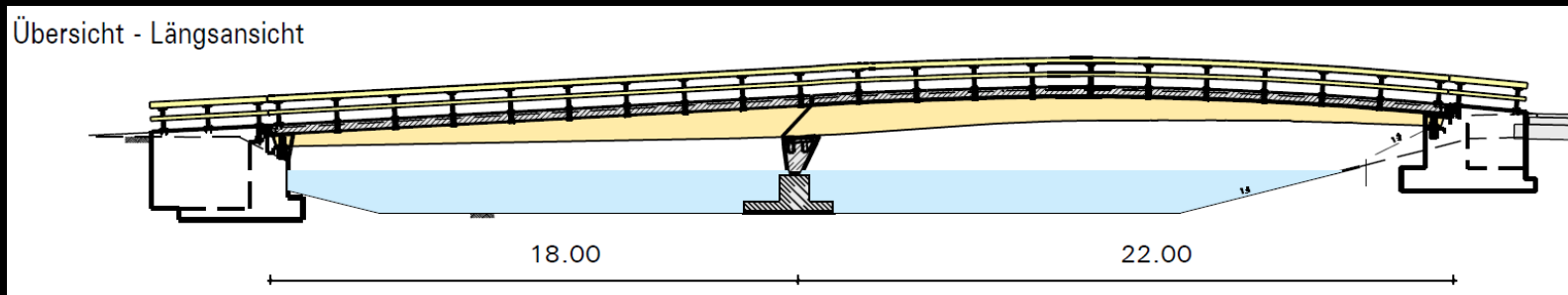
width: 3,50 m

# Covered Bridge !

# Concrete protects timber



# Winschoten / Holland



length: 40,0 m

Span 1: 18,0 m

Span 2: 22,0 m

width: 4,0 m



# Winschoten / Holland



Foto:  
Miebach &  
Schaffizel

# Conclusion

... there is great potential to use more timber in bridges

... the composite approach will allow „main stream“

... research has been done

... pilot projects have been completed successfully

... from now on it is all about marketing and acceptance

Thank you very much for your interest !



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