

Optimum Target Reliability Levels for Industrial Heritage Structures

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General aspects of the reliability assessment

- **Minimisation** of *construction interventions* (respect to 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 past performance*

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Probabilistic assessment

$$p_f(t_D|I) = P\{Z[\mathbf{X}(t_D)] < 0 \cap I\} / P\{I\} \leq p_t$$

or, alternatively

$$\beta(t_D|I) = -\Phi^{-1}[p_f(t_D|I)] \geq \beta_t$$

- **Resistance** - decreasing function, *loads* – stochastic processes
- **New information** related to structural conditions:
 - *inspections* (deterioration)
 - *tests*, measurements (materials, geometry)
 - *satisfactory past performance* (factory might have survived loads greater than those expected for future use)

Introduction

- **Industrial heritage** - structures of significant architectural, historic or technological value
- Part of *urban landscape*, visual historical landmarks
- Insufficient attention to recognizing, declaring and protecting - gradual *extinction*
- **Re-use** and **adaptations** – integration into an urban lifestyle (heritage protection, recycling of resources, economic regeneration)
- The **contribution** is aimed to:
 - propose a general framework for the *assessment* of the industrial heritage
 - indicate *optimum target reliability levels* using the probabilistic optimisation
 - illustrate the proposed techniques on *numerical example*.

Target reliability levels

- **ISO 2394:**
 - the target reliability level - level implied by acceptance criteria defined in proved and accepted *design codes*
 - moderate *failure consequences* and moderate costs of *safety measures* - $\beta_t = 3.1$
- **ISO 13822:** lower target levels - justified on the basis of social, cultural, economical, and sustainable development considerations
- **Empirical model** by Schueremans & Van Gemert (2004):
 - social, activity, economical and warning factors, number of endangered persons, and *remaining working life*
 - $\beta_t \approx 2.7 - 3.4$
- The target level - balance between the consequences of failure and the costs of safety measures, *minimisation* of the *total working-life cost*

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Cost minimisation

$$\min_{\mathbf{p}} E[C_{\text{tot}}(t_D; \mathbf{p}|I)] = E[C_{\text{IM}}(t_D; \mathbf{p}|I)] + E[C_{\text{R}}(t_D; \mathbf{p}|I)] + E[C_{\text{f}}(t_D; \mathbf{p}|I)]$$

- **Repair cost** - cost of *immediate* and *future* repairs:
 - *direct* cost (surveys, design, construction, and loss of the cultural heritage value),
 - *indirect* cost (possible business interruptions)
 → estimation based on *previous experience*
- **Failure cost:**
 - *direct* cost - cost of repair or replacement, loss of the cultural heritage value,
 - *indirect* cost (economic losses, societal consequences, etc.)
 → estimation using *consequence analysis* or the JCSS *failure classification* with the rate between societal and economic consequences over construction cost $\rho' \approx 1-4$
- The *loss* of a *cultural heritage value* – qualitative expert judgements, few quantitative methods available

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Numerical example

- Reliability assessment of steel member of a 100-year textile mill
- Deterministic verification - actual resistance lower by 40 % than required by Eurocodes
- Probabilistic assessment (structure survived overloading)

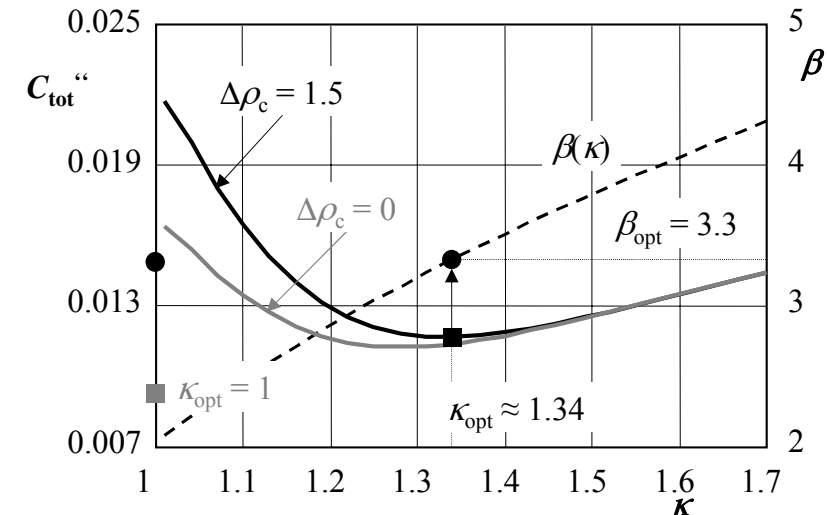
$$Z(\mathbf{X}, t) = K_R R - K_E [G + Q(t)] \rightarrow \beta \approx 2.6$$

Variable	Sym.	Dist.	m_X / x_k	V_X
Resistance	R	LN	1.19	0.08
Perm. load	G	N	1	0.05
Imposed load (50 years)	Q_{50}	GU	0.6	0.35
Resistance uncertainties	K_R	LN	1.15	0.05
Load effect uncertainties	K_E	LN	1	0.1

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Cost optimisation

- The discount rate $q = 3\%$, moderate consequences ($\rho' = 2.5$), the loss of the cultural heritage value considered ($\Delta\rho' = 1.5$)



(resistance after repair over resistance before repair)

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Conclusions

- **Protection** of the industrial heritage contributes to the *sustainable development*; insufficient attention may lead to its *extinction*.
- **Probabilistic methods** allow to consider uncertainties, results of inspections and tests and satisfactory past performance.
- **Target reliability** levels are dependent on costs of *safety measures* and *failure consequences* including loss of the heritage value, and may be specified by the *cost optimisation*.
- The target reliability might be lower than 3.8 recommended in Eurocodes; it may vary from **2.7 to 3.4 for moderate consequences**.
- The **decision** about the immediate repair may be influenced by *estimation* of the cultural *heritage value* of a structure.
- 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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