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# Introduction:

## WP2 Milestones



Milestone 2.1: Interaction between WP1 & WP2 (Task 2.5) to identify optimum sensor locations for infrastructure (**M10**)

Milestone 2.2: Instrumentation of Boyne Viaduct (**M15**)

Milestone 2.3: Reliability based assessment framework for earthworks (**M12**)

Milestone 2.4: Selection of case study for train track modelling (**M6**)

# Introduction:

## WP2 Deliverables



Deliverable 2.1: Guideline for Probability Based Multi Criteria Performance Optimisation of Railway infrastructure (**M24**)

Deliverable 2.2: Report on Assessment of Bridges(**M30**)

Deliverable 2.3: Report on Assessment of Earthworks (**M28**)

Deliverable 2.4: Report on Assessment of Tracks (**M30**)

# Deliverable 2.1: Probabilistic Basis for Multi Criteria Performance Optimisation of Railway infrastructure



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## Guideline for Probability Based Multi Criteria Performance Optimisation of Railway Infrastructure

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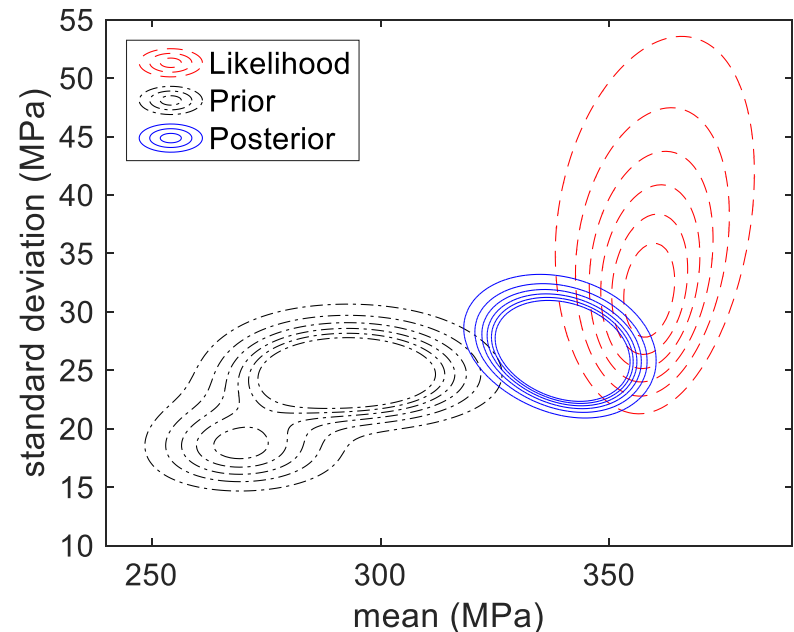
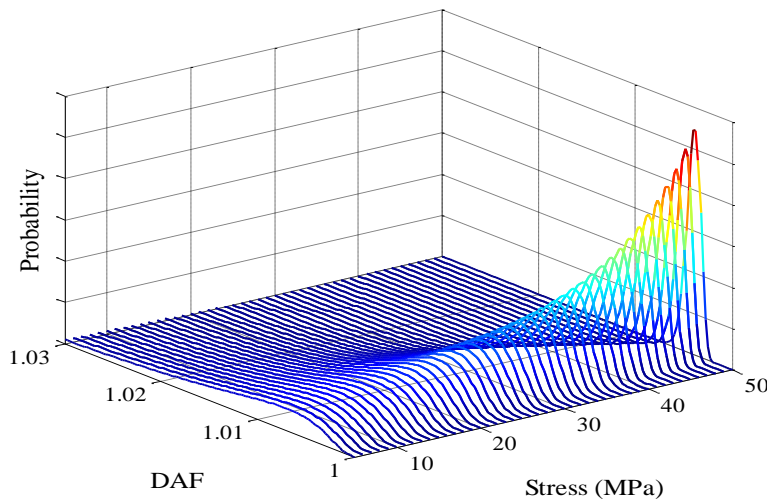
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# Deliverable 2.1 : Developments



- Convolution / maxima distributions Parameters
- Dynamics – references to deliverable 2.2 (M30)
- Bayesian Updating
- Reliability-based Fatigue
- Probabilistic Deterioration
- System Reliability



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# Deliverable 2.2: Assessment of Bridges



- Probabilistic Assessment
- Model Calibration
- Dynamic Allowance
- Fatigue Analysis
- Deterioration
- System Analysis
- Application of Empirical Mode Decomposition & discrete fast Fourier spectral analysis for damage detection
- Soil-Structure Interaction with cyclic loading



# Deliverable 2.3:

## Assessment of Earthworks



- Apply Reliability Theory and Probabilistic approaches to slope stability for railways.
- Account for different failure mechanisms and climatic effects
- Use monitoring data from WP1 to develop appropriate statistical distributions and employ said distributions in analyses.
- Develop fragility curves to describe vulnerability of earthworks to rainfall events



# Deliverable 2.4:

## Assessment of Tracks



- Investigation of the difference between loaded and unloaded longitudinal level and relation to track supporting layer stiffness variation, (GPR measurement).
- Numerical method to identify track stiffness variation in long section based on the measurement result from strain gauge and other measurement methods.
- Synchronization of the measurement result from track recording car to rail seat.

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## Reliability Assessment Models for Structures



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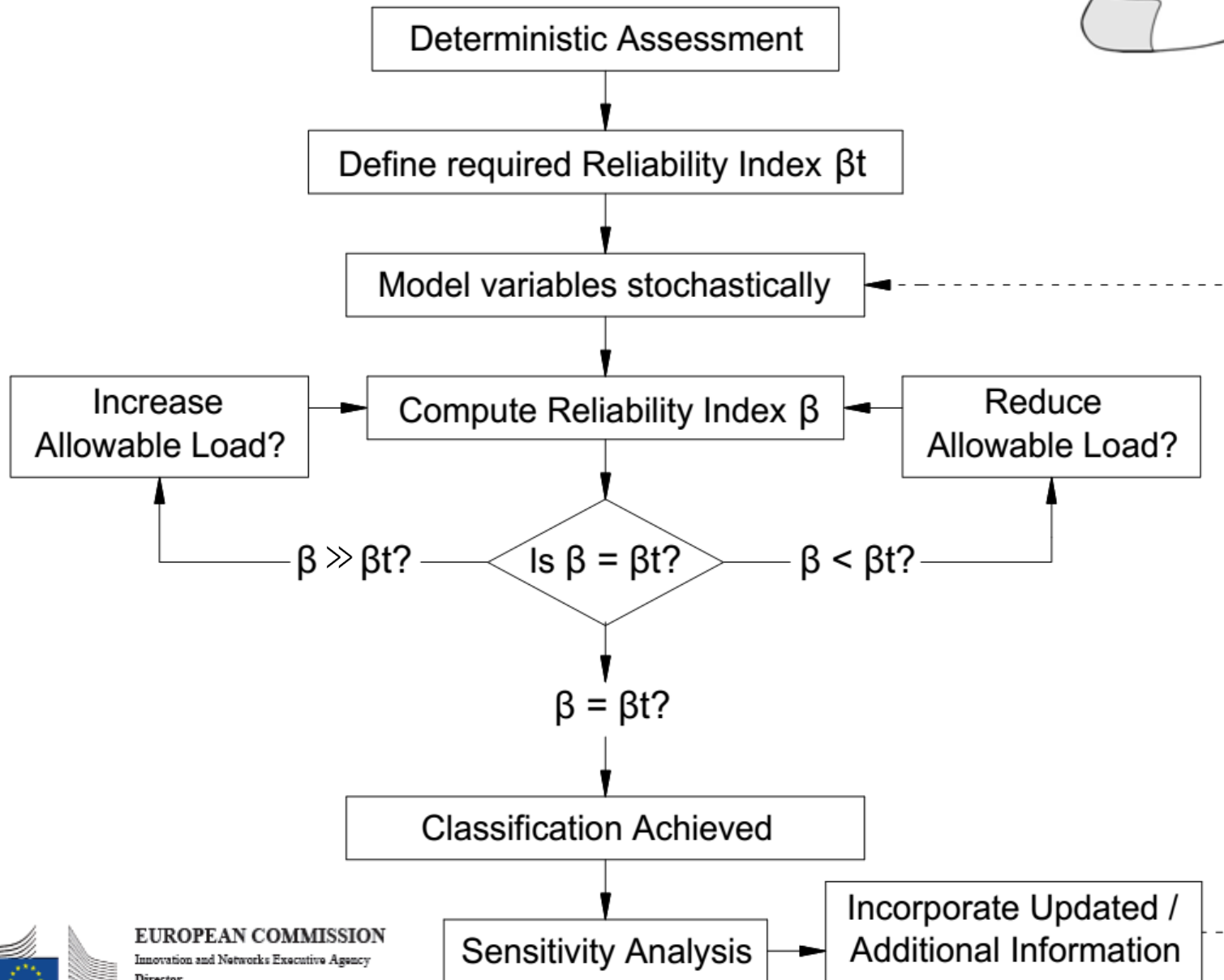


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# Reliability Analysis

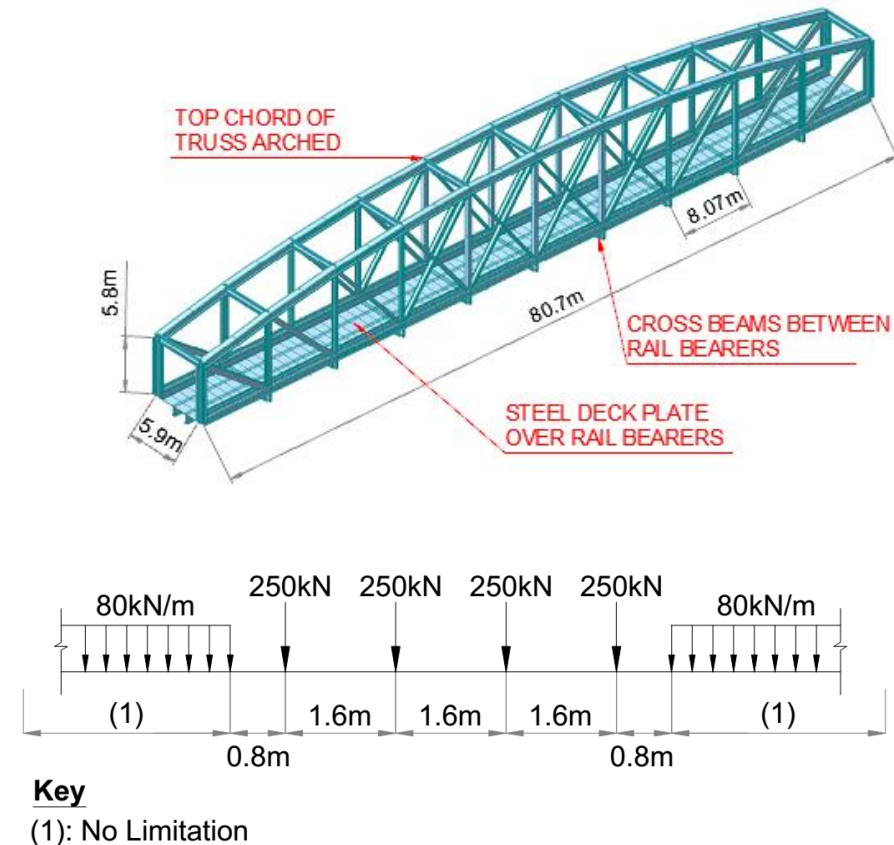


# Boyne Viaduct Instrumentation – Deterministic Assessment



- Assessment to BD21/01
- Type RU live loading
- No assessment of joints
- No assessment of deck plate

Member	Effect	Usage
Cross beam	Y	21%
Rail bearer	Y	-6%
Rail bearer	S	18%
Bottom chord	Y	56%
Top chord	CB	19%
Truss diagonal	Y	3%
Truss Vertical	CB	13%

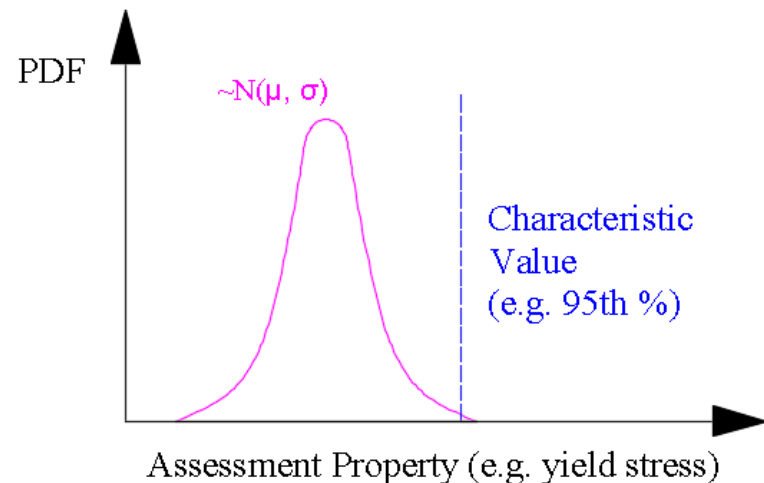


# Reliability Assessment

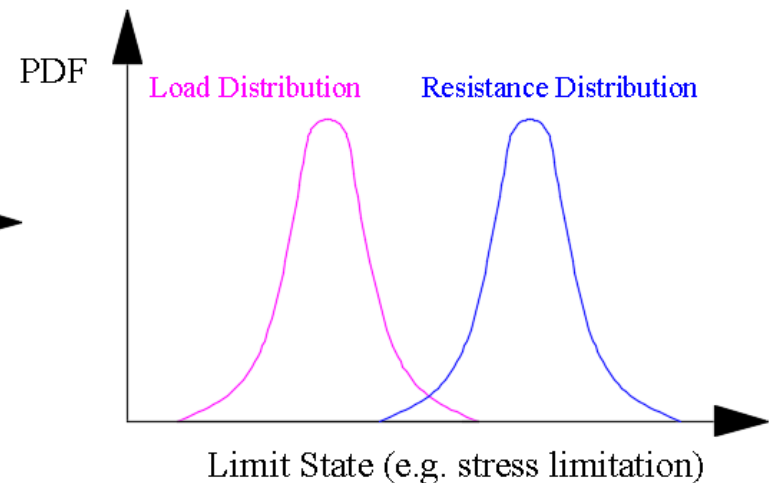


- Consider inputs to assessment as random variables
- Perform assessment 1E6 times, randomly selecting from distributions to calculate final load/resistance distribution

## Deterministic Assessment



## Probabilistic Assessment





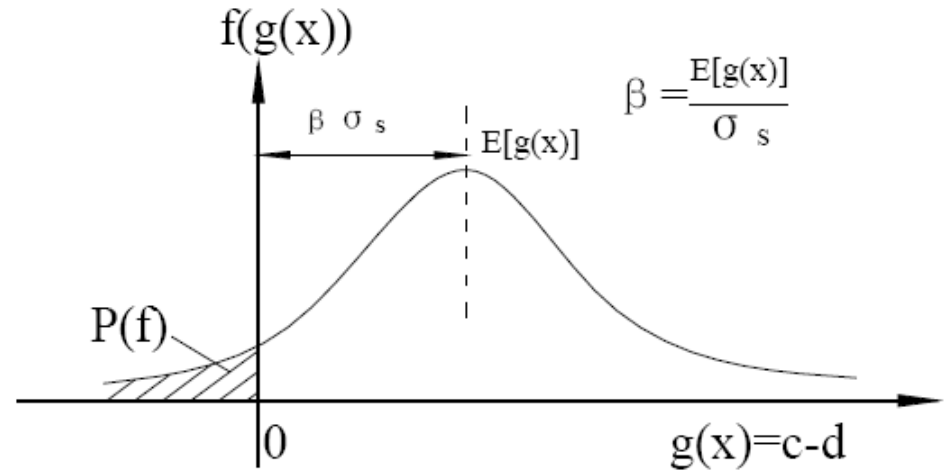
# Reliability index



Consider alternative form of performance function  $g(x)$ :

$$FOS = \frac{Capacity(C)}{Demand(D)}$$

$$g(x) = C - D$$



If  $C - D \leq 0 \Rightarrow$  limit state failure

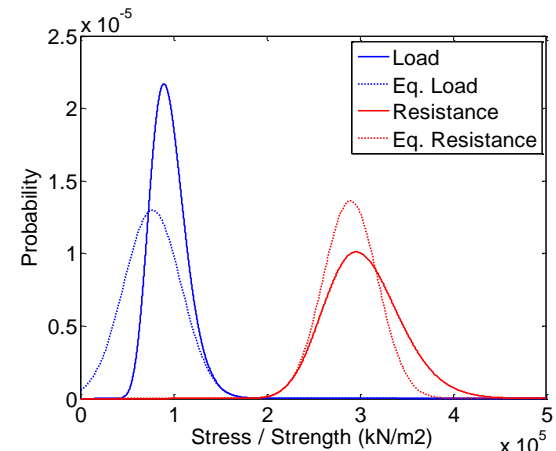
The  $\beta$ -index represents the mean of the performance function, divided by the number of standard deviations between the mean and origin.



# Boyne Viaduct Instrumentation – Reliability Assessment



- Stochastic distributions (DRD guidelines)
- Simulation & FORM analysis in MATLAB
- $\beta$ -value of 4.3 calculated for yielding critical rail bearer



Variable	Distribution	$\mu$	CoV
Yield Strength	LogN	297 MPa	0.11
MU. Yield Strength	LogN	1.0	0.10
Dead Load Stress	Norm	17.1 MPa	0.05
MU. Dead Load Stress	Norm	1.0	0.05
SDL Stress	Norm	13 MPa	0.10
MU. SDL stress	Norm	1.0	0.05
Fraction of RU loading	Gumb	0.66	0.20
MU. Live Load	Norm	1.0	0.15
$\varepsilon$ Increment	Norm	0.14	1.00

## Conservatism

- Live Load
- Uncertainty
- Yield strength
- Dynamics

# Boyne Viaduct Instrumentation – Reliability Assessment



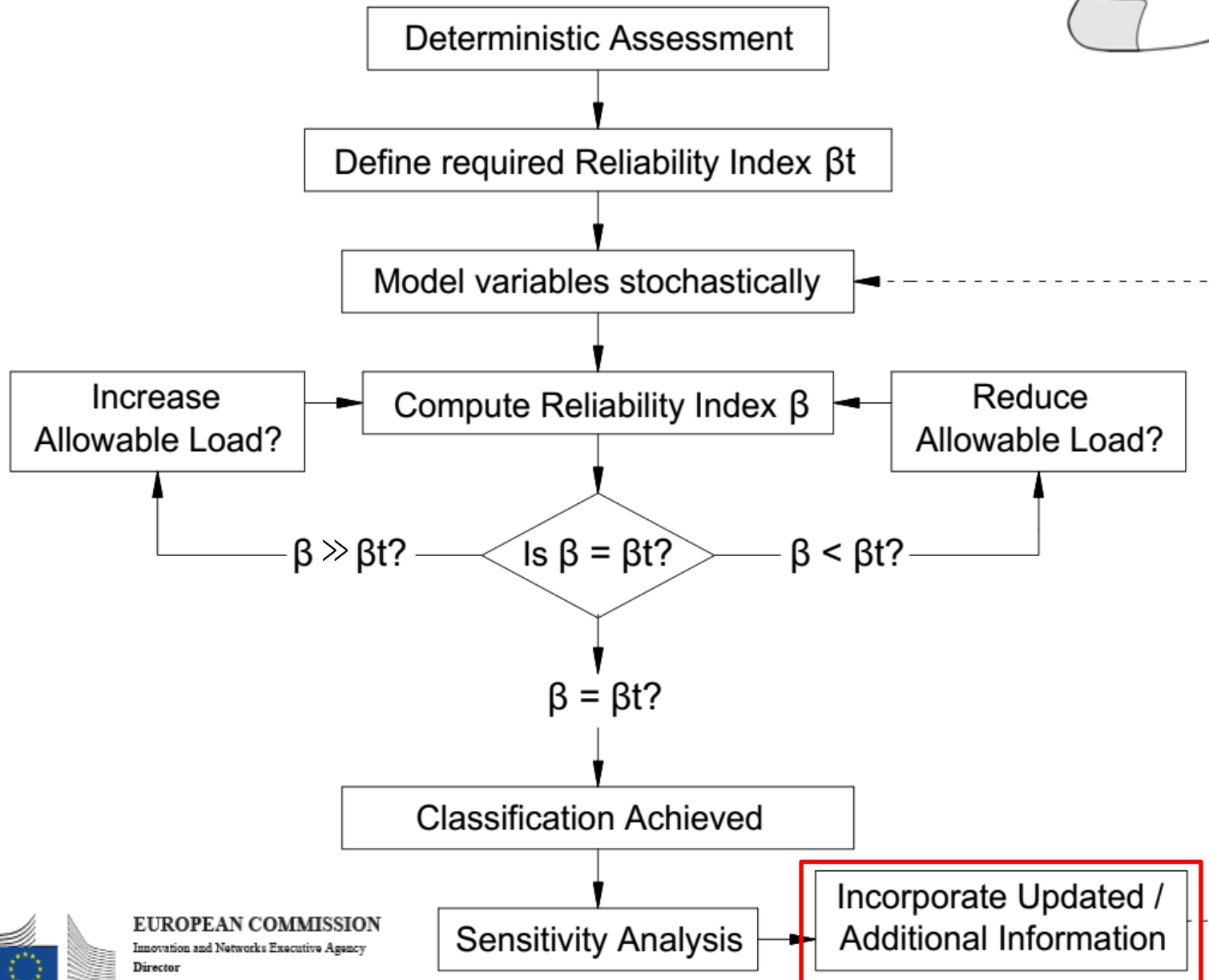
## ISO 2394: 2015 - General principles on reliability for structures

Consequences of failure			
Very low	Low	Medium	High
2.3	3.1	3.8	4.3

## JCSS, (2001), Probabilistic Assessment of Existing Structures

Cost of safety measures	Consequences of failure		
	Minor	Moderate	Large
Large	3.1	3.3	3.7
Normal	3.7	4.2	4.4
Small	4.2	4.4	4.7

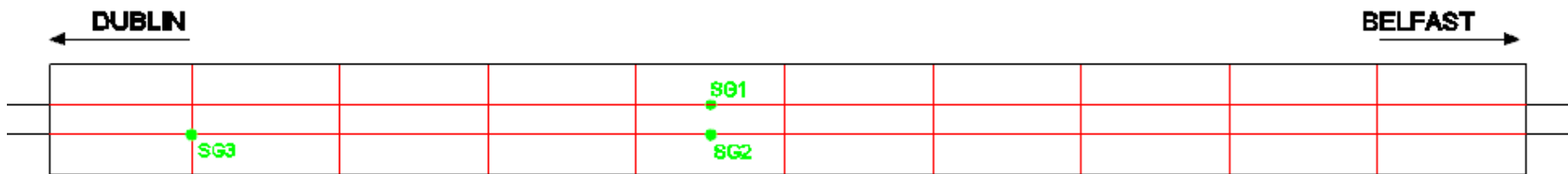
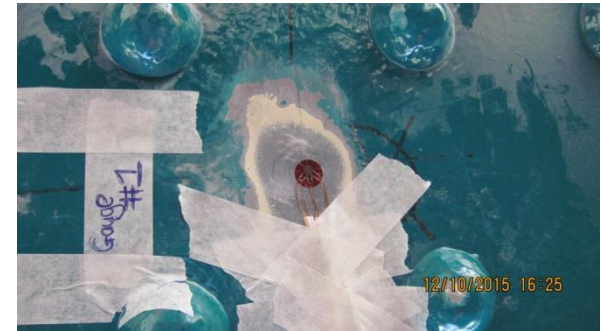
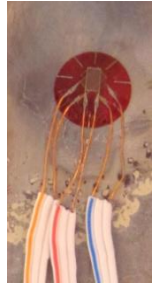
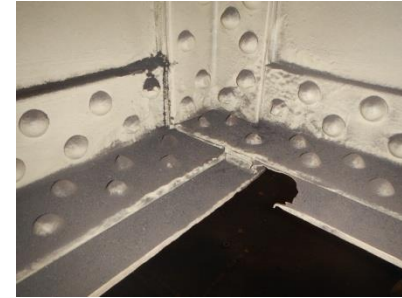
# Task 2.1: Reliability Analysis



# Boyne Viaduct Instrumentation – Strain Measurement



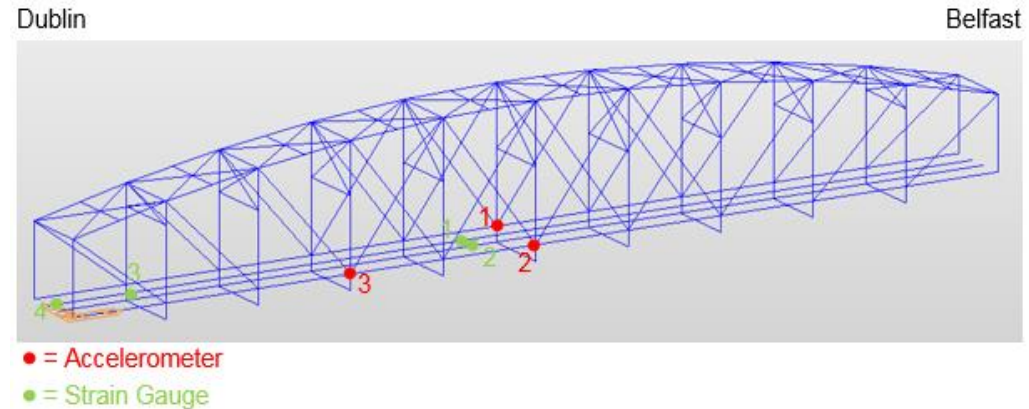
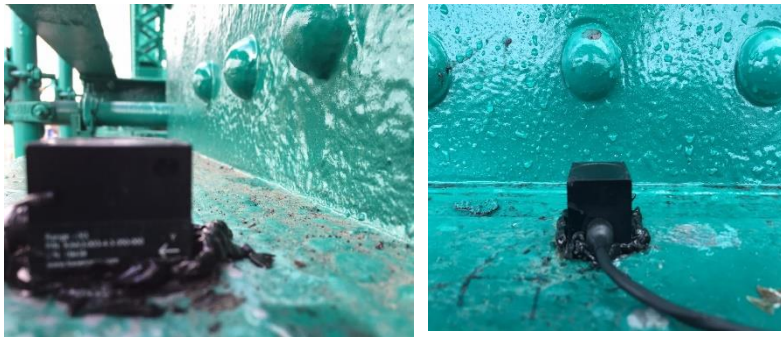
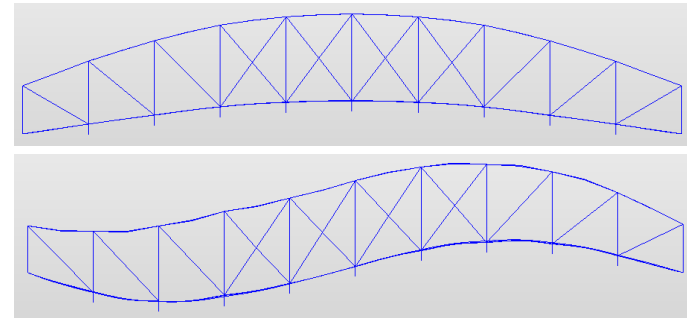
- Critical section of rail bearers (centre span) instrumented with rosettes.
- Corrosion on one side → instrument both sides
- Critical cross beam instrumented for model calibration & fatigue analysis
- Rosettes → principal stress calc



# Boyne Viaduct Instrumentation – Acceleration Measurement



- Identification of mode shapes and frequencies from FE model
- Mobile measurement used to specify sensors.
- Triaxial accelerometers used.



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# Boyne Viaduct Instrumentation

## - Data Summary



- Final sensor installed on 10/11/2015.
- Data from 22/10/2015 – 18/01/2016.
- 35 days of data measurement
- 843 events with 726 train events
- 30 full days ( $\geq 8$  events) with up to 37 trains per day.
- Data provided in .csv and .mat format
- Current monitoring

Fields	chnum	chname	samples	samplerate	basetime	xtitle	xunits	ytitle	yunits	data
1	16	'BH1@Vbatt...	54532	1000	59.2060	'Time'	'secs'	'BH1@Vbatt...	'Volts'	<a href="#">1x54532 single</a>
2	17	'BH1@R3_0...	54532	1000	59.2060	'Time'	'secs'	'BH1@R3_0...	'uE'	<a href="#">1x54532 single</a>
3	18	'BH1@R3_0...	54532	1000	59.2060	'Time'	'secs'	'BH1@R3_0...	'uE'	<a href="#">1x54532 single</a>
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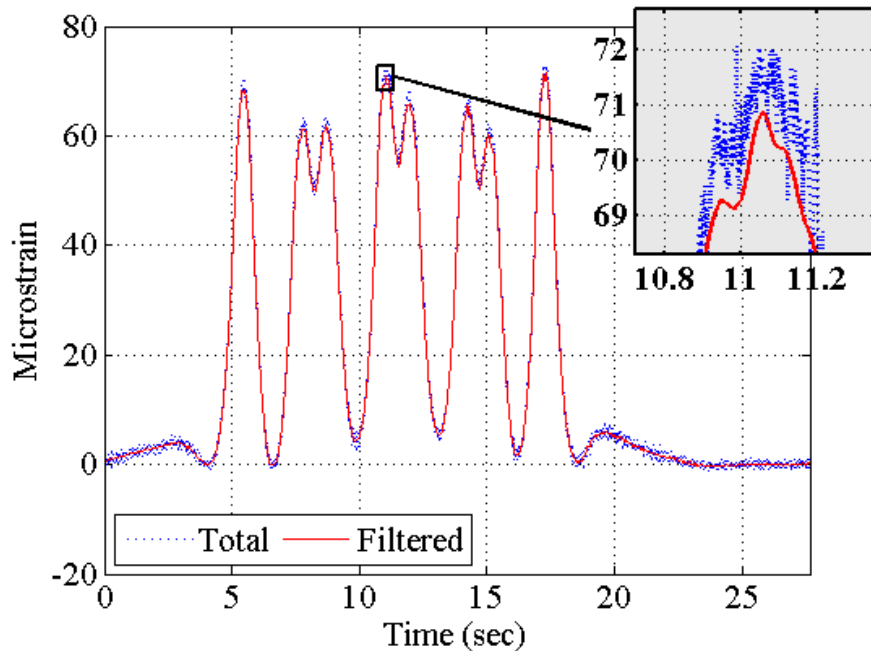


# Data usage - Dynamic Analysis

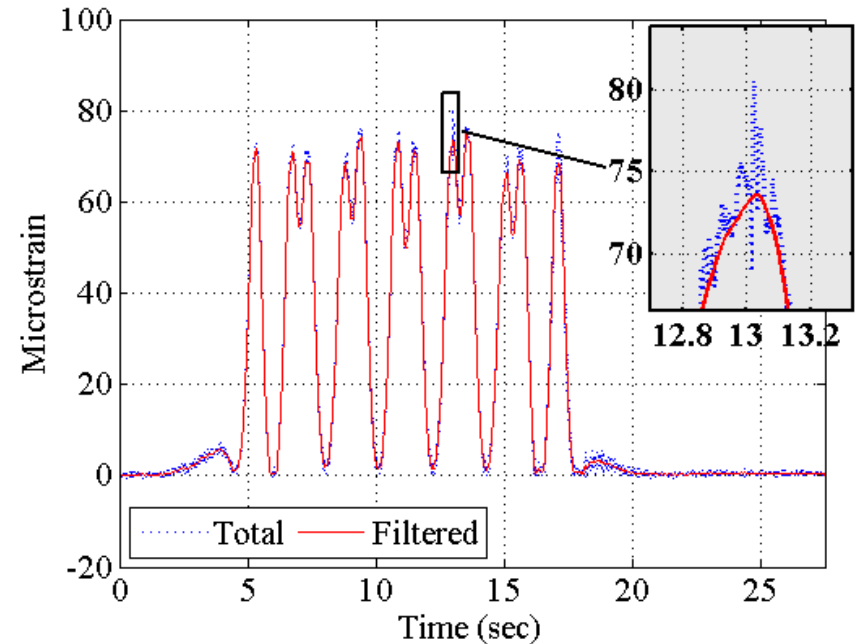


## *Removal of dynamics – low-pass filtering*

DAF = 1.02



DAF = 1.07

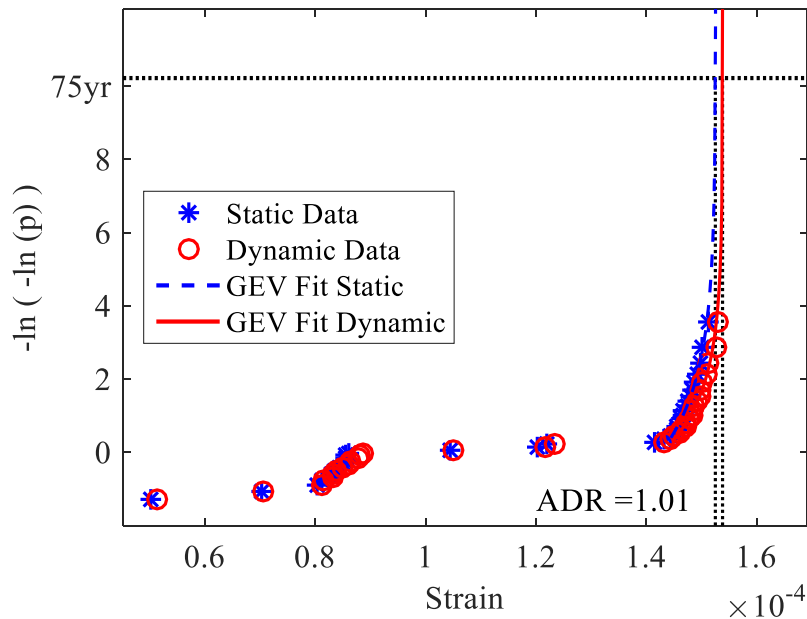


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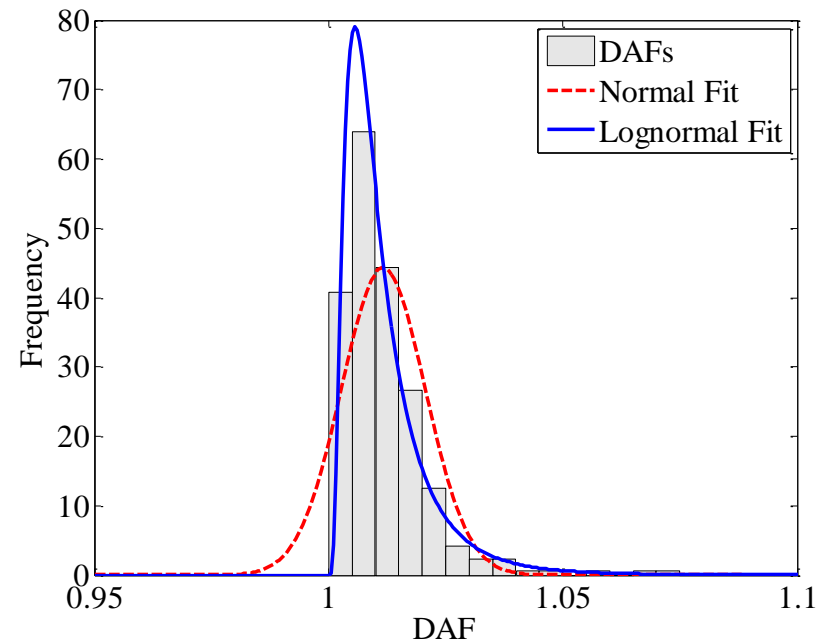


## Calculation of ADR & $\varepsilon$ - distribution

ADR = 1.01



$\varepsilon$  – lognormal (0.12, 0.03)



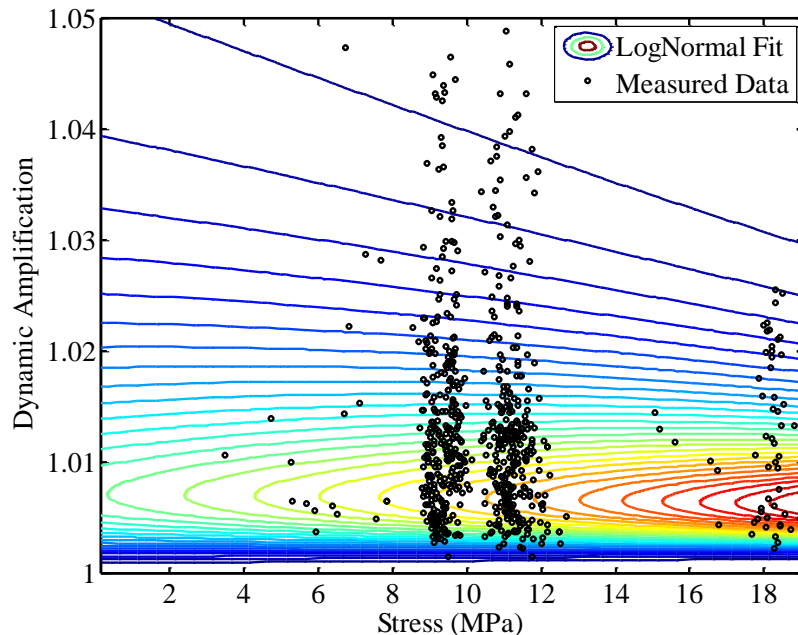
$\varepsilon$  – distribution not indicative of load!

# Data usage - Dynamic Analysis

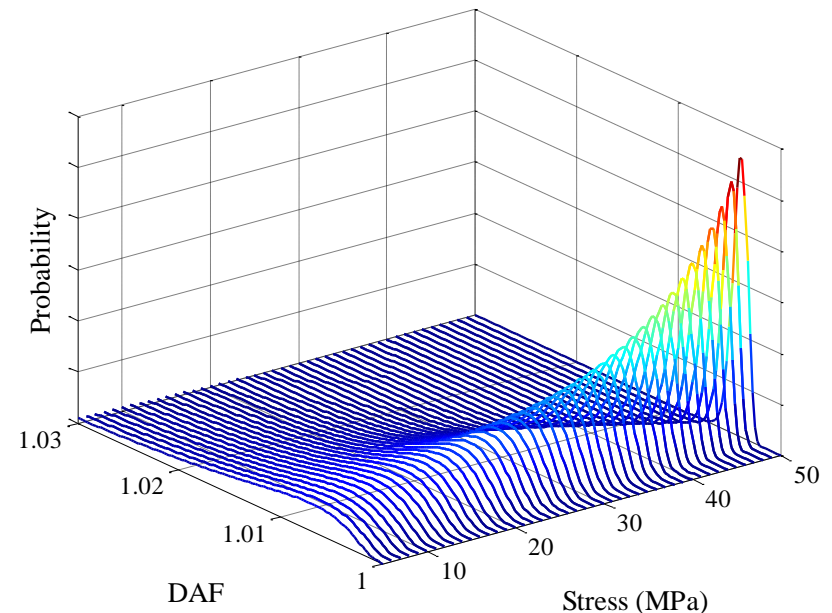


## *Stress Varying $\varepsilon$ - distribution*

ADR = 1.01



$\varepsilon$  – lognormal (0.12, 0.03)



# Data usage - Dynamic Analysis



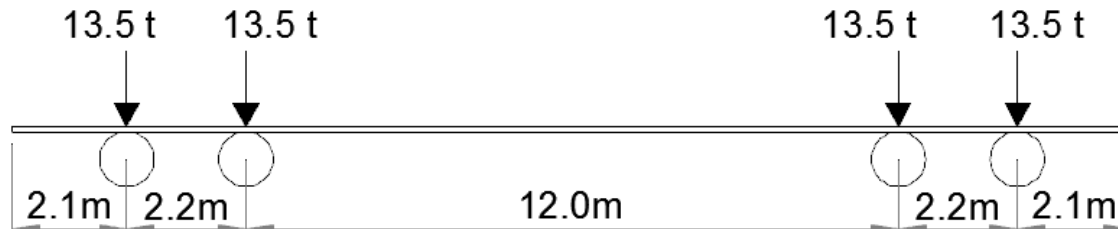
## *Results – effect on assessment of rail bearer*

	Deterministic Assessment Utilisation	Probabilistic Assessment reliability index ( $\beta$ )
Original	-6%	4.3
Use of ADR	20%	-
Use of standard logn distribution fit to $\epsilon$	-	4.7
Use of stress-varying lognormal fit to $\epsilon$	-	5.1

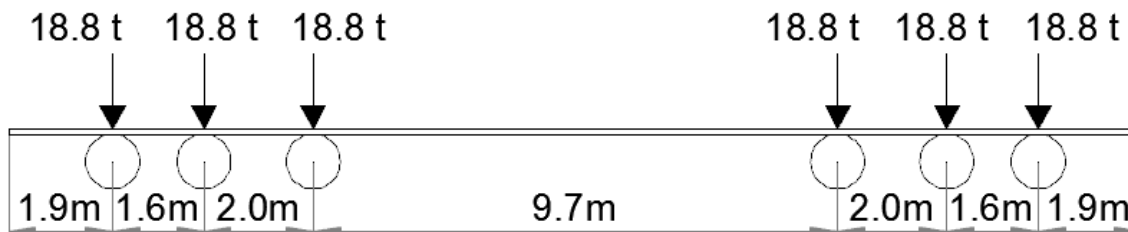
# Data usage – Model Calibration



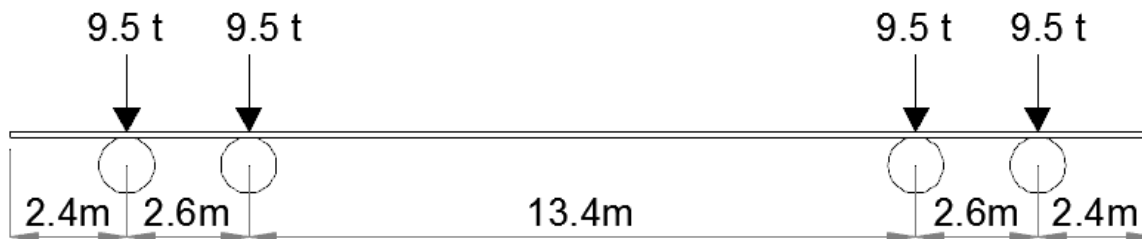
## *Calibration for two locations and two trains*



DMU



Enterprise  
Loco 201



Enterprise  
Carriage

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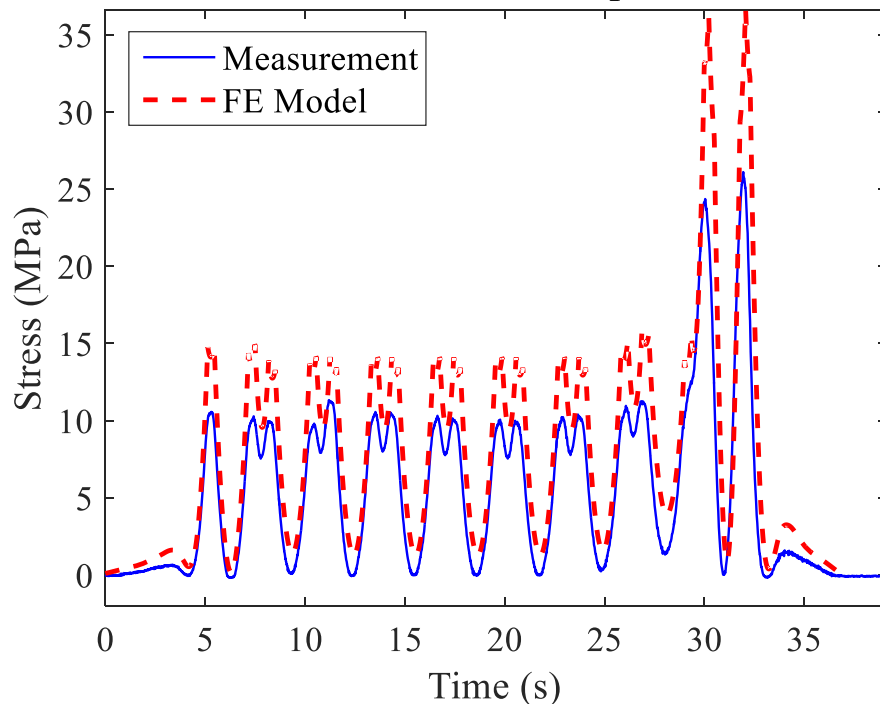
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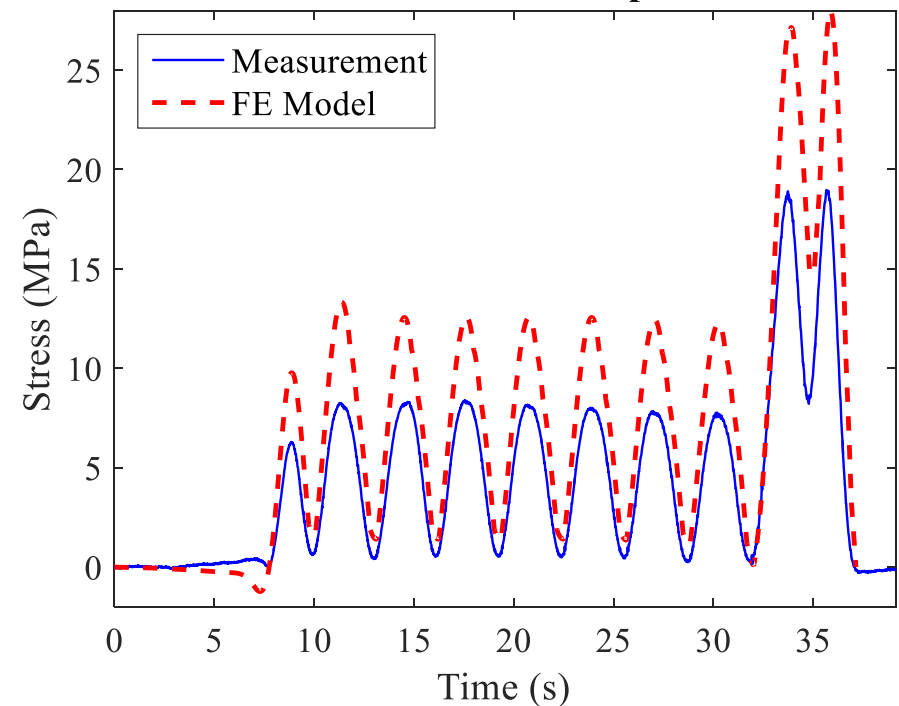
## Calibration for two locations and two trains

$$principal\_stress = \frac{E}{2} \left( \frac{\varepsilon_1 + \varepsilon_2}{1 - \nu} \pm \frac{1}{1 + \nu} \sqrt{(\varepsilon_1 - \varepsilon_2)^2 + (\varepsilon_2 - \varepsilon_3)^2} \right)$$

Railbearer - Enterprise



Cross Beam - Enterprise

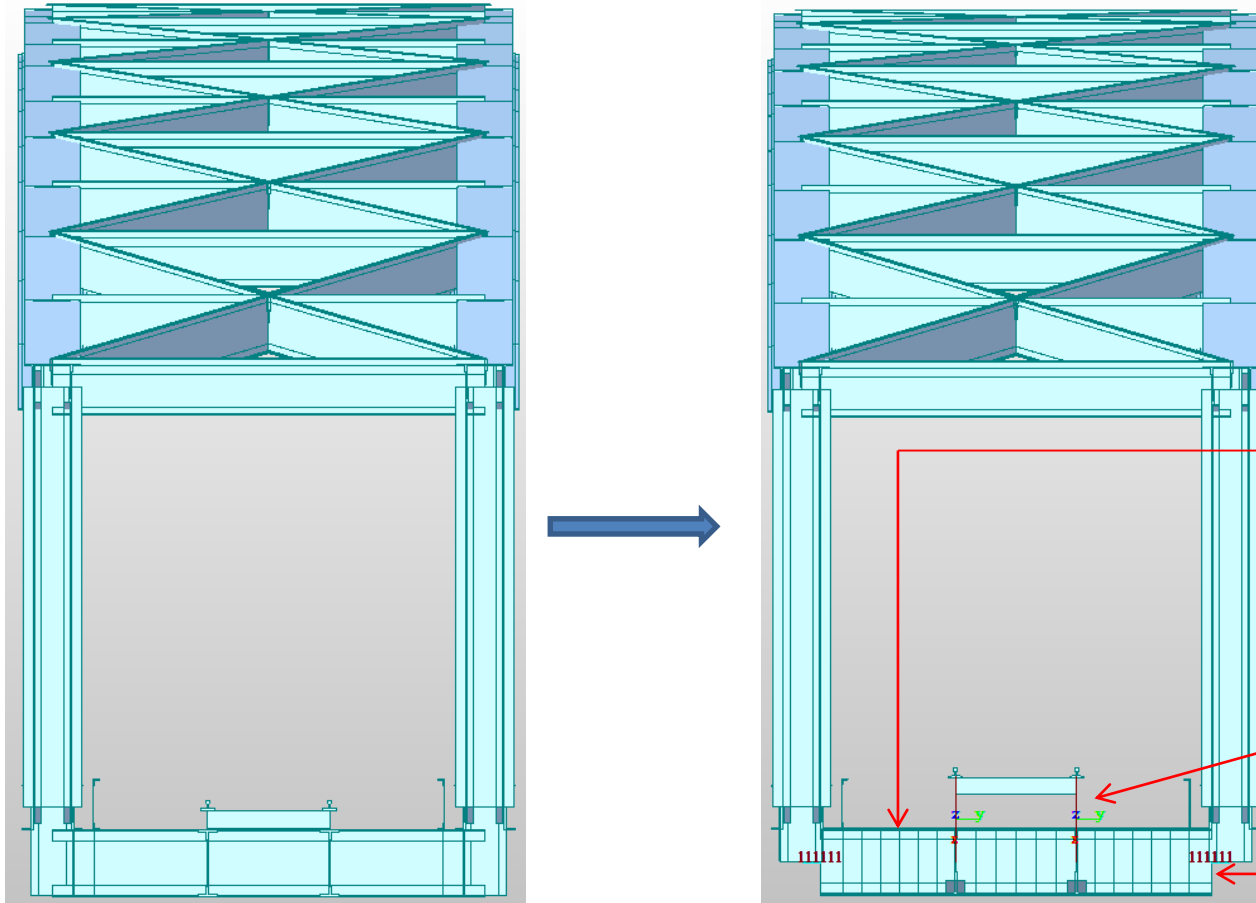


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# Data usage – Model Calibration

## *Model refinement:*



Deck plate  
mesh refined

Springs to  
model ballast

Eccentricities

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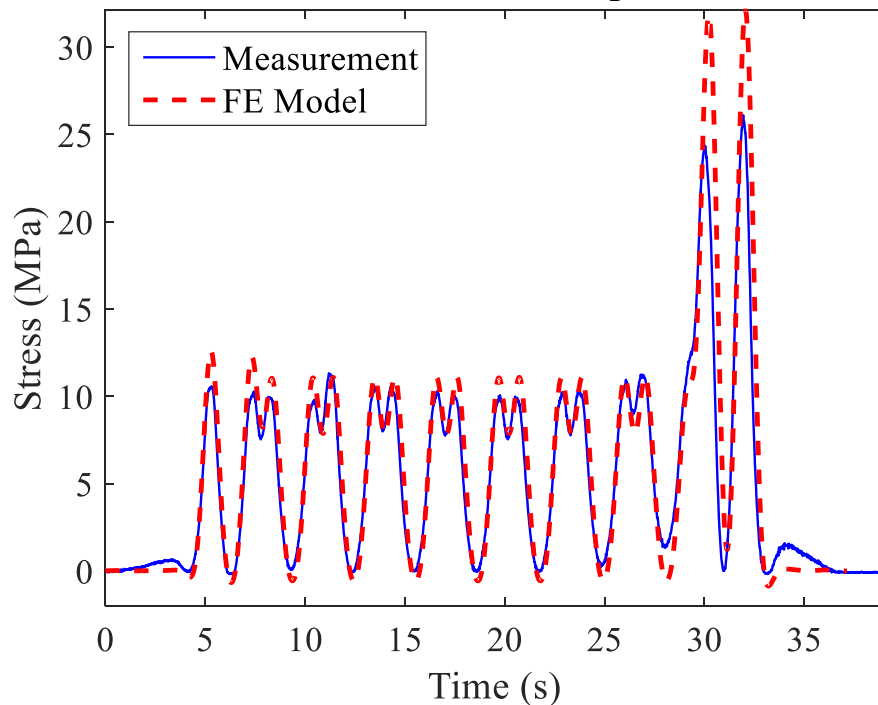


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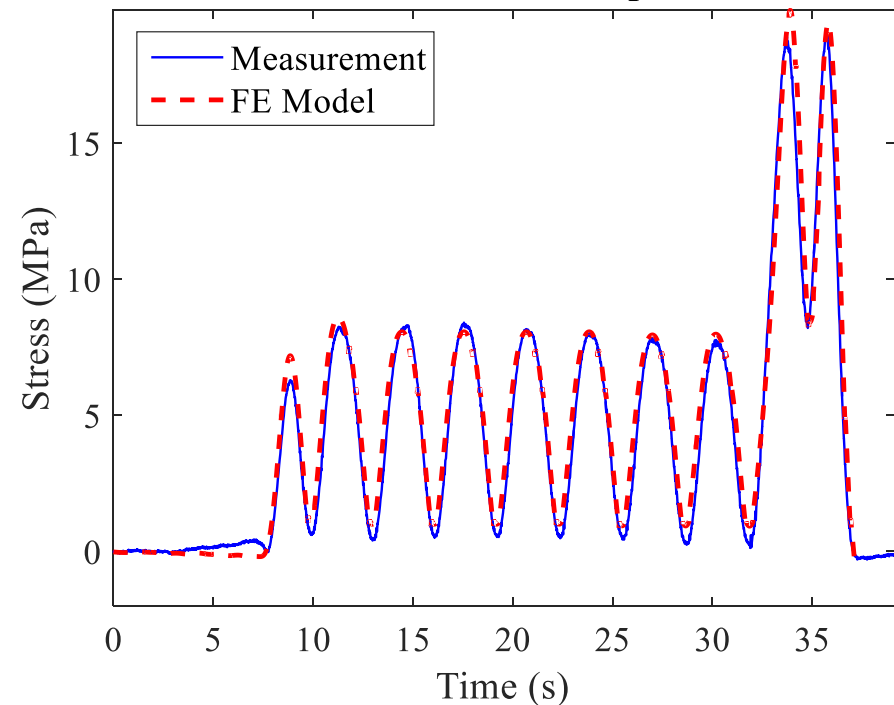


## *Comparison of response after refinements*

**Railbearer - Enterprise**



**Cross Beam - Enterprise**



# Data usage – Model Calibration



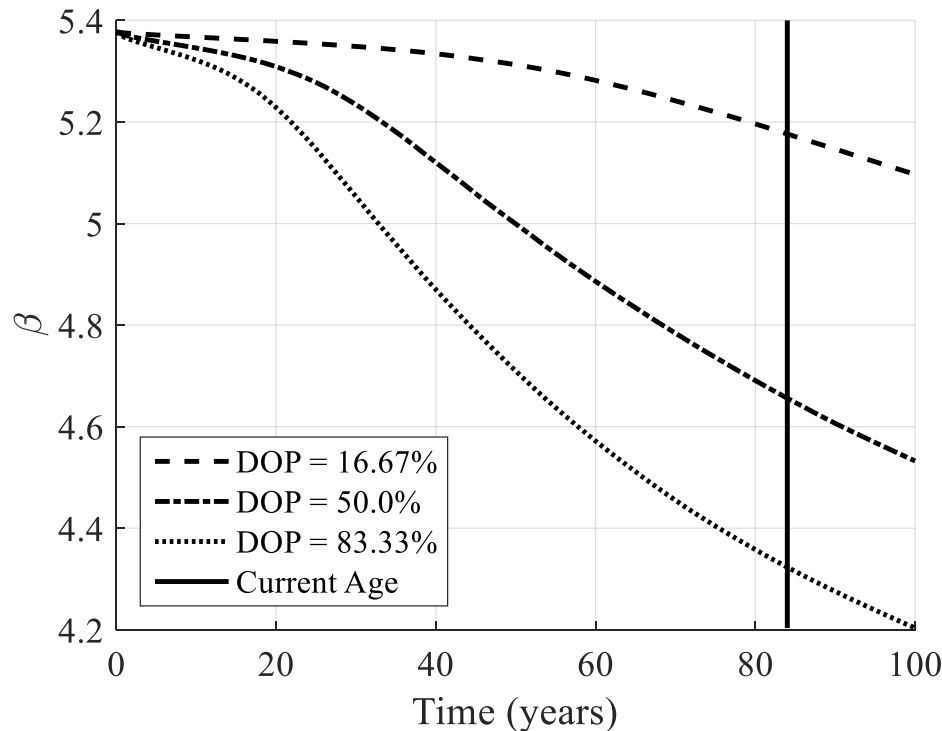
## *Recalculation of reliability index*

- 1) Refined FE model
  - 2) Optimised stress-varying DAF modelling
  - 3) Reduction of uncertainty in capacity due to calibration from 10.4% – 6.6%.
- Final reliability index ( $\beta$ ) = 7.55
  - Note: use of fractile value of LM71 still uncertain!

# Probabilistic Corrosion Modelling



- Critical corrosion mechanism: Pitting
- pit diameters of 5, 15 and 25 mm were investigated with a constant pit spacing of 30 mm.



- Corresponding DOP of 16.67%, 50% and 83.33%
- Re-evaluate reliability analysis each year

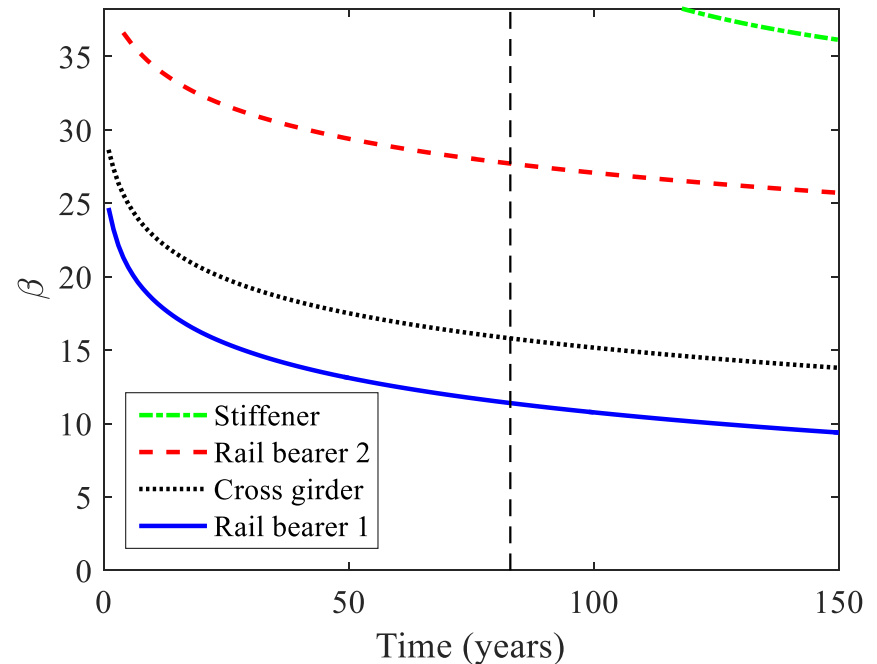
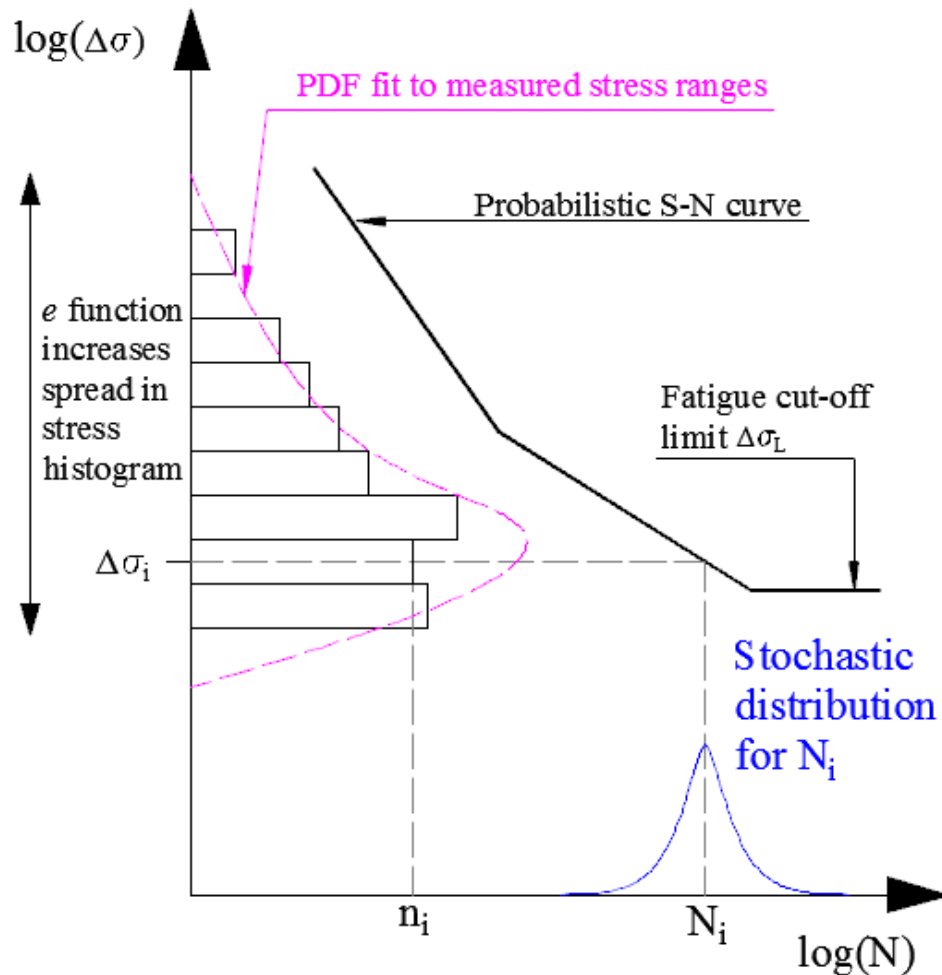


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# Probabilistic Fatigue Assessment



## Measurement-Based Assessment

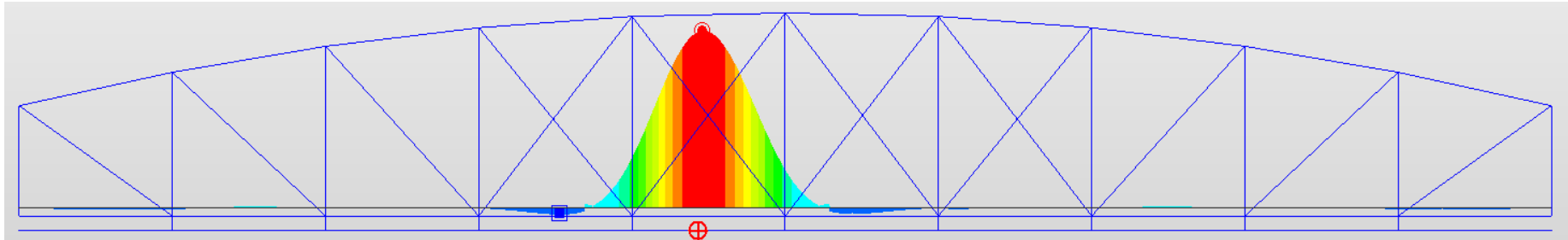
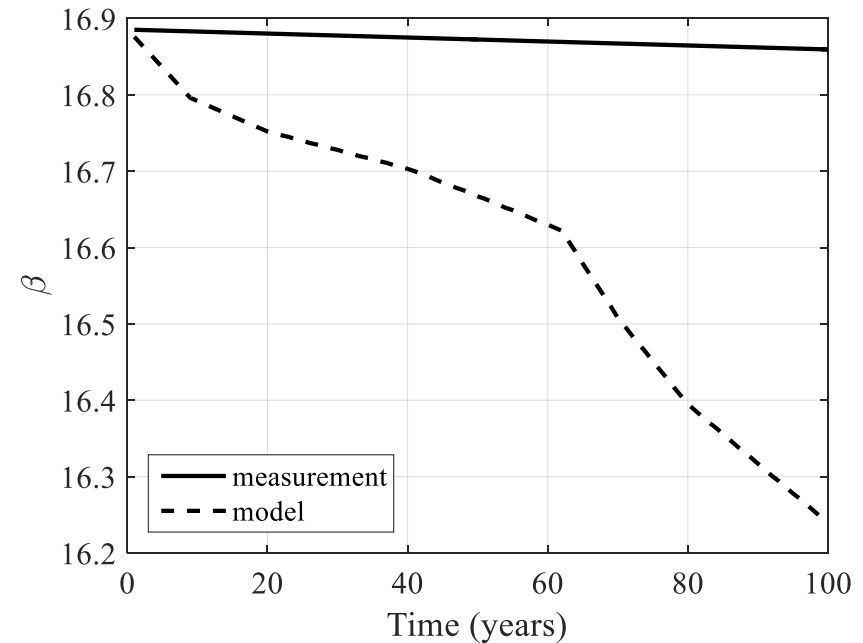


# Probabilistic Fatigue Assessment



## Model-Based Assessment

- Timetables from IRRS
- Train passages from 1932
- Can be applied throughout calibrated FE model, to every element.
- Also to connections



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# Conclusions



- Probabilistic approach can show safety even if traditional assessment has shown insufficient capacity at ULS / SLS / FLS.
- Deterioration can be considered with uncertainty
- Use of SHM data:
  - Significant reductions in dynamic allowance
  - Refined FE models for higher accuracy
  - Probabilistic fatigue assessment
- Further input into Risk Calculation

# Thank you



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