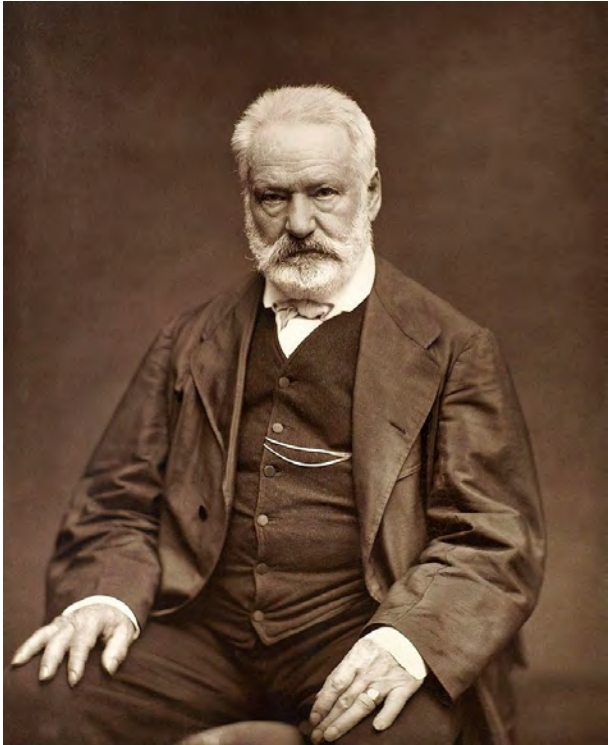


# Timber-Concrete Composites Slabs

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*Nothing is as powerful as an  
idea whose time has come*  
(Victor Hugo)



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- Materials
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# Point of departure

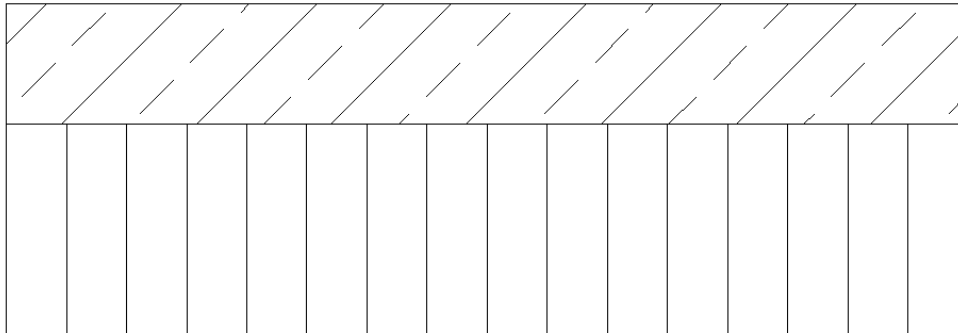
- Low competitiveness of the construction method
- Difficult connectors
- No link between overall conditions (vibration, acoustic) and static requirements
- Humidity (dry construction side)
- Acceleration of execution

# Targets

- Simple connectors
- Quality controlled materials
- Industrial production
- Dry construction side
- High properties in use

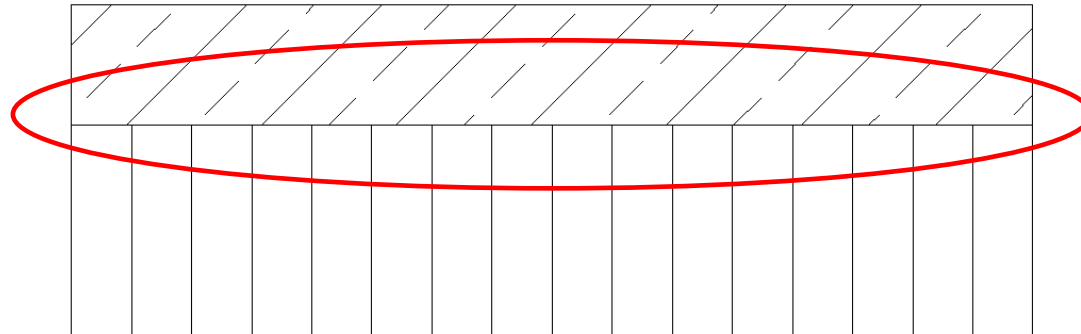
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- Glulam panel in horizontal position
- Reinforced concrete (steel-bars or fibres)
- Industrial fabrication of connectors

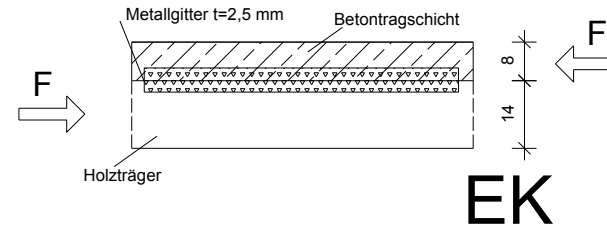
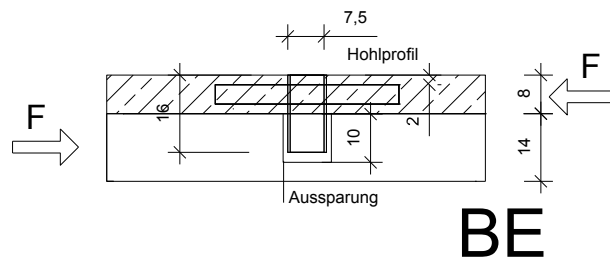
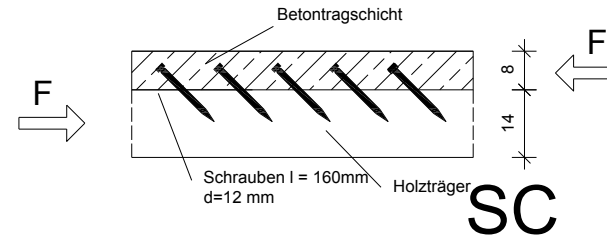
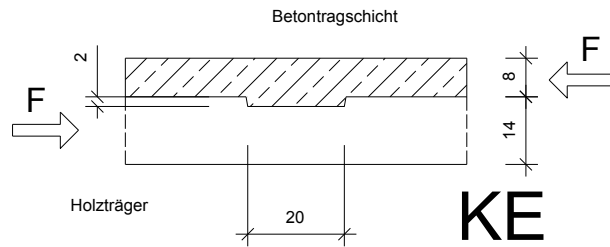
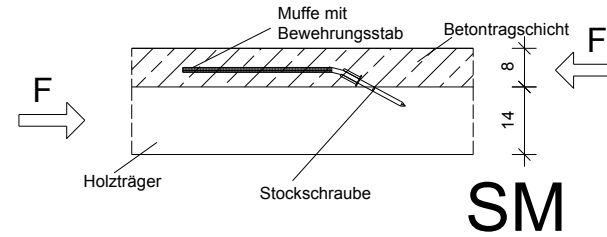
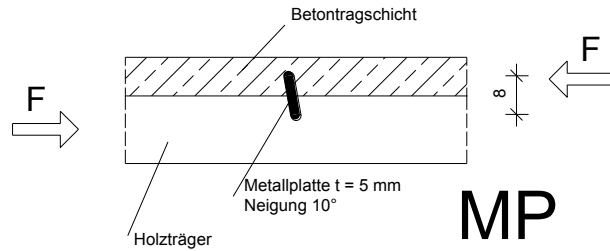


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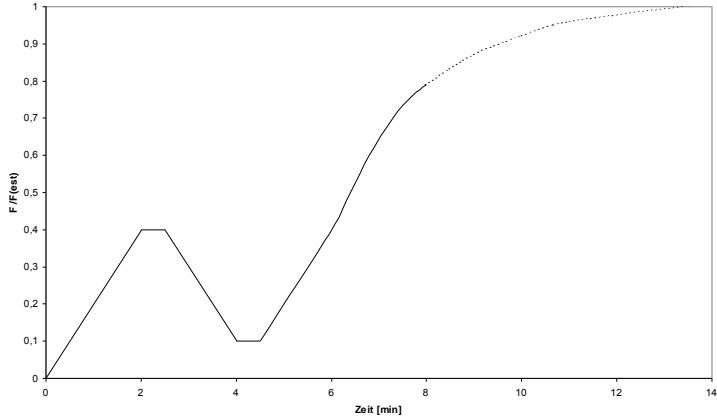
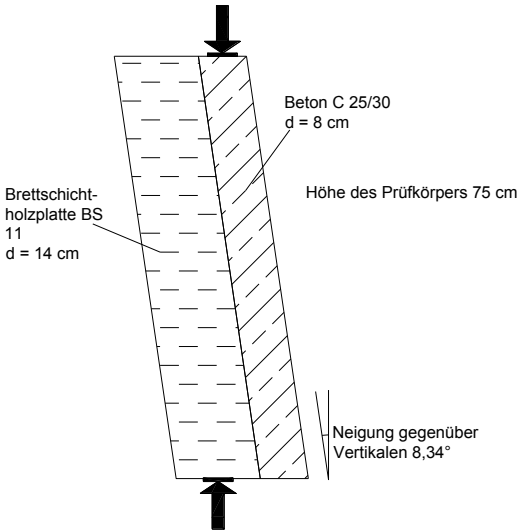


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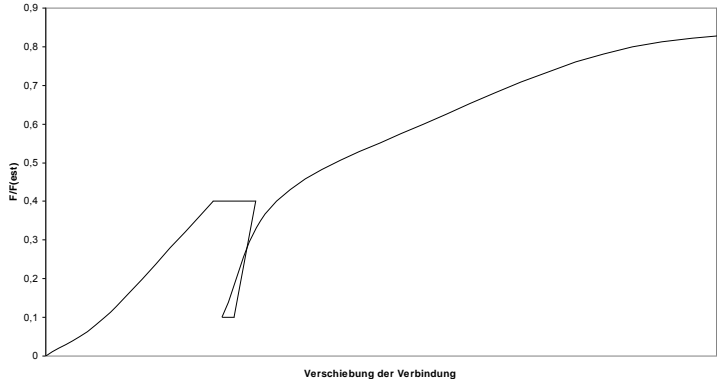




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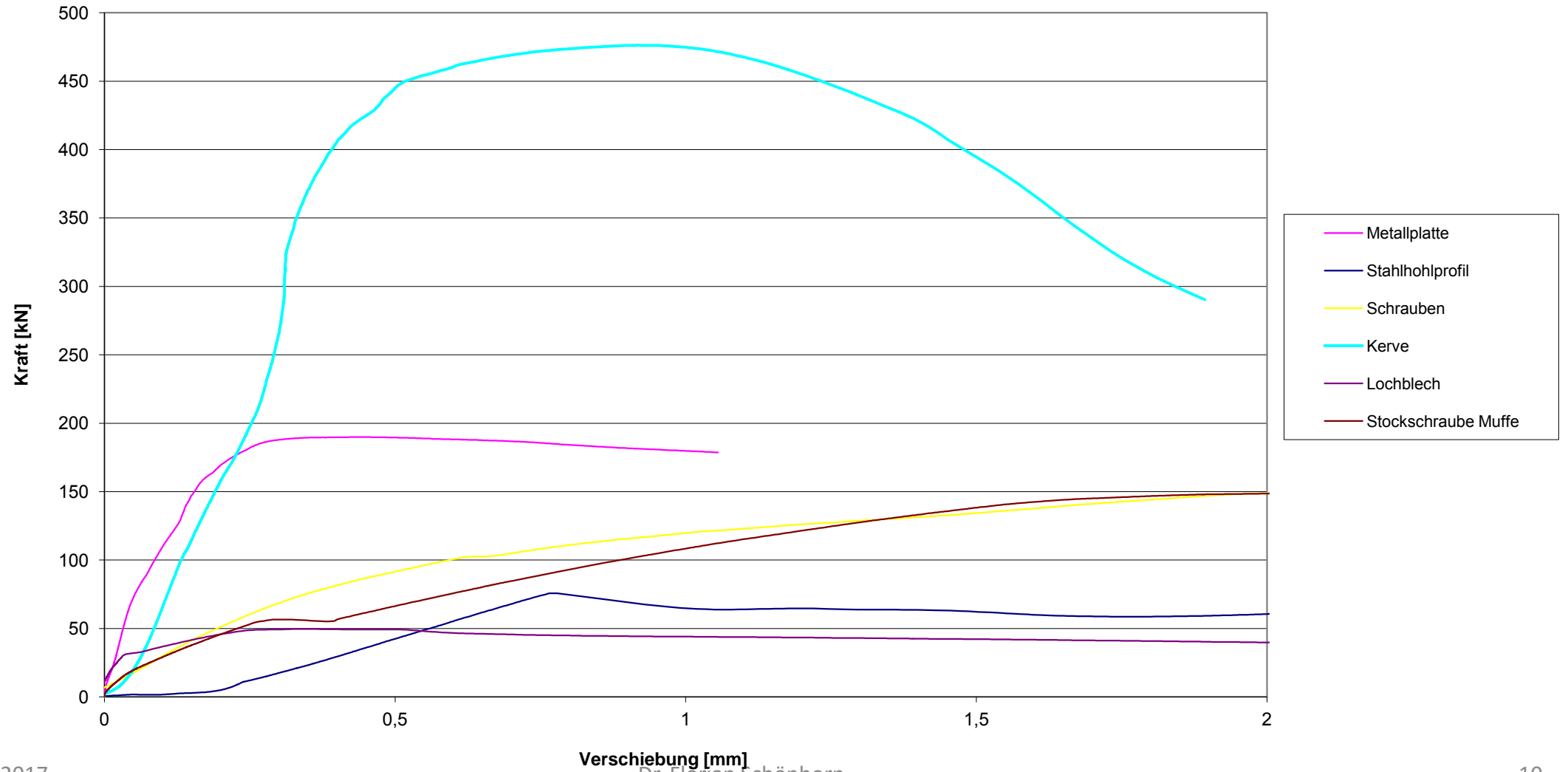


Idealisierte Last-Verschiebungskurve



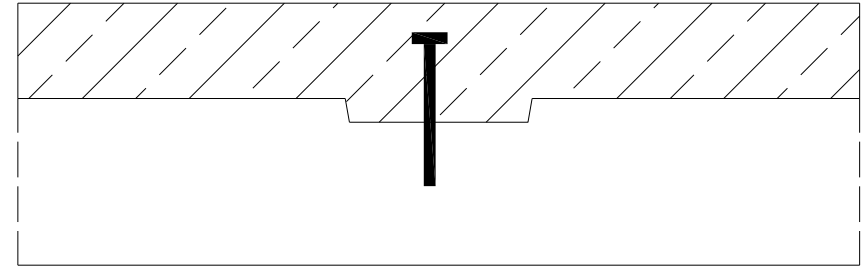
Verschiebung der Verbindung

# Results

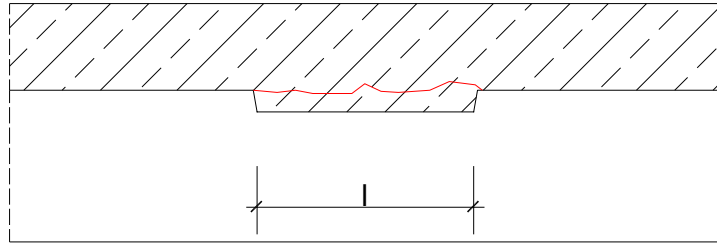


# Notches - Grooves

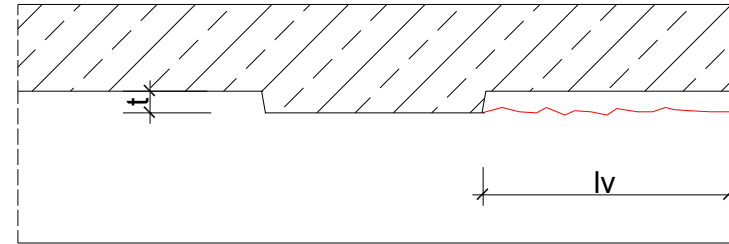
- High stiffness
- 4 Failure loads
- Ductile failure mode
- Screw not for static reasons (for the effect of shrinkage)
- $K_s = 1135 \text{ MN/m per m (SLS)}$
- $K_s = 2/3 K_s = 757 \text{ MN/m per m (ULS)}$
- $K_{s,0,05} = 424 \text{ MN/m per m}$



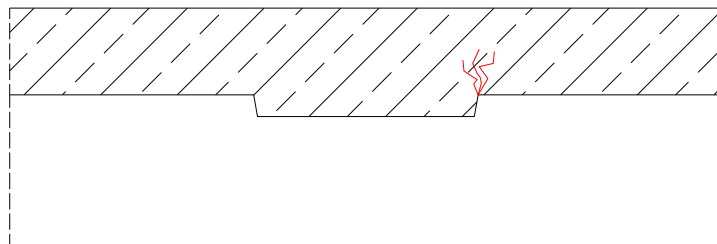
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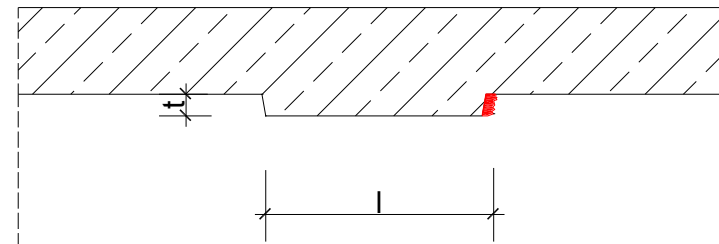
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Timber snatch-off



Cracking of concrete



Crushing of timber

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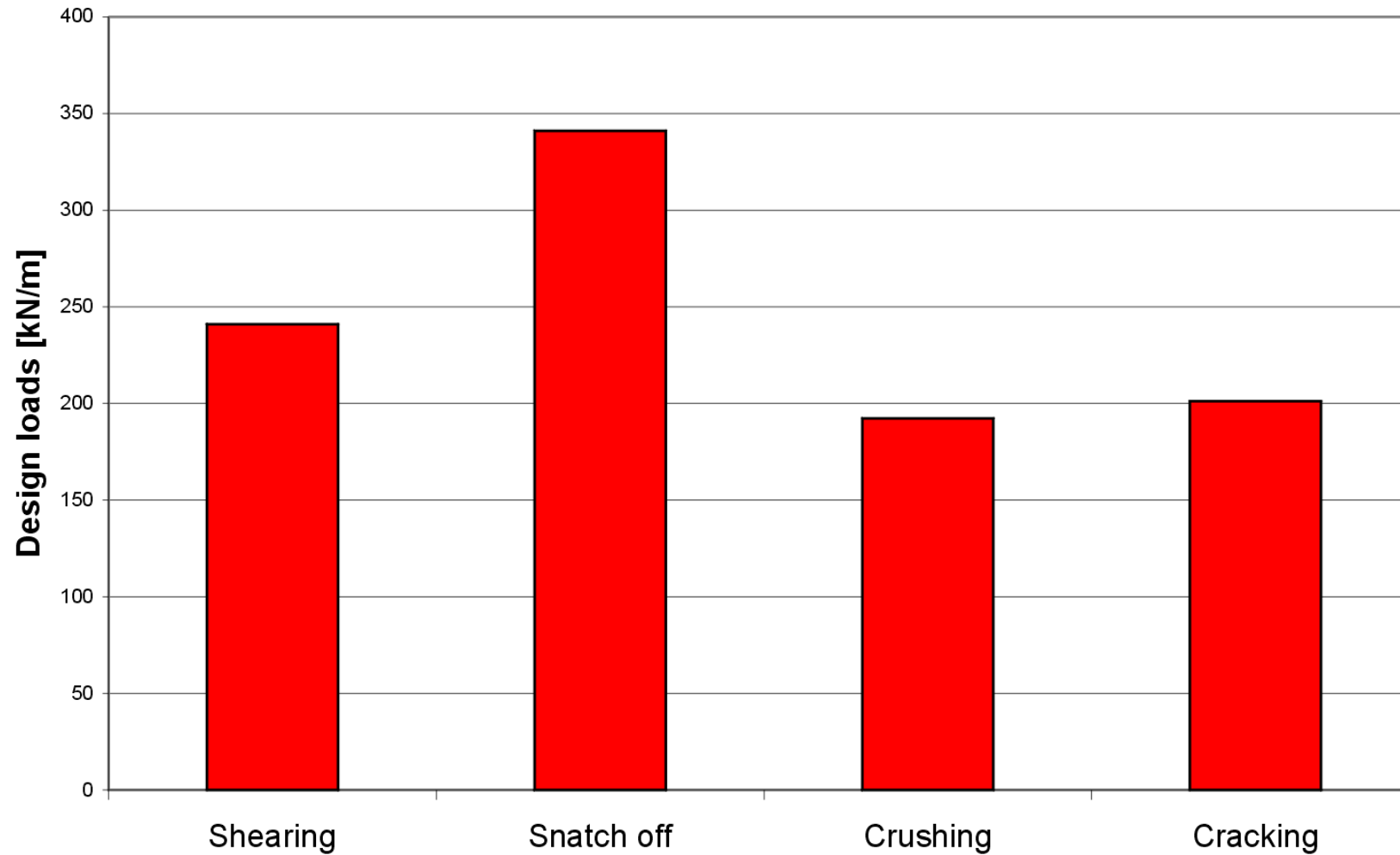


Cracking of concrete



Crushing of timber

# Design Loads



# Calculation Formular

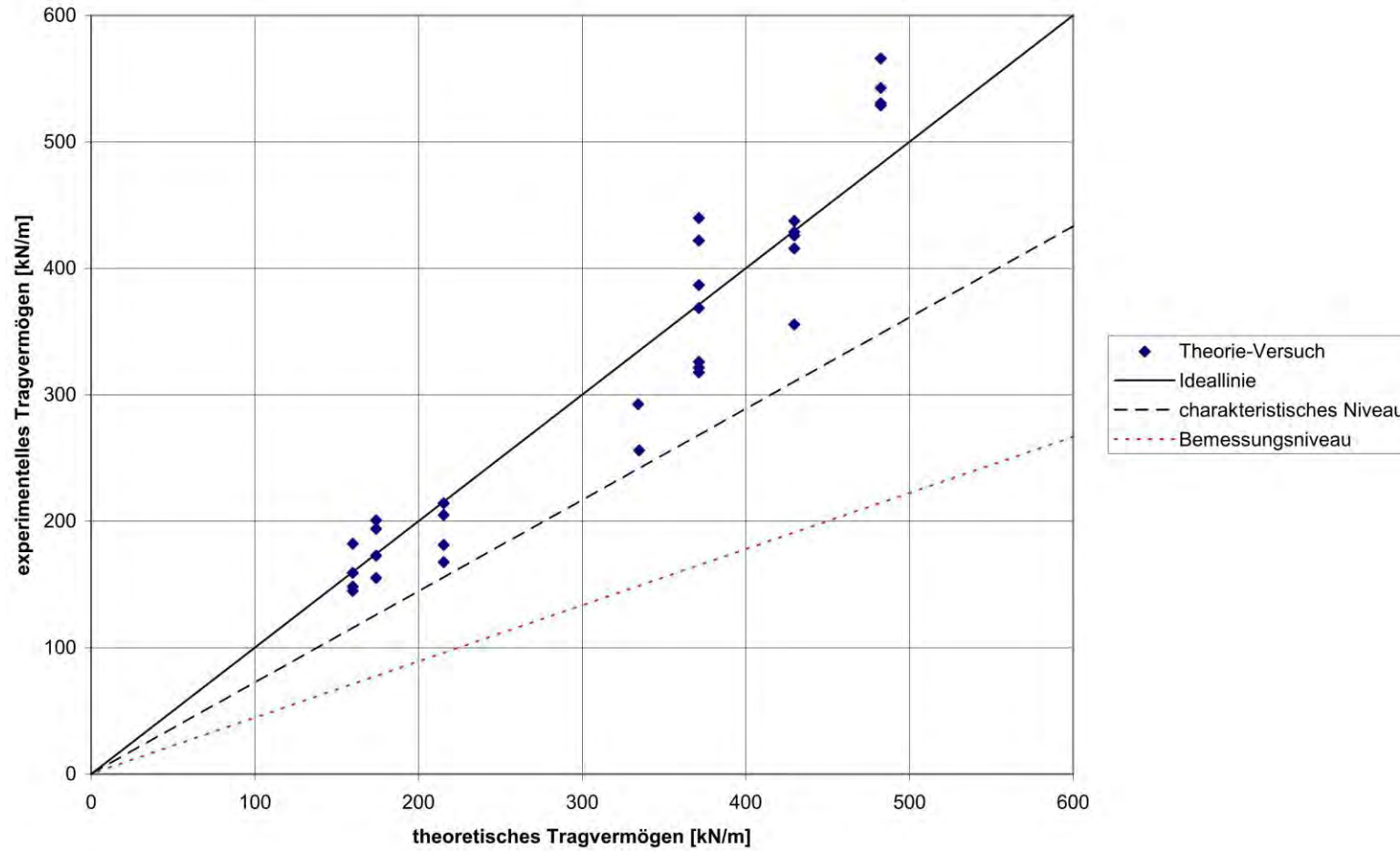
Shearing:  $F_{Rd} = 2,55 \cdot 2,4 \cdot A_h \cdot \tau_{Rd}$

Snatch-off:  $F_k = 1 \cdot b_v \cdot t_v \cdot 8 \cdot f_{v,k}$

Crushing:  $F_k = 1,2 \cdot A_{\text{Connection}} \cdot f_{c,a,d} \text{ ka}$

Cracking:  $F = 2,25 * t * b * f_{ck}^{2/3} * \frac{l}{180}$

# Calculation Formular – Crushing





# Calculation Formular – Results for design

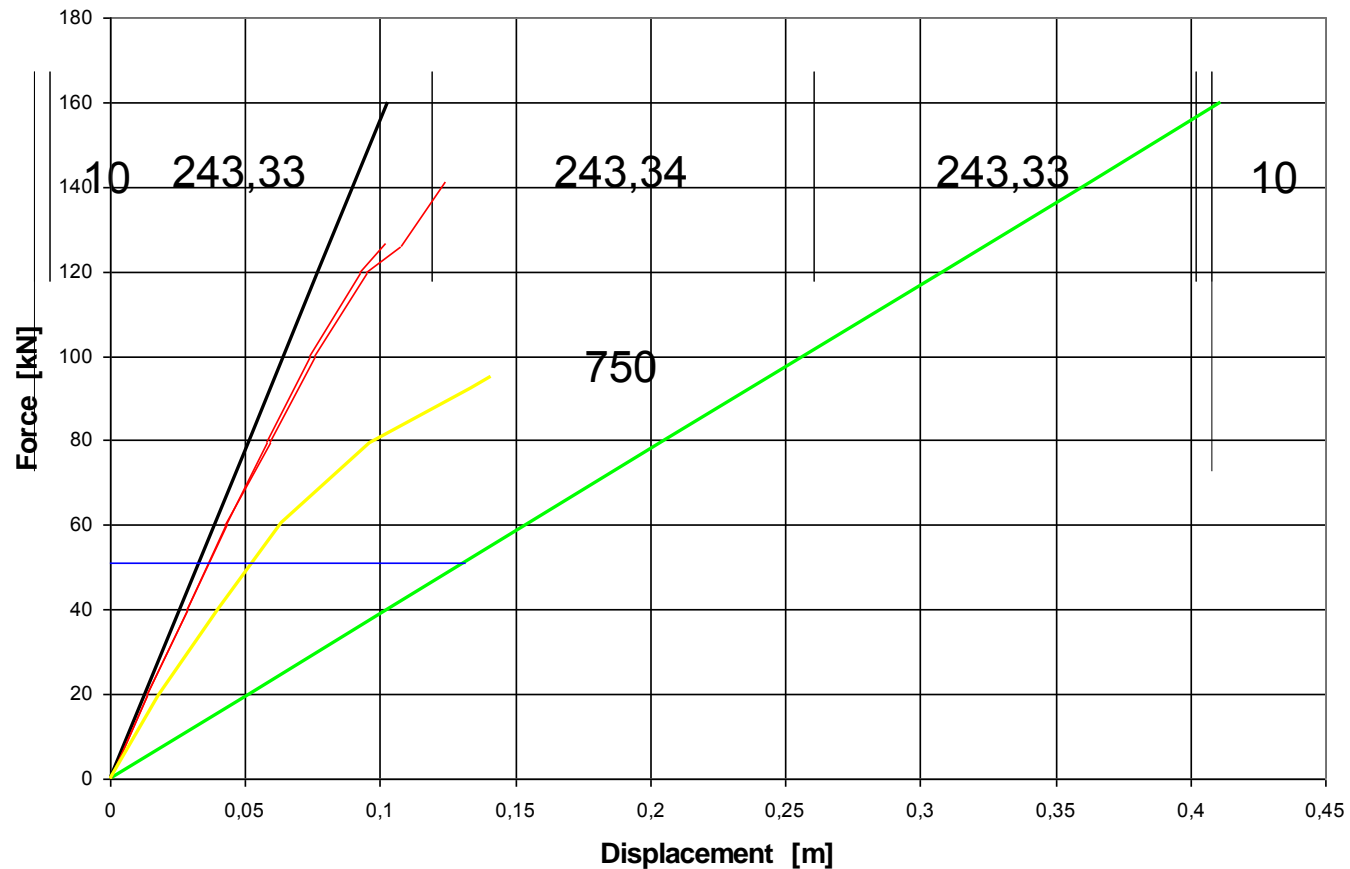
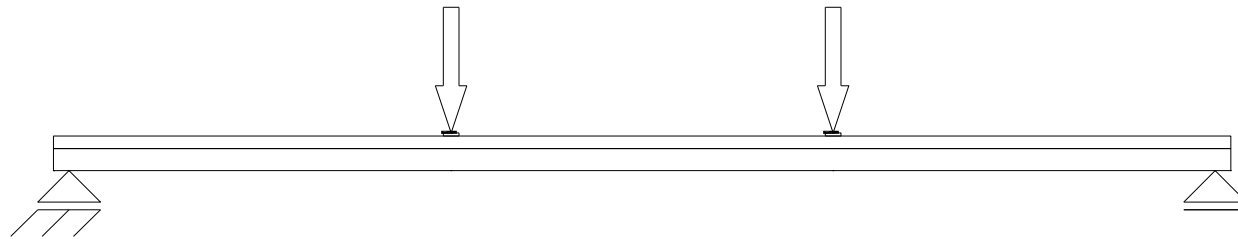
- Concrete: C 25/30 or better
- Length: 13 cm .... 20 cm
- Distance:  $l_v + 12,5 * t_v$
- Angel: 5° ... 20°
- Depth:  $t_v = 20 \text{ mm} \dots 25 \text{ mm}$

# Gobal Behavoir:Bending tests - aims

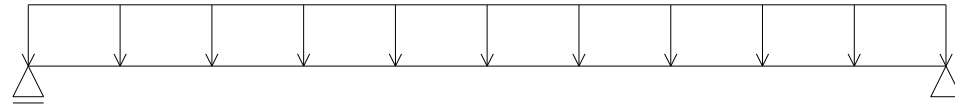
- Rely local and global behaviour
- Analyse global failure
- Detect slenderness ratio
- Find ideal position of connectors
- Determine rules for a simplified calculation

# Bending Tests

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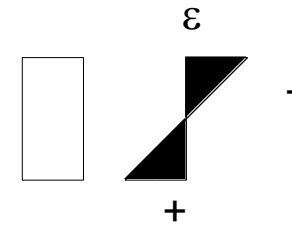
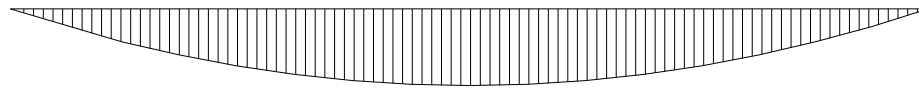


# Mechanics



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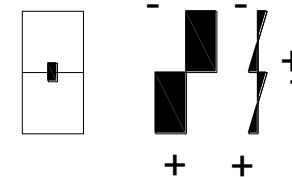
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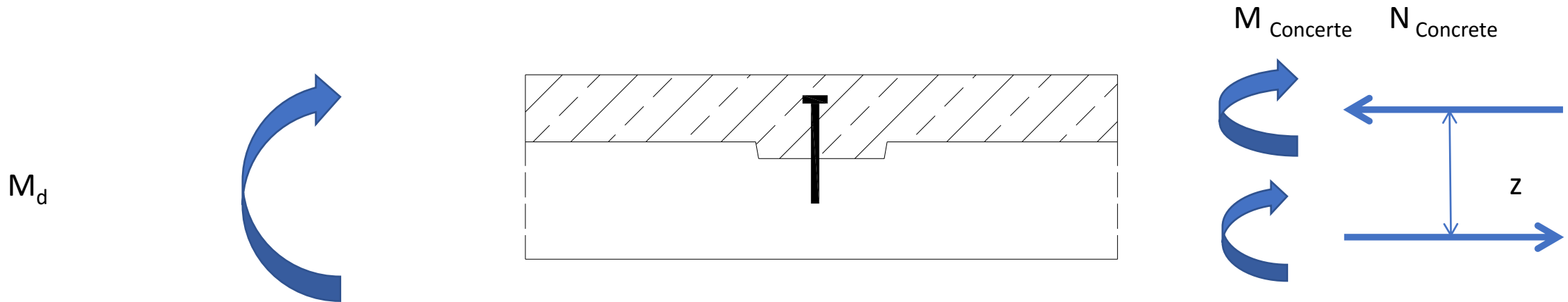
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# Simplified Calculation



$$N_d = Y * \frac{M_d}{0,5 * (h_{\text{concrete}} + h_{\text{Timber}})}$$

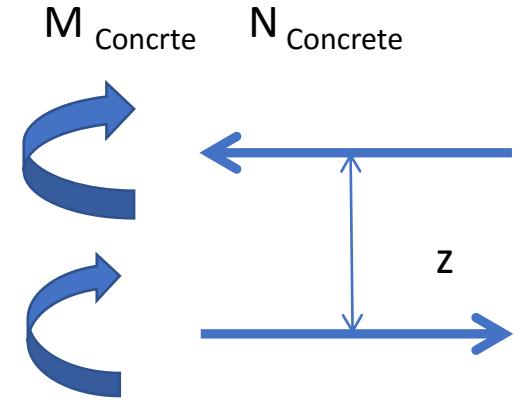
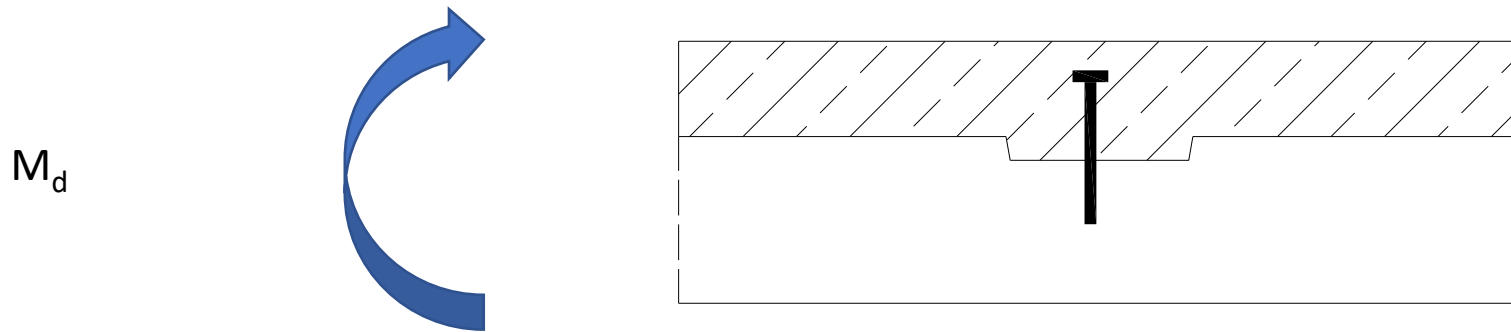
$$EI_{\text{rigid}, t=0} = \sum (E_i I_i + E_i A_i * a_i^2)$$

$$EI_{\text{tc}} = X * EI_{\text{rigid}}$$

$$M_{d, \text{Timber}} = (1 - Y) * M_d * \frac{EI_{\text{Timber}}}{EI_{\text{Timber}} + EI_{\text{Concrete}}}$$

$$M_{d, \text{Concrete}} = (1 - Y) * M_d * \frac{EI_{\text{Concrete}}}{EI_{\text{Timber}} + EI_{\text{Concrete}}}$$

# Simplified Calculation



$$N_{groove, \max} = \frac{N_{Desing}}{n_{grooves}} * 0,8264 * e^{0,0011 \cdot l}$$

# Calculation Formular - Bending (t= 0)

$$EI_{\text{rigid}, t=0} = \sum (E_i I_i + E_i A_i * a_i^2)$$

$$N_d = 0,718 * \frac{M_d}{0,5 * (h_{\text{concrete}} + h_{\text{Timber}})}$$

$$EI_{\text{tc}} = 0,9 * EI_{\text{rigid}}$$

$$w_{t=0} = \frac{5 * q * l^4}{384 * EI_{\text{tc}, t=0}}$$

$$M_{d, \text{Timber}} = (1 - 0,664) * M_d * \frac{EI_{\text{Timber}}}{EI_{\text{Timber}} + EI_{\text{Concrete}}}$$

$$M_{d, \text{Concrete}} = (1 - 0,664) * M_d * \frac{EI_{\text{Concrete}}}{EI_{\text{Timber}} + EI_{\text{Concrete}}}$$

# Further Issues – long-term behaviour





# Calculation Formular – Long term behaviour

Timber:  $\varphi = 1,8$   
Concrete:  $\varphi = 2,4$   
Connection:  $\varphi = 1,6$

$$E_{Timber,t=\infty} = \frac{E_{Timber,t=0}}{1 + \varphi_{Timber}}$$

$$E_{Concrete,t=\infty} = \frac{E_{Concrete,t=0}}{1 + \varphi_{Concrete}}$$

$$K_{S,mean,t=\infty} = \frac{K_{S,mean,t=0}}{1 + \varphi_{Connection}}$$

# Calculation Formular - Bending ( $t = \infty$ )

$$EI_{\text{rigid}, t = \infty} = \sum (E_{i, t = \infty} I_i + E_{i, t = \infty} A_i * a_i^2) \quad N_{d, t = \infty} = 0,671 * \frac{M_d}{0,5 * (h_{\text{concrete}} + h_{\text{Timber}})}$$

$$EI_{\text{tc}, t = \infty} = 0,88 * EI_{\text{rigid}, t = \infty}$$

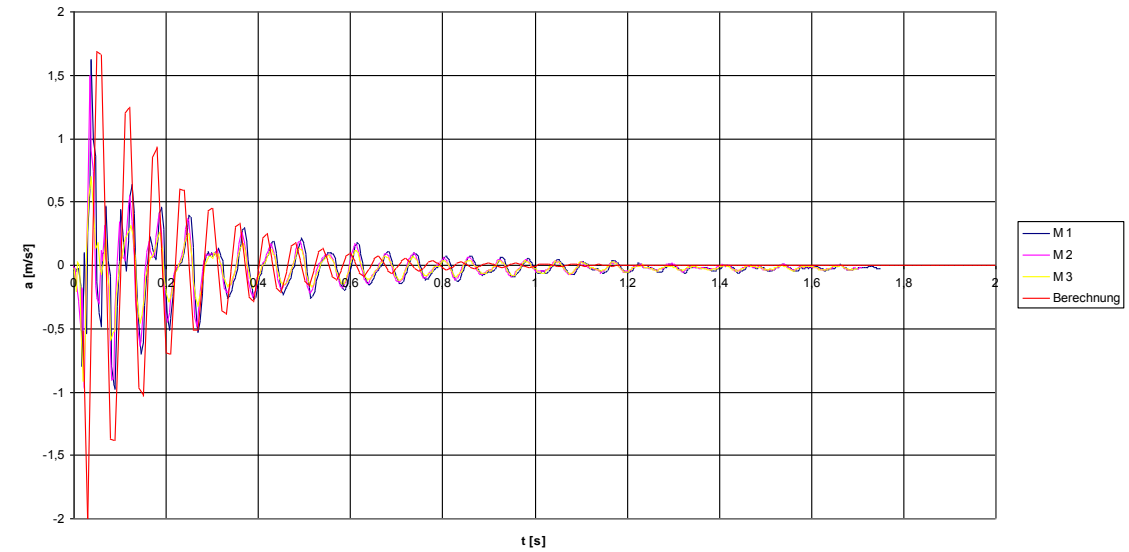
$$M_{d, \text{Timber}, t = \infty} = (1 - 0,614) * M_d * \frac{EI_{\text{Timber}, t = \infty}}{EI_{\text{Timber}, t = \infty} + EI_{\text{Concrete}, t = \infty}}$$

$$w_{t = \infty} = \frac{5 * q * l^4}{384 * EI_{\text{tc}, t = \infty}}$$

$$M_{d, \text{Concrete}, t = \infty} = (1 - 0,664) * M_d * \frac{EI_{\text{Concrete}, t = \infty}}{EI_{\text{Timber}, t = \infty} + EI_{\text{Concrete}, t = \infty}}$$

# Dynamic Behavior

$g_a + p$ [kN/m <sup>2</sup> ]	2,5	3	4	5	6	7
slenderness $\lambda = l/d$						
Stat. calculation	32	31	30	29	29	28
Dyn. calculation	30	29	29	29	28	27



# Calculation

- Limitation of strains (timber)
- Limitation of strains (tension concrete)
- Check deflection
- Check resistance towards vibrations
- Check stresses on notches

$$h_{total} = \frac{l}{\lambda}$$

$$h_{timber} = 0,636 * h_{total}$$

$$h_{concrete} = (1 - 0,636) * h_{total}$$

Advice: Neutral axis should be next to the joint

$$0,92 \leq h_{concrete} / z_{total} \leq 1,08$$

$z_s$ : distance between top of section and balance Point (rigid section)

# Calculation

Number of grooves:

$$n_{\text{Grooves}} = \text{Integer}(l \cdot 0,006 + 0,99)$$

$n_{\text{Grooves}}$ : Number of grooves (Per support side=  
l: Span [cm]

$$N_{\text{groove,max}} = \frac{N_{\text{Desing}}}{n_{\text{grooves}}} * 0,8264 * e^{0,0011 \cdot l}$$

# Relied Issues

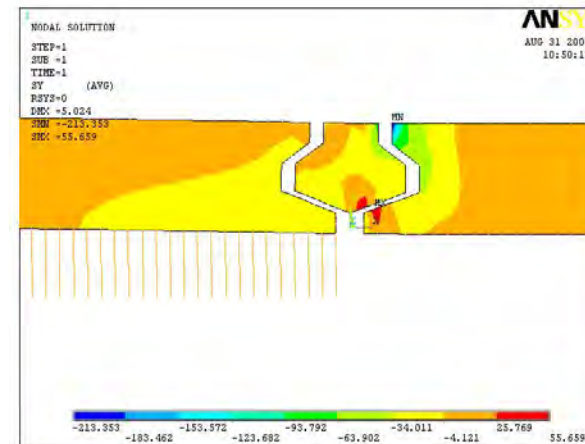
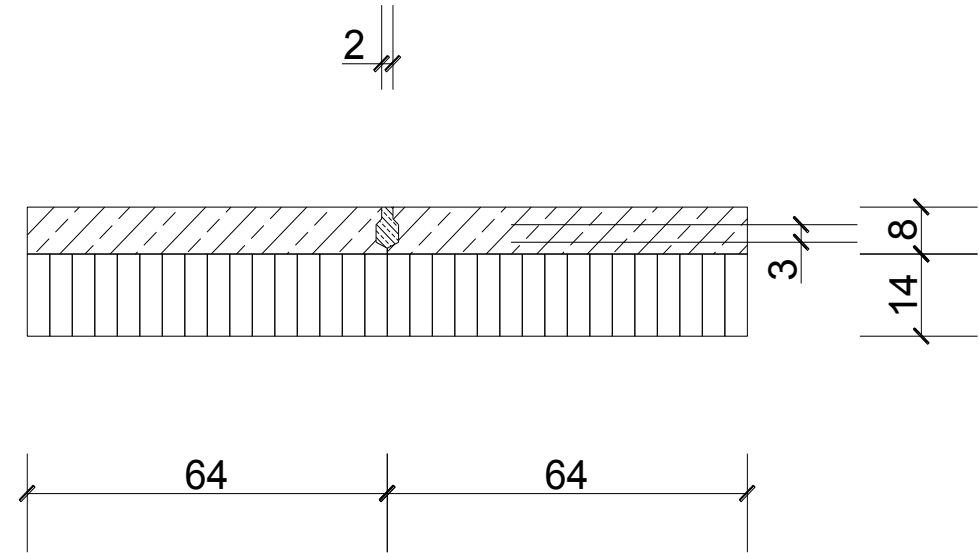
- Fabrication
- Seismic behavoir
- Accoustic behaviour
- Fire
- Humidity

# Further Issues - Prefabrication



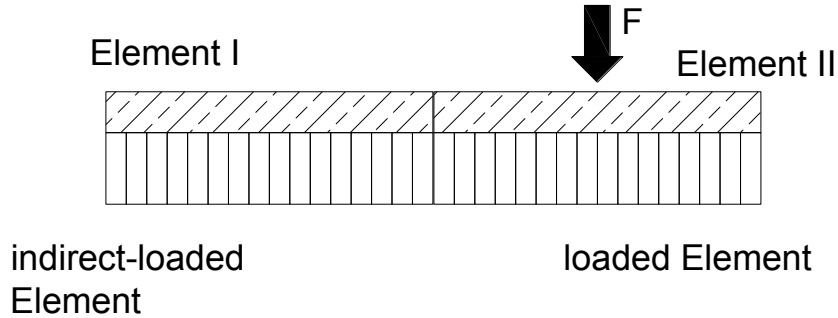
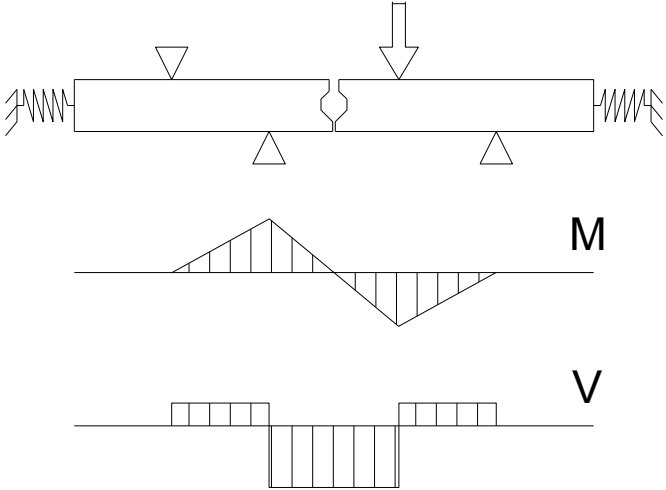
# Transversal connection

- Grouting of the concrete layer
- Steel connector in the concrete layer combined with welding
- Overlap of the layers
- Connection of the wood elements with spring groove profiles

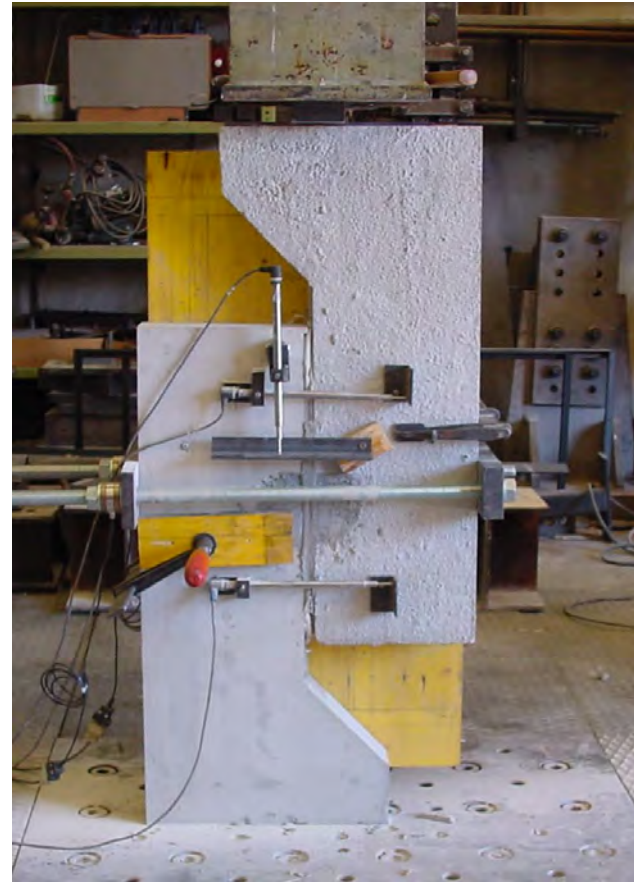
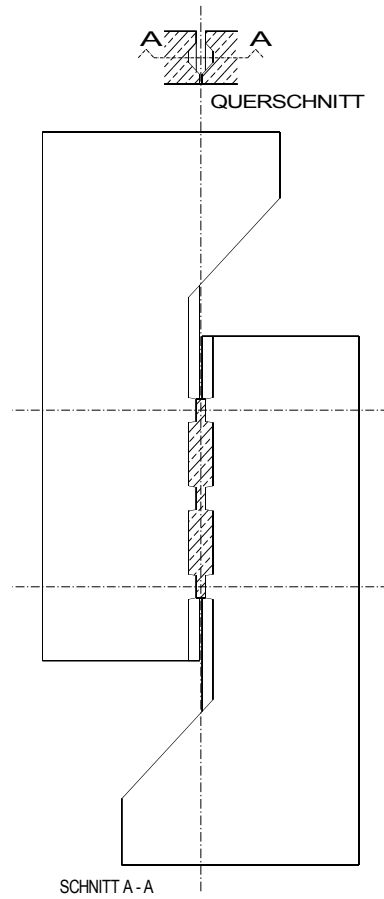




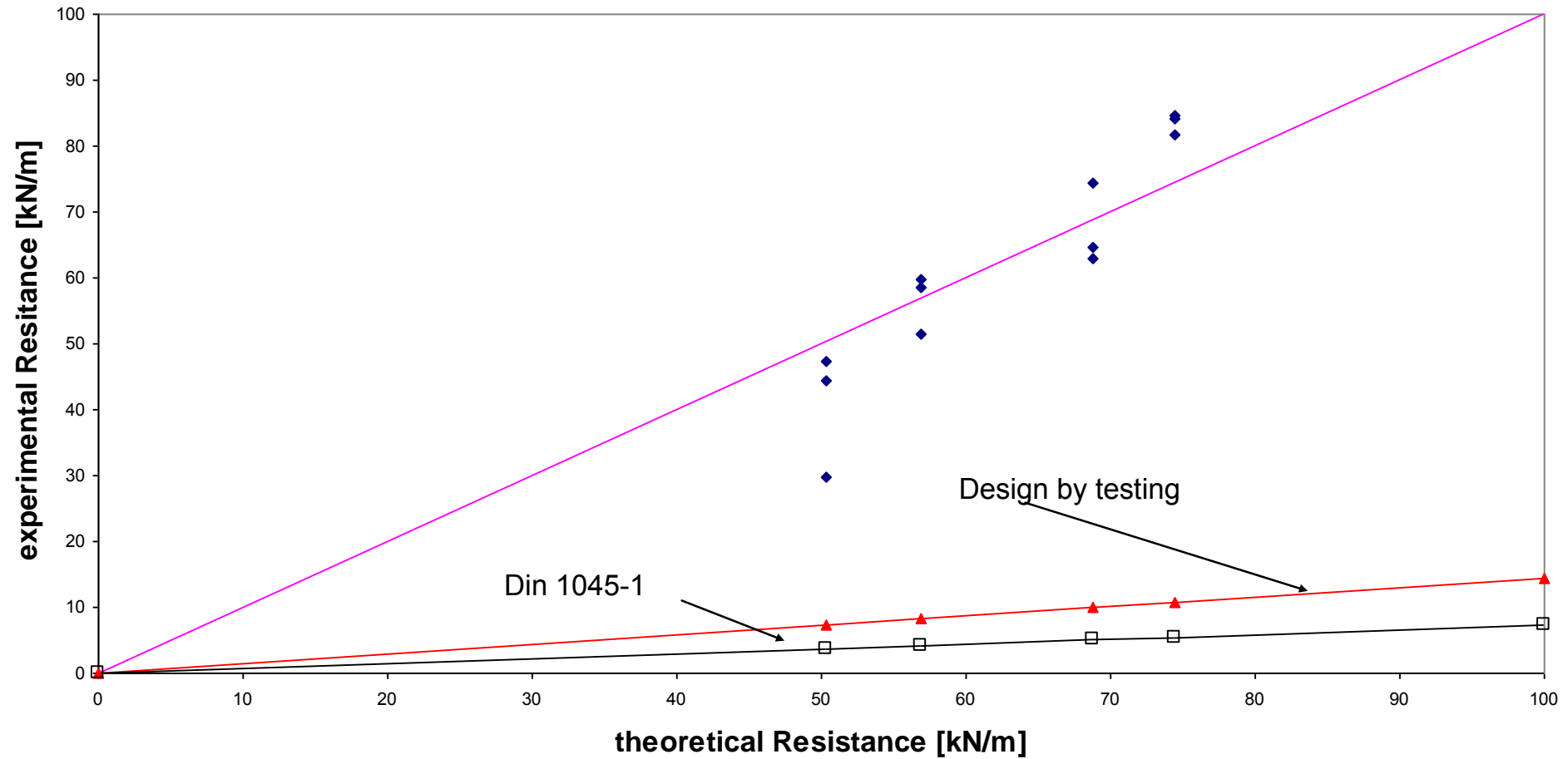
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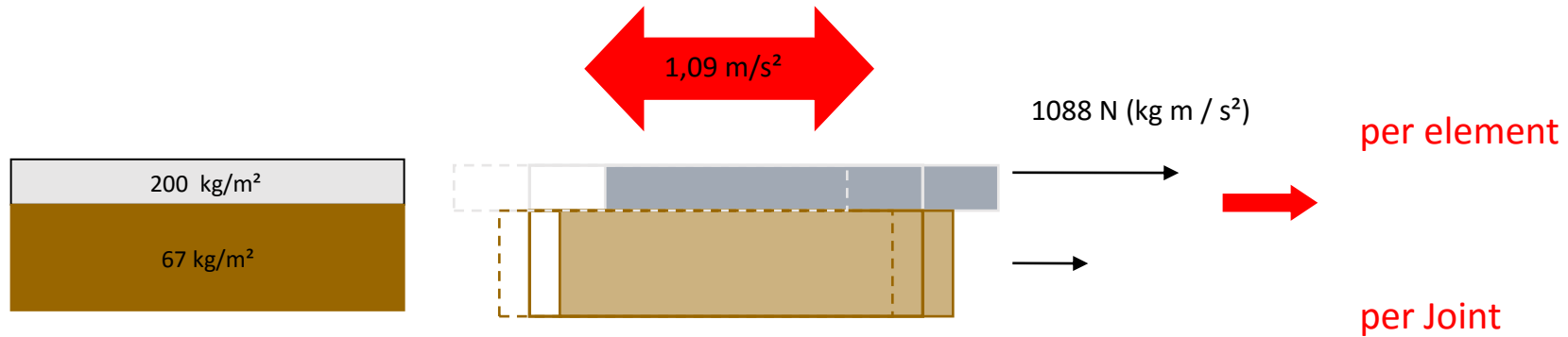
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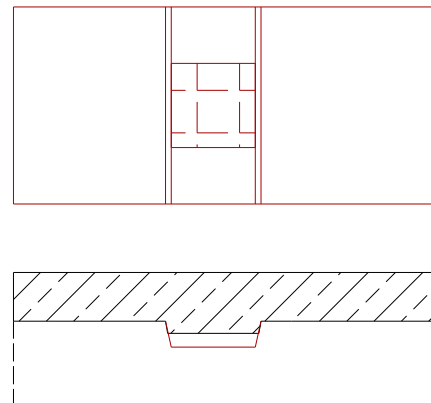
# Test - Series



# Seismic Behaviour



## Seismic Device



# *Bridge Crestawald (CH)* *1996*

