

# Robustness analysis of a timber structure with ductile behaviour in compression



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# Introduction

- *A progressive collapse of a building is defined as a catastrophic partial or total failure that starts from local damage, caused by a certain event, that can't be absorbed by the structural system itself (Ellingwood).*



**World Trade Center, 2001.**



**Alfred P. Murrah**

# Introduction

- *Progressive collapse is characterized by disproportion between the magnitude of a triggering event and resulting in collapse of large part or the entire structure*



Ronan Point, 1968.

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*Robustness of large-span timber roof structures — Two examples (Jorgen Munch-Andersen, Philipp Dietsch, 2011)*



**Bad Richenhall (1970),  
2006.**

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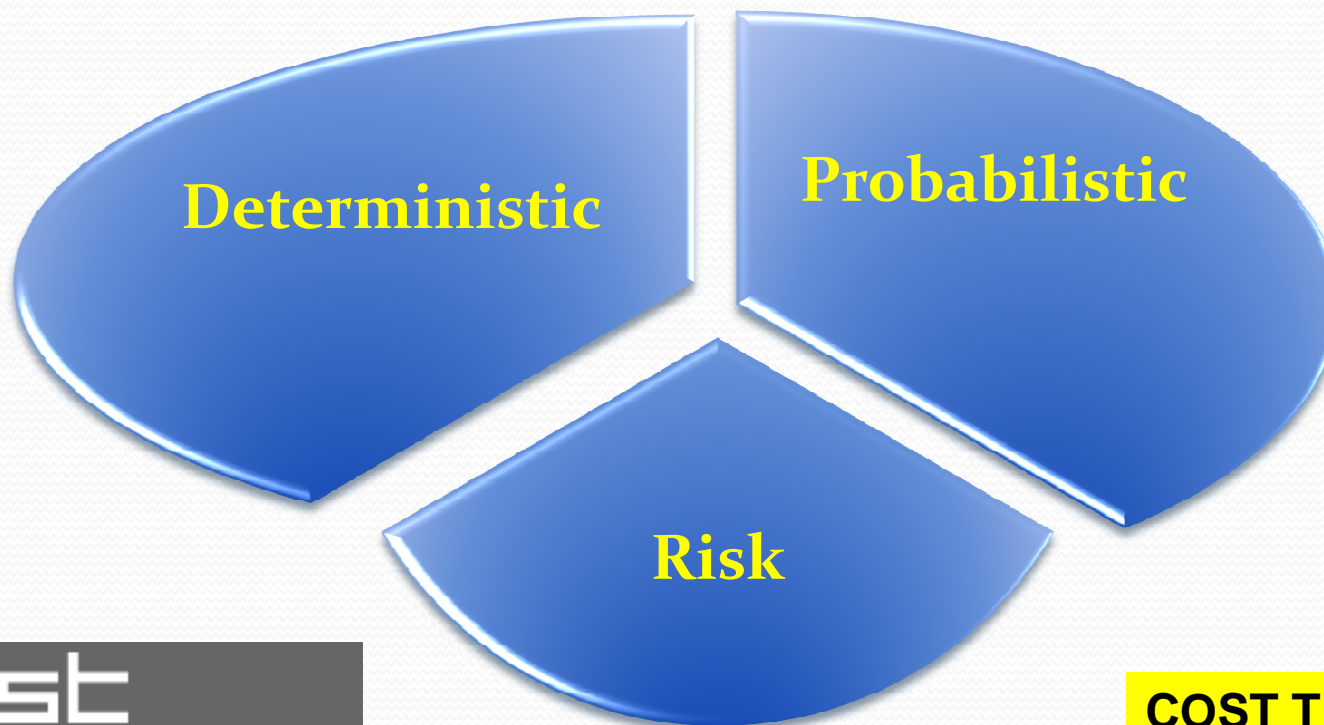
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**SIEMENS ARENA,  
KOPENHAGEN, 2001.**

# Introduction

*Different definitions of robustness*



# Introduction

## PROBABILISTIC ( RELIABILITY BASED) DEFINITIONS

Frangopol and Curley - probabilistic structural redundancy index (RI):

$$RI = \frac{P_{f(dmg)} - P_{f(sys)}}{P_{f(sys)}}$$

high robustness :  $RI \rightarrow 0$   
low robustness :  $RI \rightarrow \infty$

redundancy factor

$$\beta_R = \frac{\beta_{int\ act}}{\beta_{int\ act} - \beta_{damaged}}$$

high robustness :  $\beta_R \rightarrow \infty$   
low robustness :  $\beta_R \rightarrow 0$

The vulnerability (V) of a system (Lind):

$$V = \frac{P(r_d, S)}{P(r_0, S)}$$

**Very hard to classify structures according to these robustness indices – range  $[0, \infty >$**

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**A new robustness index is proposed (system level):**

$$I_{rob,l} = \min \left\{ \frac{\beta_{sys,dmg,l}}{\beta_{sys,int}}; 1 \right\} \quad \forall \beta_{sys,dmg,l} \geq 0, \forall \beta_{sys,int} > 0 \quad I_{rob} \in [0,1]$$

**Ideal robust structure**  $I_{rob} = 1$

**Non robust structure**  $I_{rob} = 0$



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- Robustness index can be simplified and extended to componential level:

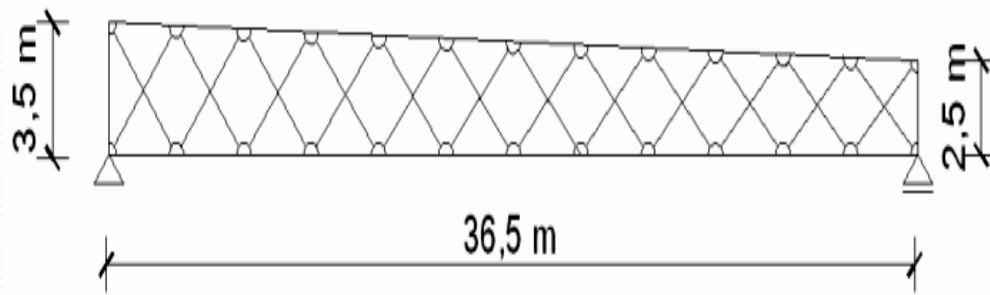
$$I_{rob,k,l} = \min \left\{ \frac{\beta_{dmg,k,l}}{\beta_{int,k}} ; 1 \right\} \quad \forall \beta_{dmg,k} \geq 0, \forall \beta_{int,k} > 0$$

$I_{rob,k,l}$  Robustness index of component  $k$  when component  $l$  is damaged (failed)

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The total area of the considered sport centre is 5910 m<sup>2</sup>. It consists of three main parts: 1) main hall with dimensions 36,5x45 m, 9 (m) height for 600 visitors, 2) swimming pool with dimensions 12, 5x25, 10 (m) and depth from 1, 8 to 2, 4 (m) and 3) two smaller halls with dimensions 20x15 (m).

The structure was calculated according to Eurocode 5. The design was performed by Chair for the timber structures at the Faculty of Civil Engineering (prof. Rajcic), University of Zagreb

## 2. Sport centre in Samobor

For design characteristic values of permanent load ( $g=6.38$  kN/m), snow load ( $s=7.5$  kN/m) and wind load ( $w=0.9$  kN/m) are used. The material is timber GL32k. Based on the design the following cross section dimensions were chosen: **upper chord 20/52 cm, lower chord 20/69 cm and diagonal elements 20/24 cm.**



# 3. Probabilistic model

Reliability index is estimated by means of FORM

Second order effects are neglected for beams subjected to compression and combined compression and bending

Buckling problems and lateral buckling is taken into account as in Eurocode 5 with deterministic coefficients.

# 3. Probabilistic model

Identification of the significant failure modes of this structure is difficult to perform since there are many possible failure elements.

Assumed failure modes:

**Failure in lower cord (N+M)**

**Failure due to tension in diagonal element (N)**

**Failure due to compression in diagonal element (N)**

**Failure in upper chord (N+M)**

# 3. Probabilistic model

Limit state equations ( for given failure elements)

$$g_1 = X - \frac{N_E}{0.8 \cdot f_t \cdot b_{dp} \cdot h_{dp} \cdot k_{mod}} - 6 \cdot \frac{M_E}{0.8 \cdot f_m \cdot b_{dp} \cdot (h_{dp})^2 \cdot k_{mod}}$$

$$g_2 = X - \frac{N_E}{0.8 \cdot f_t \cdot b_d \cdot h_d \cdot k_{mod}}$$

$$g_3 = X - \frac{N_E}{f_c \cdot b_d \cdot h_d \cdot k_c \cdot k_{mod}}$$

$$g_4 = X - \frac{N_E}{k_c \cdot f_t \cdot b_{dp} \cdot h_{dp} \cdot k_{mod}} - 6 \cdot \frac{M_E}{k_{crit} \cdot f_m \cdot b_{gp} \cdot (h_{gp})^2 \cdot k_{mod}}$$

# 3. Probabilistic model

## Probabilistic variables

Label	Designation	Distribution	Mean value	COV
$E_s$	MOE	LN	1170	0.13
$X$	Model uncertain.	LN	1	0.10
$a$	Joint distance	N	304.08	0.01
$b_d$	Width of diagonals	N	20	0.04
$h_d$	Height of diagonals	N	24	0.04
$b_{dp}$	Width - lower chord	N	20	0.04
$h_{dp}$	Height - lower chord	N	69	0.04
$b_{gp}$	Width - upper chord	N	20	0.04
$h_{gp}$	Height - upper chord	N	52	0.04
$f_c$	Compression str.	L	2.66	0.12
$f_m$	Bending str.	L	4.14	0.15
$f_t$	Tension str.	L	2.48	0.18
$g$	Permanent load	N	0.068	0.10
$s$	Snow load	G	0.030	0.58

\*Mean values of strengths are in  $\text{kN/cm}^2$ , dimensions in cm, actions in  $\text{kN/cm}^1$ .



# 4. Results

## The element reliability indices

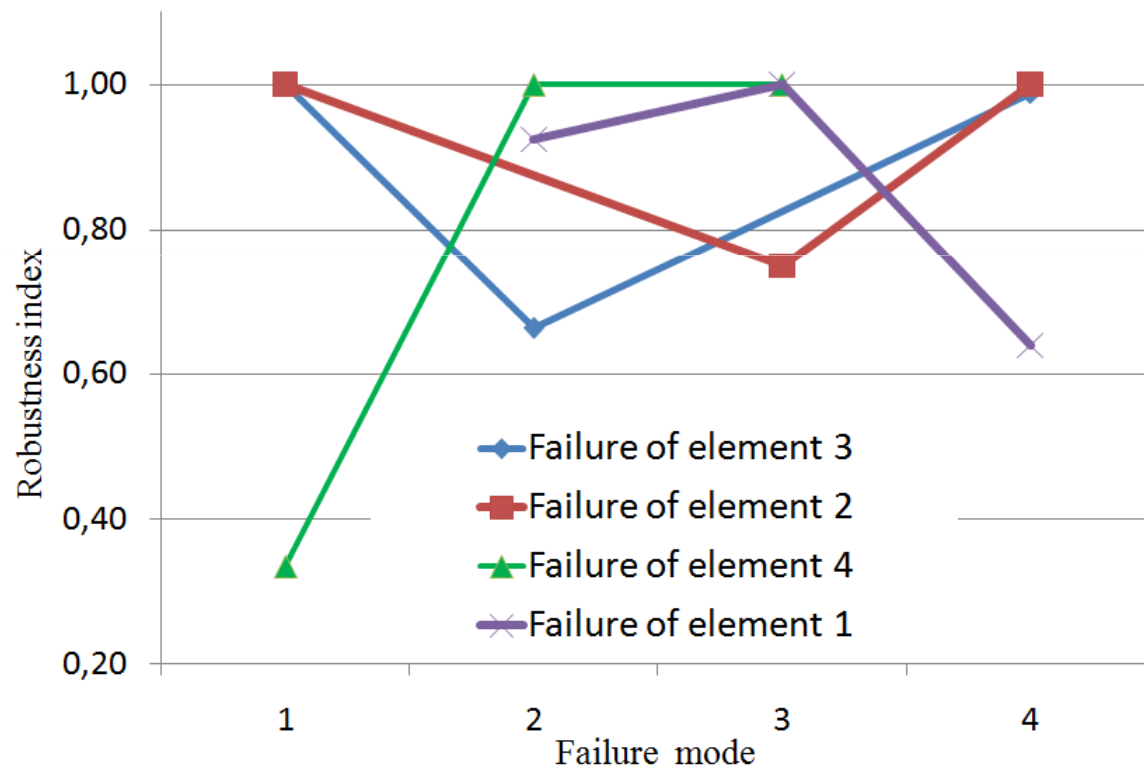
Element number	Beta index
1	4.99
2	7.76
3	7.04
4	4.46

Relative cost of safety measure	Minor consequences of failure	Moderate consequences of failure	Large consequences failure
Large (A)	$\beta = 3.1 (P_f \approx 10^{-3})$	$\beta = 3.3 (P_f \approx 5 \cdot 10^{-4})$	$\beta = 3.7 (P_f \approx 10^{-4})$
Normal (B)	$\beta = 3.7 (P_f \approx 10^{-4})$	$\beta = 4.2 (P_f \approx 10^{-5})$	$\beta = 4.4 (P_f \approx 5 \cdot 10^{-6})$
Small (C)	$\beta = 4.2 (P_f \approx 10^{-5})$	$\beta = 4.4 (P_f \approx 5 \cdot 10^{-6})$	$\beta = 4.7 (P_f \approx 10^{-6})$

## Target reliability values for ultimate limit states (JCSS 2001)

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## ANALYSIS BASED ON COMPONENTS

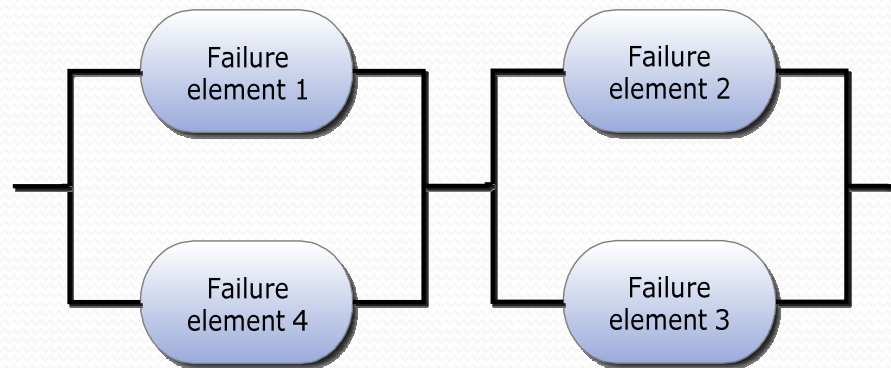


For an assumed failure of element 4 (e.g. failure in the middle of upper chord) the reliability index for element 1 is decreased to approx. 30% of intact structure

No extensive failure of the structure when elements 1,2, 3 fail

# 4. Results

## ROBUSTNESS ON SYSTEM LEVEL



System model of the structure

The FORM approximation of a parallel system:

$$p_f = P\left(\bigcap_{i=1}^n \{M_i \leq 0\}\right) = P\left(\bigcap_{i=1}^n \{g_i(X) \leq 0\}\right)$$

$$p_f \approx P\left(\bigcap_{i=1}^n \{\beta_i^j - \alpha_i^T \cdot U \leq 0\}\right) \\ = \Phi_{n,A}(-\beta^j, \rho)$$

$\Phi_{n,A}$  : multivariate  $n$ -dimensional Normal distribution function

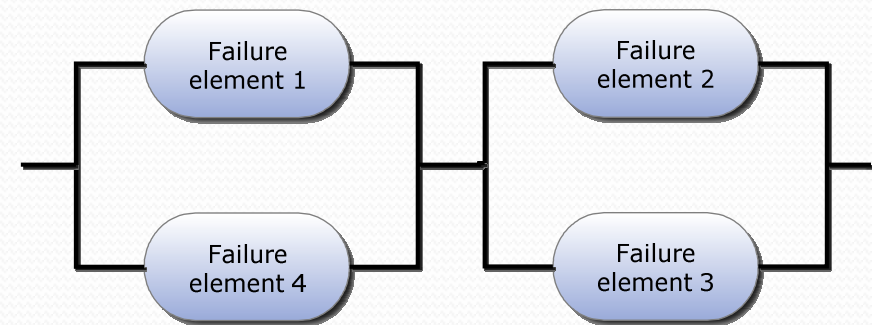
$\rho$ : correlation matrix

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## EVALUATION OF THE SYSTEM RELIABILITY

An estimate of the failure probability is: obtained as the arithmetic mean of the upper and lower probability bounds:

$$P_f^S \approx \frac{\max[p_{f,i}^P]_{i=1}^j + 1 - \prod_{i=1}^j (1 - p_{f,i}^P)}{2}$$



$$\beta_{par} = 5.33$$

$$P_f = 5 \times 10^{-8}$$

$$P_f = 2.23 \times 10^{-16}$$

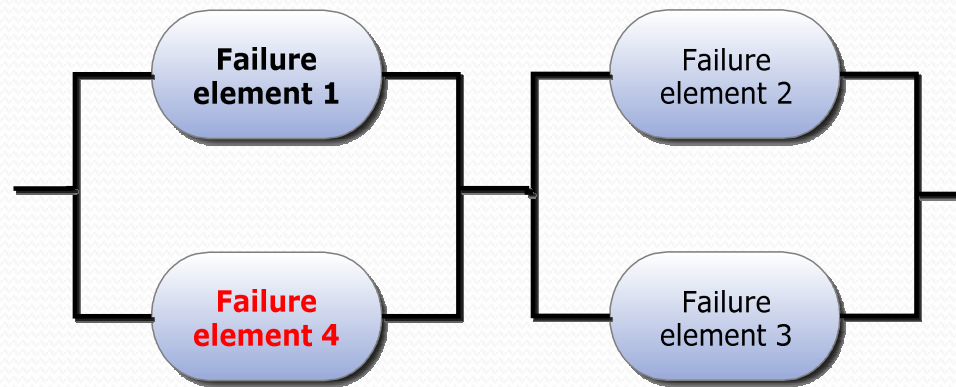
### System reliability

$$\beta_{sys} = 5.33$$

$$P_f = 5 \times 10^{-8}$$

# 4. Results

For every component a failure is assumed and a system reliability is calculated :



$$\beta_{par} = 1.67$$

$$P_f = 4.79 \times 10^{-2}$$

$$\beta_{par} = 8.12$$

$$P_f = 2.23 \times 10^{-16}$$

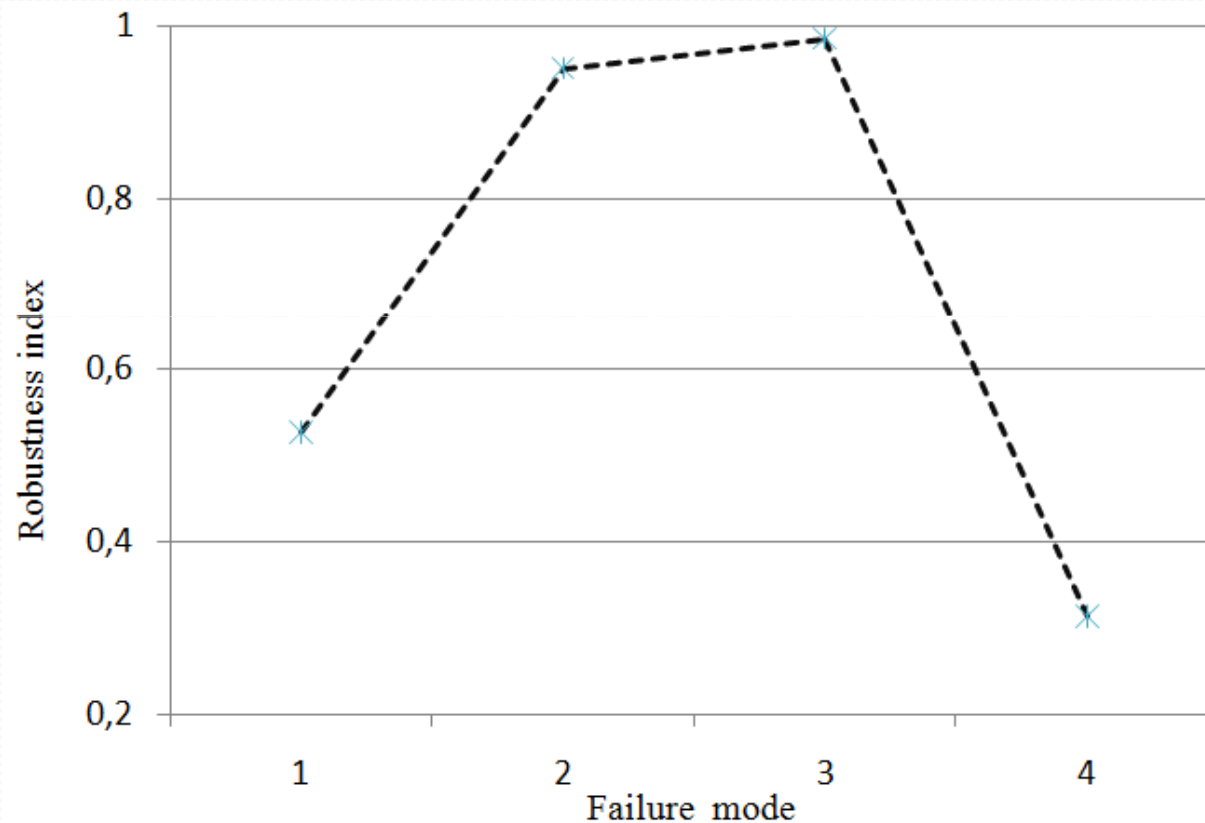
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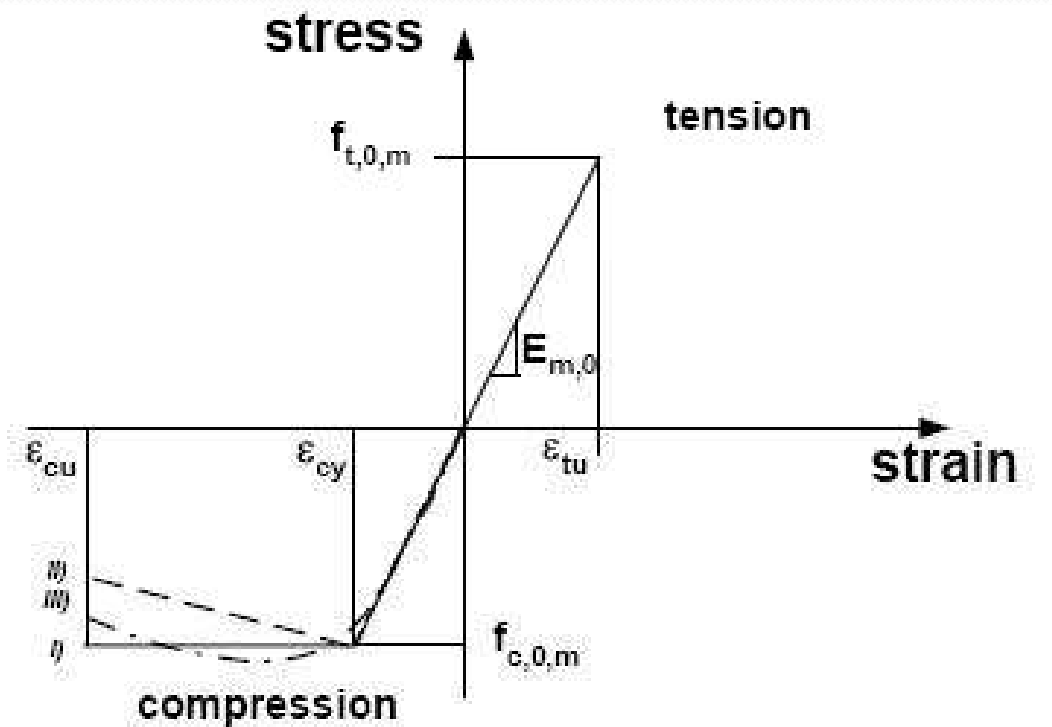
Example of failure of element 4

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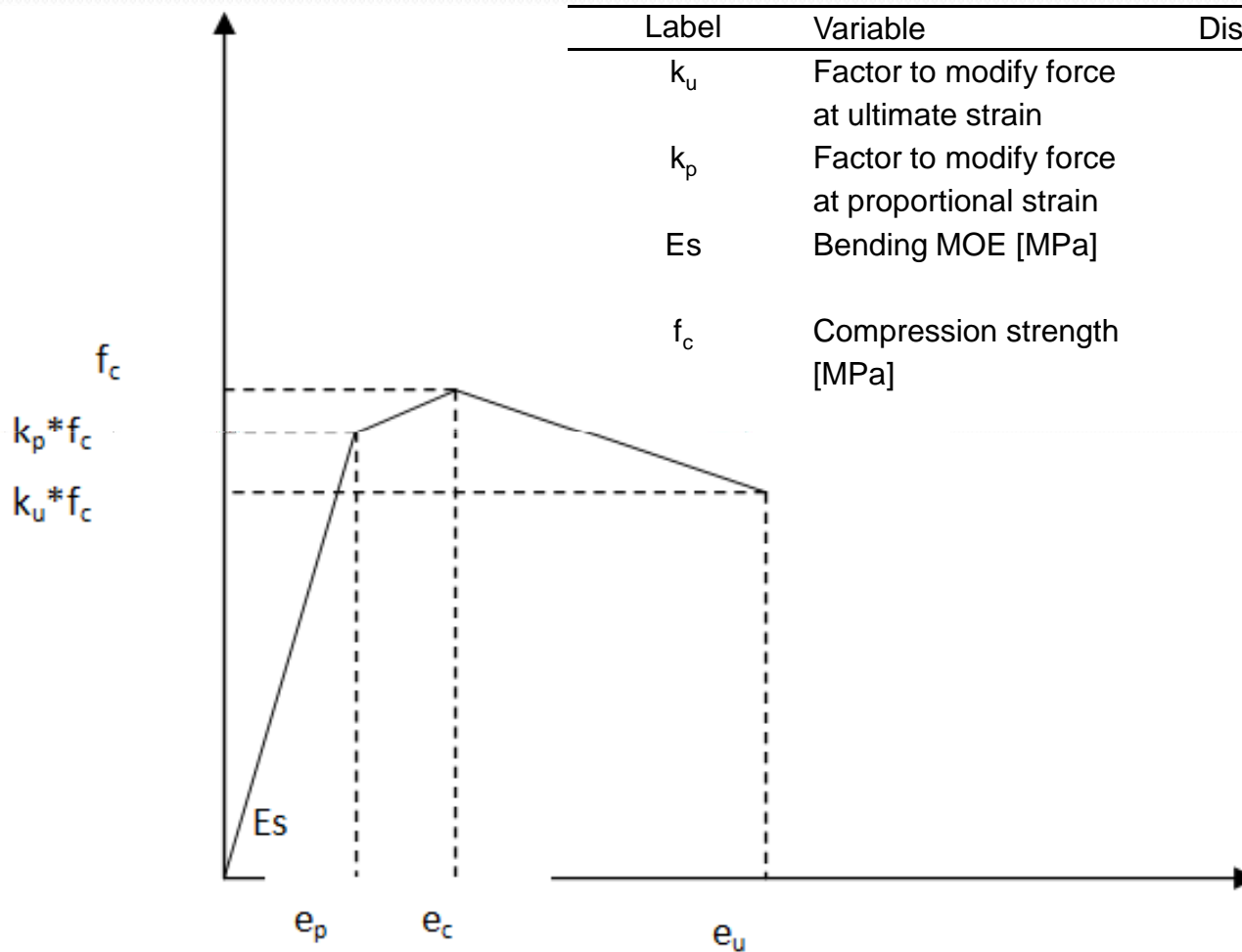
- It can be seen that the lowest system reliability occurs when element 4 is in failure.
- For the assumed damages in the elements 2 and 3 (e.g. tensile and compressive elements) no significant effect on the system reliability is observed, so the robustness index is high

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Stress-strain diagram

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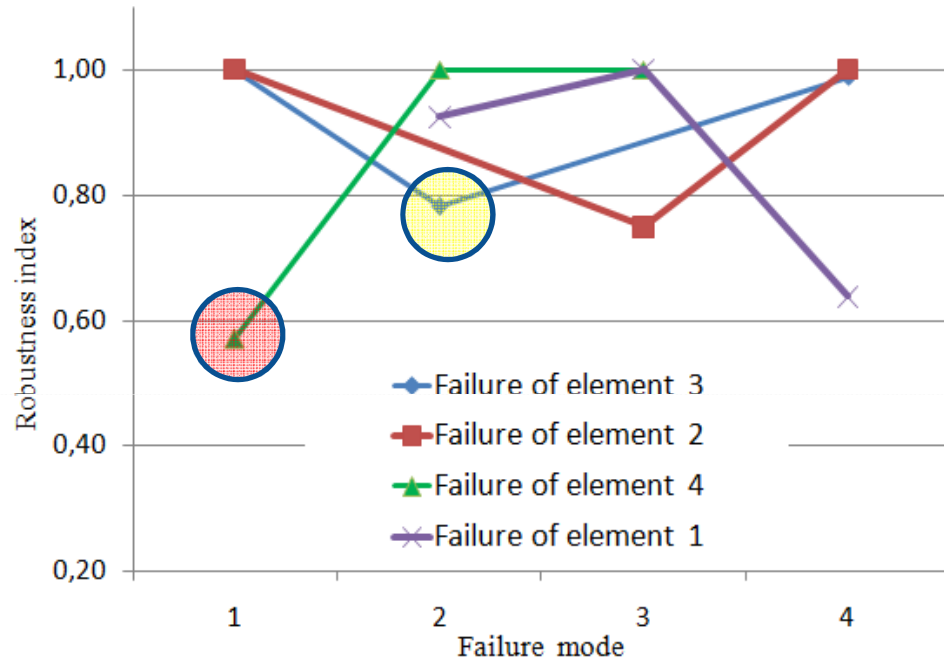


Label	Variable	Distribution	Mean value	COV
$k_u$	Factor to modify force at ultimate strain	N	0.70	30%
$k_p$	Factor to modify force at proportional strain	N	0.80	5%
$E_s$	Bending MOE [MPa]	LN	11700	11%
$f_c$	Compression strength [MPa]	LN	26.6	8.5%

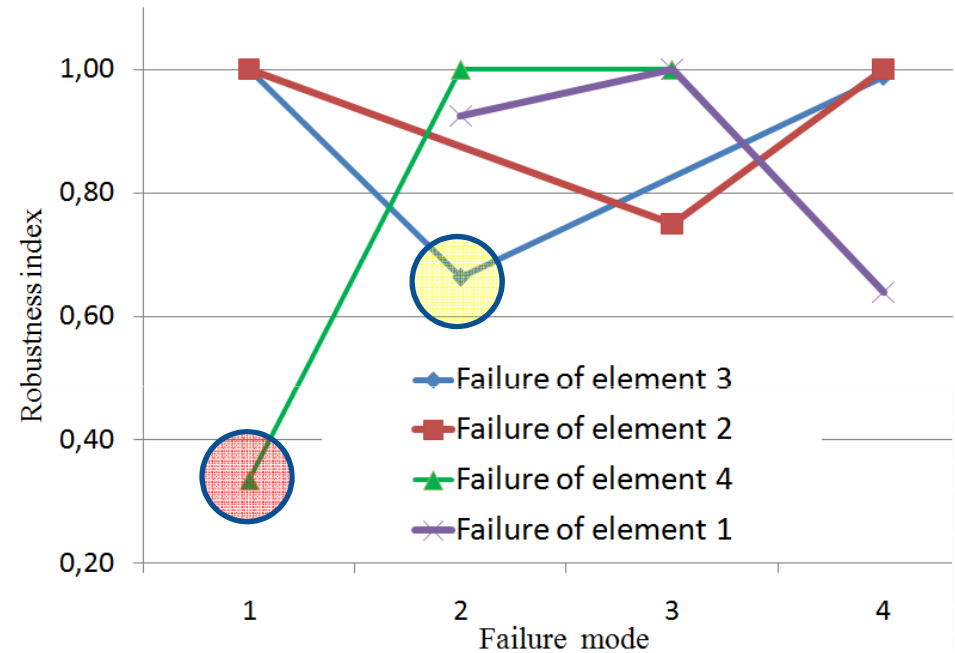
Probabilistic model



# 4. Results (ductility included)



Ductile behaviour



Brittle behaviour

# 5. CONCLUSION

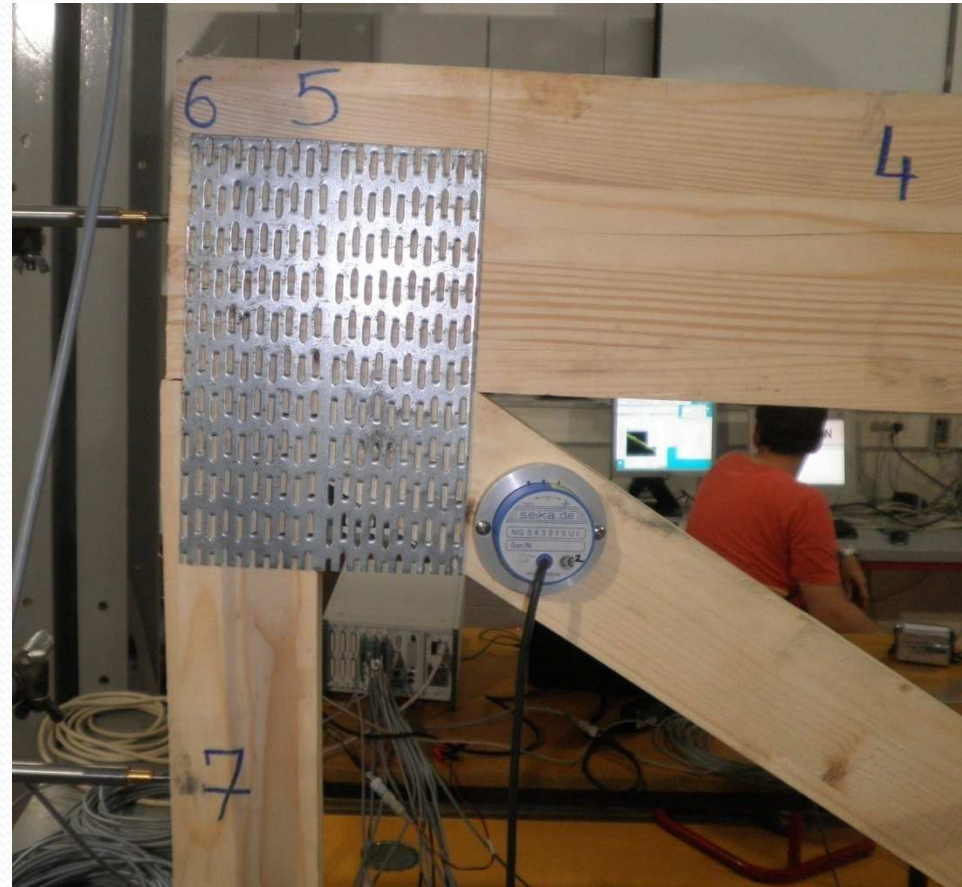
- Two different probabilistic models were made (linear elastic models and ductile behaviour of timber in compression). Progressive collapse analyses are carried out by removing four structural elements one by one.
- The results based on brittle models show that the timber structure for three of the failure scenarios can be characterized as very robust with respect to the robustness framework used for the evaluation
- The results based on models with ductile behaviour of timber show that robustness indices are higher for assumed failures of these ductile elements. Based on this model it can be concluded that for all of the failure scenarios the structure can be considered as robust.

# FURTHER RESEARCH

Brittle models

Material ductility

Fastener ductility



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