



Reliability assessment of industrial heritage structures and application to a light-weight steel roof

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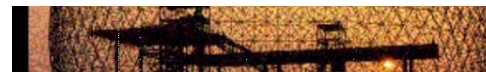
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Introduction

- **Industrial heritage** - structures of significant architectural, historic or technological value
- Part of urban **landscape**, visual **historical landmarks**
- 10 000 buildings and bridges in the Czech Republic
- Insufficient attention to recognizing, declaring and protecting - **gradual extinction**
- Re-use and adaptation – integration into an urban lifestyle, protection of cities' heritage
- The **contribution** is aimed to:
 - promote **discussion** between civil engineers and architects on the industrial heritage
 - indicate its **architectural** and cultural **significance**
 - provide framework for complex **reliability assessment**

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Importance of protection

- Protection – **multidisciplinary topic** (architectonic, civil engineering, historical and ecological aspects)
- Adaptations and re-use contribute to the sustainable development:
 - preservation of the **cultural values**
 - **recycling** of resources and avoiding wasting energy
 - facilitating the **economic regeneration**.
- Importance increasing due to shortage of energy, economic crisis and environmental protection.
- Initiatives:
 - International Committee on the Conservation of the Industrial Heritage **TICCIH**
 - Research Centre for Industrial Heritage (CTU in Prague)
 - research project Assessment of historical immovables

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General aspects of the reliability assessment

- Minimisation of construction interventions (respect of the original conception, durability), but sufficient **reliability**
- Social and cultural aspects - loss of **cultural** and heritage **values**
- Economic aspects - additional **costs to increase reliability**
- Sustainable development - **recycling** of materials
- Deterministic design procedures conservative (expensive repairs, losses of cultural and heritage value)
- Probabilistic procedures improving the reliability assessment by:
 - better description of **uncertainties**
 - facilitating inclusion of the **results of inspections** and **testing** and satisfactory pas performance

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Probabilistic assessment

$$p_f(t_D) = P\{Z[X(t_D)] < 0\} \leq p_t, \quad \beta = -\Phi^{-1}[p_f(t_D)] \geq \beta_t$$

- Resistance - decreasing function, loads – stochastic processes
- **New information** related to structural conditions:
 - inspections, measurements (deterioration, materials, geometry)
 - satisfactory past performance
- **Target reliability:**
 - ISO 2394 - moderate failure consequences, moderate costs of safety measures - $\beta_t = 3.1$
 - empirical models $\beta_t \approx 2.7 - 3.4$
 - minimisation of the total working-life cost (inspections, maintenance, repairs, failure consequences)

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Numerical example

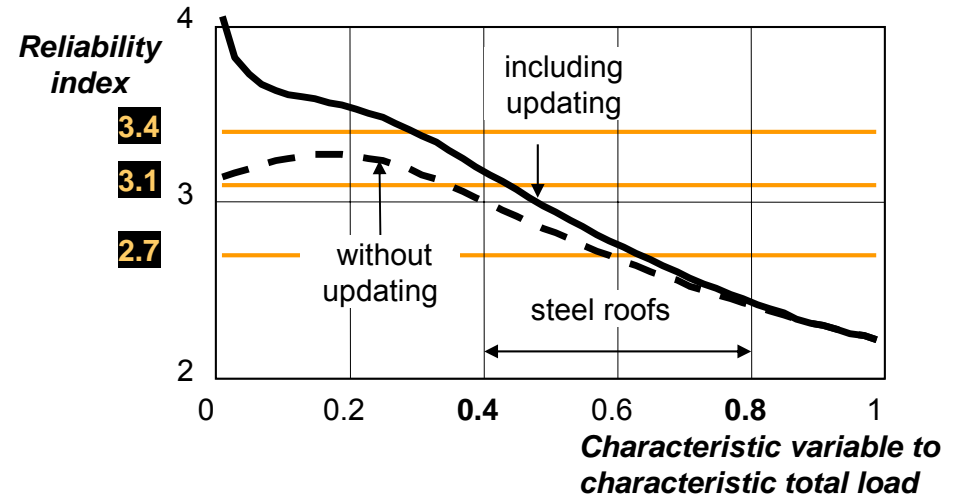
- Reliability assessment of the steel roof of a 100-year old industrial heritage building
- Deterministic verification - actual resistance lower by 15 % than required by Eurocodes
- **Probabilistic assessment**

Variable	Sym.	Dist.	μ_X / x_k	V_X
Resistance	R	LN	1.19	0.08
Perm. load	G	N	1	0.05
Snow load (50 years)	S_{50}	GU	1.11	0.27
Wind action (1 year)	W_{APT}	GU	0.3	0.5
Resistance uncertainties	K_R	LN	1.15	0.05
Load effect uncertainties	K_E	LN	1	0.1

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Reliability analysis

- Limit state function: $Z(t) = K_R R - K_E (G + S_{50} + W_{APT})$



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Conclusions

- **Protection** of the industrial heritage contributes to the sustainable development.
- Insufficient attention to recognizing and protecting the industrial heritage may lead to its **extinction**.
- Desired protection requires a **public recognition** of the industrial heritage to be equally important as any other cultural heritage.
- **Educational programs** and relevant **legislation** are needed.

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Conclusions

- Significant **uncertainties** related to actual structural conditions can hardly be described by simplified design procedures.
- Probabilistic methods allow to better consider uncertainties, results of inspections and tests and satisfactory past performance.
- The **target reliability** might be lower than 3.8 recommended in Eurocodes; it may vary from 2.7 to 3.4 for **moderate consequences**.
- Consideration of the satisfactory past performance may improve the reliability estimates particularly for structures exposed to dominant **permanent actions**.

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