

Reusable Composite Structures

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Content

- Demolition of existing structures
- Traditional and demountable shear connectors
- Demountable composite flooring systems
- On-going experiments
- Outlook

“Sustainable” demolition – CBS Building



Voorburg, NL
Built: 1973

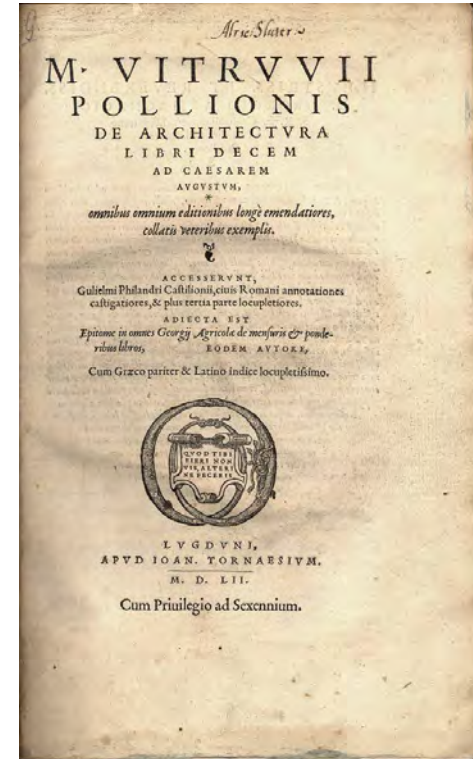
Demolition – Hub Synergy Point



Singapore, SG
Built: 1973

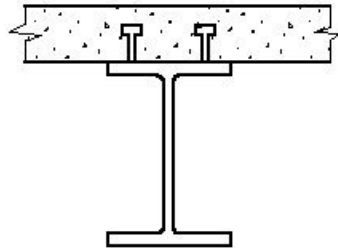
Obsolescence – the reason for demolition

- Technical - *firmitas*
- Aesthetical - *venustas*
- Functional - *utilitas*
- Social
- Economical
- Logistical



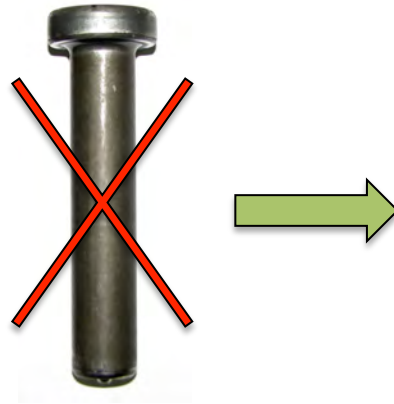
Traditional shear connector

- Cast in-situ deck



Demountable shear connectors

- Cast in-situ deck
- Prefabricated deck



Cast in-situ demountable decks

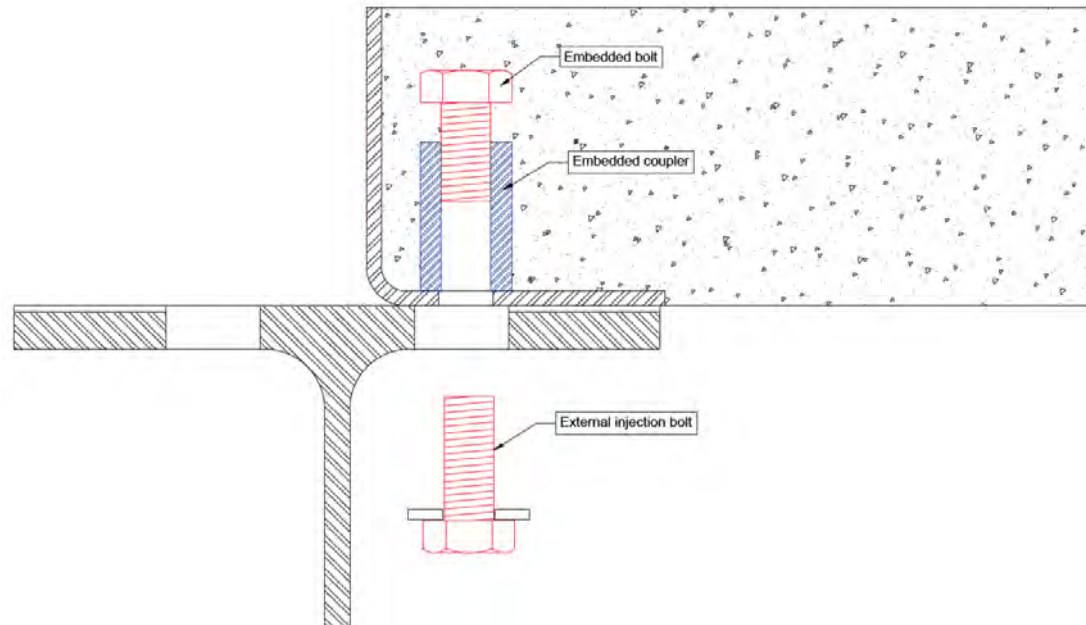


Prefabricated demountable decks



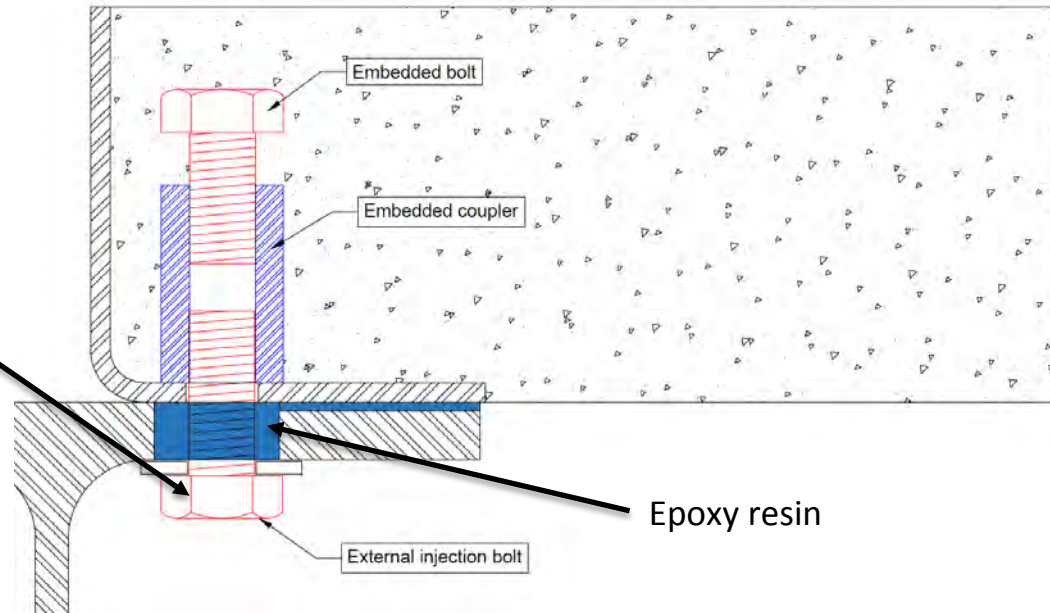
Installation of prefab. demountable decks

- Oversize holes in beam flange
 - Execution and manufacturing tolerances



Installation of prefab. demountable decks

- Immediate composite action under live load
 - Injection of clearance coupler with epoxy resin



Quantification of benefits of reuse

- Life-cycle assessment
 - Functional unit
 - Assessment protocol
 - Estimated Service Life (ESL)
- Building Information Modelling



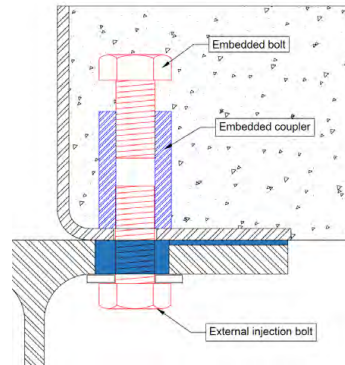
Levels of scale in demountable structures

Small-scale
(Material)



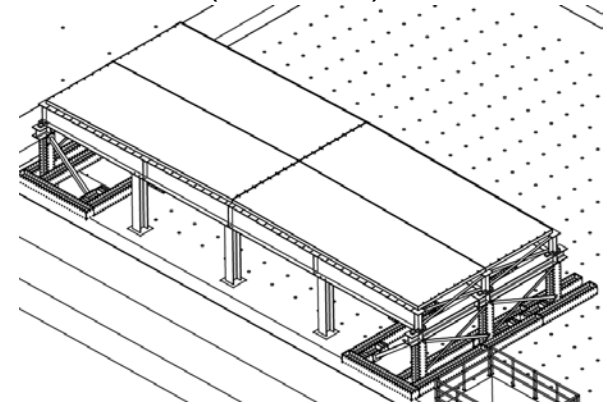
Material modelling

Medium-scale
(Component)



Mechanical
properties of
connectors

Full-scale
(Structure)



Structural performance +
recommendations for
practice

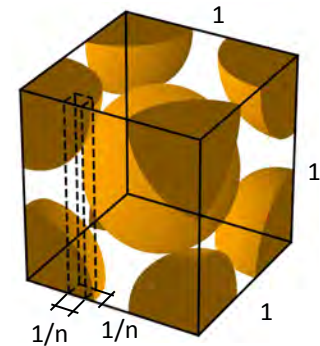
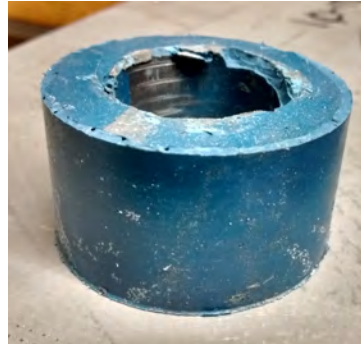
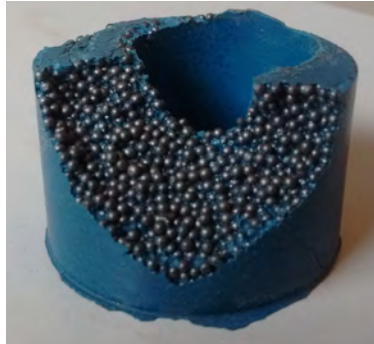
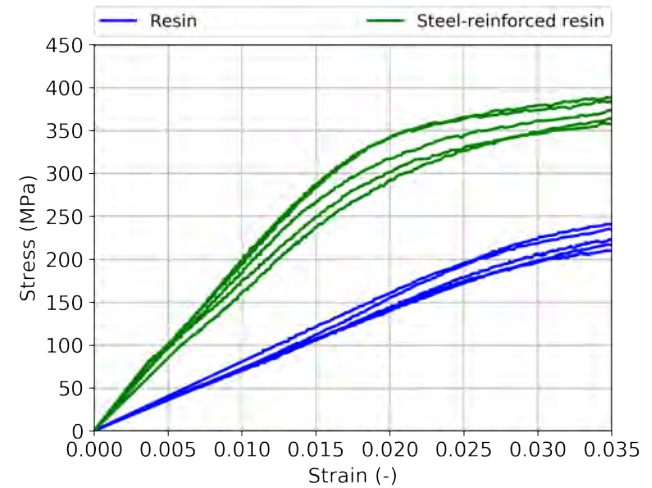
Epoxy resin – SW404 + HY2404

- Commercially available resin
- Frequently used in injected bolted steel-to-steel connections



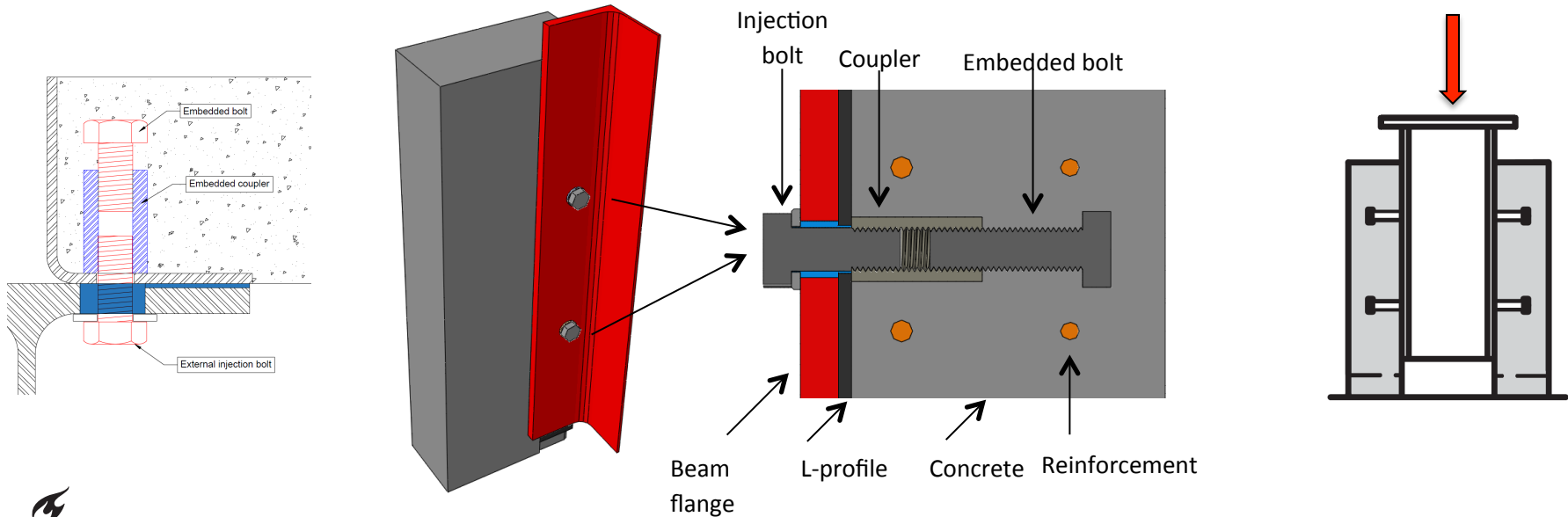
Epoxy resin – Improvement

- Steel-reinforced resin
 - Higher Young's Modulus
 - Smaller creep deformation
- Patented in 2017

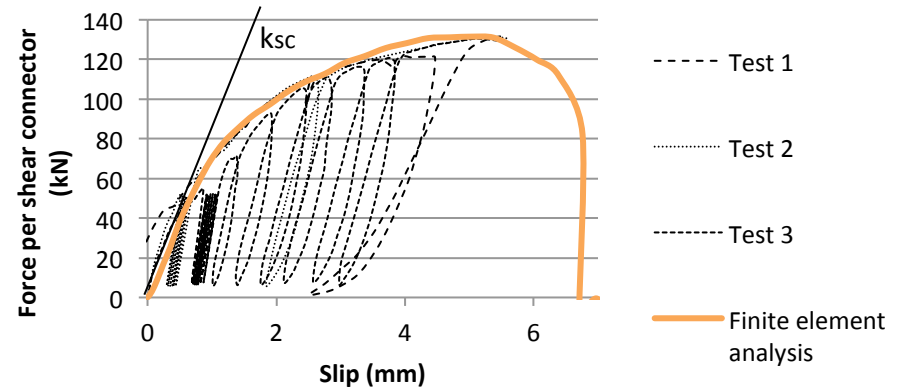
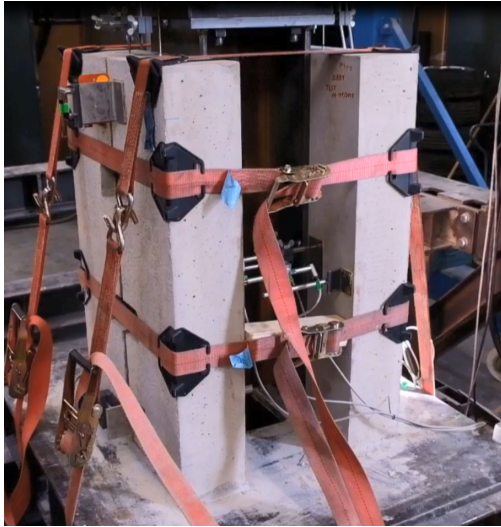


Mechanical behaviour of shear connector

- Push-out test

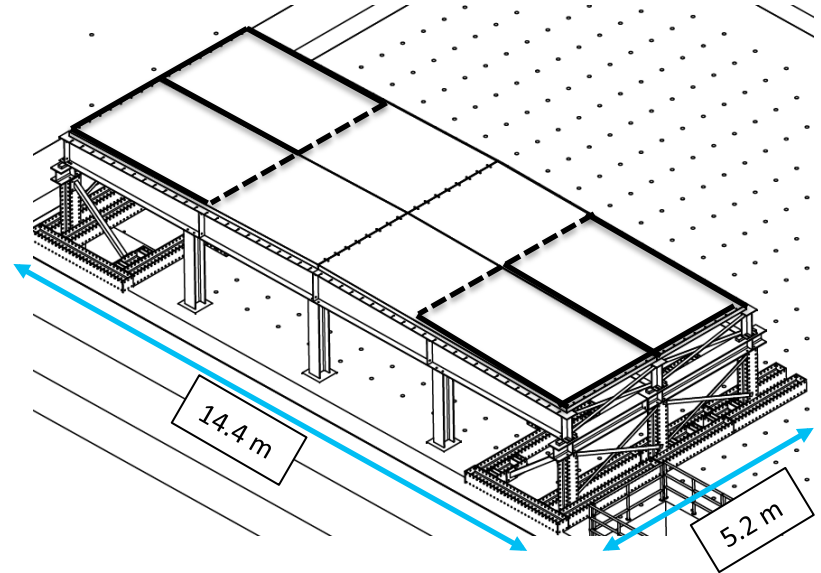
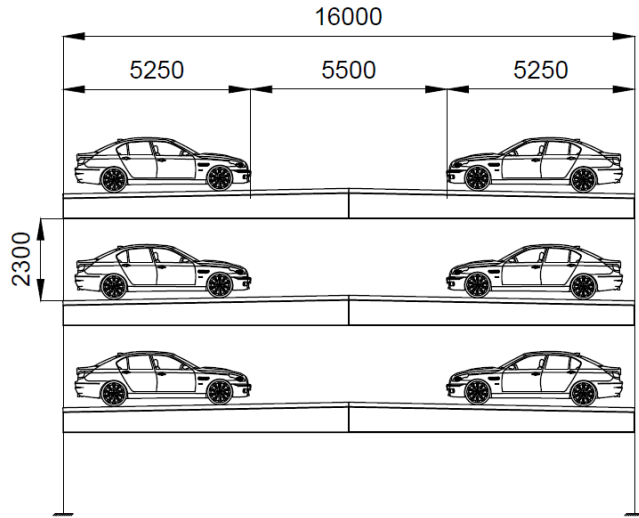


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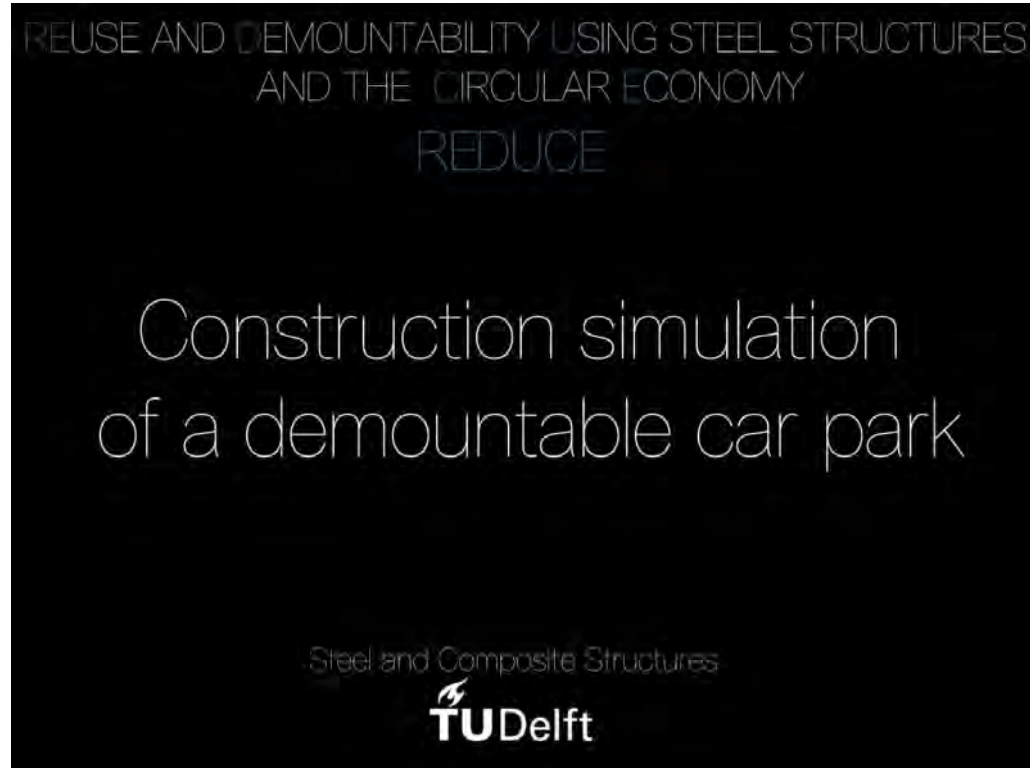


Mock-up of demountable building

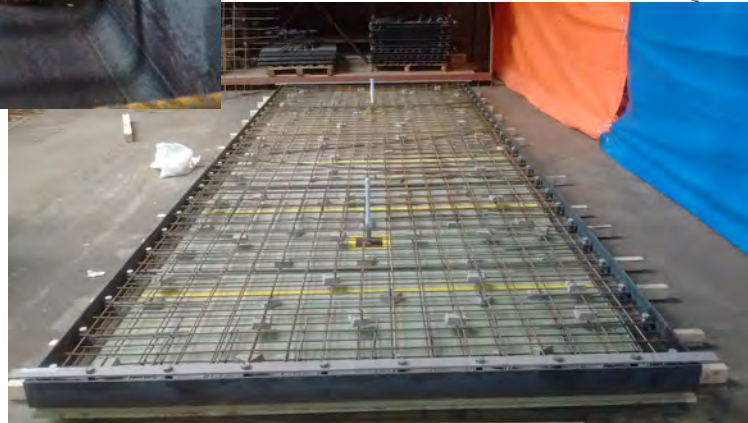
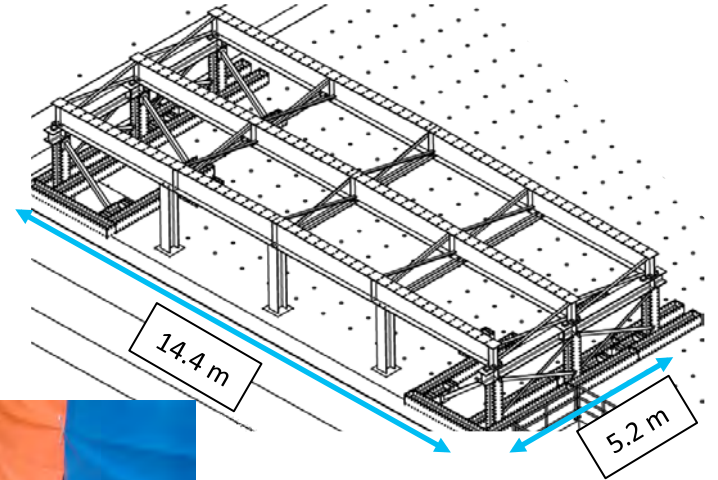
- Multi-storey car park



Animation of multi-storey car park building

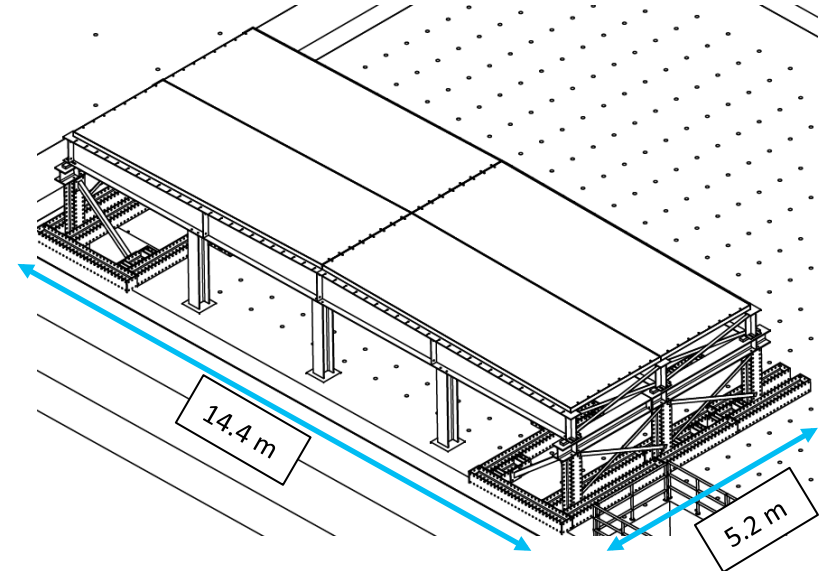


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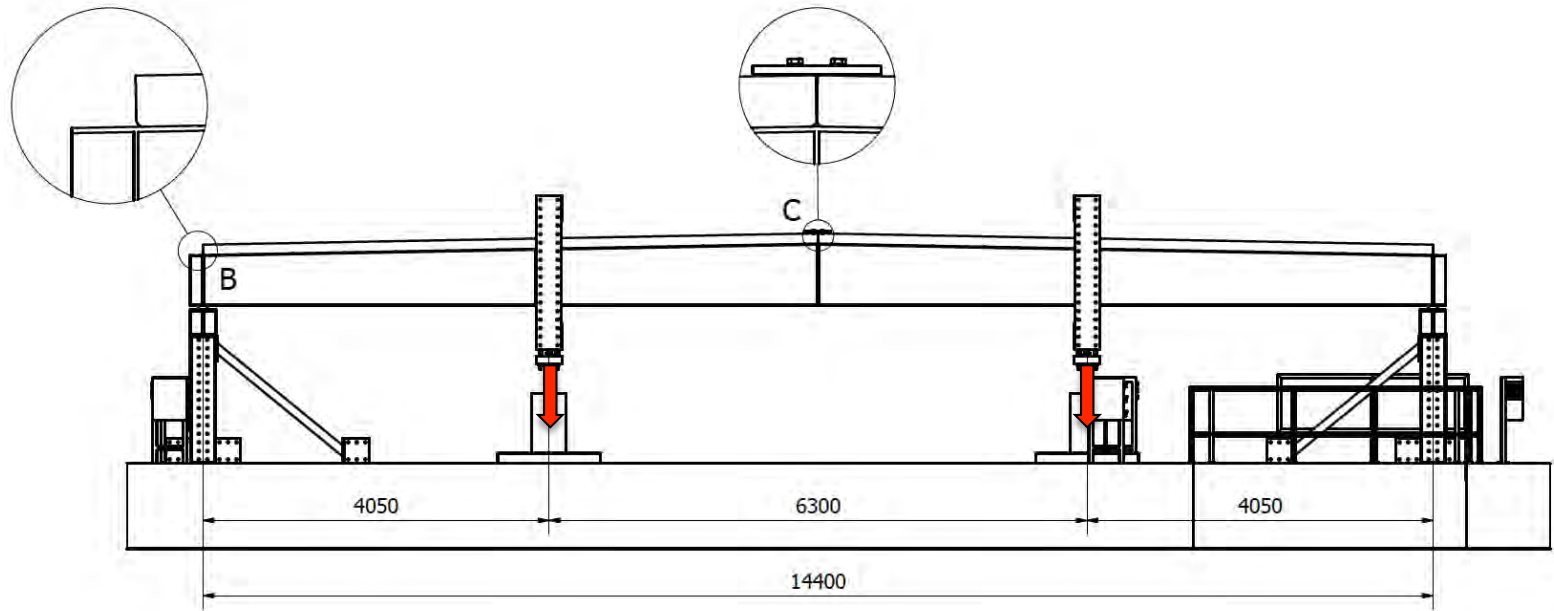


Demountable building – feasibility

- Required hole clearance
- Time and process measurements
 - Productivity
 - Costs
- Critical situations during execution/ demounting

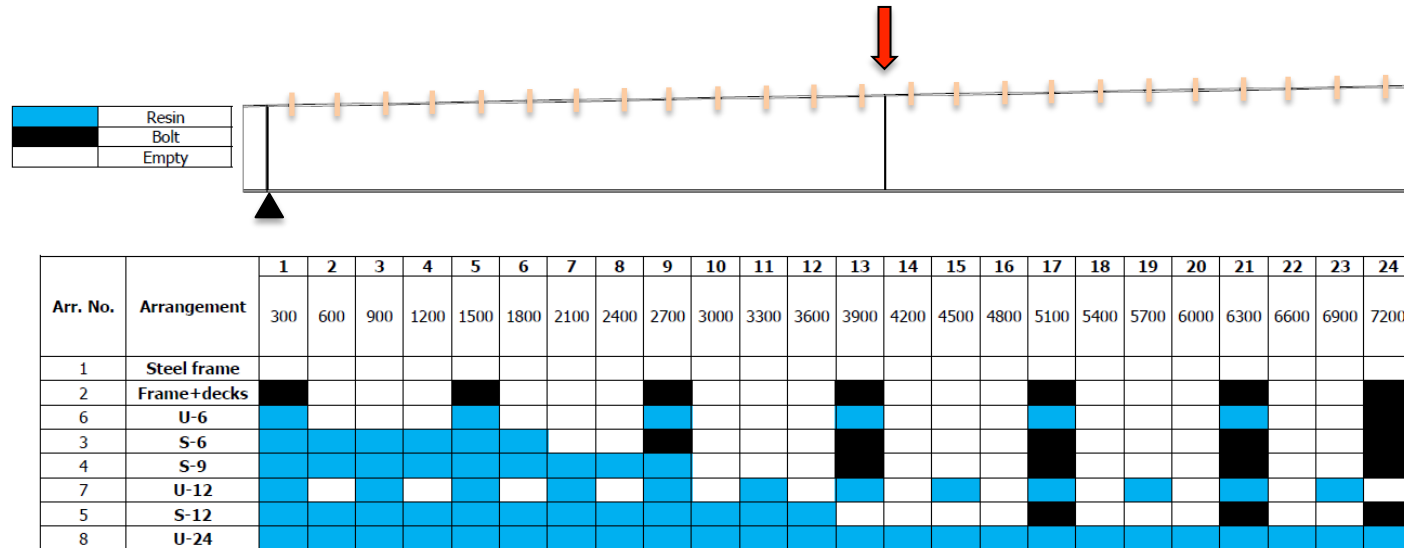


Demountable building – mechanical testing



Demountable building – testing objectives

- Various shear connector arrangements
 - Mechanical behaviour vs. costs



Outlook – Demountable Composite Structures

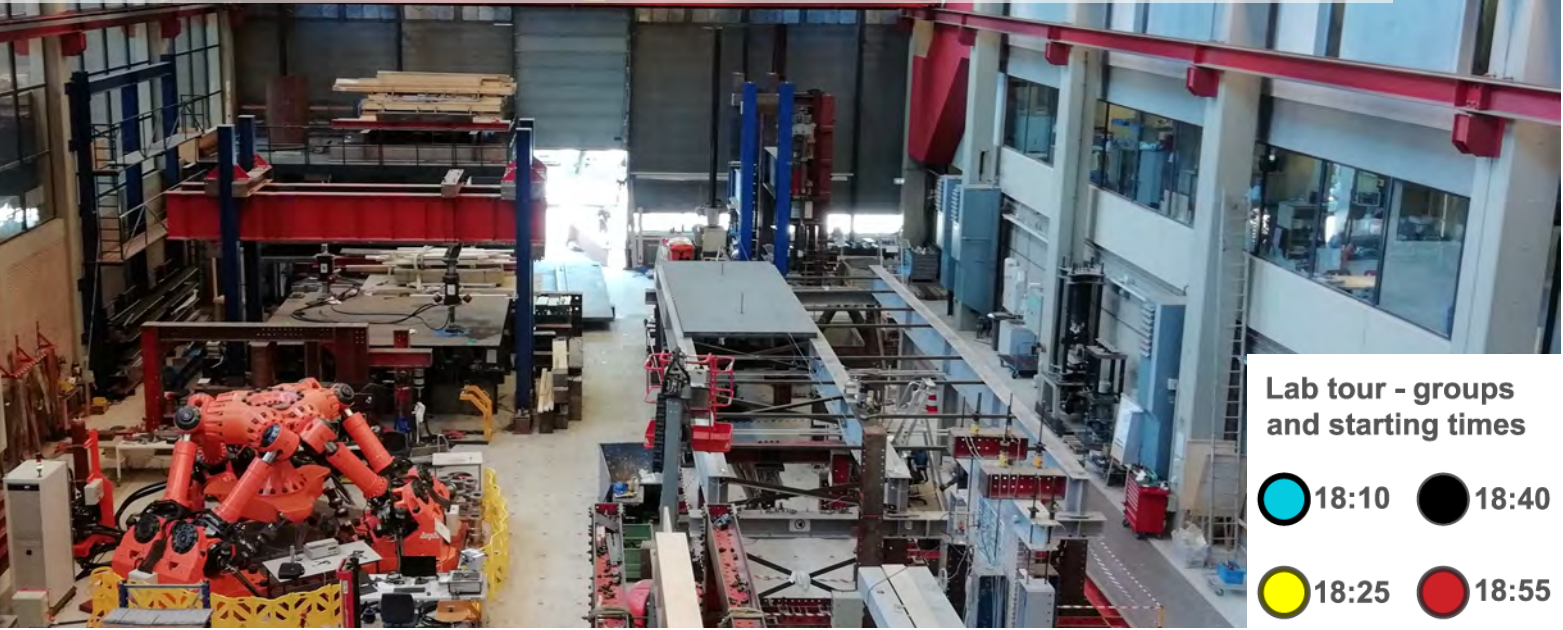
- 2017-2018 • Research on various scales is on-going
- 2018-2019 • Development of injection tool for steel-reinforced resin for commercial applications
- 2019-2021 • Design recommendations and assessment tools for demountable composite structures

The buildings that we wish to reuse in the future, have to designed in the present

Come and take a look

- Laboratory visit:

18:05 – 19:15



Lab tour - groups
and starting times

