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Deconstruction and Refabrication for the Reuse of Steel Buildings

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Project info



Title	Deconstruction and Refabrication for the Reuse of Steel Buildings (DreamFAB)
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Partners	Häme University of Applied Sciences, Finland University of Coimbra, Portugal Politehnica University Timisoara, Romania FERPINTA Group, Portugal ROBOPLAN, Portugal Würth Oy, Finland Jupa S. A., Spain SSAB Europe Oy, Finland STAR Institute, Portugal
Funding	European Research Fund for Coal and Steel (RFCS)
Budget	2 500 000 €



Structural safety

- Increased imperfections
- Multiple welding-cutting cycles

Demountable solutions

- Composite beams
- Joints in tubular trusses

Robot-assisted deconstruction

- Framework & architecture
- AI, digital twin & mixed reality
- Demonstrators

Design rules and standardization





Project objectives



Re-use scenarios

relocation of the
building

reuse of members
and assemblies in
new buildings

re-fabrication of
members and
assemblies

WP1 Project management and dissemination

WP2 Reference buildings and structures

WP3
Increased
imperfections

WP4
Refabrication
methods

WP5
Demountable
composite
construction

WP6
Mechanical
truss
joints

WP7 Automated and robot-assisted deconstruction

WP8.1-3 Refabrication design and life-cycle assessment

WP8.4 Technical rules and
standardization

WP	Leader
WP1	HAMK
WP2	JUPA
WP3	UPT
WP4	HAMK
WP5	UC
WP6	HAMK
WP7	ROBO
WP8	FER

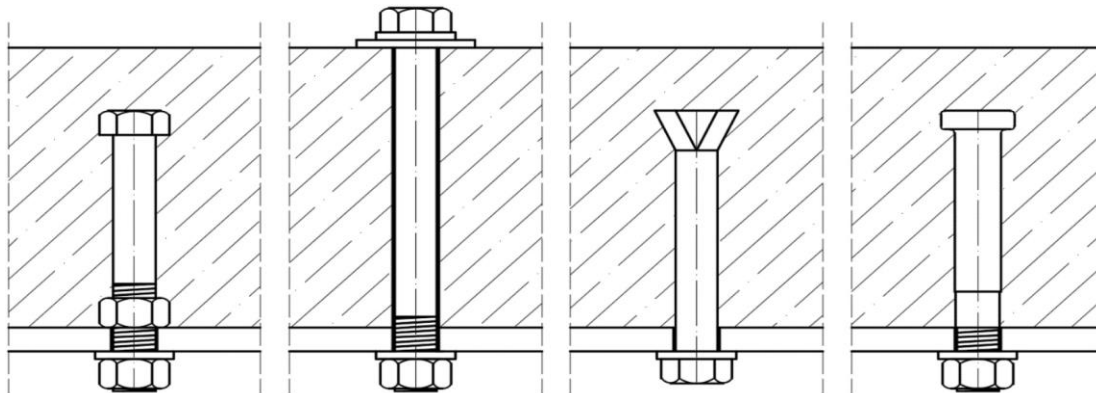
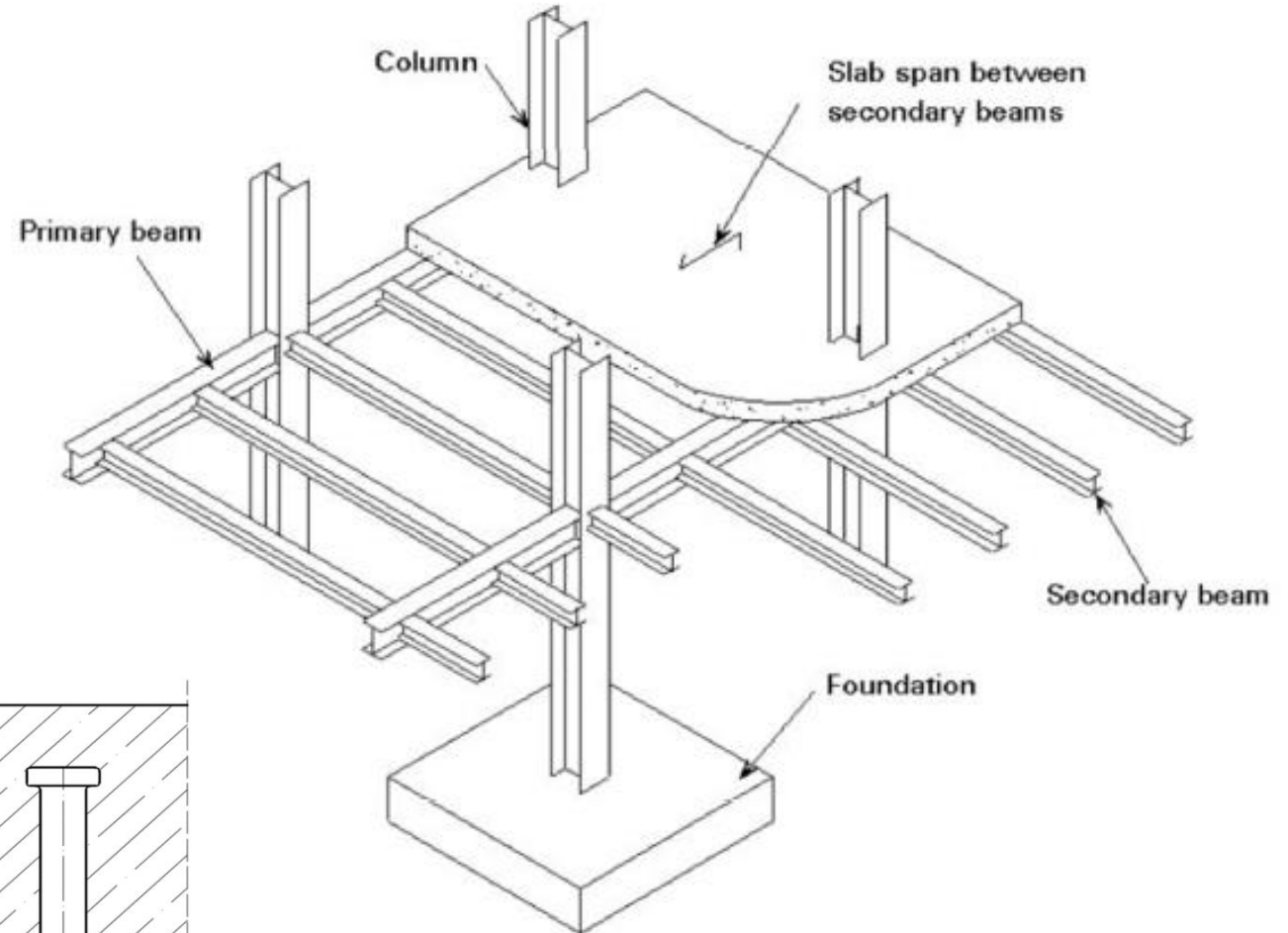


WP1. Project coordination and dissemination

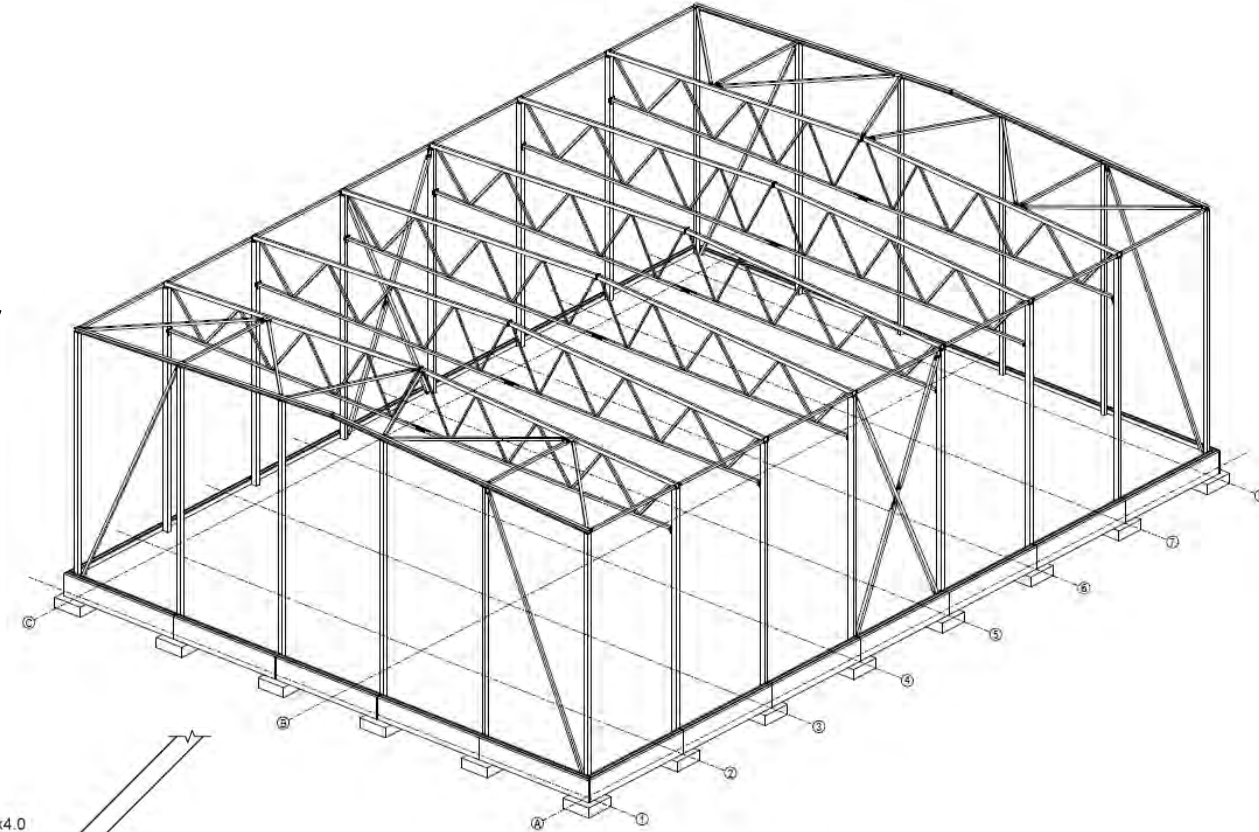
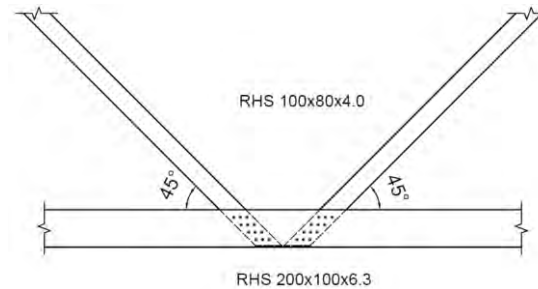
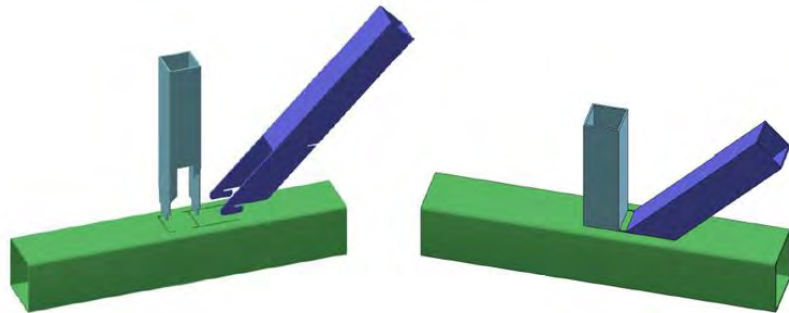


- Project coordination and management
- Organization of workshops
- Scientific publications and presentations
- Design rules and guidelines

- Design of a multi-storey composite building
- Deconstruction options for composite buildings

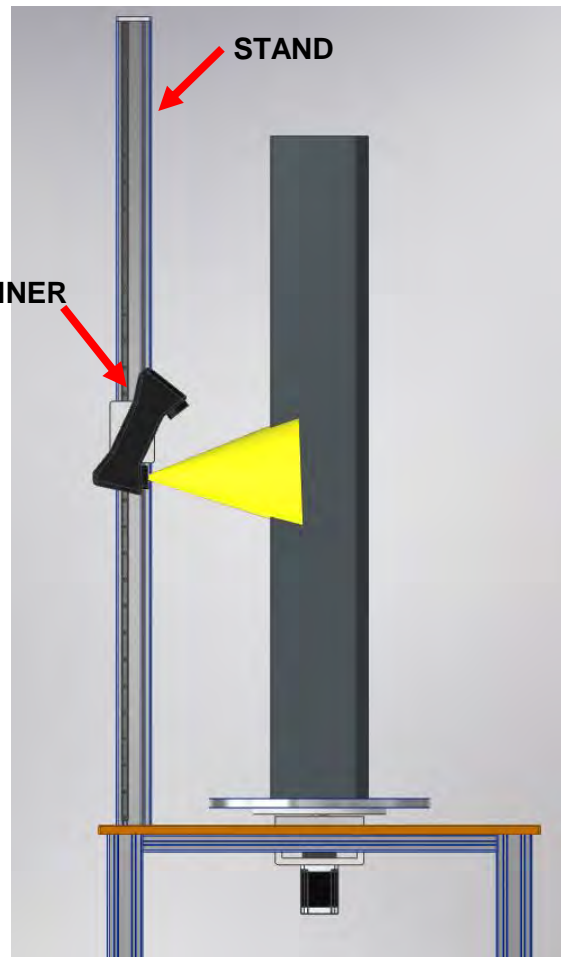
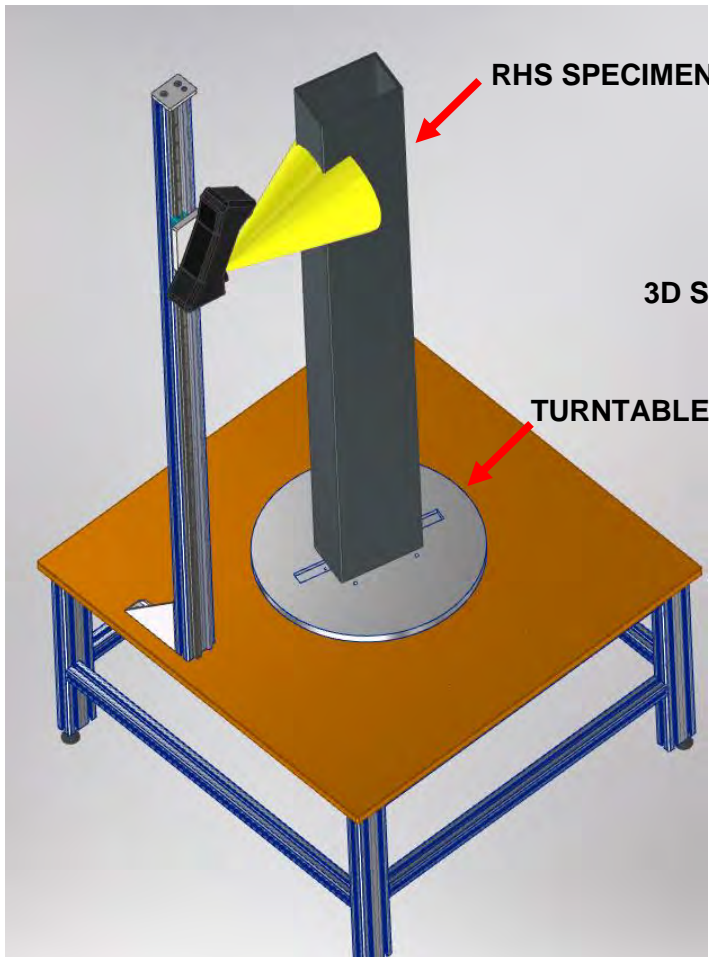


- Design of a single-story industrial hall with tubular roof truss
- Deconstruction options for tubular truss structures



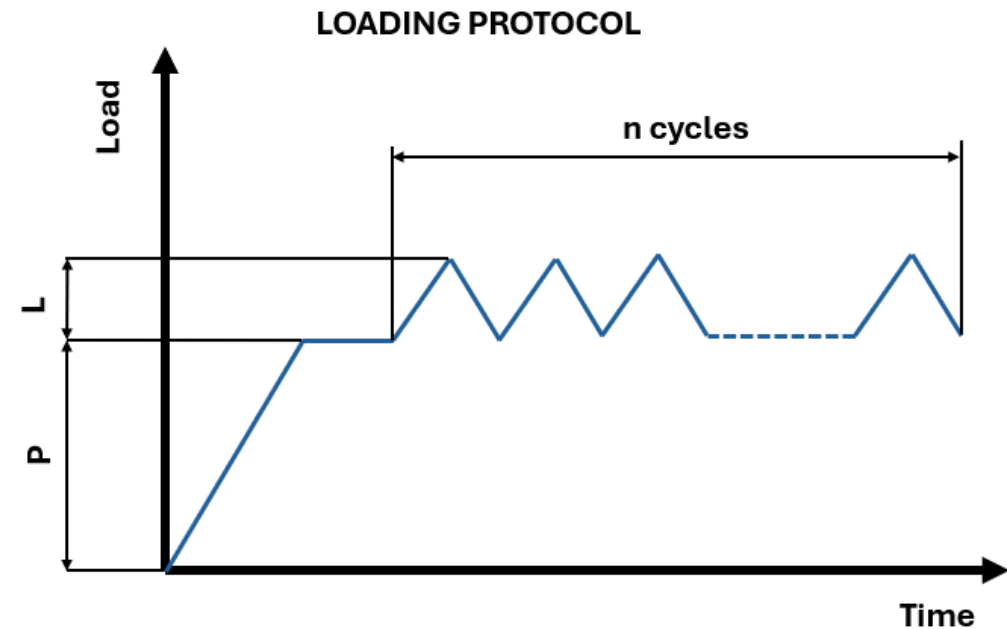
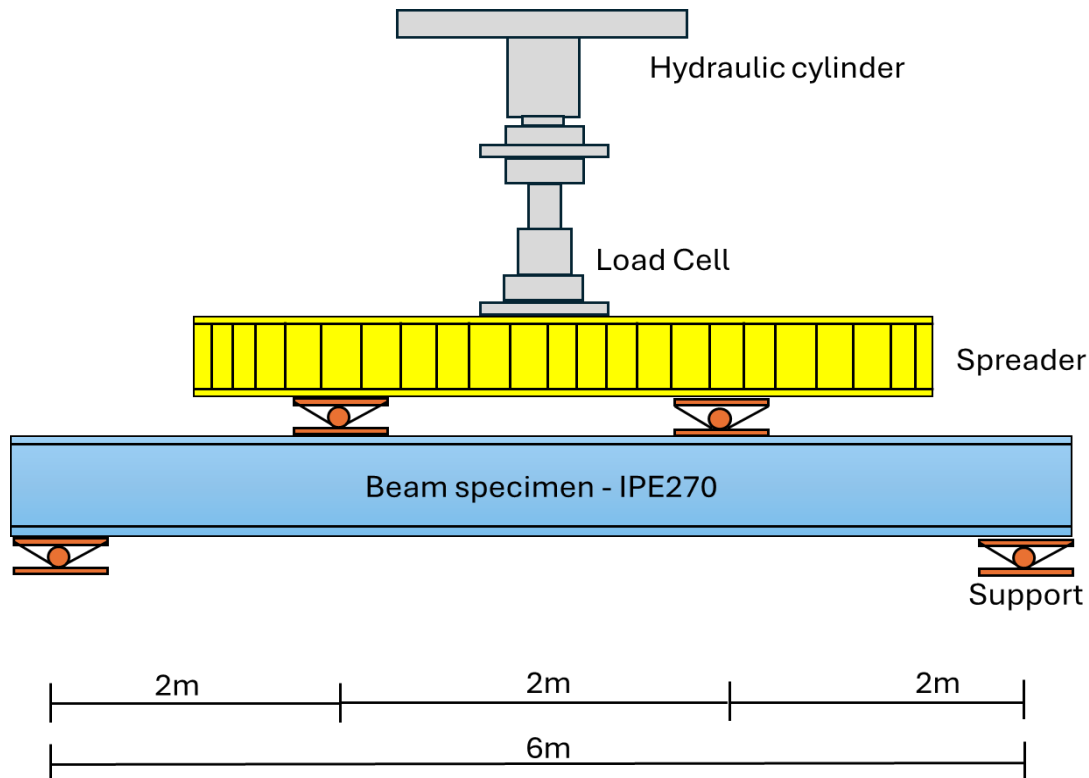
WP3. Increased imperfections

- Design and execution of a robotized scanner for imperfections



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BLACK SERIES**

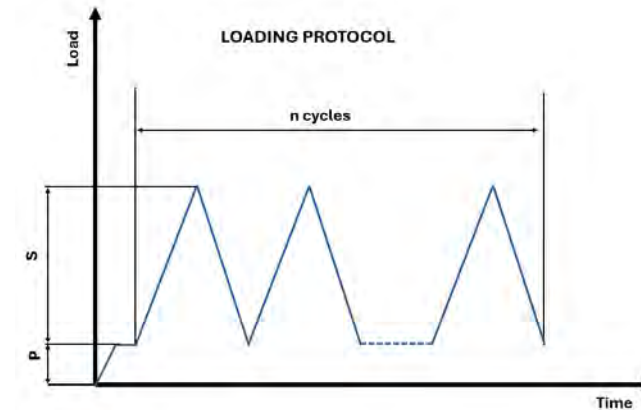
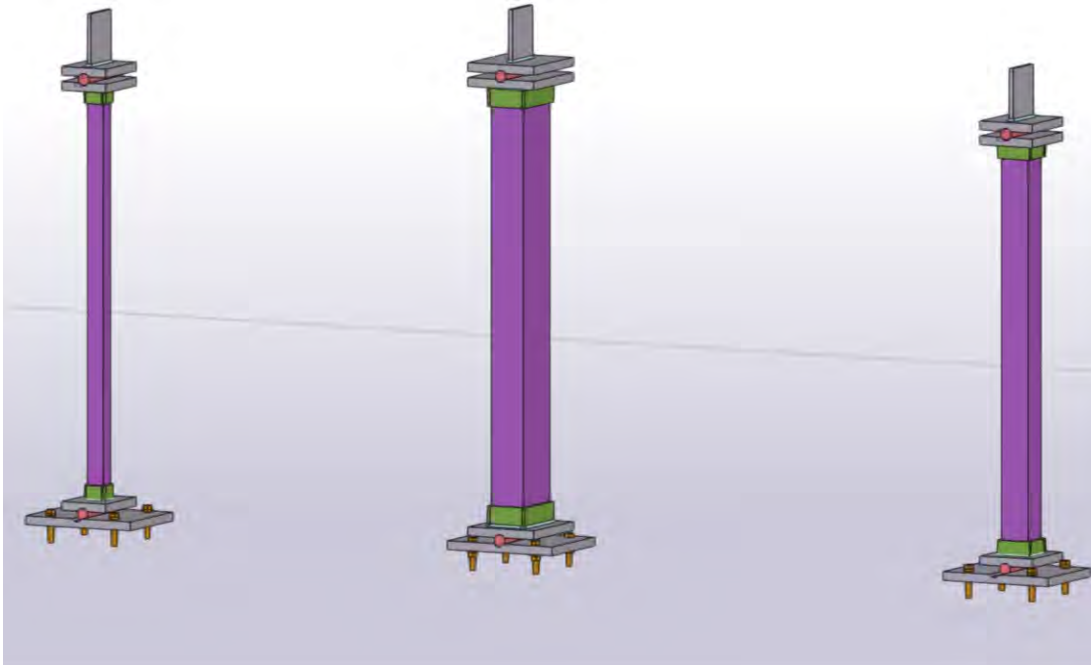
- Deriving geometric imperfections on existing structural elements:
Measurements on steel elements loaded in bending



WP3. Increased imperfections



- Deriving geometric imperfections on existing structural elements: Measurements on compressed RHS sections



WP3. Increased imperfections



- Deriving geometric imperfections on existing structural elements:
Measurements on deconstructed elements

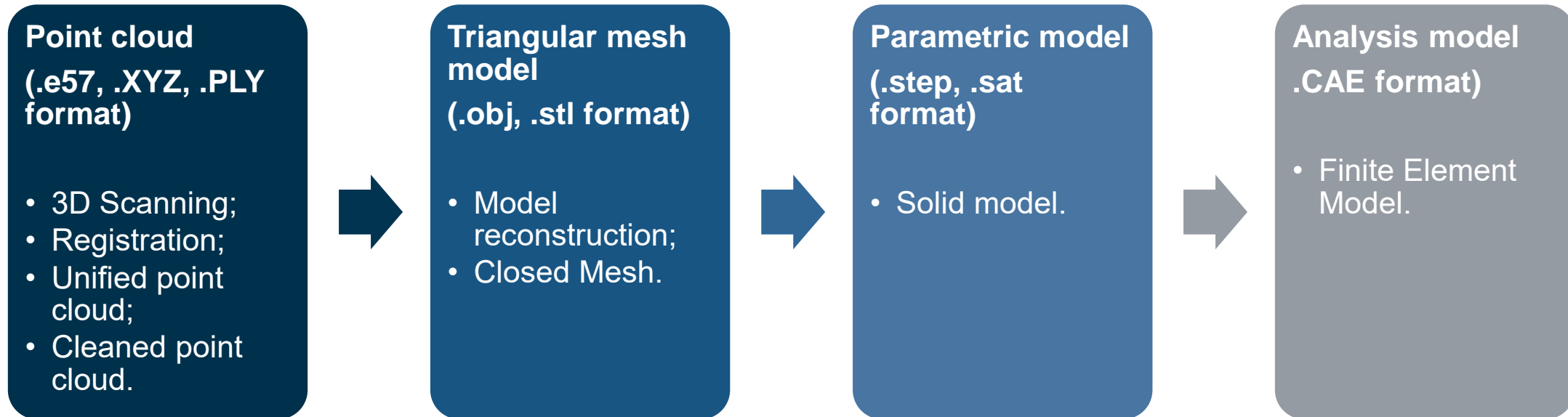


WP3. Increased imperfections

- Deriving geometric imperfections on re-fabricated structural elements



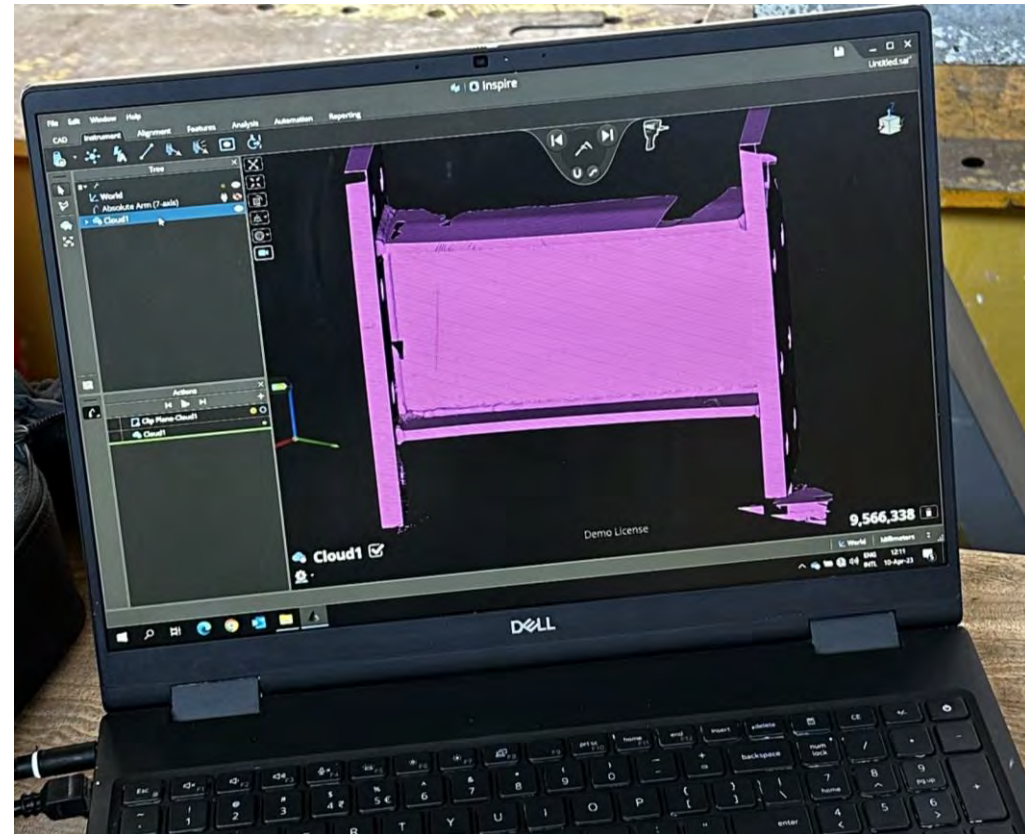
- Influence of geometric imperfections on element response



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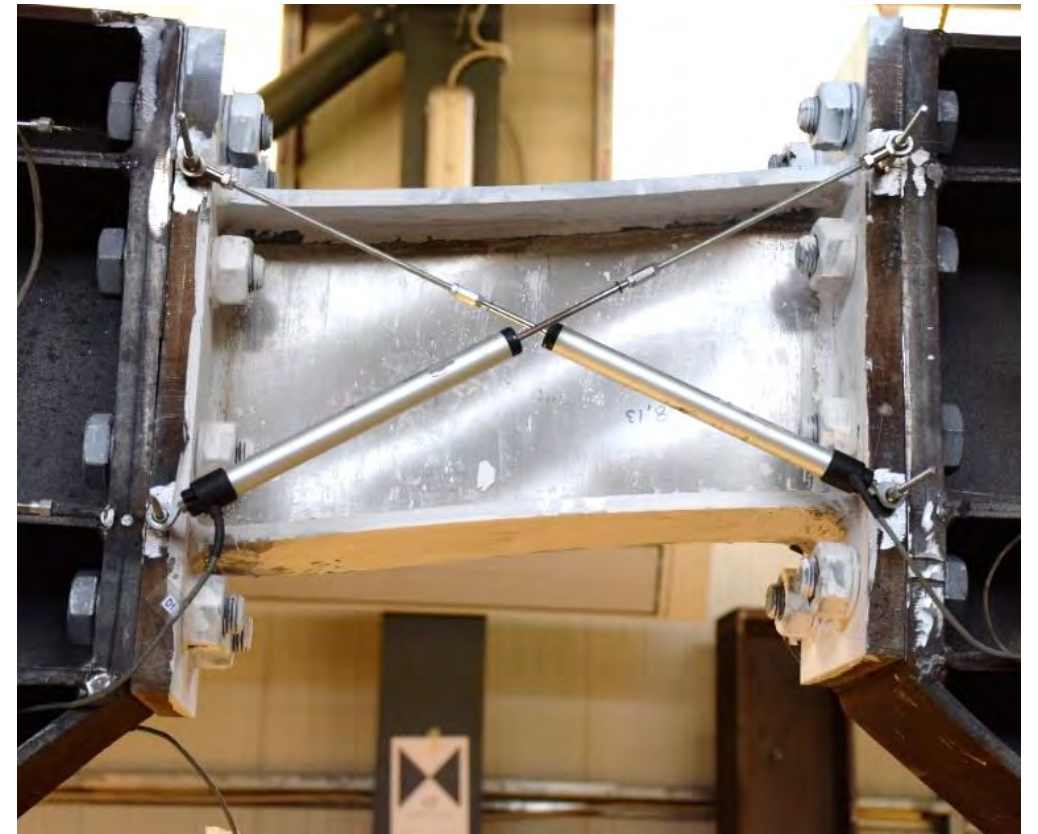
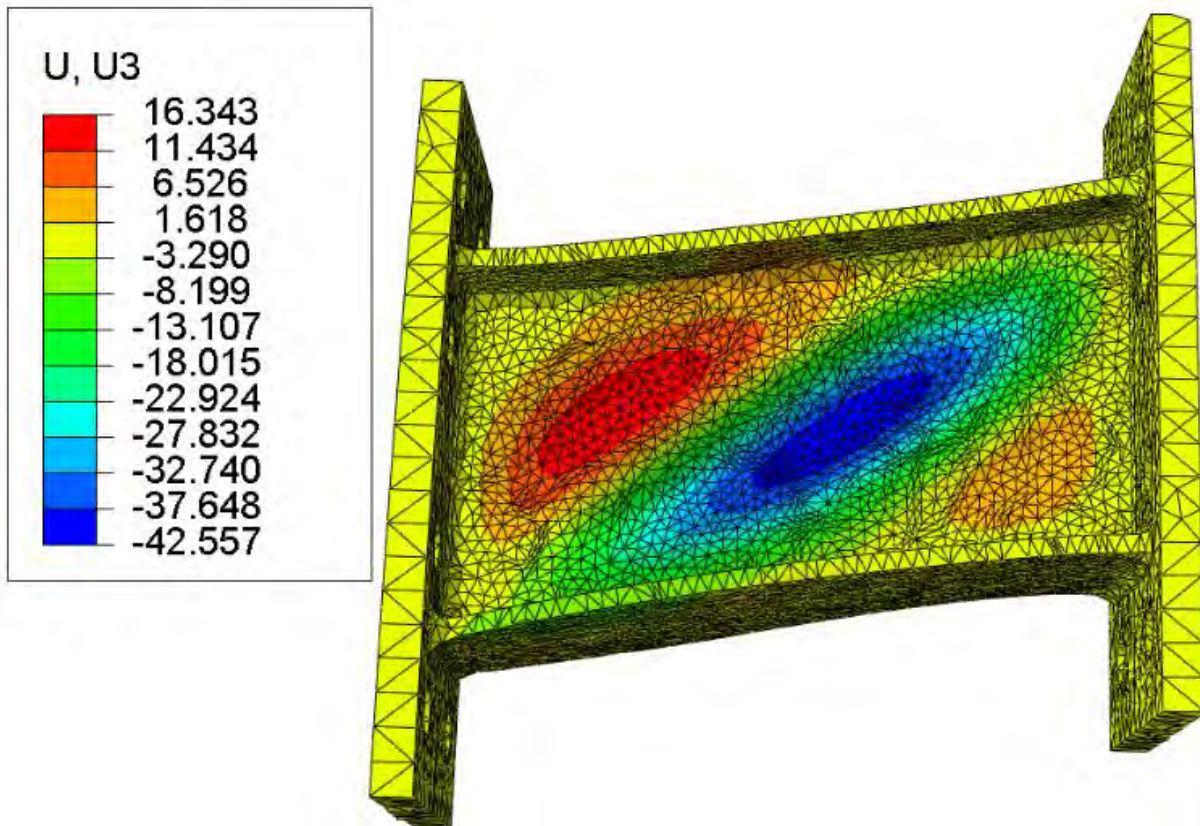


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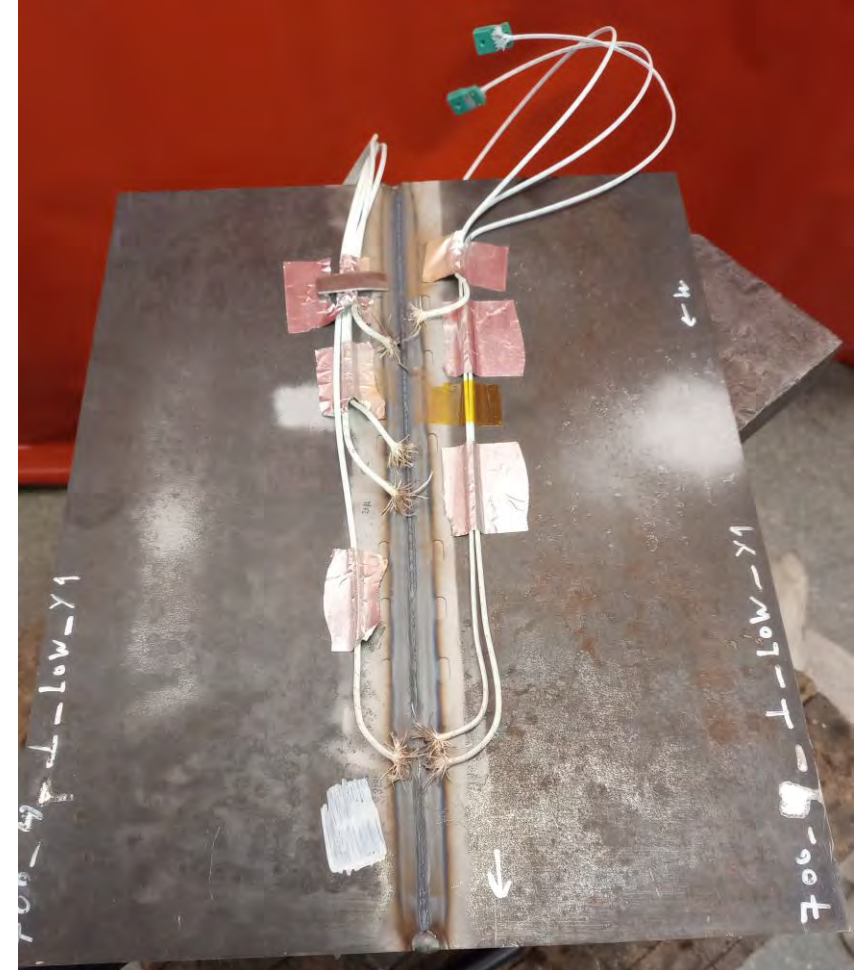
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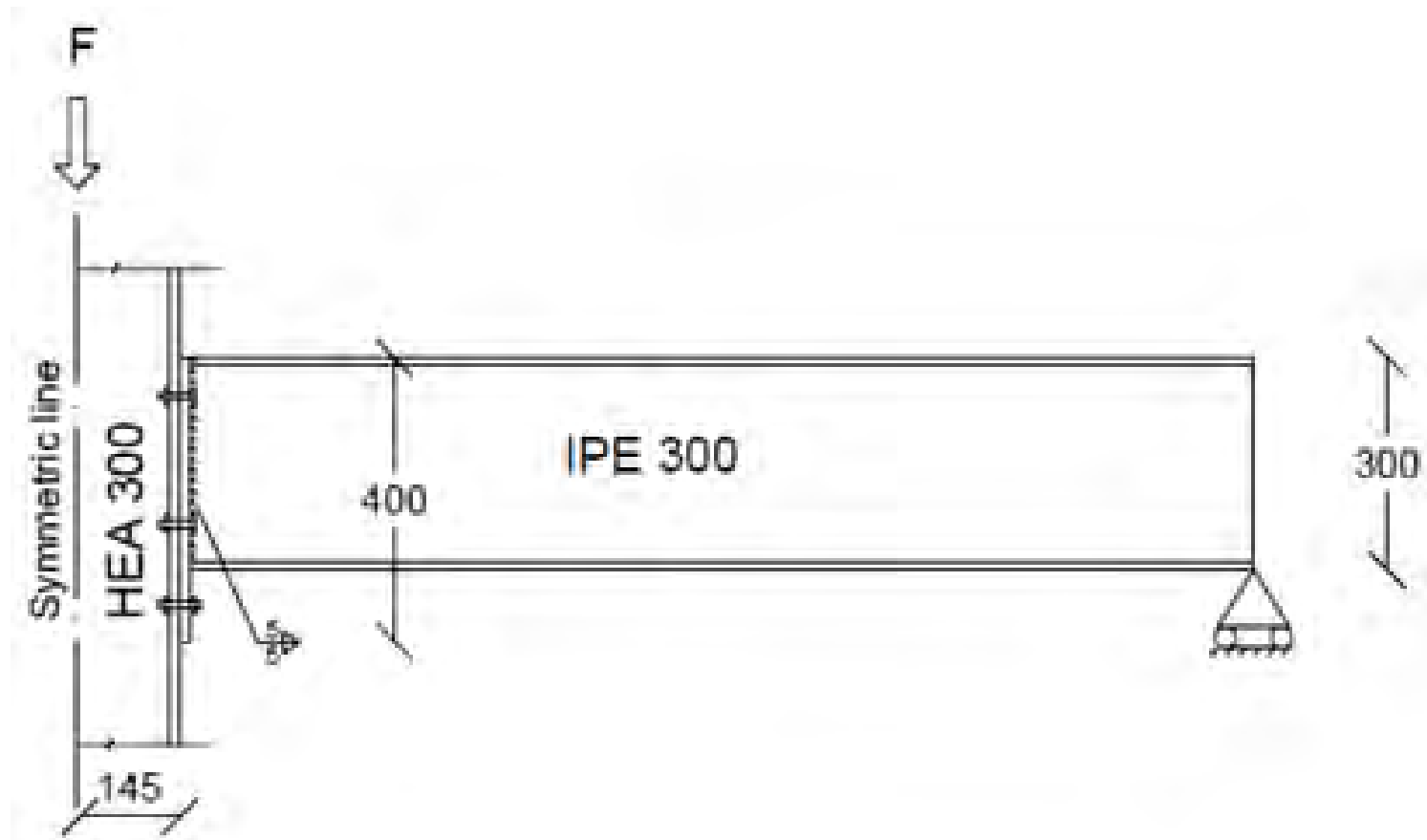
WP4. Re-fabrication methods



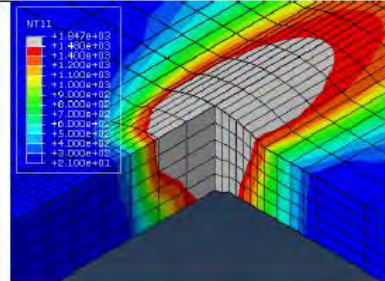
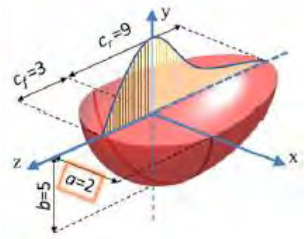
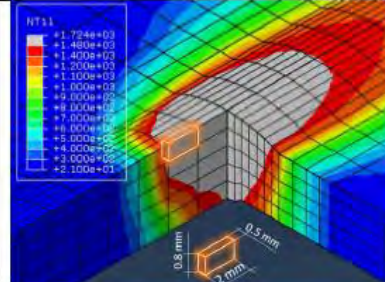
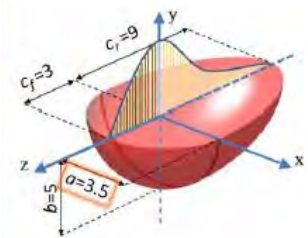
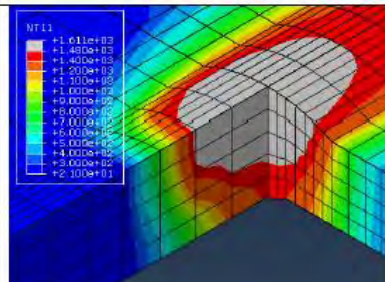
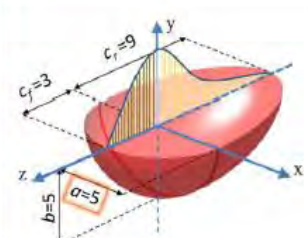
- Effect of welding execution parameters on microstructure and mechanical properties
- Effect of multiple welding – thermal cutting – welding thermal cycles

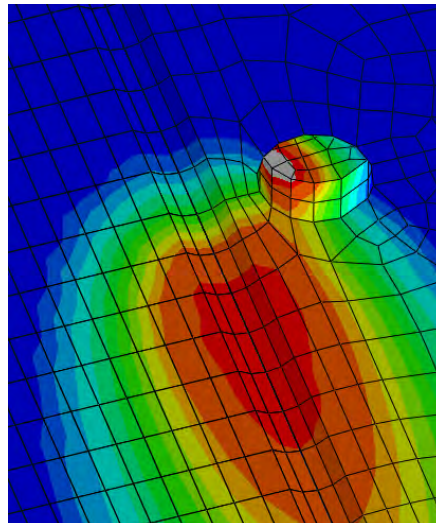
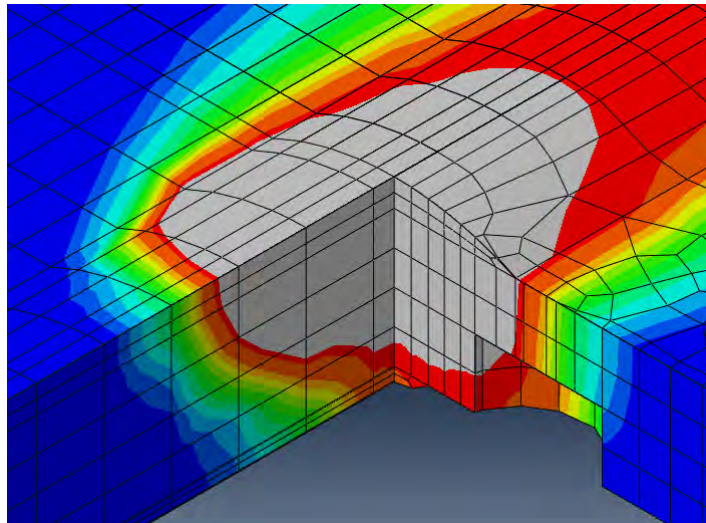


- Effect of rewelding on mechanical properties of HAZ (tests on beams)

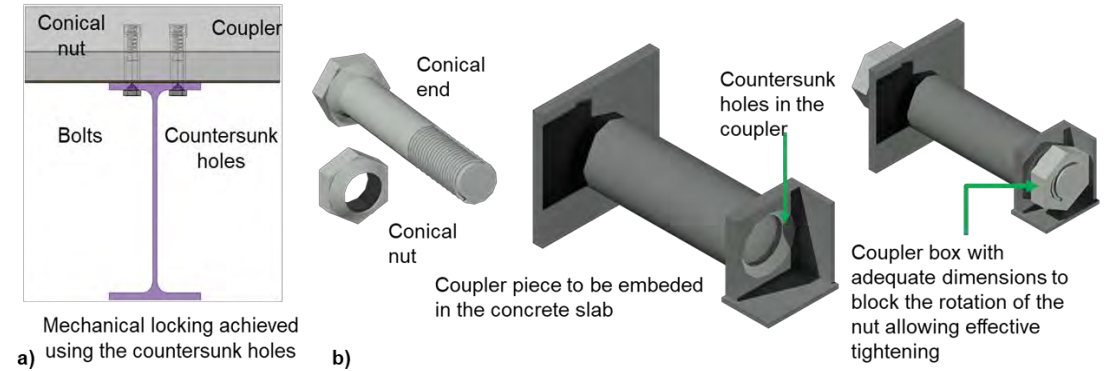


- FE simulations of welding temperatures, residual stresses and tensile test of weld joint under repeated welding-cutting cycles

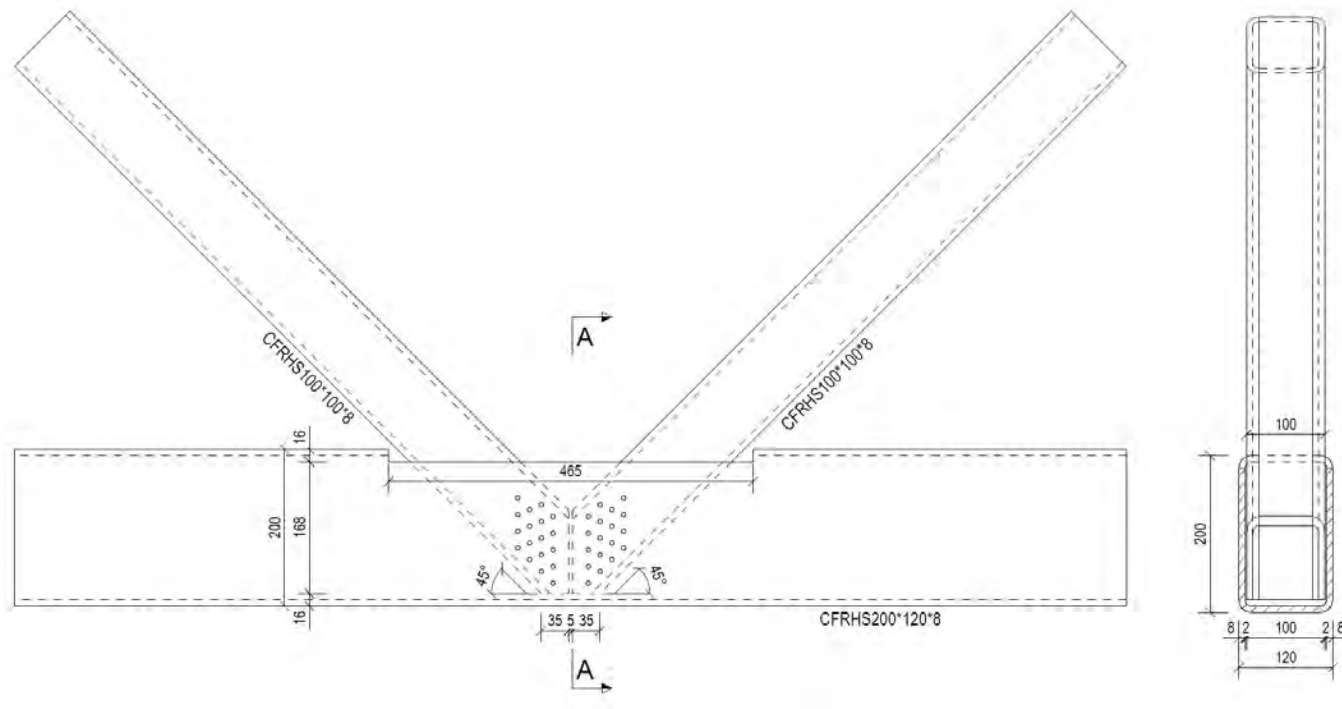
Outcome	Input for Goldak's heat source parameters (units in mm)	Remarks
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Max. temperature equal to 1724 °C. - Weld pool sufficient. - Weld root sufficient.
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Max. temperature equal to 1611 °C. - Weld pool too small. - Insufficient penetration.



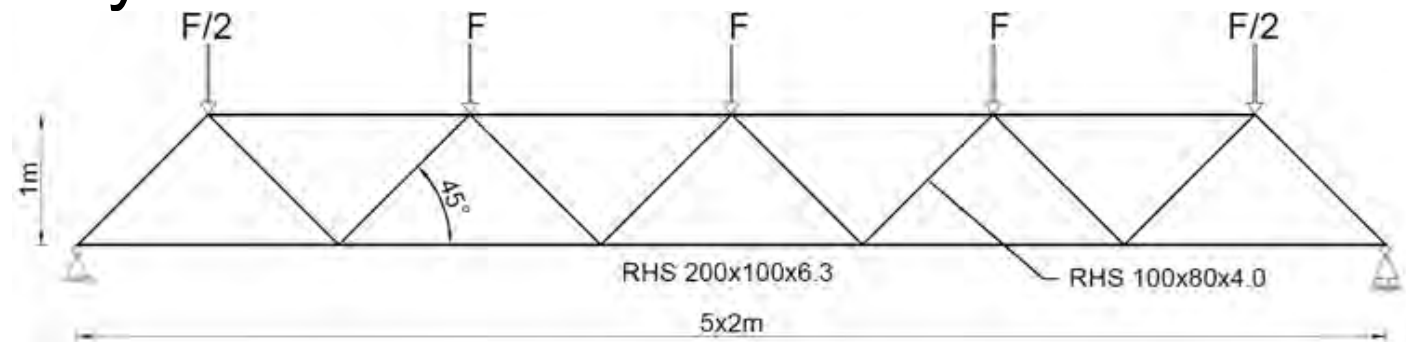
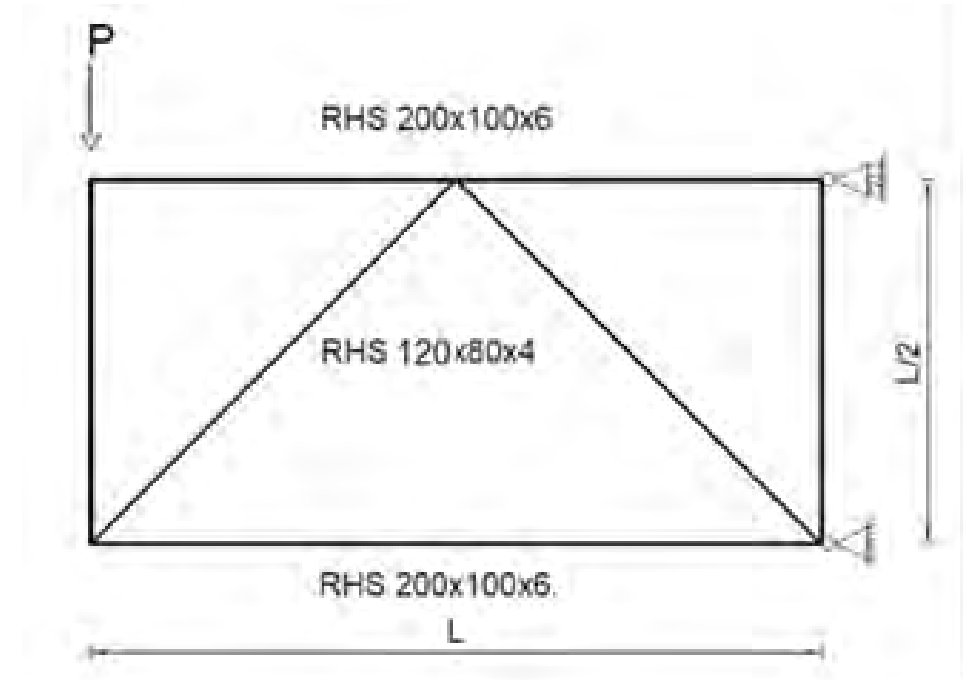
- Conceptual development of innovative demountable shear connectors
- Experimental characterization of the behaviour of the demountable shear connectors
- Full scale testing of composite beams
- Design guidelines



- Solution development for demountable mechanical truss joint



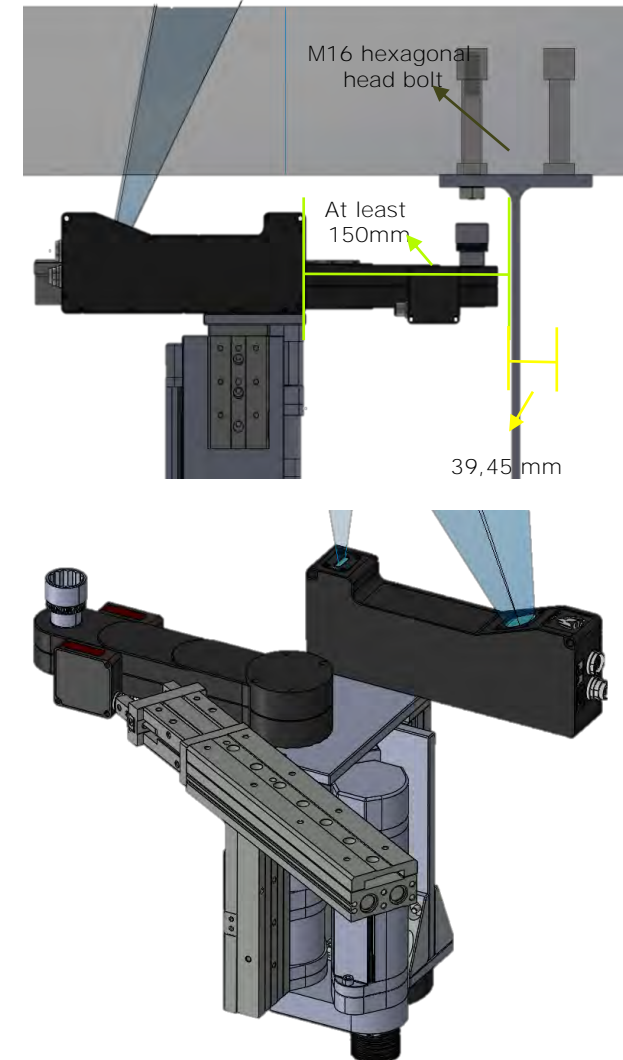
- Structural behaviour of T-joints and K-joints with mechanical solution
- Full truss structures with demountable non-welding joint solution
- Design rules and manufacturing guidelines, design and assembly process automation



WP7. Automated and robot-assisted deconstruction

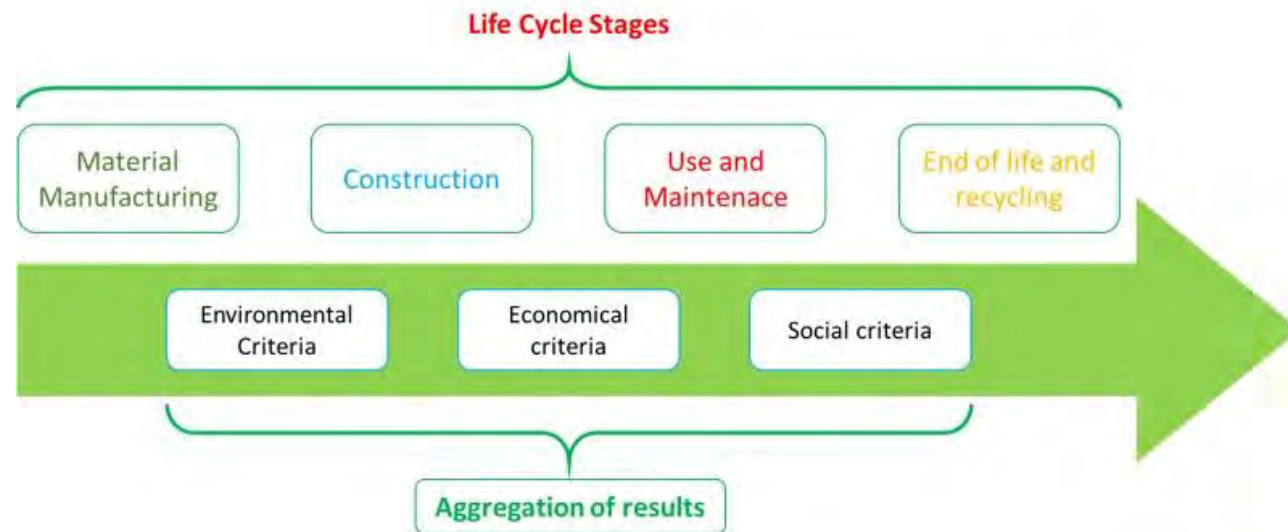


- Framework for robot assisted construction and deconstruction (FRACD)
- Simulation of scenarios, system specification and requirements
- General system architecture and Digital Twin
- Data management, Artificial Intelligence (AI) & Mixed Reality (MR) integration
- Steel-concrete composite construction: robot assisted construction and deconstruction process
- Non-welded tubular roof truss: the deconstruction of roof truss
- Transporting FRACD to standard rules of robot-assisted construction and deconstruction





- Improved strategies for deconstruction
- Information management and BIM tool
- Life-cycle assessment
- Pre-normative guidance for reuse of steel and steel-concrete composite structures





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