

# GFRP-Rebar in Construction

Introduction into design and application

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- ▶ Application Fields
- ▶ Mechanical Properties and Design Basics
- ▶ Resumee



# Material properties



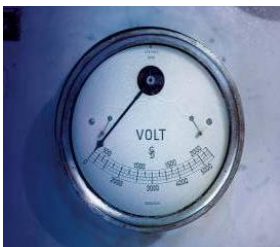
load-bearing



corrosion resistant



machinable



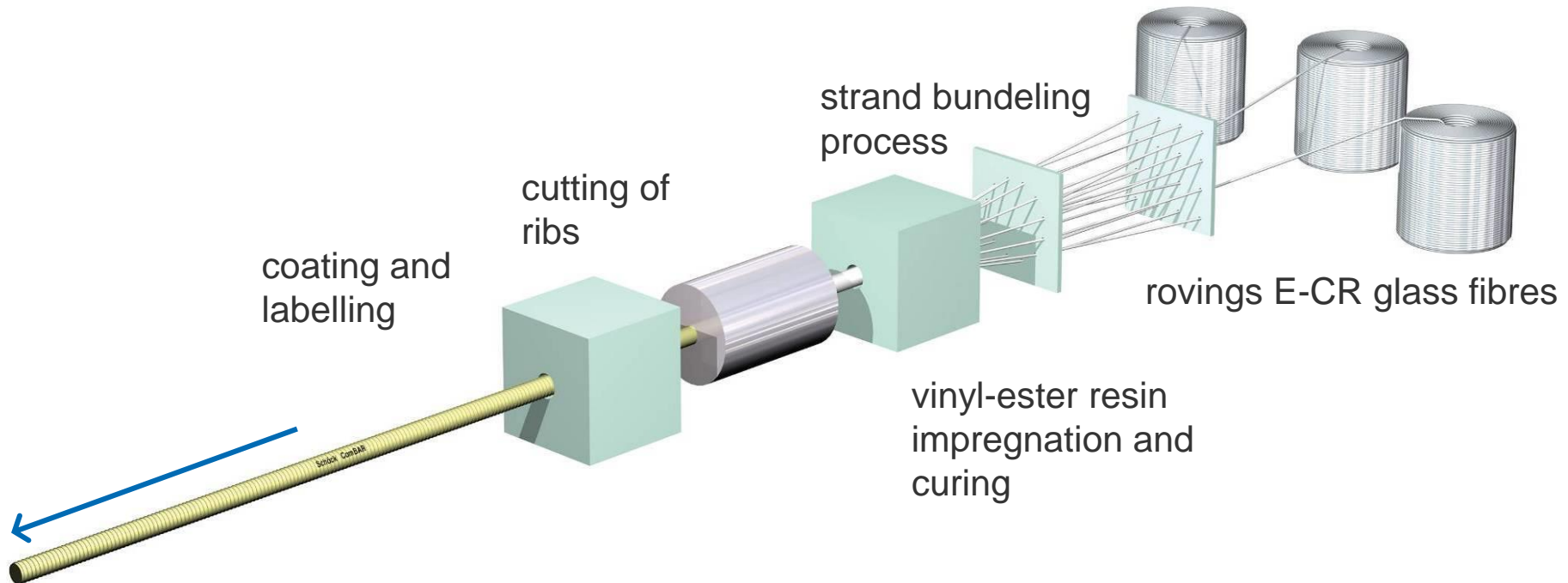
not conducting, non-magnetic

# Glass Fibre Reinforcement: range of materials



# Material Properties: production process

## Pultrusion



Fiber content:  
75 % volume  
88 % weight

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# Tunnelling shafts – machinable reinforcement

- ▶ Paris Metro – Line 15  
(soft-eye, Station Clamart)



# Coastal defence – non corrosive reinforcement



► Coastal Defence scheme, Rossall, UK



► Reinforced Earth, Hartlepool, UK



# Bridge structures – non corrosive reinforcement

- ▶ McHugh Street bridge, CA  
(bridge decks and barrier walls)



# Research facilities – non magnetic reinforcement

- ▶ Max-Planck-Institut, Düsseldorf, DE  
(basic research on metal materials)



- ▶ Research facility for sub-sea cables, NL



# Light Rail structures - Non conductive reinforcement



- ▶ Crossrail London, UK  
(safeguard against electric shock)

- ▶ Tram Network Düsseldorf, DE  
(switch block for passage of trains)



# Power transmission – non conductive reinforcement

- ▶ Domloup, FR  
(MSCDN-setup for power supply)



- ▶ Ras Al-Khair, KSA  
(Power line for aluminium smelter)

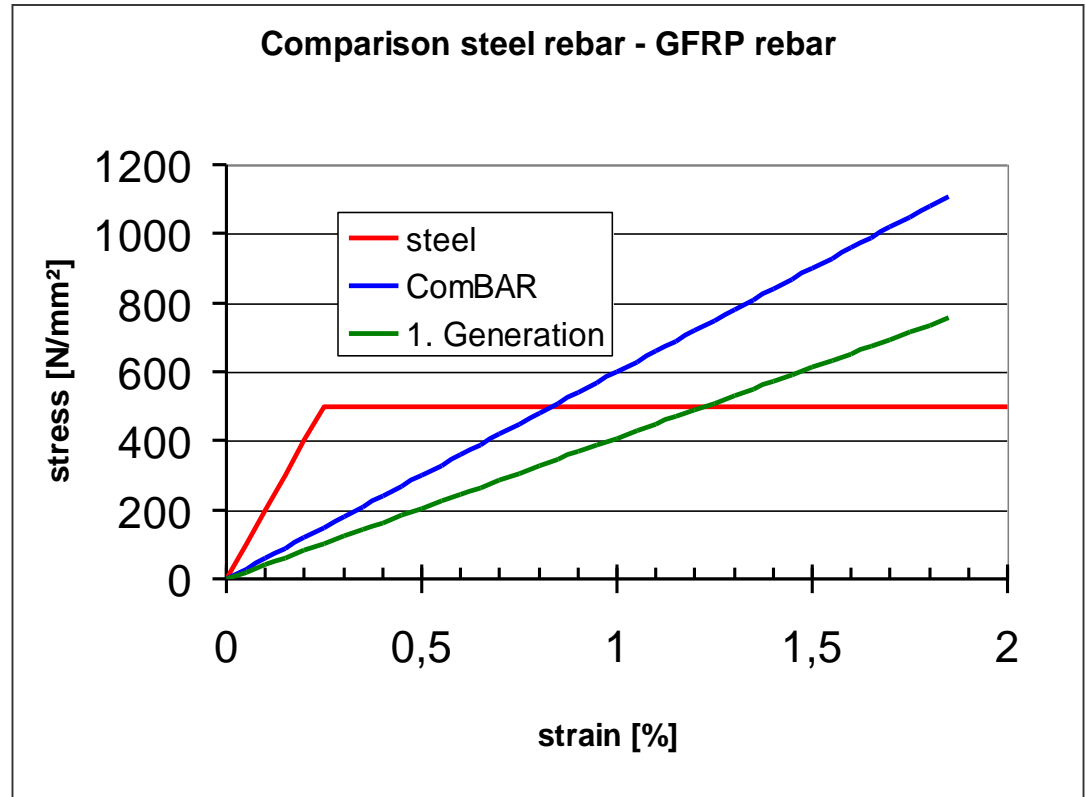
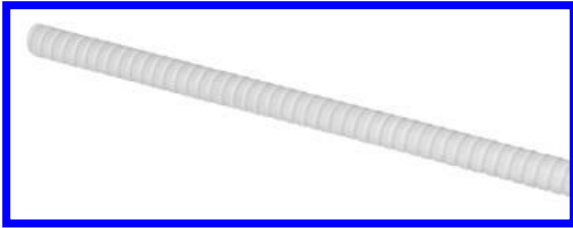


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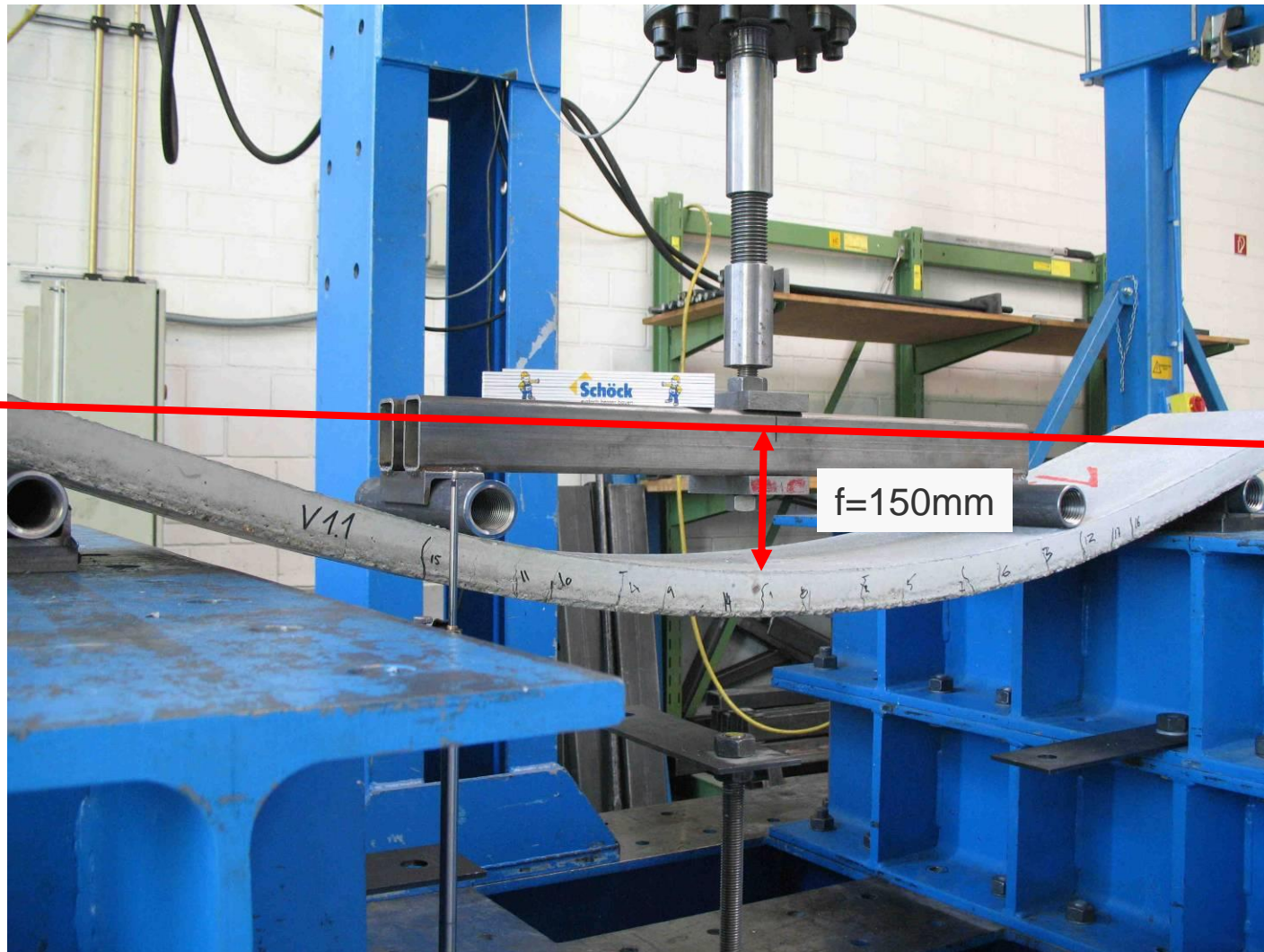
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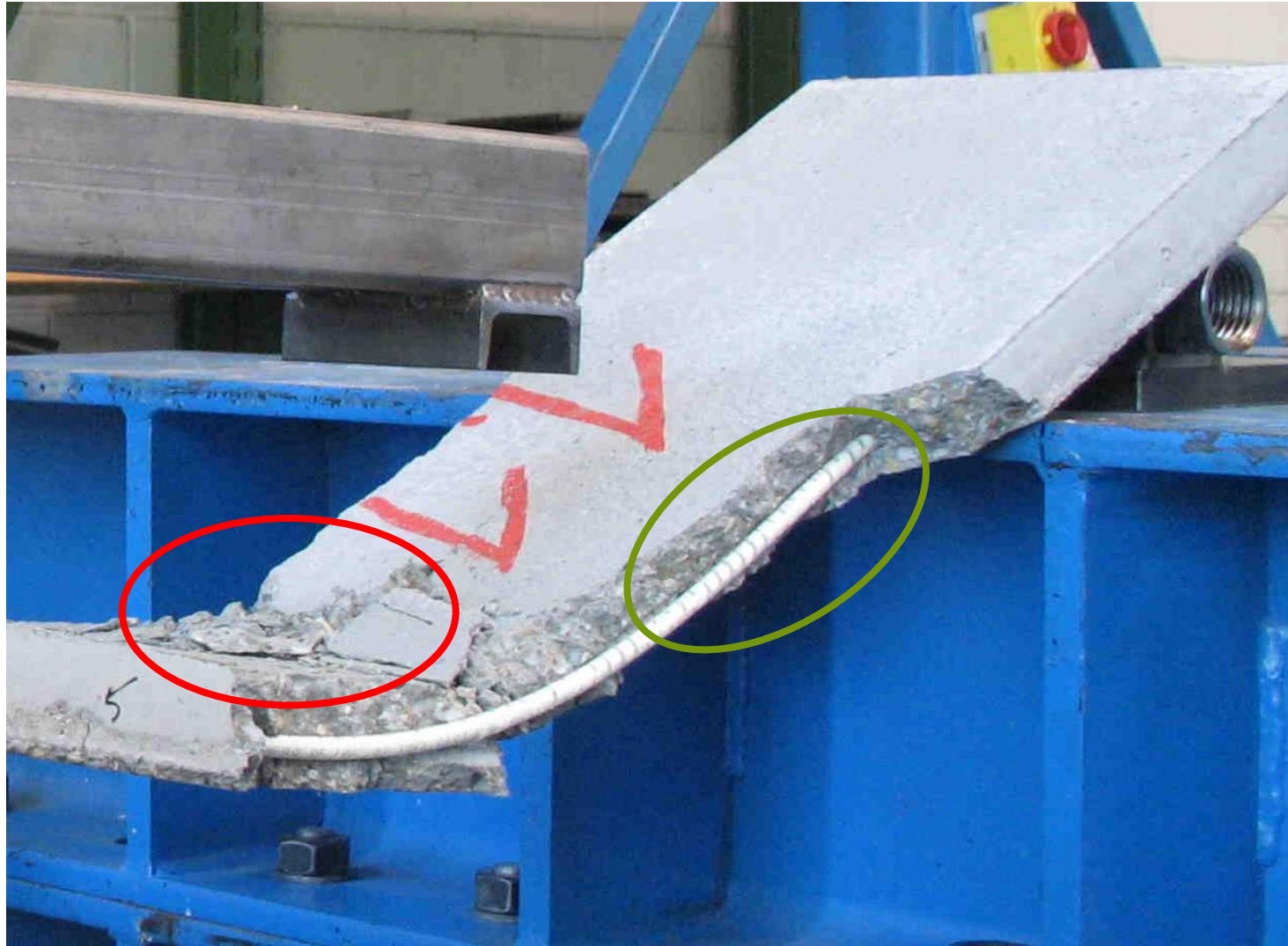
# Stress-strain for generations of gfrp rebar



# Bending test concrete slab 45mm



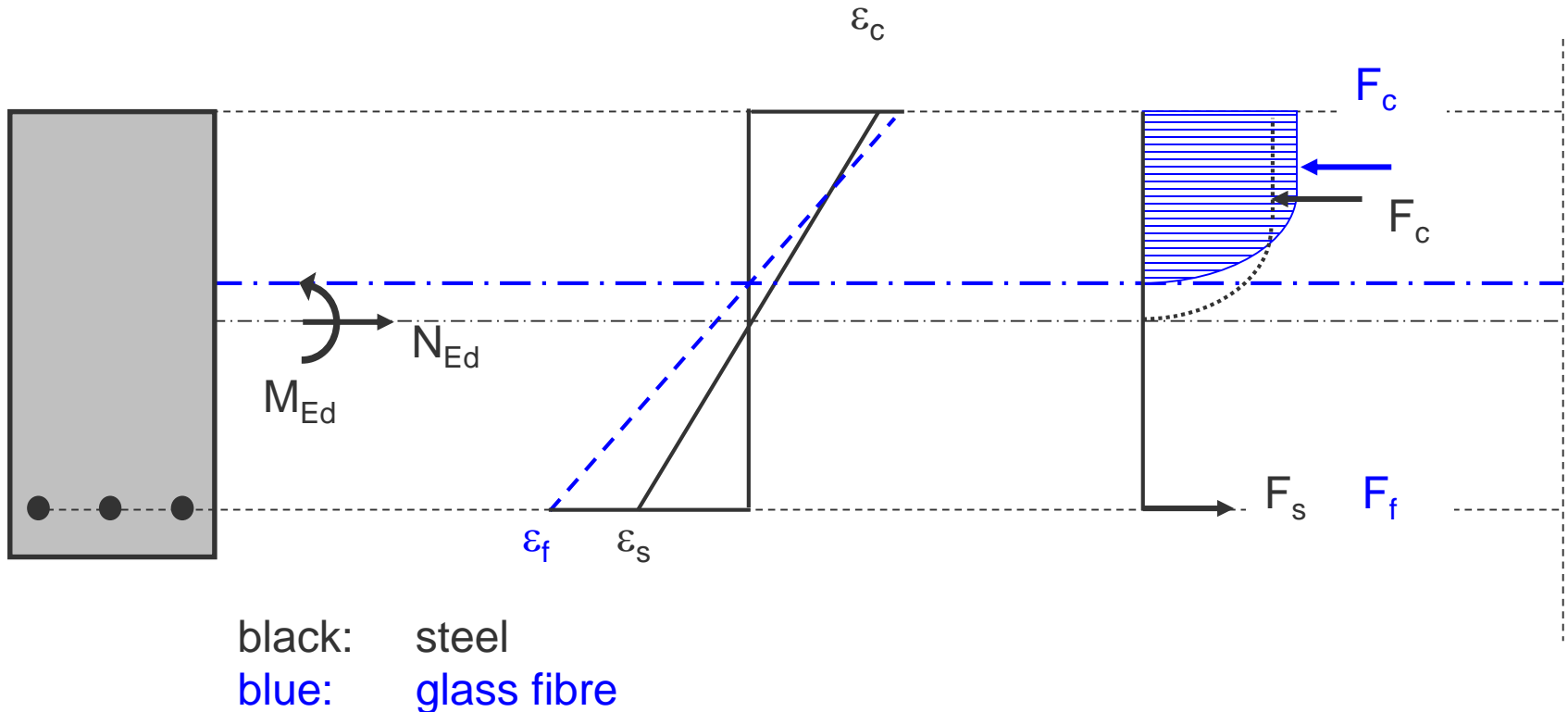
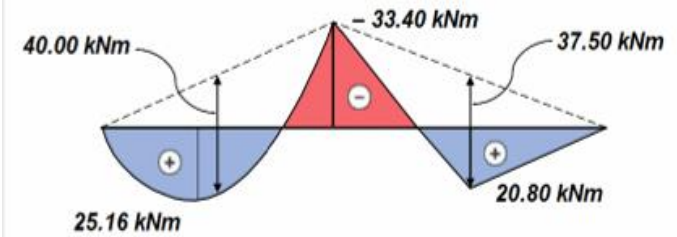
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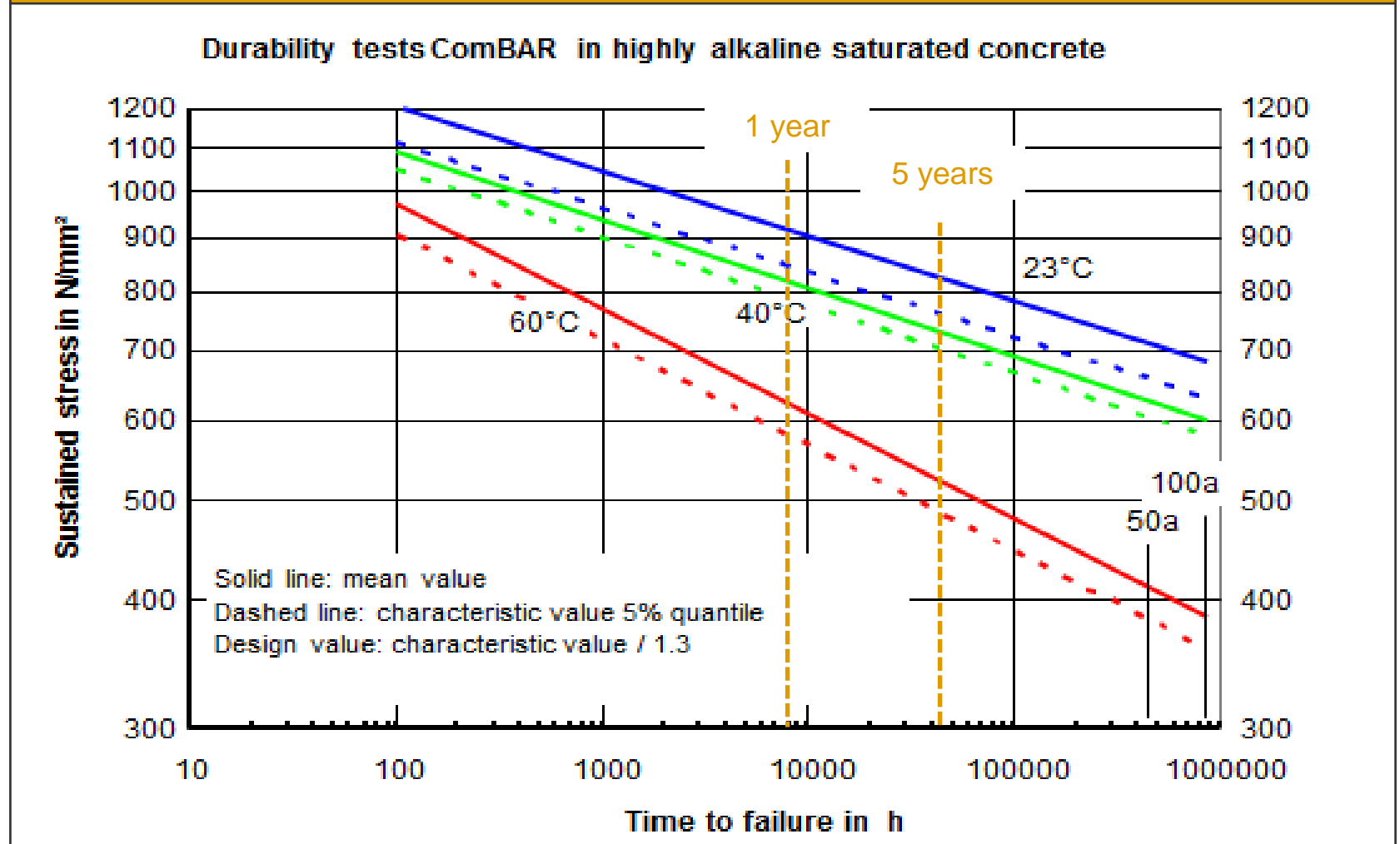
# Design: M + N (EC-basis)

- confinement of compressive zone



# Design Value Tensile Strength

fib (log. stress vs. log. time)

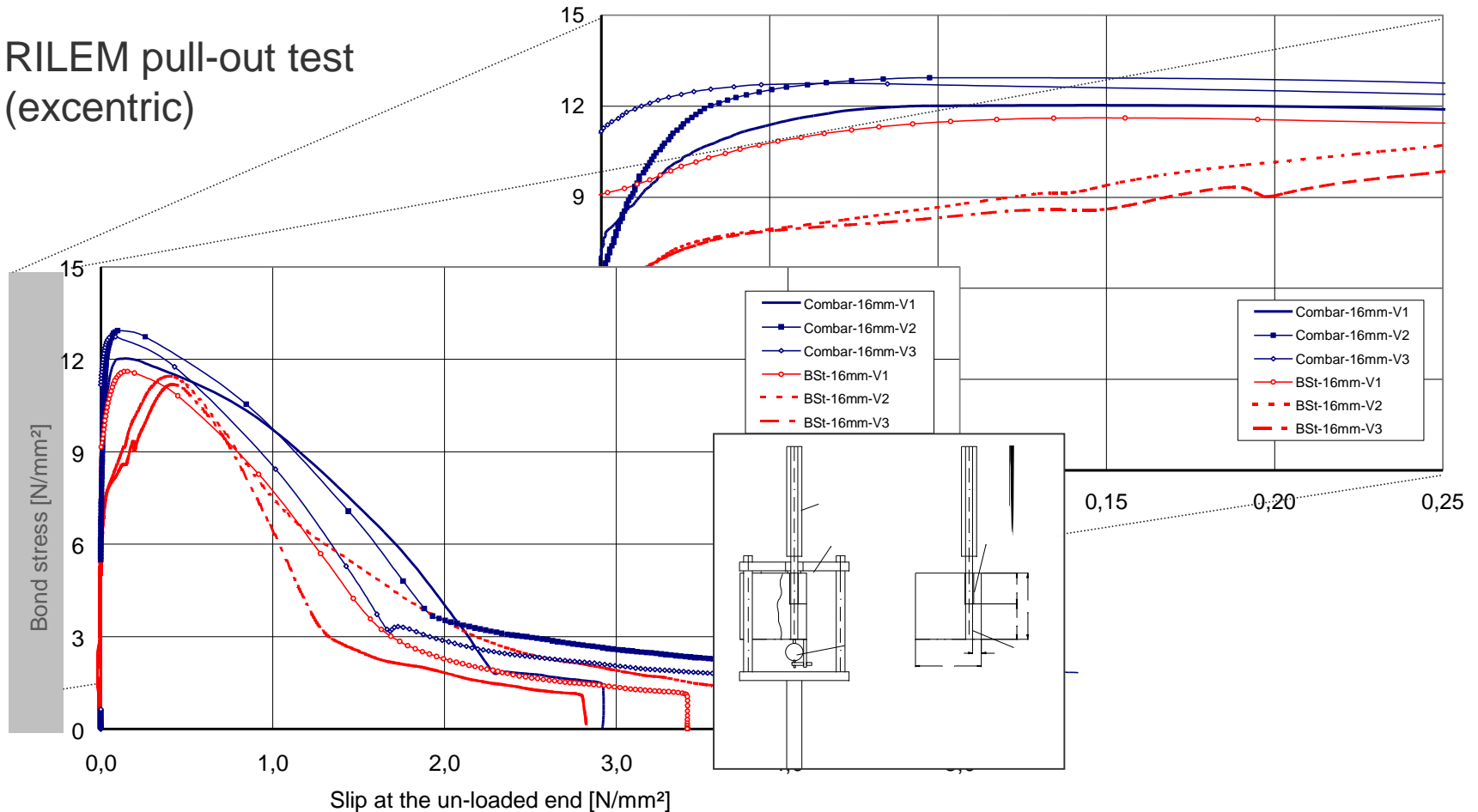


# Influence of Codes and Guidelines

ACI 440.1R-06	EC2 / fib (German approval)	CNR DT 203/2006
<p><i>Global safety concept</i> (ca. <math>1.8 = 1.35 \cdot 1.35</math>) <i>Environmental factor: 0.7 (0.8)</i></p> <p><i>ULS : Strength reduction factor</i> <math>0.55 \dots \underline{0.65}</math></p> $f_{fd,u} = x \cdot 0.7 \cdot 0.65 / 1.35 = 0.34x$ <p><i>SLS : deformation, crack width,</i> <b>DURABILITY</b></p> $f_{fd,s} = x \cdot 0.7 \cdot 0.2 \cdot 1.35 = 0.19x$ <p><i>For a material with tensile strength of 1000 Mpa (a factor of 1.35 is taken into account for Load side for proper comparison with EC2 values)</i></p>	<p>Test concept: "Time-to-failure"</p> <p>Long term effects for sustained stresses are already included in the design values. Basis is semi-probabilistic concept as in EC2 with values determined under realistic conditions.</p> <p>Partial safety factor for material resistance is 1.3</p> <p>Different materials will show different design values according to test results under permanent loads</p>	<p><i>Environmental factor : 0,7(0,8)</i></p> <p><i>ULS : <math>\gamma = 1,5/0,9 = 1,67</math></i> <i>SLS : <math>\gamma = 1.0</math></i></p> <p><i>Long term effects:</i> <i>ULS : 1,0</i> <i>SLS : 0,3 (1,0 for up to 1 year)</i></p> <p><i>ULS :</i></p> $f_{fd,u} = x \cdot 0,7 / 1,67 = 0,42x$ <p><i>SLS :</i></p> $f_{fd,s} = x \cdot 0,7 \cdot 0,3 / 1,0 = 0,21x$ <p><i>for up to one year: 0,3x</i></p>
<p><b><math>F_{fd \text{ (equivalent)}} = 190 \text{ Mpa}</math></b></p>	<p><b><math>f_{fd,100a} = 445 \text{ Mpa}</math></b> <b>(<math>f_{fd,5a} = 500 \text{ Mpa} - 5 \text{ years}</math>)</b></p>	<p><b><math>f_{fd \text{ (equivalent)}} = 210 \text{ Mpa}</math></b> <b>(<math>f_{fd,1a} = 300 \text{ Mpa} - \text{one year}</math>)</b></p>

# Bond (short-term)

RILEM pull-out test  
(excentric)



$$f_{bd \text{ ComBAR}} \cong f_{bd \text{ BSt}}$$



# Resumee

- Different stress and strain distribution than for steel
- Strong influence of design concept
- Only performance based comparison of different materials suitable

## Design Basics

- E-Modulus lower than for steel
- Bond similar to steel
- Linearly elastic until failure, no plastification.

## Material properties

- logarithmic relationship of stress and time under load
  - No prediction of long term behaviour on basis of short term tests
- Codes not to be mixed
- EC2 basis available for design

## Codes and Guidelines

- Machinability for tunnelling
- No conductivity for electric power infrastructure and research
- Corrosion resistance for longer lifetimes

## Applications